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Resident scores big on trivia game show

■ Zach Baker, a Downey resident and 1992 Downey High graduate, wins \$44,400 on Jeopardy! game show.

BY BROOKE KARLI, STAFF WRITER

Told that there were already too many lawyers, Daniel Webster said, "There is always room" here...

Monica: What is in hell? (laughter)

Sheila: What is in Massachusetts? (laughter)

Zach: What is at the top?

Alex Trebek: 'At the top' correct for \$1,600...

...

"At the top" was one of many answers that led Downey resident Zach Baker to be one of "Jeopardy!'s" season 23 two-time champions.

Since age 11, Zach – who turns 32 on Monday – has been a fan of "Jeopardy!," even auditioning for "Teen Jeopardy!" as a student at Downey High School in 1992.

"After I won a game of 'Jeopardy!' in my AP American History class, I decided to audition for the show," Baker said. "I didn't make it, but I was determined to try again later."

Following his high school graduation in 1993, Baker attended Harvey Mudd College for three semesters, later working as a video game programmer. During his 10 years as a programmer, Baker worked for companies Sega and Activision, and worked on games such as "True Crime Streets of L.A." and "Shrek 2."

In January of 2006, Baker took the "Jeopardy!" contestant test online, where he had to get at least 35 out of 50 questions correct in order to audition. He passed the test, and a month later, auditioned for the game show.

According to Baker, the show searches for contestants that are outgoing and comfortable being in front of an audience.

His experience as an actor and ability to speak clearly, he said, won him the audition.

That acting experience includes a season on "Child's Play," a game show where adult contestants tried to guess words based on definitions given by children. Baker was seven years old at the time and was given a \$500 savings bond for his work. Three years later, in 1985, Baker appeared as "Wayne," a friend of "Wesley Owens," on an episode of "Mr. Belvedere." Only nine years old, Baker was paid \$1,500 for the episode. Then, while in high school, Baker played "Ponyboy Curtis" in a production of "The Outsiders."

Following the "Jeopardy!" audition, Baker was not called back to the show until February of this year.

"They only keep your name on file for a year and my year was up in February," Baker said. "So I wasn't expecting them to call me."

Baker served as a standby in March and was asked to come back to tape in April. In order to prepare for the game show, Baker spent over \$400

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Time Traveler

Constable 'Spoony' looked good on horse

BY JOHN ADAMS, EDITOR EMERITUS

No history of Downey would be complete without mention of the constable who enforced law and order here for 38 years.

Benjamin Franklin Witherspoon was a majestic figure astride a horse and wearing his star on his vest in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

He brought his wife, Martha Maniza Nelson to Downey from Texas in 1882, so she could be closer to her mother who had moved here with three sons previously.

A daughter, Zora, was born to the Witherspoons 11 years later.

Witherspoon, or "Spoony" as he was known familiarly, was the constable in Downey from 1885 to 1923.

His daughter remembered there was no jail for many years, and when someone had to be taken in, her father would transport the transgressor to county jail in Los Angeles by way of the Southern Pacific rail line.

She said when her father wasn't using the rail pass she would borrow it for shopping trips to L.A.

They lived in a wood-frame house her father built at Firestone and Paramount boulevards.

About 1920, Downey was a colorful small town with a train depot, a gas station, two saloons, a fire station, two banks, two newspaper offices, several dress shops, a grocery store and the sheriff's office.

She recalled that once her father came home and told them there had been a murder. Witherspoon had to stand guard at the home where the slain bodies of a man, his wife and their two-year-old child were found on Gardendale Street until the coroner could come out from Los Angeles.

She also recalled Downey's worst disaster, the gas station explosion and fire of 1922, in which her brother, Lester, was critically injured.

In the early years, Witherspoon enforced the law by himself, but in his later career he deputized George Kellerman to help him.

The young men of Downey showed no mercy on the aging constable in his later years. They used to run the stop signs in the old downtown and then race to the nearby orange groves where they hid from the old lawman.

Whether he actually could have caught them or not is a moot question. He probably thought about that long train trip to Los Angeles before plunging into the groves.

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Two-time Jeopardy! champion



Downey resident Zach Baker won twice on Jeopardy!, earning more than \$44,000 in cash prizes. The money comes at an especially welcome time, as he and his wife are expecting their second child this January. Baker is shown with host Alex Trebek.

Susie Hansen Latin Band bring fiery salsa

CONTRIBUTED BY KEVIN O'CONNOR, DOWNEY THEATRE

DOWNEY – Susie Hansen Latin Band will perform at the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series this Wednesday at 7 p.m. The concert series is free and held at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

Electric violinist Susie Hansen plays fiery Latin jazz and salsa, creating music that brings audiences to their feet, dancing in the aisles. Susie and her Los Angeles-based band have been acclaimed by many critics, such as Phil Elwood from the San Francisco Examiner who describes them this way: "It's a sizzling, swinging salsa band. Hansen can solo as if her bow was afire. The whole room was jumping for joy."

The Chicago native is a well-established jazz musician, and has developed a unique and exciting

style that features her electric violin as the lead instrument of the ensemble. She has drawn on various forms of jazz and Latin music, integrating her own interpretation of traditional Cuban "charanga," a predecessor of salsa which often features the violin, utilizing the ever-potent fire of Afro-Cuban rhythms and incorporating the compelling harmonies of straight-ahead jazz.

According to Don Heckman of the *Los Angeles Times*, Susie "creates a brand of music that is as physically moving as it is intellectually stimulating." Her all-star band features George Balmaseda on lead vocals, Joe Rotondi on piano, Rene Camacho on bass and Jimmy Branly on timbales, among her other great musicians.

