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Overgrown grass, hidden plots



Maintenance workers tend to Downey Cemetery every Thursday, officials said, and each plot receives individual attention every two months.
Photos by Art Montoya

Time Traveler Village eyed WWI through naive eye

BY JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

The First World War was a pivotal time for Downey, which in 1912 was still a pleasant country village just beginning to become a commuter suburb of Los Angeles.

The Southern Pacific commuter train left for Los Angeles at 8:09 a.m. every day, and returned at 5:46 in the evening.

The local press was drawing Downey out of its rural setting into a more worldly scene. *The Downey News* of June 14, 1912 informed readers of the coming Panama-California Exposition scheduled for San Diego in 1915. Three years advance notice seemed adequate. The Exposition's theme was to be "The Progress of Man," and the paper's editorial advised Downey's residents to "be there."

The guns of August, 1914 which marked the beginning of World War I, had not yet sounded. Technology was the measure of man's progress and, seemingly, his best hope for the future.

The human doubt engendered by trench warfare, tanks and machine-gun slaughter had not yet stifled the spirit of a young country.

Even by 1916, when the far-off fighting was well under way, the press of the time was astoundingly naive. *The Downey News* stated, "This war will be a great stimulus to American manufacturers. Before it is over we shall be able to equal if not surpass every country in Europe in any line of production."

Downey was still very much a rural village, despite the railroad, newspaper and far-off war. One news item noted, "Mr. and Mrs. Otto McCormick were surprised at their home on College Avenue Thursday night when about 15 friends entered, each bringing a live hen. This was by way of condolence for the loss by theft of their chickens some time ago."

And 1916 was a gala sports year. The girls basketball team of Downey High won a pennant by defeating the girls of Claremont. But, alas, Downey High's boys lost to Citrus 27-25. Downey fans howled they had been robbed of two points by the scorekeeper.

F. A. Philbrick opened a Dodge agency in his garage on East Second Street. He sold two cars. The purchasers, Alonzo Hall and H. S. Redfield, were the talk of the town.

In 1917 the Downey Board of Trade proposed the city incorporate. A subcommittee suggested the new city encompass an area that started at Second Street and Crawford (Downey Avenue) and extend a half mile in four directions, making a perfect square.

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Mary Lasch is last of Lewis family line

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—Mary Lewis Lasch, who has lived in the same 125-year-old house located in the 9000 block of Foster Road all her life, is a third-generation descendant of the pioneer Ed W. Lewis from Nebraska who migrated in 1895 with his family to Lynwood. While Ed W. farmed in Lynwood, his three sons bought land in Downey and likewise raised crops here.

Son Ed C., Mary's dad, bought 25 acres in 1915 on Foster Road and Ardis, and named it Golden Gate Ranch. Most of the property has since been sold except for three quarters of an acre. This contains the ranch house originally built in 1871 and which Mary occupies to this day. The other two sons had once owned 50 acres at what is now Woodruff Avenue and Foster Road.

With her brother, Ed H., gone, Mary is the sole surviving member of the Lewis family. She sighs, "I'm the last of the line."

Lewis Elementary School is named after her dad, in honor of Ed C.'s valued contributions to Downey education in his heyday.

A graduate of Pepperdine University (B.S. in home economics, 1950) and Cal State Long Beach (M.A. in education, 1960), Mary has taught home economics at Paramount High School for the past 56 years. In her 50th year of teaching, she was given a huge surprise by the school. As the band blared and the choir sang, in the presence of dignitaries, a service road in the back of the school was dedicated as the "Mary Lasch Lane." "On top of this," recalls Mary, "they promised to repair a leak in my classroom roof."

She has been inundated with other awards and recognitions before or since. She is twice recipient of the Soroptimist International "Woman of Distinction Award", one in Downey, the other in Paramount; she has received the PTA Golden Oak Award, PTA's highest award; recognized as L.A. County Industry Education Distinguished Teacher, as well as "District Teacher of the Year"; inducted into Downey High School's Hall of Fame in 2001; is in Who's Who in American Women, as well as in Who's Who Among International Women. She served at one time as Delta Kappa Gamma president, and been a member of both national and state Home Economics Associations.



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Grievers at odds with Downey Cemetery upkeep

■ Grave markers are disappearing under thickets of grass at Downey Cemetery, a problem some say is not new.

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY — A handful of residents are raising complaints over crumbling headstones and grave markers that have grown indecipherable due to overgrown grass at Downey Cemetery, prompting cemetery officials to promise to look into the matter.

The cemetery, which traces its history back to the mid-1800's, is mainly funded by taxes in the County of Los Angeles, according to Diane Boggs, who chairs the Downey Cemetery District, overseers of the property.

Shirley Douvria said her mother and sister are buried at Downey Cemetery, and visits regularly with her daughter. She said she has to manually pull up grass and weeds just to read the marker.

"It has been like this for years," Douvria said, "and no one ever does anything about this. If I could afford to move the grave I would."

The Cemetery District contracts with the City of Downey for landscaping services, Boggs said. The contract is paid out of an approximate \$50,000 yearly budget.

Boggs, a Downey City Council member for 12 years, said maintenance workers mow and water the grass, but a limited budget prevents them from servicing specific graves when complaints are raised.

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"The cemetery used to be perfect when they had a supervisor here on-site," Douvria, whose father is buried at Forest Lawn, said. "But then he retired and they tore down the building. It's gone downhill since."

"We've called them several times and they said they would do something but it hasn't happened yet."

When the *Patriot* visited the cemetery this week, the grass was thick, green and otherwise beautiful, although grass was growing over many of the grave markers in one corner section of the cemetery. Community Services Director Thad Phillips is the Cemetery District Director. He said the reason one section of the cemetery was overgrown with grass is because trimming around grave markers is done in two-month

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Summer Concert Series

Concerts get classical as Symphony pays visit

BY JOYCE SHERWIN, DOWNEY SYMPHONY

DOWNEY — Next Wednesday evening's Concert in the Park marks the first event in a year-long celebration period for one of Downey's treasures, its very own Symphony Orchestra.

Since 1957 the Downey Symphony, under the guidance of the Symphonic Society, has brought fine music to this community with a concert series and the Music in the Schools program. To recognize the orchestra's 50th anniversary, its Golden Jubilee Season begins with the performance at Furman Park on Aug. 8 under conductor Allen Robert Gross.

In a program of light, summery music, Gross will lead the musicians of the orchestra for the first time. He is one of six candidates selected by a search committee, which will soon recommend a permanent successor to the late Tom Osborn, for 19 years the symphony's conductor.

Gross is currently Music Director and Conductor of the Santa Monica Symphony, which he has established as one of the leading community orchestras in the country. He has been invited to conduct in China and Cuba, and toured internationally to high acclaim with his Santa Monica Chamber Philharmonica in the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain and Italy.

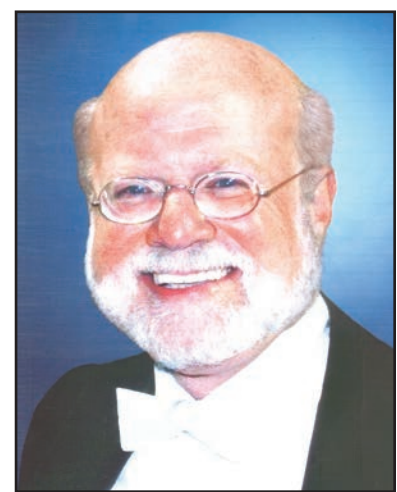
He is on the music faculties of Occidental College and Caltech, and for 16 years has conducted the Pasadena Summer Youth Chamber Orchestra.

Again this year the Downey Symphony's appearance at the Twilight Summer Concert Series is underwritten by the Downey Kiwanis Foundation as part of their outreach for music for children. And again, kids in the audience up to the age of 12 will be invited to lead the orchestra in the stirring finale, John Philip Sousa's great march, "Stars and Stripes Forever." A Polaroid picture of each young conductor will be taken on the spot as a gift from the Symphony Guild.

Furman Park is on Rives Avenue between Florence Avenue and Firestone Boulevard. The concert is free, the atmosphere is relaxed, picnics and lawn chairs are encouraged, and the entire event will definitely be festive. Downbeat time for an upbeat evening is 7 p.m.

DMOA reopens for summer concert

DOWNEY -- The Downey Museum of Art will be open next week for the concert at Furman Park. It was closed all this week due to construction.



Hoffman Law Office and Stonewood get awards

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Awards Luncheon at the Rio Hondo Events Center on July 27, to honor the Law Office of Steven J. Hoffman with Small Business of the Year, and Stonewood Center with Large Business of the Year.

According to the Chamber, Hoffman has shown continued contribution to the Chamber, as well as other organizations through his time and efforts to not only help the business community, but mankind as well. He has served on many Chamber committees, as well as chairman of the Legislative Advocacy Committee. He is also heavily involved in the American Cancer Society, where he has served as president for the local chapter, as well as chairman of the regional council.

Stonewood Center has been a Chamber member for over 40 years and continues to support not only the Chamber, but also the community, said the Chamber. Besides sponsoring and donating to many Chamber events, they provide a scholarship program for local students, and provide volunteers and donations to Keep Downey Beautiful, Arc and MDA.

Joe Keays of Downey Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning received Director of the Year for his service as board of directors treasurer, Golf Classic chairman and Rise 'N Shine Networking Group co-chairman.

Rick Rodriguez of RMI International, Inc. was awarded Volunteer of the Year for his service as board of directors president-elect, Street Faire Committee chairman and Holiday Lane Parade Committee participant.

Committee Persons of the Year were: Ambassadors – Mike Hemsath (StormForce); City Affairs – Steve Allen (Bank of Orange County); Concert – Tony Taylor (Quest Homework & Computer Learning Center); Golf – Joe Keays (Downey Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning); Legislative Advocacy – Steve Hoffman (Law Office of Steven J. Hoffman); and Membership Events – George Zoumerakis (Trilogy Financial Services).

This year's luncheon was themed, "Chamber Eyewitness News." Committee Members of the Year were presented their awards by the following "actors": Joe Keays, KDCC Chamber Eyewitness News anchor; Fionnuala Anderson (Marta Waller, Channel 5 Health News); Carolyn DiMario (Elizabeth Taylor, actress); Darrel Dixon (Jeff Foxworthy, television host); Kathy B. Hampton (Oprah, talk show host); Mike Hemsath (John Daly, professional golfer); Raul Lopez (acting as himself); Mike Murray (Harold Green, newsman); Meredith Perkins (Hal Fishman, longest running television anchor in history); Jan Scott (Meredith Viera, Today Show); and Robert Zavala (acting as the official cameraman).