According to Oscar Abadia, KLVE-FM, radio K-Love in Los Angeles

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The Susie Hansen Latin Band features popular salsa electric violinist Susie Hansen, center. Their music has gained airplay around the world and Hansen herself has been called "the greatest salsa violinist in America."

Officials seek alternatives to graffiti punishments

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – In an effort to combat their own rising graffiti problem, Downey is among five local cities supporting a proposed anti-graffiti program that officials say would give the courts more options when it comes to sentencing teenage offenders.

The program, dubbed Aware Teens Against Graffiti (ATAG), is being developed by the office of Supervisor Don Knabe. Officials call it a diversion program for first-time vandalism and graffiti taggers.

Under the program, which officials predict should go into effect by the end of the year, judges would have the option of sending first-time graffiti offenders between the ages of 10-15 to a weekend-long prevention clinic at the sheriff's STAR station in Whittier, where they would meet with counselors and law enforcement officials.

Offenders would participate in clean-ups and community service projects in their city, including painting over graffiti.

Parents of the kids would be required to attend the program as well. They would attend workshops and participate in group discussions with other parents.

According to the ATAG draft proposal, "at-risk and delinquent youth frequently are starved for stronger discipline, although it is the very thing at which they balk. Their parents often feel less equipped to confront their out-of-control child. Through participation in the ATAG program, parents will begin to gain confidence and learn the practical skills for effective parenting of their adolescent or teen."

Under current law, first-time graffiti offenders in Downey report

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Even after it's cleaned up, signs of graffiti remain noticeable, as seen in this South Downey alley. It is the Patriot's general policy not to publish photos of graffiti or gang insignia. Photo by Eric Pierce

CERT training begins Sept. 8

DOWNEY – Training for Downey's CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program will be held on three consecutive Saturdays beginning Sept. 8. All training is provided free of charge by professional responders of the Downey Fire Department.

CERT is designed to train residents how to help their family and neighbors in the event of an emergency, when rescue services may not be immediately available. CERT training covers basic skills such as first aid, fire extinguisher use, light search and rescue, and tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

Classes will be held Sept. 8, 15 and 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a location to be announced. There will be a one-hour lunch break. The class is open to anyone 18 years old or older.

For more information, call (562) 904-7345.

Church hosting first ever 'The Gathering'

DOWNEY – Drs. Leon and Jacqueline Martin and the Love, Peace and Happiness Family Christian Fellowship Church will be hosting "The Gathering," its first annual combined men and women's conference, from Aug. 15-19.

Scheduled to speak are Dr. Glories Powell of the Church of Divine Appointment of Las Vegas and Dr. Broderick Huggins of St. Paul Baptist Church of Oxnard.

The conference will feature an Institute Hour at 6:30 p.m. where the specific needs of men and women will be addressed separately. The nightly sessions will begin directly after the Institute Hour at 7:30 and the conference will conclude Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

The church is located at 11022 Old River School Rd. in Downey. For more information, call (562) 806-9890 or visit www.lphfamily.org.

Couple honored as 'Parents of the Year'

DOWNEY – At its most recent City Council meeting, the City of Downey presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dean and Martha Michael as Outstanding Parents of the Year. Mayor Rick Trejo and Michael Hollon, representing Assemblyman Hector de la Torre, presented the certificates.

The Michael's celebrated the award with a dinner and night out compliments of Granata's Italian Villa and the Downey Civic Light Opera.

In 1994 President Clinton signed into law a resolution unanimously adopted by the U.S. Congress establishing the fourth Sunday of every July as "Parents' Day", a perennial day of commemoration similar to Mother's Day and Father's Day. According to the congressional resolution, Parents' Day is established for "recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children."

Since the creation of Parents' Day, local churches, elected officials and activists throughout the nation have launched many activities designed to celebrate and strengthen the traditional, two-parent family.

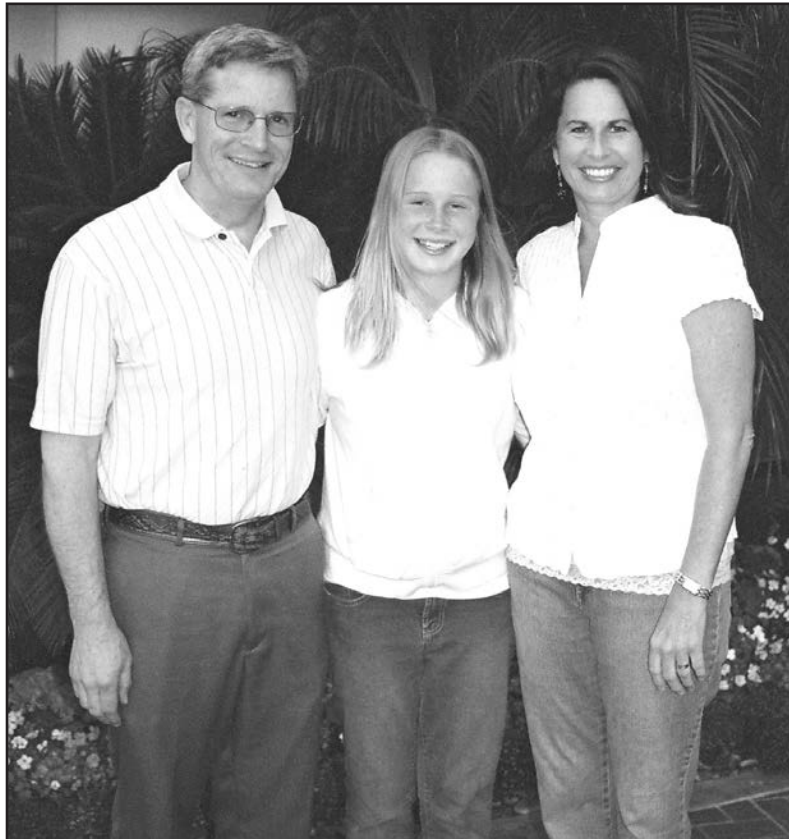
Bernabé Center needs volunteers

DOWNEY – Downey's Bernabé Community Center is searching for volunteers at least 15 years old to help the youth sports program a couple of hours per week.

The Center is in need of football, soccer, basketball and softball coaches. To volunteer, call Dennis Dennehy, Director, at (562) 863-1899 or e-mail dennis@bernabec.org.



Southern California Gas Co. employees at the Downey operations facility hoisted a trophy and cheered after being ranked highest in customer satisfaction in a nationwide ranking by J.D. Power and Associates. J.D. Power and Associates determined its customer service rankings by interviewing more than 12,000 customers and examining six factors: company image, price and value, communications, billing and payment, customer service and field service. The Gas Company came out on top among all 56 large natural gas utilities in the study.



The Michael Family, pictured after Dean and Martha Michael were honored as "Outstanding Parents of the Year."

Open seas call for Lohr, a marble man all the way

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—Island resident Ed Lohr, who at age 18 joined the U.S. Merchant Marine and has been a journeyman mason for 61 years, is the Lohr in Bell Gardens-based Carnevale & Lohr, Inc., which imports, fabricates and installs marble and granite. Its high-end clientele has included the likes of the Getty Museum, the Spelling residence, the Ahmanson Theatre, Home Savings, the Our Lady of the Angels and the Crystal Cathedrals, the Salk Institute in La Jolla, and the Huntington Library.

"We have probably done marble work for 80 percent of all Catholic churches in the L.A. Archdiocese," he says. The company has likewise left its imprint on projects located in far-flung sites: Florida, Pennsylvania, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Washington State, etc.

Gentle and soft-spoken, Ed recalls the "days of yore": "Before, there were only a couple of big marble dealers to speak of in Southern California, and we practically had a monopoly of the marble business this side of the Mississippi. Today you have 200 wholesalers and 200 installers in the area. When you mentioned marble then, you meant Carrara marble. Today, every country in the world—France, Portugal, Germany, China, South America, Canada, the Philippines, you name it—quarries its own marble."

Shaking his head in wonder, he says for the better part of their working lives, he and his partner, Louie, didn't benefit from the latest technology that has revolutionized the sawing, cutting and polishing of marble.

Production techniques then (the company was formed in 1958) depended more on handwork. Today, the machines (imported from Italy, especially the new ones) are computerized, and dramatic manufacturing and cost efficiencies have been achieved. I saw with my own eyes how they've made some decorative finished marble featuring intricate patterns as if cut by laser.

The land on which the plant stands came out of probate court, says Ed, and resembled a cow pasture or an overgrown plant nursery. It is located on Clara Street just off Florence Avenue in Bell Gardens. "It was a just a jungle out there," recalls Ed. "The original property was just below an acre, and we acquired the adjoining lots one by one over the years, as the business expanded and new machinery was needed."

Although Ed has been slowly turning over the company reins to his son, Ed IV, Ed says he still "services a few clients" and he still likes to come everyday to see what's going on in the plant. He has a remarkable rapport with the work staff of 50-60, who in some cases represent two-three generations. Wives of long-tenured workers have been hired, so have daughters, and their offspring. The office is like one, big, happy family. Right about Christmastime, Ed says, one of the big warehouse-sized storage rooms is cleared out and cleaned and used as the party room: "About 100-200, employees and plant workers and their families, attend and we have a grand time."

While in London to inspect some work at one time for Forest Lawn, he was introduced to the billionaire J. Paul Getty, who invited him to have dinner with him in his castle and stay the night. He believes he got to stay in the Ann Boleyn bedroom, he says. In any case, being wined and dined by Getty himself was, he says, "like the cherry on top of a sundae."

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Graffiti Hotline (562) 923-4484

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to the Norwalk Courthouse where they are issued a \$411 fine. If they are over the age of 13, they also have their driver's license delayed one year.

Under the proposal, offenders can choose to complete the ATAG program instead and charges won't be filed against them.

Court staff members said they see between five to 10 juveniles each day on charges related to graffiti and vandalism.

The City of Downey included funds for an additional graffiti truck in their latest budget. Other cities routinely spend upwards of \$500,000 yearly on graffiti abatement, according to officials with the County of Los Angeles.

Downey operates the Graffiti Hotline, (562) 923-4484, which allows callers to report local graffiti. Most graffiti, officials said, is cleaned up within 24 hours.

And City Councilman Kirk Cartozian has been pushing for all employees who drive city vehicles to record and call in graffiti they spot while driving.

Downey, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier and La Mirada are all supporting the ATAG program while Downey City Manager Gerald Caton and Police Chief Roy Campos are helping oversee ATAG's development.

Phillip Mautino, a judge at Los Padrinos Juvenile Court in Downey, also supports ATAG.

The advent of another tool to combat graffiti comes as welcome news for some. Henry Tran owns and operates Captain Don's Liquor on Paramount Boulevard. He says graffiti plagues his business consistently, and he wants to see the problem cleared up permanently.

"[Graffiti] makes the business look bad, but it makes the neighborhood look bad too," Tran said. "So we clean it up as fast as we can. We want to keep the area clean."