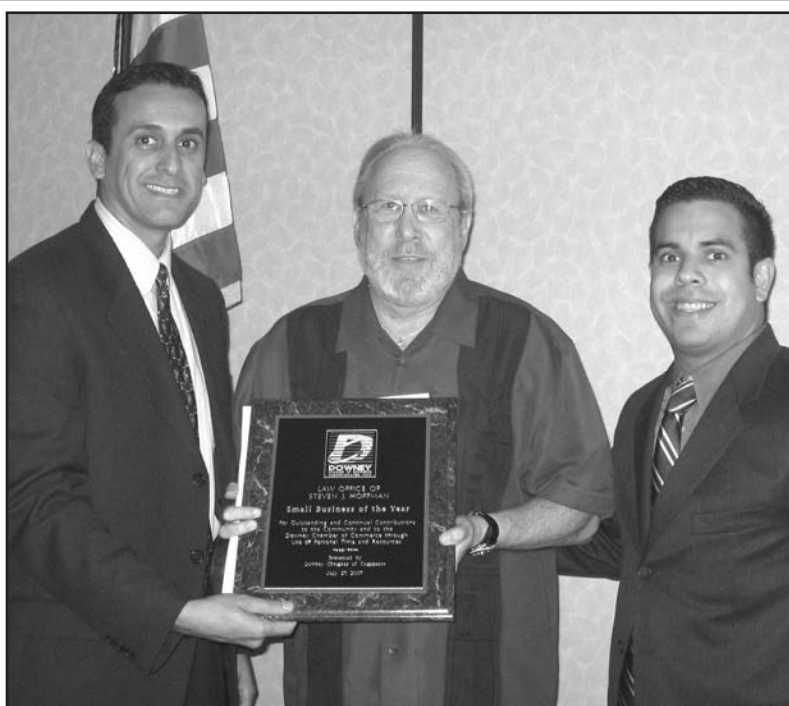
Christian Club meeting at Los Amigos

DOWNEY – The Downey Women's Christian Club will be hosting "A Time of Giving," their next luncheon, on August 8 at 11:45 a.m. at the Los Amigos Country Club.

The event will include PTA Helps by Martha Sodetani and music by the Ukulele Ladies. Guest speaker will be Bee Bareng.

Cost is \$12 and reservations are requested by August 6.

For information, call Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Delores at (562) 868-7135.



The Law Office of Steve J. Hoffman was awarded Small Business of the Year at the Downey Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Luncheon. Hoffman is heavily involved with the Chamber and the American Cancer Society.



Stonewood Center received Large Business of the Year at the Chamber luncheon. Stonewood has been a part of the Chamber for over 40 years and provides volunteers and donations to such organizations as Keep Downey Beautiful, Arc and MDA.

Rowland to address Citizens for Downey

DOWNEY – Keep Downey Beautiful Director Carol Rowland will address the community group Citizens for Downey this Wednesday at the Rio Hondo Events Center.

No reservations are required and the community is invited to attend.

Keep Downey Beautiful is a city-sponsored department that works to keep the local environment clean and graffiti-free. They also grant awards to residents and businesses that have achieved outstanding beautification of their property.

Rowland organizes volunteers for litter clean-ups throughout the city.

A breakfast buffet will be available for \$5 starting at 7 a.m. The meeting will begin at 7:15.

Downey Dolphins hosting swim meet

DOWNEY – The Downey Dolphins will play host to the Summer Championship Swim Meet next weekend, Aug. 10-12, at the Downey Aquatic Center at Downey High School.

The meet is scheduled for Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Downey Dolphins offer all levels of swimming instruction and competition all year long. For information on enrolling a child, visit the Downey Dolphins at the Downey Aquatic Center weekdays from 5 to 7 p.m., call (323) 823-3620 or visit www.downeydolphinswimteam.net.

Library only open half-day on Aug. 10

DOWNEY – On Aug. 10, the Downey City Library will only be open from 1 to 5 p.m., allowing employees to attend a half-day staff development workshop during the morning.

While the library is closed, the public may return library materials in two bookdrops, located near the library entrance doors. Materials may be renewed via the library's automated customer service line at (562) 869-5732.

The library will resume regular hours on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

For information, call the information desk at (562) 904-7360, ext. 3, or visit www.downeylibrary.org.

Book Club discusses Austen's 'Persuasion'

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library Book Lover's Club will hold their next meeting on Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.

This month, the group will discuss "Persuasion," Jane Austen's classic novel about love, true values and social status in Regency England.

"With the release of the new film, *Becoming Jane*, many readers are rediscovering Austen's work," said Jan Palen, senior librarian. "Join us to discuss one of her finest novels."

The Book Lover's Club is a free monthly book discussion group that meets in the Cormack Room. New members are welcome.

Reservations can be made by calling (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

John Hume barbeque at Furman Park

DOWNEY – The 2nd Annual John Hume Performing Arts Foundation Barbeque is tomorrow from noon to 5 p.m. at Furman Park.

Furman Park is located at 10419 Rives Ave. in Downey.

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Our summer program offers children a place to learn and explore. The children enjoy our individualized academic program that helps students stay sharp during the summer months, while also helping them get ahead.

The children also participate in swimming, crafts, music, cooking and other

activities that go along with each week's theme. Some of the weekly themes are cooking, ocean, the planets, and animals.



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cycles. The grass is mowed weekly, and each plot will receive individual trimming at least once every two months.

Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier does not provide individual trimming to graves.

Still, Boggs and Phillips both said they would look into getting the markers cleaned up.

The three-person Downey Cemetery District is appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Each member is paid \$50 per meeting, usually about once a month.

Downey Cemetery goes back to 1868, when W.A. Spurlock buried his daughter on a portion of his land holdings. He later donated an acre of land for others to be buried.

The Masonic Lodge had a small cemetery on the property as well, eventually merging with Downey Cemetery in 1928, creating the Downey Cemetery District.

The cemetery is the final resting place for many pioneers of the Southeast region, including Matson Duke Crawford, co-founder of the City of Downey, and Indian Joe, a popular Indian in Downey until his death in 1895.

Hispanic matriarch Dorothea DeLura is said to have died at 126; she is also buried at Downey Cemetery.

Over 9,000 people are buried at the cemetery, including many veterans reaching as far back as the Mexican War. Plots are no longer being sold at the cemetery, but spaces in the new niche gardens – a large wall housing cremation remains – are available with prices ranging from \$700 to \$1200.

Boggs said the District was forced to pass an ordinance 20 years ago prohibiting golfing in the cemetery after people were spotted chipping golf balls on the grass.

Boggs also remembers, before the 105 Freeway was built, when what was thought to be a Satanic cult gathered at the cemetery with dead chickens.

Police descended on the cemetery a few years back responding to a gang shooting; what they found was a Memorial Day ceremony, with veterans conducting a rifle salute to their fallen brethren.

Downey Cemetery has no gates, Boggs said, so police can patrol the park at night.



Graves are no longer being sold at Downey Cemetery, but spaces in the new niche walls are available. More than 9,000 people are buried at Downey Cemetery. Photos by Art Montoya

CSULB ranks eighth in conferring minorities

LONG BEACH – *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* recently ranked California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) eighth in the nation in awarding bachelor's degrees to students of color. The university awarded undergraduate degrees to more than 2,900 minority students, who made up 46 percent of its 2006 graduating class.

The ranking was part of the magazine's 2007 special report on the "Top 100 Undergraduate Degree Producers," a list of the best minority degree awarders among institutions of higher learning in the United States. It is the only national report on the ability of U.S. colleges and universities to award degrees to African American, Latino, Asian American and Native American students.

"Cal State Long Beach is located in one of the most ethnically diverse regions of the United States, and our graduating class should reflect the diverse populations of the areas we serve," said CSULB President F. King Alexander. "We're extremely proud of the university's national ranking among U.S. institutions of higher learning in graduating minority students, but I believe we can do more, and that is something we will strive to do at Cal State Long Beach."

The *Diverse* "Top 100" is the only national analysis to use the most recent data from the U.S. Department of Education. Using these statistics, rankings were created in the total number of baccalaureate degrees awarded at every American college as well as specific figures in the major fields of study and disciplines.

According to this year's "Top 100" rankings, CSULB excels in awarding bachelor's degrees to minority students in English language and literature, ranking No. 4 in the nation, ranking well in the discipline among all ethnic groups, including No. 4 in conferring English degrees to Hispanic students, No. 5 to Asian American and Native American students, No. 19 to African American students.

The Long Beach campus also ranked among the Top 10 colleges and universities in awarding degrees to minority students in the academic areas of ethnic, cultural and gender studies (No. 8); business, management and marketing (No. 9); and health professions (No. 9).

Honor students excelling, getting into universities

NORWALK – Graduates from Cerritos College's Scholars' Honors Program (SHP) in 2007 achieved a 95 percent acceptance rate to UCLA this fall, up five percentage points from last year, the school announced this week.

Honor students also had a 94 percent acceptance rate at UC Irvine. Twenty-six honor students who just finished their classes at Cerritos have been accepted to schools including UCLA, Cal State Los Angeles, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Sacramento, UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara.

"Our students work incredibly hard and have proven that they have what it takes to enter some of the best universities," said SHP Director and English instructor Timothy Juntilla.

SHP provides its students with extra academic requirements to successfully transfer to four-year universities.

"Our students are incredibly talented and motivated," Juntilla said. "I look forward to hearing of their successes down the road."

Classes at Cerritos start Aug. 13

NORWALK – Registration is underway for Cerritos College's fall semester, which begins Aug. 13.

Students can access a schedule of classes, complete an application and register online for a variety of classes by visiting www.cerritos.edu. Most units cost \$20.

Woman hit by alleged drunk driver

DOWNEY – Downey Police arrested a man on Saturday after he allegedly drove under the influence and hit a pedestrian in Downey, CBS2 News reported.

According to Sgt. Ralph Romero, the man was driving a 2004 Nissan Sentra shortly before midnight when the Sentra hit a parked vehicle near a Denny's located in the 8300 block of East Firestone Boulevard.

After arguing with the owner of the parked vehicle, the man drove away with his lights off, allegedly hitting a woman who fell on her back, later running over her arm, Romero said.

Romero said the suspect smelled of alcohol when officers stopped him. The suspect also failed field sobriety tests and was taken into custody, he said.

The woman was taken to Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Bellflower, where it was determined that she had no broken bones, Romero said.

Rancho Golf Classic set for Aug. 13

DOWNEY – The Rancho Los Amigos 17th Annual Golf Classic, benefiting Rancho Los Amigos, will be on Aug. 13 at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier at 8 a.m.

All players will receive 18 holes of golf; range balls; premium golfer gifts; on-course refreshments; breakfast, lunch and dinner; team awards and photo.

Sponsorships are still available and proceeds will support the programs and services of Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center.

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The idea lost. Similar plans for incorporation would lose 13 times over four decades before Downey would finally incorporate successfully during the 1950s.

Charles Russell Quinn, in his "History of Downey," notes that in the Downey of 1917 the high school was the center of social life. Public meetings were held there, the local team was the focus of civic pride and there was great concern over the curriculum.

"What are they teaching our children?" was the question then, much as it is today.