Tran, who has owned the business for two years, said graffiti leveled off a bit after police made an arrest. But the problem, he said, hasn't gone away completely.

"At first it was tough getting help," Tran said. "We would call [the graffiti hotline] and it would take them two, three days to respond. But then me and my neighbors went to City Hall and had a meeting and now they're here right away."

"They've been pretty good lately."

According to the office of Supervisor Knabe, there are telltale signs when kids begin tagging, including:

- 1.) Most taggers become obsessed with graffiti and will often times have "tag books" where they practice their tagging skills.
- 2.) Taggers will collect pictures of graffiti and will often hang them up in their bedrooms.
- 3.) The tagger will write graffiti in his own room, including on furniture, walls, desk and personal possessions.
- 4.) Taggers will sometimes exhibit a change in appearance (clothing, hairstyle), friends and grades.

Why do kids tag? Officials say it happens for a variety of reasons, but mainly to gain respect among their peers and to have a sense of belonging. Others do it to appear "cool" and for the excitement.

Kids can also form tagging crews, groups of up to 100 teenagers who aim to attain notoriety by spraying their street names on as many public places as possible. Graffiti at dangerous locations (i.e., bridges, overpasses and freeways) earn more notoriety.

Generally non-violent, tagging crews sometimes engage in turf wars with other crews over public spaces. Law enforcement generally do not consider tagging crews gangs, county officials said.



Furman Park was the gathering site of last week's 2nd Annual John Hume Performing Arts Foundation Barbecue. Many friends gathered at the park to reminisce and share memories.



These students from Kirkwood Christian School in Downey earned the President's Award for Educational Excellence for scoring in the 85 percentile on a Standardized Test in either reading or math. The award was on behalf of the President of the United States.

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Tickets for oldies concert on sale

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Century 21 My Real Estate, will present the 4th Annual Oldies Concert on Sept. 15, with half of the proceeds to benefit Easter Seals.

Performing this year will be The Beach Toys, a tribute to the Beach Boys, Monkees and Beatles.

Tickets are \$25 each and available by calling (562) 923-2191 or inside the Downey Chamber offices.

Dr. Sonia Molina: *mujer* of the year

DOWNEY – Dr. Sonia Molina, who as a teenager fled from political turmoil in her homeland to eventually open her own dental practice in Downey, was named Woman of the Year by nonprofit Asociación Internacional de Mujeres Salvadoreñas (International Association of Salvadoran Women) or AIMSAs at a gala dinner July 27.

“We’re very proud to recognize Dr. Molina because her story captures the immigrant experience in America and provides a source of inspiration and guidance for a new generation of Latinas in this country, said AIMSAs Founder and President Miriam Karaoglanian. “Her success truly demonstrates that hard work, determination and sacrifice can overcome all obstacles.”

Each year, AIMSAs recognizes outstanding Salvadoran women for their professional and humanitarian achievements, encouraging leadership development in the community and serving as positive role models for Salvadorans living in the United States.

Molina, founder of Molina Endodontics in Downey, was one of six Latinas who received AIMSAs’ “La Mujer Salvadoreña Ahora Award” at its 12th annual awards dinner. Other honorees included radio executive Vanessa Carias, *La Opinion* reporter Yurina Rico, County of Los Angeles official Maritza Recinos, Banco Popular branch manager Sarita Ezrol and BeautiControl Cosmetics director Isaura Moran.

“It’s particularly humbling to be recognized by an organization that represents the people from my homeland of El Salvador,” Molina said of AIMSAs. “They understand the many challenges that our people face every day back home or here in the United States. I applaud them for supporting programs that give our people hope.”

Molina left El Salvador at the age of 17 with her two siblings and rejoined her mother in Maywood. Her mom, who had been living in the United States, worked as a house cleaner and seamstress. After more than 10 years, she had saved enough money to bring her children to this country.

Upon her arrival, Molina adopted her mother’s work ethic and worked in a fast food restaurant during the day, studied English at night and cleaned houses on the weekend.

“I remember those days as if they were yesterday,” said Molina. “My days were very long because I was always running around catching the bus to get from work to school and back home again. But that was easy compared to challenges our family faced in El Salvador.”

Molina overcame the cultural and language barriers to graduate from Cal State Long Beach with a bachelor’s degree in Biomedical Sciences and was later accepted to the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where she earned her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree and master’s degree in Public Health.

While completing her general practice residency at the Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Los Angeles, a hospital official suggested that she enter the endodontics program at UCLA.

“I’m glad I took this advice because I immediately knew that this was the dental specialty for me,” Molina said. “I liked the precision and technical skill required of root canal therapy and other endodontic procedures.”

Molina, who opened her practice 15 years ago, is one of only a small group of Latino dentists in California. In 2000, she participated in a UCLA research study that revealed that out of approximately 25,273 dentists in the state, only 1,161, or 4.6 percent, were Latino. Today, she’s among only a handful of Latino endodontists statewide.

“I’m always encouraging Latino students to pursue careers in dentistry,” Molina said. “We need more Spanish-speaking and culturally sensitive dentists to address the oral care needs of the state’s growing Latino population.”

Molina is also an instructor at the UCLA School of Dentistry, where many times she works overtime with students who might be struggling in the classroom.

“Dental school can be tough. I know, I was there,” Molina said. “I don’t mind going the extra mile to help my students succeed. It’s my way of giving back to the community and a country that’s given so much to me.”

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.

The Poets’ Corner

Seven

She dreams and gets lost in the lies she’ll never have
A life where her arms can reach the gates of heaven
And eyes that can see the colder side of Pluto
A heart that might never break
And pride that will never be taken
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It saddens me
-- Valerie Osegueda,
Downey



Dr. Sonia Molina, an endodontist in Downey, was named “Woman of the Year” by the International Association of Salvadoran Women. She is pictured above with her husband, Francisco Leal. Photo courtesy Miriam Galicia Duarte



Bruce and Anna Hemphill celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 8. Together the couple raised four children (Mark, Debbie, Jill and Scott) and now enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Adult School offers new classes in Fall

DOWNEY – The Downey Adult School Career and Education Center will be offering the following new classes for the Fall 2007 quarter:

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Season

By John Adams

Fall has crept up on us once again, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner... A picture in a magazine showing a large basket of corn brought back fond memories of years long gone and happy fall harvests.

No one is quite sure why, but the great trek west brought a number of Iowans to the Downey-Long Beach area where they settled and raised their native corn. The fertile flood plain of Downey made their crops flourish.

To fodder and field corn were added new varieties of sweet corn. To these Iowans added the rich soils of Southern California; it was a union made in heaven.

My own ties to this are a bit to the north in the San Fernando Valley and Chatsworth. My uncle's father, a Frenchman named Pop, rented land and raised corn which he vended from a stand by the side of the road.

He never failed to turn a profit. Since we were family we all turned out on weekends to help pick and sell. I cannot tell you how beautiful those long rows of corn were, reaching endlessly as the sunlight shone through them.

The family Terraplane car was put to work hauling the heavy sacks of sweet corn from the field to the stand.

Corn went on to be replaced by other cash crops and eventually housing. But there are still many fond memories that can be brought back by a picture.

Tough Love

By Eric Pierce

In an experiment entirely unscientific, I went out on the prowl Tuesday morning, digital camera in hand, canvassing the city in search of graffiti to photograph for our story on ATAG this week.

I drove up and down, from the 605 to the 105, along railroad tracks and behind big white buildings, and you know what?

I couldn't find any graffiti.

What I found instead were multiple squares of fresh paint. Downey's graffiti removal trucks had beaten me to the chase.

I didn't know whether to be happy Downey's graffiti removal department works so efficiently, or saddened that they have to work so hard to begin with.

Later that afternoon - after school let out - I drove around town a second time, this time with more luck. Now there was graffiti where there hadn't been graffiti just hours earlier. Somebody had splayed their markings on the large blank walls behind the Ralph's supermarket on Firestone Boulevard.

In an alley way deep in sometimes forgotten South Downey, a cement wall had Spanish tags scribbled angrily across it. Mailboxes, garage doors, sidewalks, windows and trash cans had been vandalized as well.

Most of the graffiti was illegible, all of it was ugly and demeaning to the community.

The ATAG program, which in lieu of a large fine and criminal charges sends kids and their parents to a weekend-long civics course, is a fresh way of tackling the graffiti epidemic hitting the Southland, but I wonder if it's enough.

I wish attending ATAG was *in addition* to the \$411 fine and criminal charges a first-time offender faces. And it should be mandatory, not optional.

I worry kids might not take ATAG too seriously and breeze through it like after-school detention, shutting off their minds and simply going through the motions.

Come Monday, will they be at it again?

Only time will tell.

Bernabé has board opening for student

DOWNEY - Bernabé Community Center will have an opening for a student on its board of directors because its current member is moving out of state.

To apply for the opening, students should be between 15 and 18 years old and have been actively involved in school and sports programs, serving as a coach, referee and/or tutor. The student will sit on the board of directors acting on behalf of their peer group.

For more information or to apply, call Dennis Dennehy, Director, at (562) 863-1899 or e-mail dennis@berabec.org.

CORRECTIONS

• Last week's story on Downey Cemetery should have mentioned that maintenance at the cemetery is contracted out to an outside company, and is not performed by the city's Public Works Department.

• Due to incorrect information supplied to our writer, the feature story on Mary Lash last week incorrectly spelled her last name. The correct spelling is "Lash." We apologize for the error.



Letters to the Editor:

Lamenting on Downey Cemetery

Dear Editor:

My congratulations on your story concerning the care and upkeep of the Downey Cemetery. It has a long history and is often overlooked today.

Now if you were to wish you could look a wee bit further and my guess is you could uncover certain things that might be of interest to your readers.

One subject that might be of interest is what is normally discussed in the mostly monthly meetings of the Downey Cemetery District. A short look at their meeting minutes might be another place for a look. It might be that the meeting place and what expenses are incurred there would be welcome news to our citizens.

How is it that the Cemetery District "contracts" with the City of Downey for maintenance services? Last I knew the city was contracting out those garden-related services to private outside contractors. It is possible that I am not up to date here.

It is just possible that there could be better service without going through the city to sublet the contract.

I appreciate your ongoing good work!

— Richard B. Pridham, Downey

Editor's note: Maintenance work at Downey Cemetery is, indeed, sub-contracted to an outside, private contractor.

Dear Editor:

Thank you for finally doing a (great) story on Downey Cemetery. I've had struggles myself getting answers out of City Hall, sometimes only receiving empty promises. My mother's grave has been yellow with weeds my last few visits and they seem to have a problem with gophers. It's nothing too serious, but they should at least try to remedy it.

I remember when the older gentleman supervised the cemetery everything seemed to be on the up and up. Maybe instead of putting themselves on TV the city can invest in reestablishing the position!

I don't regret burying my mother at Downey Cemetery, but I believe there is always room for improvement.

—Paula Neighbors, Downey

It's a matter of honoring the law

Dear Editor:

Mr. Julian Gutierrez is correct in stating that this country is made up of immigrants ("Standing Up for Immigrants," 8/3/07). The whole North and South America is made up of immigrants. The native people of this country were not the only indigenous people that were abused by the foreign immigrants - that took place in all of the Western hemisphere.