The local newspapers in 1917 discussed the formation of a Home Guard for Downey. This was not so much to fend off the threat of German sympathizers as America prepared to enter the war in Europe. It was to deal with the imaginary threat from the Mexican residents. Gen. George Pershing had recently chased Pancho Villa back into Mexico in a much publicized campaign. It was feared the Hispanics would use America's military preoccupation in Europe to stage a local rebellion.

Of the imagined Mexican threat, the editors of *The Champion* advised its readers, "It is too early to get nervous." One article calmed some of the hysteria, noting that the reason many Hispanics were not showing up for work was due to the approaching religious holiday of Easter, rather than any impending plot to overthrow the Anglos.

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Golf tournament raising cancer awareness

DOWNEY – The Elizabeth Miller Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at the Rio Hondo Event Center on Aug. 29, with all proceeds going towards the Ovarian Cancer Orange County Alliance (OCOCA).

The event, now in its second year, will honor Elizabeth Miller, a wife and mother of five who lost her eight-year battle with ovarian cancer last year.

The event is open to men and women and will be a four-person scramble format, offering 18 holes of golf, on-course contests and an awards dinner.

Various contests will be held, as well as raffles, silent and live auctions, and a dinner. Check-in time is 10 a.m.

The cost for golf and dinner is \$150 per person; dinner only is \$30. Final day for registration is Aug. 22.

To register for the tournament or for more information, call Gene Miller at (949) 588-5879 or (562) 896-5481.

Roybal-Allard hails passage of VA funding increases

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) applauded the recent passage in the U.S. House of Representatives of record federal budget increases for U.S. veterans and troops currently serving in the armed forces.

The 2008 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill (H.R. 2642) passed by a vote of 409 to 2. The legislation increases the budget of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by \$6.7 billion above the 2007 level – the largest increase in the 77-year history of the VA.

"The significant funding increases... truly reflect the priorities and new direction of our Democratic leadership in Congress," Roybal-Allard said. "This measure is a major step forward in fulfilling our nation's commitments to our service men and women who have sacrificed so much on behalf of all of us."

According to Roybal-Allard, the bill will improve health care and benefits for veterans.

"This is especially critical for our troops returning from Iraq and Afghanistan in need of VA medical care," the congresswoman said. "Under the current Administration, funding levels for veterans programs have been woefully inadequate and have resulted in diminishing services and care for our nation's veterans."

Legislators said the bill will allow the VA to hire more qualified doctors and nurses, hopefully reducing the "400,000 backlogged claims submitted by veterans waiting for disability and other benefits."

The bill also provides \$600 million for five polytrauma centers and three "Centers of Excellence" in mental health care. "Polytrauma" is injury to both the brain and other parts of the body that result in disability.

DRMC offering CPR class Tuesday

DOWNEY – Health education instructors at Downey Regional Medical Center are offering a "CPR for Family & Friends" class on Aug. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Taught by an American Heart Association-trained instructor, the class will cover how to recognize life-threatening emergencies and how to perform CPR techniques for adults, infants and children. The class is not for certification. Cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple.

For information, call (562) 904-5580.

Event empowers kids with diabetes

LONG BEACH – Children with Type 1 and 2 diabetes are invited to a day of physical challenges and learning opportunities at Cal State Long Beach Aug. 12 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A half-day session for adults will address issues of diabetes management in the schools, legal rights and the psychology of teenagers with diabetes. To register, call (888) DIABETES, ext. 7504.

The Poets' Corner

A Handful of Haiku

A prim committee,
The pansies consult the sun,
Chairman of the Board...

A lone snowy swan
Glissandos on the blue pond...
Silent symphony

Pink and purple clad,
Sweetpeas storming the west wall...
Quiet rioting

This feathery fern
Dusts autumn's dewy cobwebs
From the forest path

Sea-green chrysalis
Clinging to a shaven branch:
Butterfly's cradle

Poppy-dappled field,
The treasure trove of springtime:
California gold
-- **Merlene Hill,**
Downey

Chamber hosts a day of golf

DOWNEY – The 11th Annual Chamber Golf Classic will be on August 6 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Players will not only play golf, but also receive a barbecue lunch and buffet dinner.

Several awards and dozens of prizes will be handed out and a silent auction with sports paraphernalia will be held.

The following businesses are the event's sponsors:

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For information, call (562) 923-2191.

Cerritos College golf tourney Monday

NORWALK – The Cerritos College Foundation will host its 22nd Annual Golf Classic on Aug. 6 at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. The day will begin with registration at 9 a.m. following by a shotgun start at 11 a.m., social hour at 5 p.m. and an awards dinner at 6 p.m.

The tournament is hosted each year to help raise funds to support student scholarships and programs.

Cost per golfer is \$265 or \$1,060 per foursome. The entry fee includes green fees, cart, golf shirt, photo, continental breakfast, lunch, on-course beverages and player package, snacks, goodie bag and dinner.

Corporate tee signs are available for \$100 each, and individual dinner tickets are \$45 each.

To register, or for more information, call Janice Cole at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2526.



Word of Mouth
by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

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Interns Wanted

By Eric Pierce

Congratulations go out to two of our year-long interns, Art Montoya and Jacqueline Mejia, who both successfully completed a year-long internship with the Patriot.

Jacqueline, I'm happy to report, is on her way to the University of Missouri where she plans to major in journalism.

Art, a talented photographer, is currently at Cal State Long Beach studying microbiology.

Yes, microbiology. Photographers are a talented bunch!

With that said, we're looking for two more writers to intern with this year. Specifically, we need student writers to help us with our sports section debuting this fall. One writer each from Downey and Warren High Schools would be ideal.

Our sports section is also lacking corporate sponsors, if any businesses are interested.

For information on interning with the Patriot this fall, call me at (562) 904-3668 or e-mail me at eric@thedowneypatriot.com. You can help sponsor the sports section by calling Jennifer DeKay-Givens at the same number.

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During research for the Downey Cemetery story in this week's paper, I came across something rather interesting.

If you go to YouTube.com and search Downey Cemetery, you'll find a video by the Pasadena Paranormal Research Society purportedly capturing sounds of a young child speaking out from the grave. The video, known in paranormal circles as an EVP (electronic voice phenomenon), has lots of static, but if you listen closely you can just make out the tiny sounds of a child, possibly crying.

Propagation of good character a no-brainer

By Henry Veneracion

It is disturbing to know that support for the propagation of good character in all sectors of the community fell a vote short of unanimity. This happened at the last City Council meeting. It was like saying "Let enough alone. The parents, the rightful custodians of their children and the primary builders of character at home, are doing a wonderful job, and therefore don't need outside help."

Nothing could be further from the truth. If the parents are doing such a wonderful job, why is there a persistent problem of truancy in schools, a noticeable laxity in morals, a breakdown in manners and civility all around? The once undisputed traditional guardians of morality (ref. pedophile clerics, to mention one), on whom parents depended, even blindly at times, for guidance, have lost their sanity. Some people in high places more and more don't give a hoot about their actions (or the consequences of their actions). Like the rising clamor to go "green" because of global warming, shouldn't there be also a hue and cry about cancerous neglect of, or ineffectiveness at, character issues at home and abroad?

This is an age of persuasion, of political spin, of promoting brands and ideas. This is necessary because of clashing ideologies, zillions of choices and competing mediums. Even in earlier ages, in simpler (but equally contentious) times, the Vatican knew this. Thus its evangelical arm, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Ask any divinity student: a vital part of their studies is the study of rhetoric.

I submit the Josephson Institute of Ethics, in championing the cause of character, and the Downey Unified School District's espousal of its program and spirit, and permeating the community with oft-neglected lessons in trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship—the so-called 6 pillars of character—should be lauded and given free play. In advertising, repetition is all!

Letters to the Editor:

Messiah Lutheran correction

Dear Editor:

We enjoyed your article on Downey's two Lutheran Churches ("Faith in Downey: Christ Lutheran Church/Messiah Lutheran Church," 7/27/07); the liberal Christ Lutheran Church, and the conservative Messiah Lutheran Church; together they meet most Lutheran tastes. After leaving St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lynwood, we attended Christ Lutheran and former Rev. Wetzel was very likeable, and a good speaker. We later switched to Messiah for a more conservative interpretation of the Bible.

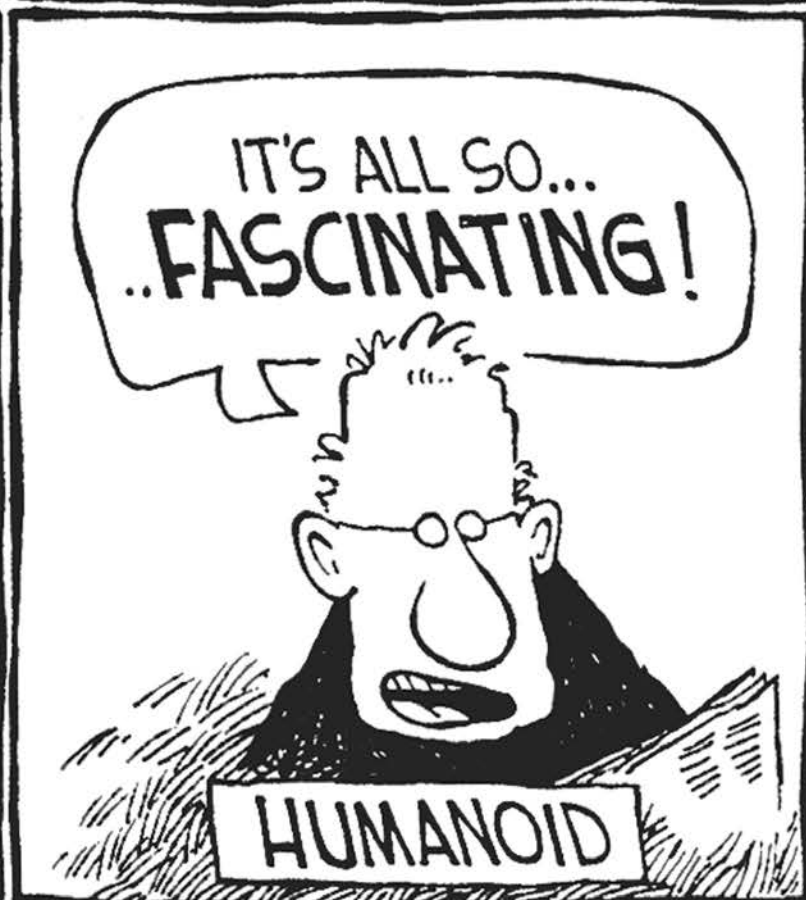
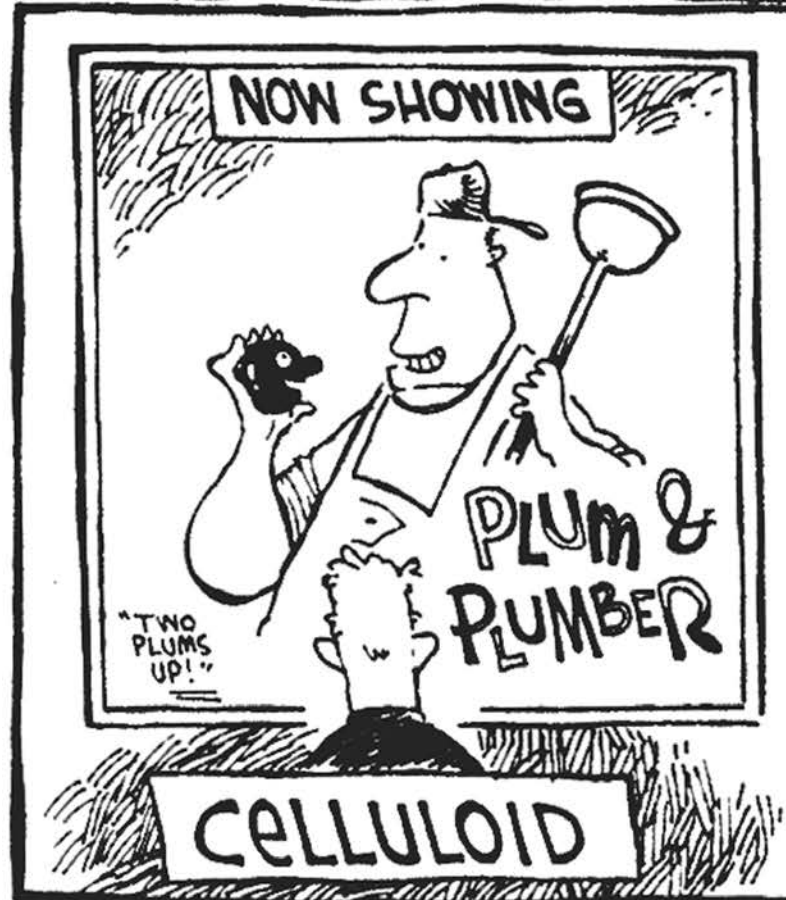
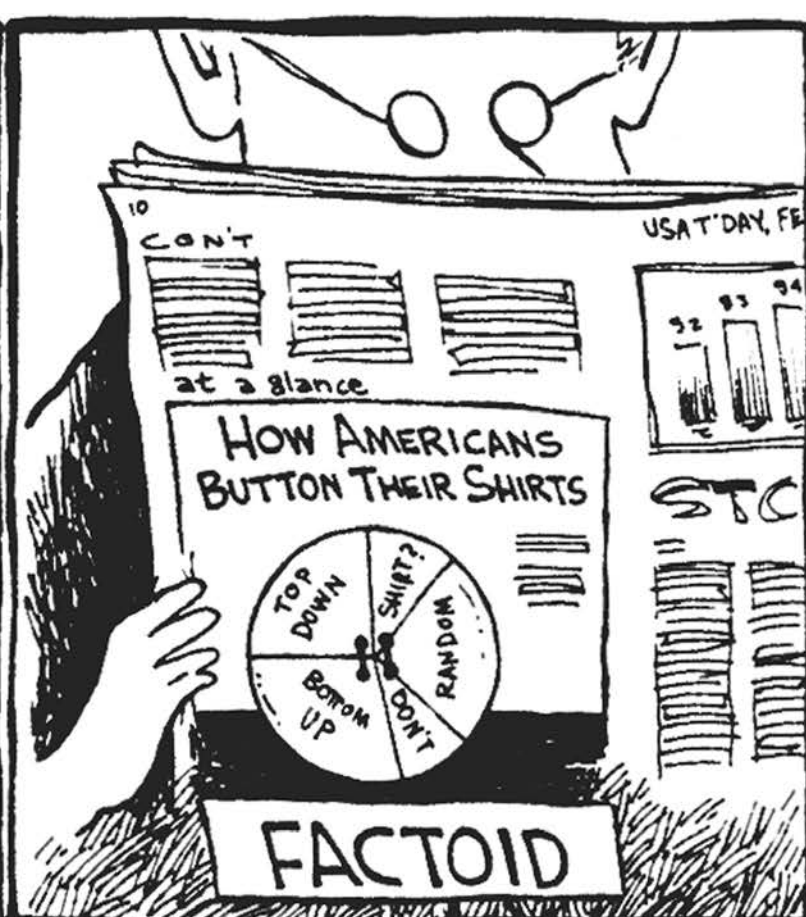
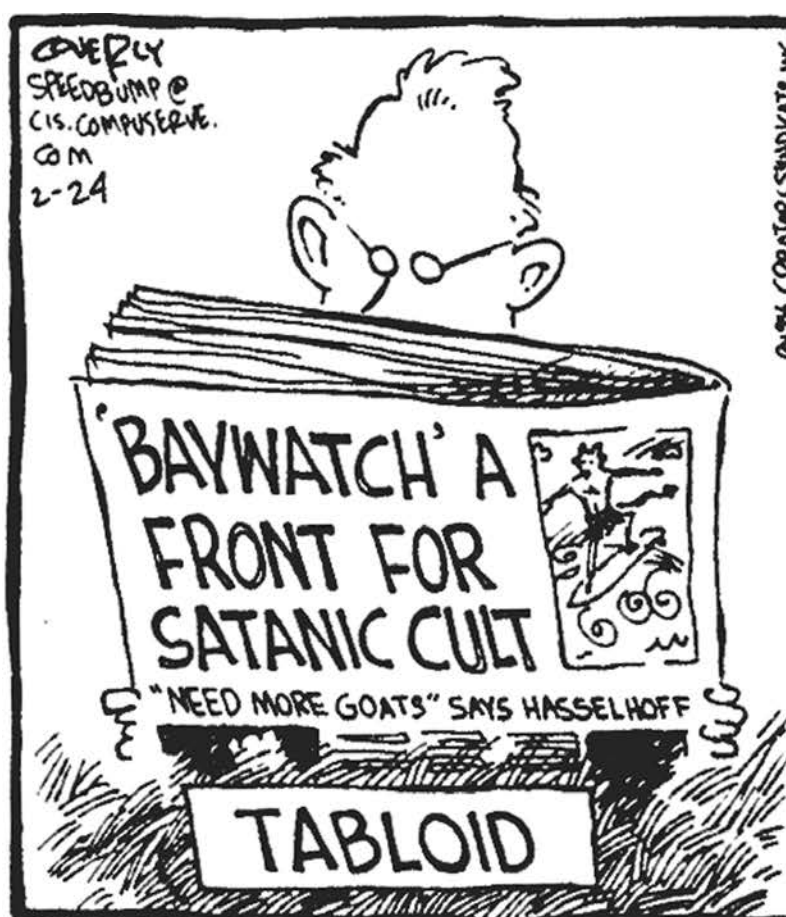
I would like to make one correction – Messiah does not require that Lutherans be a member of the church to take Communion, as do the conservative mid-West Lutheran churches. All Lutheran are welcomed. We confirmed this before we joined Messiah.

—Bill & Thelma Hawkins,

Downey

CORRECTIONS

• A story in last week's issue incorrectly stated that a young teen spotted video cameras in the home of a registered sex offender. The cameras were allegedly seen by another person.



Letters to the Editor:

Standing up for immigrants

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter by Bill Spetnagel ("Roybal-Allard: Sponsor H. Res. 499", 7/20/07), I feel that it is necessary to offer a few words of defense for the "foreign criminals" who have invaded our precious America.

Although I wholeheartedly agree with the insinuation that the Bush administration is both slow and ineffective, I find conflicting viewpoints on several specific issues. Contrary to popular belief, the only "illegal offense" that many immigrants commit is merely being present in this "wonderful land of opportunity and freedom." As a result of the common misconception that immigrants are destroying this country, an often quoted line is, "I'm not against immigration, just illegal immigration." Are the people who make such remarks aware that immigration laws have drastically transformed over the years? When these people, many of whom are of European ancestry, utter this absurd phrase, they ignore the fact that when their ancestors came to this country, all they had to do was successfully arrive. There were no passports and visas during that particular time period. And when the ancestors of their ancestors came to this country, they enslaved, tortured and abused many of the people whose descendants are now being unfairly excluded and discriminated against.

In exchange for their sacrifice, immigrants are unfairly harassed by the government and discriminated against by groups like the Minutemen.

Immigrants do not steal American jobs. "Employed illegal aliens" are not stealing employment opportunities. Because of the fact that population growth creates an increased need for goods and services, immigrants create jobs and stimulate the economy. The reason that many "real" Americans do not take day labor jobs is because they demand satisfactory wages and benefits. Immigrants, however, are willing to take the jobs, which means they are cruelly exploited. What a typical proletarian labor force.

If Americans are on the dole because of immigration, it is because of money thrown away on useless deportation efforts. If anyone "suffers while the government sleeps," it is the poor, exploited working class of immigrants. And this is not the fault of Latin American immigrants, whatever Texas republican Lamar Smith, sponsor of H. Res. 499, may believe.

— Julian E. Gutierrez, Downey

Income inequality is part of free and open society

Contributed by the Ayn Rand Institute

Democrat and Republican candidates for President are debating one another on nearly every issue – but nearly all are united on one thing: America faces a crisis of "income inequality." The rich are getting richer, the refrain goes, while the poor and middle class are held back by stagnating wages, lousy schools, and growing healthcare costs. The solution, we are told, is more government intervention: spend more on education, provide "universal healthcare," and force employers to raise wages through minimum wage increases and union protection legislation.

But all of this outcry is based on a false premise – that income inequality is bad. While some of the problems critics point to are legitimate con-

cerns, income inequality is not. Income inequality is a natural and desirable part of a free, prosperous society.

Criticisms of income inequality are always couched in a certain type of language. For example, it is claimed that wealthier Americans "command" an "unfair share" of our "national wealth." Such language implies that American wealth is a communal pie that belongs equally to all of us.

But it is no such thing.

The vast wealth that exists in America has been created – through the productive activities and voluntary arrangements of individuals. And individuals do not necessarily create the same amount of wealth. Compare the value brought into existence by the entrepreneur whose productivity software is eagerly bought by millions – and the checkout clerk at a store that sells it. Such vast differences in productivity – which can be caused by vast differences in ability, work ethic, interests, skills, and choices – are the root of vast differences in income.

Because all wealth is created, it rightly belongs to those who earn it (or their chosen beneficiaries) – and no one can rightly claim to deserve wealth earned by others. If someone wants to make more money, he is free to enter a new field, gain new knowledge, start a business, or do anything else to enable himself to create more value.

It is often implied that the rich get richer at the expense of everyone else – that if some get big slices of pie, the rest get only crumbs. But the exact opposite is true. Since wealth (including pie) is created, there is no limit to how much can exist – and the wealth of others cannot inhibit us from creating and enjoying our own. Further, the wealth creation of the richest Americans makes us far more productive and well-off.

Consider how the wealthiest individuals in any free economy, businessmen, make their money. The job of a businessman is to orchestrate productive enterprises that efficiently coordinate people, resources, and tools to create valuable products. Businessmen profit when they bring out valuable products at desirable prices; thus, they are continually making more, better, and cheaper products for everyone to purchase. Businessmen profit when they make others more productive; thus, they are continually seeking to create new jobs that can add to their bottom line, and providing their workers with as many productivity-enhancing tools as they can.