It would be nice if people would review the immigration laws, work laws and property ownership laws of the Western hemisphere countries. I am sure that they would find it quite an education.

Why can't we expect others to honor the laws of our country? Why must we be the only Western country to allow illegal immigration?

— Frank Myers, Downey

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What's in a name? A lot.

Dear Editor:

I would like to say I really enjoy your human interest stories. I have lived in Downey for 40 years and have known several of the people you have featured.

I just have one suggestion, please check the spelling of names. In the article about Johnny Croshaw, his name was spelled right and then wrong and several different ways in one article. Johnny has cut my hair for almost 40 years.

Last week you did a great feature on Mary Lash, whom I've gone to church with for years. So excited to see the article but how sorry I was to see her name spelled wrong.

The article two weeks ago on Richard Daggett was great and I do hope you will continue the story.

Keep up the good work, I look forward to reading the paper every week.

— Marilyn Boss, Downey

Outraged over Carpenter houses

Dear Editor:

I am a huge fan of Karen and Richard Carpenter and am outraged that their houses in Downey aren't being considered landmarks and saved and protected from being torn down. Please don't tear the houses down.

I haven't even been to California or to Downey to see their old houses and their old hotels and would love to see them but can't afford to go. Please save them - poor Karen is probably turning in her grave.

—Marlo Smith, Olympia, Wash.

U.S. negotiates with Iran, Iran wins

Submitted by the Ayn Rand Institute


Recent talks between Iran and the United States resulted in an agreement to hold further talks and create a "subcommittee" to deal with Iraqi security. For America and Iran, this outcome is seen as a qualified success, promising mutual advantages.

"But these talks are an unqualified success for Iran," said Elan Journo, a junior fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute. "Iran is the flagrant aggressor in its backing of Iraqi insurgents who murder American troops and in its decades-long terror war on America and the West."

"Iran helps fuel the hellish chaos in Iraq - it is the self-righteous arsonist that U.S. diplomats absurdly hope to recruit as a fire-fighter. These talks grant Iran an undeserved moral legitimacy as a civilized, peace-seeking regime. Iran's hostile goals - 'death to America' - and its murder of our citizens are made to seem reasonable differences of opinion. Iran is elevated to an equal moral footing with its victims."

"That Iran feels it has a free hand to unleash its wrath on U.S. troops in Iraq - and broadly, to continue its other aggressive goals, such as acquiring nuclear weapons - is the inevitable result of such appeasing negotiations. For the United States merely to recognize Iran as worthy of negotiations - let alone offer it bribes - is a moral capitulation."

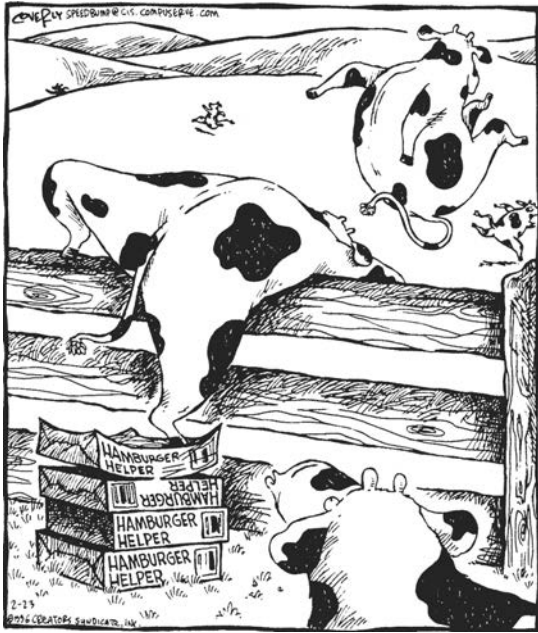
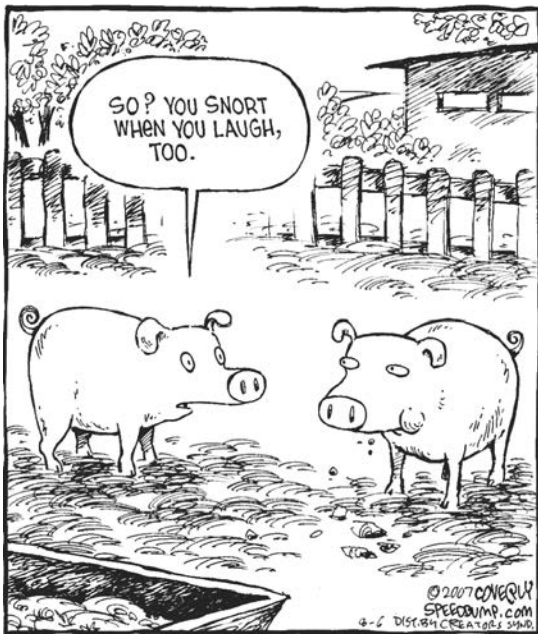
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For August

- Fri. Aug. 10 – Sun. Aug. 12: **Downey Dolphins swim meet**, Downey Pool, 4 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 11: **Stork tour**, DRMC, 10 a.m.
- Sun. Aug. 12: **Ice cream festival**, Temple Ner Tamid, 7 p.m.
- Wed. Aug. 15: **Susie Hansen Latin Band**, 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-Beard 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.