Businessmen's pursuit of profit has been the driving force behind the incalculable increase in our standard of living over the last 150 years – and economic history shows that the freer they are left to make money, the greater the increase in productivity and wages at all levels.

What then explains the poor educational opportunities, growing healthcare costs, and stagnating wages that are problems for many Americans?

Government policies based on the same egalitarian mentality that denounces "income inequality." In the name of giving citizens "equal access" to education and medicine, the government has virtually taken over these fields, placing crippling controls on both the producers and consumers. In the name of equalizing income, it enforces minimum wage and anti-firing laws that make it difficult for eager newcomers to enter the job market. In the name of saving us from the alleged evils of rich, Big Business, it enforces endless regulations that apply to every business, decreasing the productivity of all and making it hard for new business ventures to succeed.

In America, equality should mean only one thing: freedom for all. If business and wages were deregulated, we should see a dramatic rise in economic opportunity. If education and medicine were left free, with America's businessmen, doctors and educators liberated to offer education and medicine at all different price points, we would see quality and price improvements like those for computers or flat-panel television sets. But these benefits of freedom require that we recognize the moral right of each individual to enjoy whatever he produces – and recognize that none of us has a right to something for nothing.

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On This Day...

August 3, 1492: Christopher Columbus sets sail from Palos, Spain. He would eventually discover the Americas.

1914: Germany declares war on France, marking the beginning of World War I.

1926: Popular singer Tony Bennett is born. Also born August 3: Martin Sheen (1940), Martha Stewart (1941), Isaiah Washington (1963) and Tom Brady (1977).

1949: The National Basketball Association is formed.

1981: U.S. air traffic controllers go on strike. They are ultimately fired by President Ronald Reagan.

2004: The Statue of Liberty in New York City opens for the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Downey Community Calendar

Events For August

Sat. Aug. 4: **John Hume Barbeque**, Furman Park, Noon
 Mon. Aug. 6: **11th Annual Chamber Golf Classic**, Rio Hondo Golf Club
 Wed. Aug. 8: **Citizens for Downey Meeting**, Rio Hondo Events Center, 7 a.m.
 Wed. Aug. 8: **Downey Symphony Performs**, Furman Park Concert Series, 7 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 Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

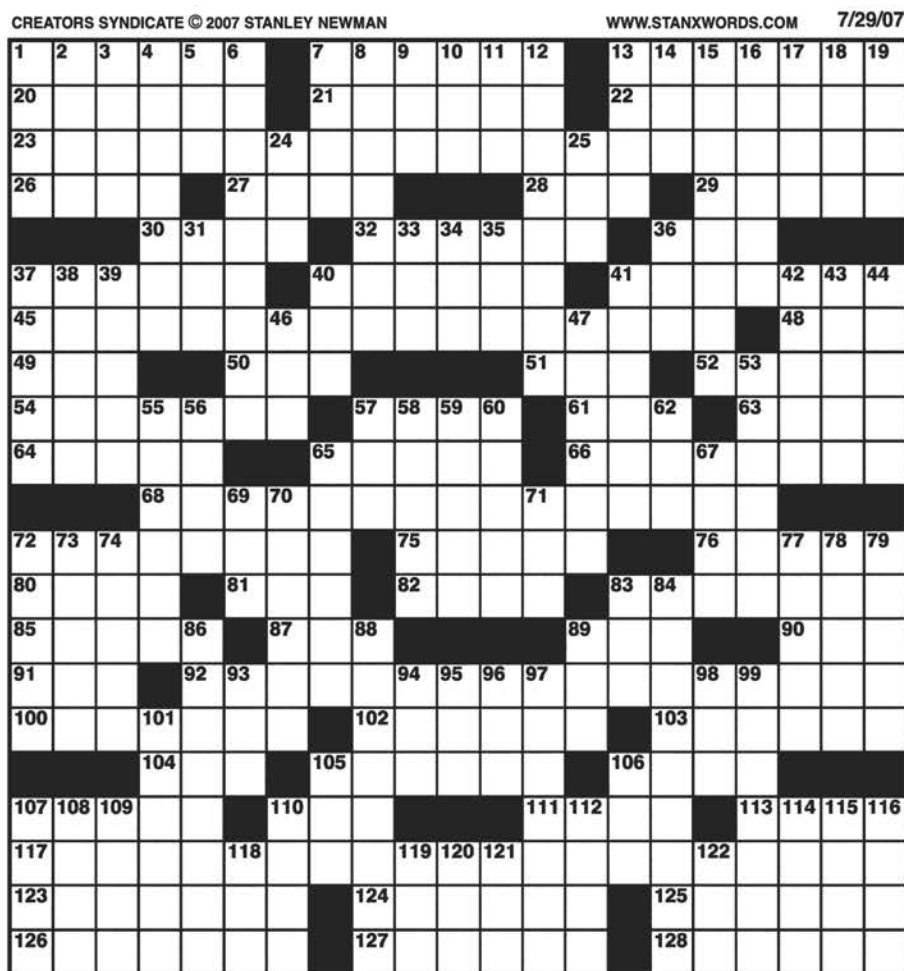
Fridays

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

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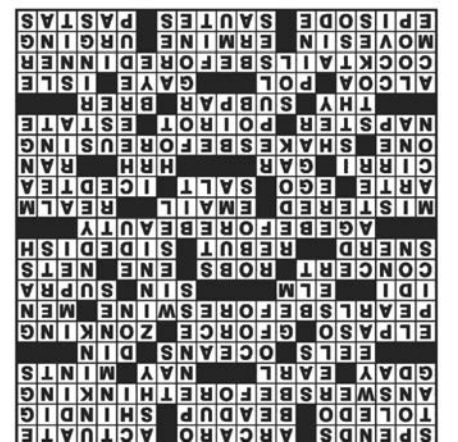
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Eddie ARCARO (7 Across) is the only jockey to win the Thoroughbred Triple Crown twice, with Whitway (1941) and Citation (1948). The NASCAR Hall of Fame, designed by I.M. Pei (42 Down), is currently under construction in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is scheduled to open in 2010. In Greek mythology, Heracles and ARCS (112 Down), both sons of Zeus, were



Warren's new principal kicks it up a notch

By Brooke Karli, Staff Writer

DOWNEY -- Upon meeting John Harris, it is evident that he is passionate about bettering the lives of high school students.

"I want the kids to have a place of belonging -- to feel wanted [while they are here]," said Harris. "I want them to leave Warren proud to have attended our school."

Harris has recently taken the reigns as Warren High School's principal. But he is no stranger to the campus.

After the 1974 Branham High School graduate received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Biola University (1978), a master's degree of divinity from Talbot School of Theology (1981), and a master's degree in psychology from Pepperdine University (1982), Harris began teaching social studies and math at Whittier Christian High School.

Then, in 1992, Harris joined the staff at Warren, teaching math his first year, and social science and U.S. government the following three years. He also served as the activities director.

In 1996, Harris became the vice-principal at West Middle School, serving only a year in that position before returning to Warren.

From 1997 to 2000, Harris was one of Warren's vice-principals, dealing primarily with behavior and discipline management. During that time, Harris received his administrative credentials from Azusa Pacific University and the University of Southern California.

For the following school year, 2000-2001, Harris was appointed assistant principal, serving in that capacity until just recently. As an assistant principal, he was in charge of curriculum and guidance, and headed activities and athletics. The transition from vice-principal to assistant principal was, as Harris said, "like trading a career in law enforcement for a career in education."

Following Eileen Wannett's departure as Warren's principal, Harris applied for the position, hoping his experience in education would work in his favor. When asked why he thought he was given the position, he said, "Because I was simply a participant and supporter of projects that have led Warren in the right direction."

Those projects, which include Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Character Counts, expository reading and writing classes, freshman orientation, calculus classes, and Career Pathways, are exactly what Harris is passionate about.

According to Harris, AVID provides resources and motivation to first generation college applicants grades seventh through twelfth. The program thus far has had a 100 percent four-year college acceptance rate, Harris said.

The expository reading and writing classes being offered at Warren this upcoming school year will help eliminate writing exam probations, while calculus classes challenge and prepare students for college math



courses.

Incoming freshmen will participate in the LINK program before starting school, which partners underclassmen with upperclassmen while touring the school and learning about Warren's academics and activities.

Harris is most excited, however, for the implementation of Career Pathways. Career Pathways is part of Regional Occupational Programs, providing workplace training and certification. What is unique is that Career Pathways are offered in construction technology, which teaches 16 building trades, and film and television, which teaches the aspects of producing and editing film and television. In the future, Harris hopes to implement hospitality, food service, and travel Career Pathways.

"Students can take these classes and get certified under certain programs," said Harris. "That in turn will allow them to continue in their career path during and after college with what they learned and experienced while in high school."

According to Harris, Career Pathways unite vocational students with college-bound students.

"It's good for any student to discover what they love to do with their

gifts and talents," said Harris. "It's equally as good for them to know what they don't like."

Career Pathways were created to provide another opportunity for students to get involved with school. Because not all students are interested in athletics, band and student government, Harris wanted to make sure all bases were covered.

"When talking to students that are struggling to get good grades, the one common denominator is that they have no involvement in extra-curricular activities," said Harris. "There are different solutions for different needs, but we want there to be something for everyone."

Ultimately, what Harris wants to see most is more students get involved.

"We are interested in doing things that work and don't want to waste time on things that don't work," said Harris. "We strive for continuous improvement and want to offer only the best for our students."

When asked his thoughts on his new position, Harris answered, "I'm at home here at Warren."

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Jonas Brothers - *Jonas Brothers*
Constantine Maroulis - *Constantine*
Grace Potter & the Nocturnals - *This is Somewhere*
UGK - *Underground Kingz*
Bruce Hornsby - *Camp Meeting*
Fuel - *Angels and Devils*

Source: Amazon.com

DVD Releases

MOVIES

Are We Done Yet?
Disturbia
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I Think I Love My Wife
Private Fears in Public Places
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Source: Box Office Mojo

Video Game Releases

Daisenryaku 7 Exceed - PS2
Marvel Ultimate Alliance
Enhanced Greatest Hits - PS2
Call of Duty 3 Enhanced Greatest Hits - PS2
Boogie - Wii

Source: egames.com

Book Releases

"Eclipse" by Stephenie Meyer
"Devil May Cry" by Sherrilyn Kenyon
"Sandworms of Dune" by Brian Herbert

Concerts

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Rick Springfield - Gibson Amph.
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Cult - Grove of Anaheim
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SATURDAY

Reba McEntire - Hollywood Bowl
Ana Gabriel - Gibson Amphitheatre
Billy Bob Thornton - El Rey Theatre
Clay Aiken - Greek Theatre
Encuentro - Skirball Center
G. Love & Special Sauce - OC Fair
Musiq - Wilshire Theatre
Suicidal Tendencies - Verizon Amph.
Unwritten Law - HOB Anaheim

SUNDAY

Puddle of Mudd, Chris Cornell - OC Fair
Reba McEntire - Hollywood Bowl
Unwritten Law - HOB Anaheim

MONDAY

Eldar - Hollywood Bowl

TUESDAY

Scary Kids Scaring Kids - El Rey

WEDNESDAY

Harry Shearer - HOB Hollywood

THURSDAY

Abyssinians - Coach House
Little River Band - HOB Anaheim
Vieux Farka Toure - Skirball Center

Source: Casenet

Book Releases

"Critical" by Robin Cook
"Spook Country" by William Gibson
"Fourth Comings" by Megan McCafferty
"Waking with Enemies" by Eric Jerome Dickey

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Robert Weinrich recently spoke at Kiwanis Club of Downey regarding code enforcement.

Speaker warns Kiwanis of code enforcement

CONTRIBUTED BY GWYNN GUSTAFSON
KIWANIS CLUB OF DOWNEY

DOWNEY – Robert Weinrich, a recent guest speaker at Kiwanis Club of Downey and Code Enforcement Officer with the City of Downey said, "Home is our castle, we can do whatever we want."

Then, he replied to his own statement, "Not necessarily so."

Weinrich has spent eight years monitoring 4,800 municipal codes currently enforced in the city. From property maintenance to business conduct, these codes serve as the city's guides and standards for residential and business property. They're in place to protect the life, health and safety of our residents and business personnel. As Weinrich put it, "To improve quality of life in the community."

Downey has a good reputation for its business environment, its schools and its community involvement – this makes it the place to live and work, worship and be educated. And with the most recent influx of new residents came issues of code violations.

In 2006 alone, there were over 500 code enforcement issues concerning garage conversions to living quarters. Many of those moving here had incomes below their mortgage needs, so they converted garages to apartments and rented them out for added income. All of this is illegal.

With code enforcement covering a broad range of issues, it is dependent upon the public, which calls in 95 percent of the complaints. A staff of six full-time agents, one part-time agent and a supervisor – all under the purview of the Police Department Administrative Section – handle all calls efficiently and according to protocol. Each agent does have the same powers as a police officer – without a gun. Weinrich's weapon of choice is the pen, as he said, "The pen is mightier than the sword."

With this "sword" his team has resolved over 3,500 violations in 2006, and 2,000 thus far in 2007. Violations include graffiti, building construction without permits, fire code violations on commercial properties, and environmental issues such as with storm water systems.

Weinrich encourages everyone to be educated about the city codes before you start a large construction project.

"If I can help you be successful, we all benefit," said Weinrich.

'Divas' taking center stage Aug. 25

LOS ANGELES – Asian American theatre company East West Players (EWP) will open its 42nd season with a whole lot of dancing when Divas ("Move over Tenors," "It's Our Turn!") perform Aug. 25 at the David Henry Hwang Theater.

The one-night-only performance starts at 7:30 p.m.

"These women can sing," EWP Artistic Director Tim Dang said. "East West Players is all about giving Asian Pacific Americans a voice in the community and these ladies will blast you out of your seat with their diva voices and personality. When they hit the stage, it will be very apparent why we titled the night, "Divas" – and you will enjoy every moment of it."

"Divas" will feature the female talent of Karry K. Carnahan ("General Hospital"), Liza Del Mundo ("Bernie Mac Show"), Ramona DuBarry ("Miss Saigon"), Jenni Selma ("Miss Saigon"), Kathy Villanueva ("Westside Story") and other guest performers.

The Henry Hwang Theatre is located at 120 Judge John Aiso St. in Los Angeles. Tickets are \$250 for VIP, \$100 in the orchestra and \$60 balcony. For tickets or sponsorship information, call Lisa Tang at (213) 625-7000, ext. 17.

TV show searches for divine talent

LOS ANGELES – BET (Black Entertainment Television) will hold auditions Saturday at the Renaissance Montura Hotel in Los Angeles as part of their nationwide search for the best undiscovered gospel singers in America.

BET's new show, "Sunday Best," will feature a panel of celebrity judges who will narrow a field of 20 finalists down to one winner, who will win cash and prizes for themselves and their church community.

The Renaissance Montura Hotel is at 9620 Airport Blvd. in Los Angeles. Auditions will start at 9 a.m.; the first 500 attendees are guaranteed an audition.

"Sunday Best" is scheduled to premiere Oct. 2.

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Her (and her dad's) work with the 4-H Club in Downey and environs is legendary. She has been 4-H community leader for 62 years. Even today 4-H uses an adjunct to her house for their meetings. "Dad was a 4-H leader before I was born," she says. *The Downey Patriot's* publisher, Jennifer DeKay-Givens, belonged to her Greenleaf 4-H Club; Jennifer's dad was a student of hers. She had also been Sunday School superintendent and teacher at Vacation Bible School (at Paramount High) for teachers in the past, has been its Future Homemakers of America adviser for some 20 years, and has served on the California Department of Education Task Force on Curriculum Development for Home Economics.

For 40 years running, Mary has cooked every summer for the annual L.A. County Summer Camp held at Camp Sealy. Not this year. She was recently diagnosed with cancer of the appendix, and had undergone surgery in June. She missed summer camp, as she anxiously waited for test results from her doctor in Burbank.

But in the meantime, as part of a professional enrichment program on her part, she is studying for a teaching credential in cross-cultural language and academic development administered online by the University of San Diego.

Otherwise she sews and gardens. On this bright, sunny day, she called out to two of her four pet ducks who inhabit her backyard. Daffy and Nicholas soon waddled towards her out of nowhere, to be rewarded with grain. The female ducks, Maggie and Molly, were nowhere to be seen. She also has seven hens. "They're quiet most of the time," says Mary, still sprightly despite her 79 years. "The only time they make noise is when a coyote or a raccoon goes [snooping] in the yard."

Mary experienced another big surprise last summer, even more dramatic than the lane surprise. It concerns a pen pal, Josie, with whom she had corresponded for 70 years. Josie used to live in Leeds, England around the time of the Second World War, and had afterwards settled in the Isle of Man, described by Mary as 13 miles wide and 31 miles long lying between England and Ireland. The two started writing to each other as early as 1937, when their names were put together by their teachers in a pen pal program. Mary was 9 years old, Josie 10. Both would grow up to be teachers.

Over the years the two girls developed a friendship further cemented last summer when Mary paid Josie a visit, the first time the two would meet. The story of their friendship and Mary's visit, resonating with the telling, was chronicled in the Aug. 15, 2006 issue of the *Isle of Man Examiner*, which calls itself "the island's national newspaper."

In the chronicle, Josie was quoted as saying: "Life was very grim over here at that time. There was total blackout every night—you couldn't even light a match. You weren't allowed to have a fire because you couldn't have smoke coming out of the chimneys, you had to feel your way everywhere. In that dark patch, the letters [from Mary] were most welcome. They were full of happiness and brightness—straight into a home full of the darkness of war."

The story revealed that Mary would send Josie food parcels that contained food not available then in the UK. The country was functioning under wartime conditions.

Josie's story continued thus: "Mary sent over all this food that we didn't have. We had no biscuits, just hard bread, but we ate everything that was given to us because we were so hungry. She supplied these most wonderful things that were on sale in the USA. And hidden away in the parcels were beautiful presents."

The paper recounted how the girls "used to tell each other about all the goings-on in their lives, swapping news on family, how their pets were faring and what was going on at school. In later years, when they were both teachers, they would share techniques and compare classroom sizes."

The surprise was sprung on the last day of summer term last year, so the account goes, "after the tickets [had already been] booked." It was arranged without Mary's knowledge after a younger fellow teacher, Elsa, who had been Mary's pupil, and other faculty members learned that the two friends had never met. It was through Elsa's instigation that enough money was raised for Mary's trip. Elsa would accompany Mary as her traveling companion.

It was the first time Mary had gone overseas (she has traveled to Canada, Mexico, and throughout the U.S.). Josie's daughter, Louise Beckett, then describes Mary's arrival in Laxey, where Josie now resides, after a delayed ferry boat ride from Liverpool (she arrived in Liverpool in the midst of confusion and anxiety due to a terrorist attack just hours before. Thus what normally is a two-hour ferry trip took four hours, it took 3-1/2 hours to get through security, officials checked and rechecked passports, etc.): "Mary arrived at nearly midnight, but all I could see was a silver-haired lady hanging out of the passenger window of a car looking very, very excited."

Excited and exhausted Mary was indeed but, later ensconced in a hotel, she and Josie still "talked well into the night. They reminisced over and shared significant milestones over their long friendship, from the war during their childhoods to marriage, children, jobs, moving house and, sadly, deaths." They were, nevertheless, up early the next morning, "to try to cram as many Manx sites into Mary's three-day trip as possible." The Manx are the main inhabitants of the southern side of the island.

"The island has a lot of thatched roofs, there are lots and lots of churches, and I could see the fence line was made of rock with no mortar at all," observed Mary. "They had quite a bit of rain, and mist, and wind."

"I noticed too that agriculture predominated in the rolling countryside. Sheep and dairy cattle grazed everywhere," Mary goes on. "Their island flower is a miniature fuchsia. They are tiny, tiny flowers. I was impressed."

The account concludes: "Mary and Elsa left the island on Friday morning for a two-day visit to London. But not before persuading Josie to visit Los Angeles. Mary said: 'Now it's her turn. I'm trying to twist her arm.'"

Born in 1928, Mary sees much growth and a few problems in today's Downey. One, she says, ethnic grouping has changed; second, because of many outside influences, not necessarily good, there's a lot of peer pressure on the teens today; third, the status of the family has also changed, from single parents to the many more transient people than we used to have (because of their jobs); and fourth, farming's gone from the area.

But she's not all that worried, nor is she budging from her abode. Although her past has been rich beyond measure, Mary continues to look to the future.

Dr. Robert Jagielski takes things in stride

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—In addition to its focus on student achievement as its overarching objective, and the means of accomplishing it (curriculum, instruction, assessment, staff development), the Downey Unified School District puts a premium on campus safety. This is trumpeted in its vision statement: “Every effort is made to insure the physical and emotional safety of all students and employees,” and “Buildings and grounds are maintained to the highest degree possible, with safety and cleanliness held as essential priorities.”

Every school campus has its own comprehensive school safety plan, promising to provide a “clean, safe, and well-equipped” environment and to shield pupils “from both physical and social-psychological harm.” This means, among other things, closing off all unused stairwells and avoiding leaving school areas unused, keeping trees and shrubs closely trimmed to limit outside hiding places for people or weapons, the installation of fire alarm systems, locked gates during school hours, campus supervision including police presence on campus, zero tolerance on serious offenses (gang activity, drugs, guns, etc.), and so on.

For elementary students particularly, it means identifying areas of high crime activity and restricting pupil access to such high crime activity areas, minimizing blind spots around the school facility, locating playground equipment where it is easily observed, explicit instructions on how to cross the street safely (“Always use a crosswalk when it is available, but remember, painted lines can’t stop cars”). A simple, commonsensical matter such as requiring every campus visitor to register at the administration office is not regarded as trivial.