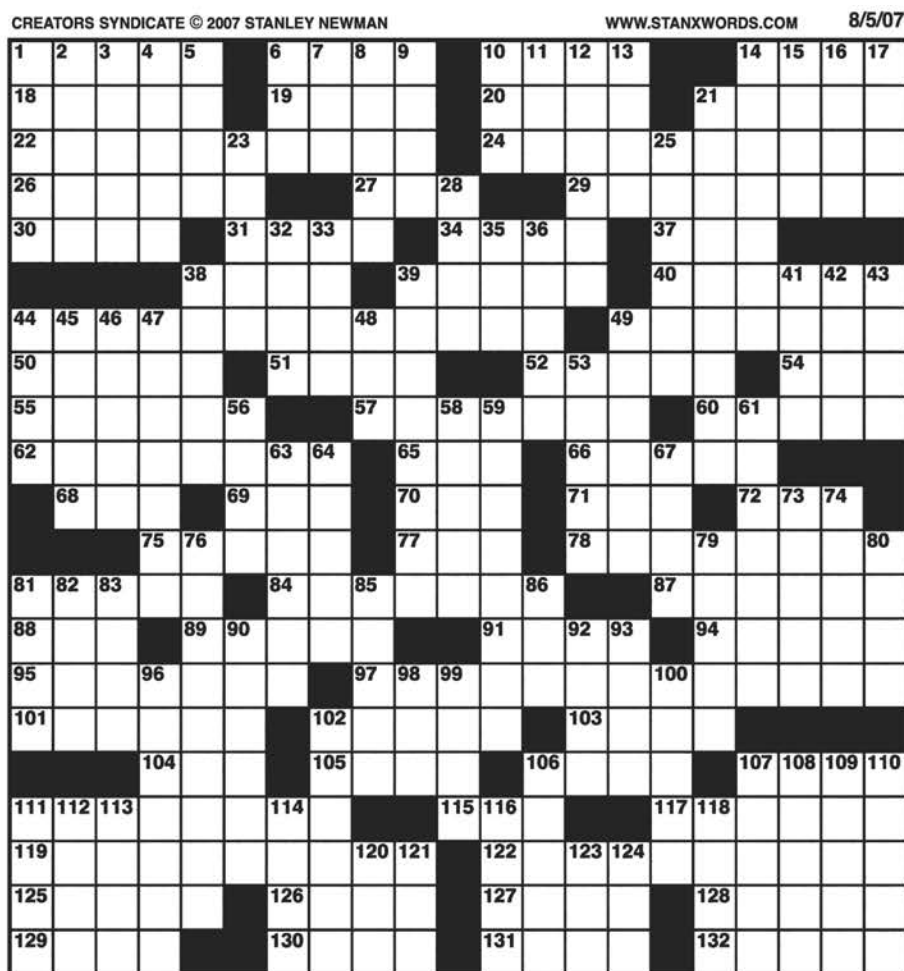
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- 1846:** The Smithsonian Institution is chartered by the U.S. Congress.
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- 1988:** President Ronald Reagan signs the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, granting reparations to Japanese-Americans who were interned during World War II.

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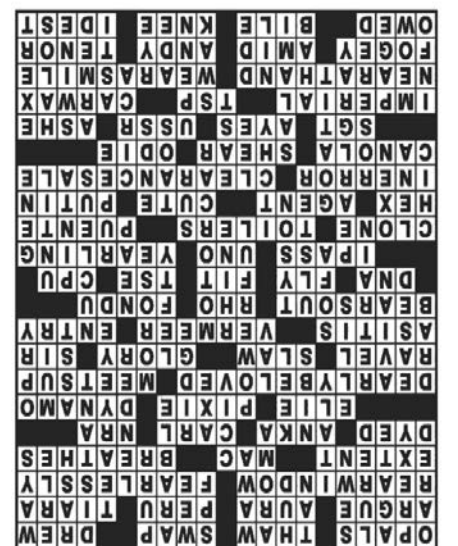
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Paging Dr. Alan Frischer...

BY DR. ALAN FRISCHER

Do you go to great lengths to avoid stepping on cracks in the sidewalk? Do you wipe the door-knobs in your home each time they're touched? Do you feel compelled to wash your hands so often that they've become raw and chapped?



If you perform such rituals over and over, then you may have obsessive compulsive disorder, or OCD. These ritualistic behaviors can take over your life. OCD is characterized by unwanted thoughts (obsessions) and/or repetitive behaviors (compulsions). Although the thoughts associated with OCD can be bizarre, it's their recurrence that creates the distress and anxiety. Performing the ritualistic behavior gives only temporary relief until the next obsessive thought occurs.

OCD is a type of anxiety disorder that is much more common than one would imagine. It affects both adults and children. Studies show it is almost 50% more common in women (2.9% of the population) than in men (2.0%). The onset is usually between the late teens and mid-twenties. It actually appears to be positively correlated with education: more education leads to a higher likelihood of having OCD! Other factors that can increase the risk of developing OCD include:

- Family history - Having parents or other close family members with OCD can increase your risk of developing it.
- Stressful life events - Reacting strongly to stressful events may increase your risk of OCD.

- Pregnancy - Pregnant women and new mothers tend to be at a higher risk for OCD.
- Obsessions revolve around fear of contamination or dirt, repeated doubts, having things orderly and symmetrical, and aggressive or horrific impulses.

Examples of things you may observe in someone with OCD include:

- Avoidance of shaking hands or touching doorknobs or other objects because of fear of contamination.
- Repeatedly checking that a door is locked or that an appliance or light switch is turned off.
- Intense distress when objects are not orderly, lined up properly or facing the right way.
- Inflamed hands from repeated hand washing.
- Sores on the body from repeated picking at the skin.