Although not the only one responsible for overseeing these safety concerns, Dr. Robert Jagielski, DUSD director of pupil services, is one of the most knowledgeable administrators on the subject. His doctoral dissertation at the University of La Verne was on high school security. One of his most relevant observations: “School safety is central to the daily operation of any school.” He quotes one authority on safety: “If a child is anxious, uncomfortable or fearful, he will not learn.”

Jagielski’s other functions has him jumping from one situation to another. With the help of his hardworking immediate staff, Billie McCullah, Diana Ramirez, and Norma Apostol, he administers permits, the reporting of child abuse cases, the Gang Alternative Prevention Program (GAPP) assisted by Crime Suppression Probation Officer Katherine Falcon, coordinates with At-Risk (Outreach) Consultant Darrel Jackson who works closely with GOOD (Gangs Out of Downey), monitors health appraisals and services (including state-mandated hearing, vision, scoliosis, and dental screenings, as well as chronic health conditions), the occurrence of contagious diseases and pediculosis, conducts immunization reviews in compliance with state immunization requirements in cooperation with TLC (True Lasting Connections), keeps track of suspension and expulsion cases, as well as student study team health-related referrals.

Finding himself at the center of district-administered SARB (School Attendance Review Board), Jagielski says SARB’s significance is “huge.” Created by statute in 1974, SARBS were intended to develop new ways of coordinating school, community, and home efforts to deal with student attendance and behavior problems. Truancy matters bedevil SARB. A favorite saying of Jagielski’s is “When kids are not in school, crime starts to go up.” It should be remembered, he says, that school attendance is not a matter of choice. It is a legal mandate. Thus, if the student and parent/guardian choose not to use DARB assistance or follow school attendance laws and the student does not attend school regularly, SARB may be forced to take necessary steps to enforce compulsory laws, and the student may be subject to the jurisdiction of the court. However, SARB tries hard to prevent this.



Dr. Robert Jagielski, DUSD Director of Pupil Services, has been with the district since 1992. Fluent in Polish and Spanish, he works closely with Gangs Out of Downey and other crime suppression programs to maintain safety at Downey schools.

Another crucial activity whose impact cannot be underestimated, he says, is the work done by TLC, which continues to provide services (insurance enrollments, counseling, after-school tutoring, etc.) to needy families in the district. As TLC’s original Healthy Start Program Grant has been used up, every new infusion of funds becomes an occasion for celebration. Jagielski points with pride to his start as a classified employee in 1988 with the Alhambra School District, then as a substitute teacher, at Park School. With his BA in social science from CSU-Los Angeles, he transferred to Emery Park School as teacher/program coordinator. He was to begin his association with DUSD in the fall of 1992.

He was teacher/program coordinator/coach (soccer and football) at Griffiths Middle School from 1992 to 1997, and would serve an eight-year tenure at Downey High School, first as vice-principal for discipline & attendance from 1997 to 2003, then as assistant principal for student affairs from 2003 to 2005. During this time, he would earn his master’s in education (school administration) degree from Azusa Pacific University in 1997. Upon receiving his Ed. D. degree in organizational leadership from the University of La Verne in July 2005, he began serving in the same month as director of pupil services for the district.

“Cool” and not one to take himself too seriously, Jagielski’s pedigree is rooted in education. His mom, who came from Mexico when she was about 6-7 years old, was a special ed teacher for L.A. Unified. An uncle was a professor of education at Cal State University. His oldest sister is a professor at Pasadena City College, while his younger brother is program administrator for L.A. Trade Tech. His cousins, he says, are in some area of education or other. His wife, Ixchel, teaches at Downey High. His dad, an engineer, worked for Lockheed. His parents reside in Alhambra.

He loves going camping with his two kids, he says, and coaching them. He also likes to swim, play basketball, and generally stay active. He is fluent in Spanish and Polish.

By a happy alchemy, he and Phil Davis, who is DUSD director of support programs, career and vocational education, share a comedic camaraderie that never fails to raise the level of hilarity over at the district office. Who says the task of education has to be mirthless and dead serious all the time?

Kathy Griffin returning to the OC

COSTA MESA – Comedian and Emmy-nominated reality TV star Kathy Griffin will return to the Orange County Performing Arts Center on Nov. 23 for an encore performance of her acerbic stand-up. Griffin made her Center debut last November.

Griffin’s reality show, “Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List,” is broadcast on Bravo, and has been nominated for an Emmy Award for Outstanding Reality Program. In its third season, the show achieved an all-time high in ratings for Bravo with more than 1 million viewers.

“Kathy Griffin: My Life on the D-List” following the performer’s life as she does her stand-up shows and dishes on celebrities.

Griffin first came to the national attention during her four years as Vickie Groener, Brooke Shields’ co-worker on the NBC sitcom, “Suddenly Susan.” Just this year Oxygen placed Griffin 17th in its list of the World’s 50 Funniest Women Alive.

Tickets to see Griffin at the Center range in price from \$24 to \$52 and go on sale Oct. 7. They will be available at the box office or by calling (714) 556-2787.

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LONG BEACH – The Third Annual Queen Mary Art Deco Festival aboard the historic ocean liner is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, Aug. 31 – Sept. 3.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the preservation efforts of RMS Queen Mary Foundation, the non-profit corporation that operates the city-owned ship as a sub-lessee.

Lecture topics at the festival will include an overview of the Art Deco period, fashion, cocktails of the era, entertainment, and more.

General admission is \$22.95 for adults, \$19.95 for seniors 55 and older, and \$11.95 for children under 12. Certain attractions and events within the festival require separate admission charges.

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Faith in Downey: Abundant Hope Christian Center

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For decades now, Abundant Hope Christian Center has served our community.

Abundant Hope has been in Downey since the early 1900's, known then as the Whosoever Will Church. From the 1920's to 1985, the church was known as Immanuel Mennonite Church. After becoming Living Hope Church in 1985, the church merged with Abundant Life Church in 2004 to become what is now Abundant Hope Christian Center.

Over the last 20 years, the church has been involved in a Food and Clothing Bank, providing resources to low-income families and/or the homeless. Abundant Hope is also home to a Christian pre-school, a Korean congregation and Vineyard, a Christian congregation.

The church offers a music and worship program, a men's Saturday group, a ladies Bible study and programs for children and teens.

As far as involvement with the community, Rev. Glenn Koons, who will be retiring after 20 years of service this December, was the first pastor (church) to join the Downey Chamber of Commerce and served six years as legislative chair. He was also a chair for the Downey Ministerial for nearly seven years. Koons can be seen on Cable Channel 36 every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Abundant Hope currently has 48 members – 40 of which attend on an average Sunday morning.

"Abundant Hope is first and foremost, a born-again Christian Bible and Christ-centered fellowship," said Koons. "We are a teaching church, a praying church, and a church which believes in touching the community with Jesus as well as offering a helping hand when needed."

Although Abundant Hope is non-denominational, Rev. Koons said they are affiliated with the Mennonite Brethren denomination.

According to www.usmb.org, Mennonite Brethren believe the following:

- **God** – We believe in the one true God, the source of all life, who reigns over all things as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and who lovingly cares for all creation.
- **Revelation of God** – We believe God has made himself known to all people. Beginning with creation and culminating in Jesus Christ, God has revealed Himself in the Old and New Testaments.
- **Creation and Humanity** – We believe God created the heavens and the earth, and they were good. Humans, God's crowning act, were created in the image of God.
- **Sin and Evil** – We believe sin is individual and corporate opposition to God's good purposes and leads to physical and spiritual death.

- **Salvation** – We believe God saves all people who put their faith in Jesus Christ. By His obedient life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, Christ delivers people from the tyranny of sin and death and redeems them for eternal life in the age to come.

- **Nature of the Church** – We believe the church is the covenant community called by God through Jesus Christ to live a life of discipleship and witness as empowered by the Holy Spirit.

- **Mission of the Church** – We believe the mission of the church is to make disciples of all nations by calling people to repent, to be baptized, and to love God and neighbor by sharing the good news and doing acts of love and compassion.

- **Christian Baptism** – We believe baptism by water is a public sign that a person has repented of sin, received forgiveness, died with Christ and has been raised to new life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- **Lord's Supper** – We believe that in obedience to Christ, the church observes the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of His atoning death and to celebrate forgiveness, new life, and the fellowship and unity of all believers.

- **Discipleship** – We believe Jesus calls people who have experienced the new birth to follow Him in a costly life of service to God.

- **Marriage, Singleness and Family** – We believe that singleness and marriage are honored by God and should be blessed by the church. Children are a gift from God and should be nurtured by parents in the ways of God.

- **Society and State** – We believe that God instituted the state to promote justice and to maintain law and order. Christians' primary allegiance is to Christ's kingdom.

- **Love and Nonresistance** – We believe that God in Christ reconciles people to Himself and to one another, making peace through the cross. We seek to be agents of reconciliation, to practice love of enemies, and to express Christ's love by alleviating suffering, reducing strife, and promoting justice.

- **The Sanctity of Human Life** – We believe that God is creator and giver of life, and highly values each person. Procedures designed to take human life are wrong.

- **Stewardship** – We believe the universe and everything in it belong to God the Creator and that we have been entrusted by God to manage its resources.

- **The Lord's Day, Work and Rest** – We believe God's act of creation provides the model for work and rest. In work, we use our abilities to glorify God and serve others. In rest, we express thanks for God's provision and trust in God's sustaining grace.

- **Christianity and Other Faiths** – We believe God's atoning work in Jesus is the only means of reconciling people with God. God has not left any without a witness to the Creator's goodness and power.

- **Christ's Final Triumph** – We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return triumphantly at the end of this age to destroy all evil powers, condemn all who have rejected Christ to eternal punishment, and unite believers with Christ to reign forever with God in glory.

Services are Sundays at 9 (adult Bible class) and 10 a.m. (worship service), and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (Bible study and prayer).



A cross made of flowers stands tall at the front of Abundant Hope Christian Center's sanctuary. Photo by Brooke Karli



Stained glass windows adorned the sanctuary at Abundant Hope Christian Center. The church has been in Downey since the early 1900's and currently houses their own congregation, as well as a pre-school, Korean congregation and Vineyard, another Christian congregation. Photo by Brooke Karli



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Abundant Hope has a philosophy which says this: "If you see a need, fill it." There are real people who are just your neighbors here. People like Mary, Ceci, Jamie, Quan, and John. We are a teaching church. Glenn has been doing this for 20 years, John and Don are now pitching in. We believe in building your faith and dealing with real life situations with the Word of God.

Being a Christian is not for the faint of heart. One cannot be a cut and runner, a quitter, a whiner if you want to follow Jesus Christ, the Creator-Savior-Only God of the Universe. Life is tough and only Jesus Christ can help humans to live it out not only for themselves but for others in service, forgiveness, love and work.

An ignorant population, even in this wonderful nation America can lose its freedom, liberties, and insights. When you come to this fellowship, you can know that you will learn how to become a Christian, stay a Christian and share that good news to friends, family, and work mates. We welcome you in this challenge and adventure!

—Rev. Glenn Koons,
Abundant Hope Christian Center

Temple hosts study session, August 11

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid will be hosting a Shabbat morning service and study session on Aug. 11 at 10 a.m.
For information, call the Temple office at (562) 861-9276.

Movie and a barbeque at the Temple

DOWNEY – On Aug. 12, Temple Ner Tamid will be showing "Brighton Beach Memoirs" as part of their Summer Sunday Afternoon at the Movies at 3 p.m.
Following the film, a barbeque will be hosted, with hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken being offered. For \$8, you get the choice of two, along with salad, trimmings and drinks. Reservations are requested.
For information, call (562) 861-0976.

Annual Ice Cream Festival August 12

DOWNEY – The Downey B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 1112, along with Temple Ner Tamid's Brotherhood and Sisterhood, invite the community to attend the Annual Summer Ice Cream Festival on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.
Cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children under 13.
For information, or to RSVP, call Harold Mark at (562) 861-3065.

Sisterhood board meeting, August 15

DOWNEY – The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid will hold its next monthly board meeting on Aug. 15 at 11 a.m.
Following the meeting, a brown-bag lunch will be served, with salad, dessert, and coffee and tea provided.
For information, call the Temple office at (562) 861-9276.

Shabbat services every Friday at Temple Ner Tamid

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid invites the community to attend Shabbat services every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.
The first Friday service of the month is a learning/teaching service; the second Friday is a traditional service; the third Friday is a family and celebrations service; and the fourth Friday is a music service.
Services are conducted by Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.
Following the services, Kiddush is held (wine and challah are included). Oneg Shabbat follows in the Fellowship Hall, with refreshments provided by the Temple's Sisterhood.
For information, call the Temple office at (562) 861-9276.

Leadership changes at Downey Regional

DOWNEY – After 26 years with Downey Regional Medical Center, the past 17 as Director of the Emergency Care Center, Deb Reinhart-Gale has resigned her post, effective Aug. 1.

Gale notified hospital administration this past spring that she would be leaving as her husband had taken a position in Northern California, hospital officials said. But the family ended up staying in Southern California, and the hospital said it hopes to retain Gale in another role.

“Deb has been such an asset to our hospital and community,” said Heather Conwell, Chief Nursing Officer, who has worked with Gale since the beginning. “I cannot say enough about her dedication, leadership skills and grace under fire.”

Toni Simmons, RN, will take over for Gale on Aug. 1. She’s served as the lead RN supervisor for the past year, a role similar to that of an assistant director.

Gale came to Downey from Pennsylvania. “I was a brand new nurse, straight out of nursing school, when I arrived at LAX with two suitcases. My ride wasn’t coming for awhile so I asked someone there if I could walk to Downey, and they looked at me like I was nuts,” she recalled with a laugh. “The people here were so good to me. Because I had come here all alone they made sure I had a place to go holidays. They became my family, and I’ve grown up with them.”

“What I’ve really enjoyed has been working with the staff and helping them to become exceptional at what they do,” Gale said of her emergency nursing team. “My vision for them has been that they are capable and confident in addressing the wide range of issues presenting in the ER; that they have a strong knowledge base connecting treatment protocols with the underlying disease process. I’m very proud of them because they care deeply about what they do and they believe in a total teamwork environment. I love that our doctors and nurses consult with one another. You can’t succeed in the ER by yourself.”

Gale said her career at DRMC has been “a lot of fun and I’ve learned a lot.” She adds, “We have great physicians – very competent, supportive and easy to work with.”

Gale initially served as a nurse in the intensive care unit, then migrated to the ER as a staff nurse. She became a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse for the DRMC base station (which closed in 1993) the Pre-hospital Care Coordinator before her promotion to ER Director.

In addition to being the ER Director, hospital officials praised Gale for her work as DRMC’s Emergency Management Coordinator. “I believe we have gained a clearer understanding of the nature of disasters and how to intervene,” Gale said.

Gale said her best memories at DRMC revolve around “terrific saves of people that shouldn’t have walked out of this facility.” She elaborates, “I remember one patient who was riding a mini bike and rode through a wire that caught him in the neck and transected his trachea. He was bleeding and his airway was compromised. We were able to stabilize him and send him to surgery. Four weeks later he came back to say hi. There are dozens of stories like that making this job so worthwhile.”

Reflecting on her future role, Gale said she plans to spend time with her husband and children, ages 30, 24, 21 and 8, and visit family in Pennsylvania.

Simmons

Toni Simmons, Gale’s replacement, began her career at DRMC after visiting her sister, an ER clerk at the hospital. Toni began as an ER clerk as well, and found her work environment to be “fast paced and interesting.”

She attended nursing school at Cerritos College and by 1985 moved into the RN Supervisor, or charge nurse, role.

“It’s going to be a challenge to fill Deb’s shoes, maintaining the high standards she’s set for the department,” Simmons said.

Simmons grew up in Downey, attending Downey High School. Her husband, Dave Simmons, serves as a Battalion Chief for the Downey Fire Department. Toni said she likes to spend time at home in Seal Beach with her husband and two kids, ages 20 and 18.

In other appointments, Andrew Greene, RN, BSN, was named Assistant Director of the Emergency Care Center (ECC) at Downey Regional Medical Center.

Greene’s role is a new one for the ECC. He will take on responsibilities that were previously handled by Gale and Simmons.

“My focus will be on customer satisfaction and retention of employees,” he said.

Greene came to DRMC seven years ago after graduating from nurs-



Emergency Care Center leadership, from left: RN Supervisor Candy Tanamachi; ER Assistant Director Andrew Greene; departing ER Director Deb Reinhart-Gale; RN Supervisor Nanette Boochie; RN Supervisor Teresa Marifan; Nursing IT Coordinator Bert Lawson; and ER Nursing Director Toni Simmons.

ing school at USC. He began as an ER staff nurse, then became a preceptor, or teacher, for nursing students. Following that role he was promoted to an RN supervisor in the ECC.

“I’ve always enjoyed coming to work because we have such a great team here,” Greene said. “The doctors and nurses have a good connection. They stand by each other, and have great support from the administration.”

When not at the hospital, Greene said he prioritizes spending time with his family. His sons are 13 and 21. Originally from Compton and now living in Rancho Cucamonga, he describes himself as a “die-hard USC fan” and enjoys playing and watching basketball and football.

Bert Lawson, RN, was named IT Coordinator for Nursing at Downey Regional Medical Center. In his new role he will serve as a liaison between the Nursing and Information Technology departments.

“I expect my position to evolve, but my ongoing role will be to ensure there is no disconnect between Nursing and IT (information technology), and to make technology more user friendly for the clinical staff, so they have more time to spend with patients at the bedside,” Lawson said. “Electronic medical records and other automated systems are the way of the future.”

Lawson is a Marine Corps veteran who has been with DRMC for 20 years, starting as an orderly, then advancing his training to become an EMT, then a registered nurse and, for the past seven years, an RN supervisor in the Emergency Care Center.

“Nursing is a career I would pick all over again,” Lawson said. “Your options are limitless. You are able to go anywhere and find work, you have great job security, and you are in a position to help others and really make a difference.”

Value of fertilizer and nutrients explained

LONG BEACH – Dexter Friede, sales administrator of Grow More Fertilizer Company, will speak at the Aug. 13 meeting of the Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society at American Legion Post 496 in Long Beach, starting at 7 p.m.

Friede will explain the basics of fertilizing orchids and other plants. He will also educate the audience on the value of micronutrients.

American Legion Post 496 is located at 5938 Parkcrest in Long Beach. The meeting is open to the public. For information call (714) 539-4937.

Genealogical society studying Civil War

WHITTIER – Gene Ortega will be the guest speaker at the Aug. 18 meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society, to be held at the Whittier Masonic Lodge at 1 p.m.

Ortega’s topic is, “Captain John Bell: the Reluctant Confederate.” Ortega will show visitors how to add to their knowledge of Confederate Civil War ancestry.

Visitors are welcome to the meeting. For more information, call (562) 941-3184 or visit www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags.

Jerry Lewis Telethon needs volunteers

LOS ANGELES – The Muscular Dystrophy Association is currently seeking telethon volunteers for the 2007 Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon scheduled for Sept. 2-3 in Los Angeles.

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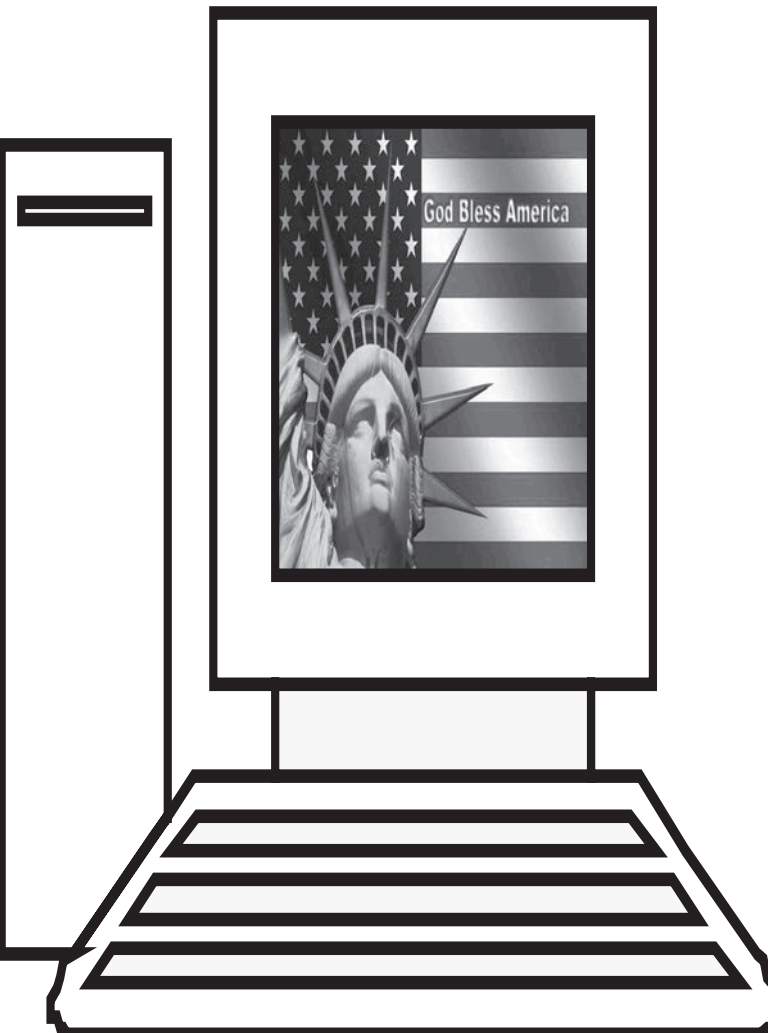
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