Perhaps some of these behaviors sound familiar. How can you tell the difference between someone who refuses to touch a bathroom doorknob (and who would really want to touch a public bathroom doorknob anyway, since such a relatively small percentage of people wash their hands?) and someone with OCD?

Here are some key symptoms of someone with obsessions in

OCD:

- You experience recurrent and persistent thoughts, impulses or images that are intrusive and cause distress.

- These thoughts are not simply excessive worries about real problems in your life.

- You attempt to ignore or suppress these thoughts, images or impulses but cannot.

- You recognize that these thoughts, images and impulses are a product of your own mind.

Here are some key symptoms of someone with COMPULSIONS in OCD:

- You feel driven to perform repetitive behavior such as hand washing, or repetitive mental acts such as counting silently.
- These mental or physical acts are intended to prevent or reduce distress about unrealistic obsessions.

Because the cause is unknown, there is no specific way to prevent OCD from developing. However, getting treatment as soon as possible may help to keep it from worsening. It's a chronic condition, which means that learning to live with it may be necessary. Keep in mind that psychotherapy as well as medication can help control the symptoms of OCD.

You may wish to note that OCD occurs over a large spectrum, from the very mild to the severe and debilitating. Many very successful and famous people not only survive but thrive with OCD traits. For those of you who read this article and are now worried, take heart that this condition may actually be a contributing factor to your successes in life.

Let me leave you with a list of suggestions:

- Join a support group in order to share experiences with others in similar situations.
- Enlist the support of loved ones (unless they are a cause of your problem!) who can offer encouragement in tough times.
- Remember that if your loved one has OCD, you cannot simply wish or nag away their repetitive behavior.
- Avoid using alcohol or recreational drugs as coping mechanisms.
- Get involved with social activities and community service, instead of isolating yourself.
- Learn about your disorder so that you understand it better. Educate the people around you, so that they can help.
- Stick to your treatment plan, no matter how difficult or uncomfortable.
- Consult your health care professional. If medications are prescribed, take them as directed.

I wish success to those of you afflicted by OCD.

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Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 11525 Downey Ave., suite A, Downey, CA 90241

Scars: the good, the bad, the beautiful?

CONTRIBUTED BY QUANTUM HEALTH

Scar treatments have become big business in America. It wasn't too far in the past that anyone wanting to get rid of a scar had to go to a doctor and pay for an expensive scar removal procedure. Now, with the advent of inexpensive over-the-counter creams that reduce the appearance of scars, all that has changed – and American's are spending over \$60 million each year to self treat.

But scars always haven't been considered blemishes on beauty.

The warlike Maori of New Zealand have a long history of scarifying their faces. They use knives to cut their faces, and then rub ash into the wounds. Tattooed Maori faces terrify their enemies, and attract the local women.

In Papua New Guinea, a standard origin story tells the tale of the Crocodile God, who created mankind. In honor of the Crocodile, young men initiated into manhood have bamboo slivers sliced into their chests, backs and buttocks. A ceremonial ancestral crocodile "swallows" the initiates, and the scars represent his teeth marks.

In Germany and Austria, dueling scars were a mark of honor. University Men would mark their social class and status by fighting duels in which they intentionally allowed themselves to be scarred.

As the popularity of tattoos skyrocketed, so did modern scarification practices. "Scarification artists" create artistic designs on the young and the hip. Although professional scarification may be no more painful than getting a tattoo, scar aficionados see it as being more "intense."

Despite the growing popularity of body art, most Americans would prefer to go through life unscarred. In fact, many of those who have scars, and stretch marks, would like to get rid of them.

What are scars?

A scar is the pale pink, brown, or silvery patch of skin that grows in the place where you once had a cut, scrape or sore. When skin is burned, cut, scraped or otherwise injured, special cells called fibroblasts produce a substance called collagen to fill and close the wound. There are several varieties of scars:

- **Keloid Scars** – These scars are the result of an overly aggressive healing process. These scars extend beyond the original injury. Over time, a keloid scar may affect mobility. Possible treatments include surgical removal, or injections with steroids. Smaller keloids can be treated using cryotherapy (freezing therapy using liquid nitrogen).
- **Contracture Scars** – If your skin has been burned, you may have a contracture scar, which causes tightening of skin that can impair your ability to move; additionally, this type of scar may go deeper to affect muscles and nerves.
- **Hypertrophic Scars** – Raised and red scars that are similar to keloids, but do not breach the boundaries of the injury site. Possible treatments can include injections of steroids to reduce inflammation.
- **Stretch Marks** – Stretch marks are small, depressed streaks in the skin caused by tiny tears in the elastic supportive tissue just underneath the epidermis.

Can scars and stretch marks be eliminated?

There are dozens of scar treatments but none work perfectly. There are physician administered treatments which can offer some relief, but they are invasive and sometimes dangerous. These include:

- Steroid injections
- Surgery (which often makes the scar worse)
- Dermabrasion
- Radiotherapy (notorious for its side effects)
- Pressure garments (used for burn victims)

Nature's Solution to Scarring

Alternatives to physician treatments have become big business. Retail sales of over-the-counter scar reducing creams have topped \$60+ million per year. For those inclined towards natural ingredients, there are also a few excellent choices. The natural substances that appear effective include:

- **Onion Extract** – This anti-inflammatory herb inhibits the over-production of collagen in a scar. In one study, a 10 percent onion extract cream was applied to the scars of thoracic surgery patients. Ninety percent of the onion extract group had "good" results at scar reduction – compared to just 40 percent of the placebo group.
- **Lysine** – This amino acid helps build healthy tissue.
- **Vitamin E** – This powerful anti-oxidant nourishes the skin.
- **Allontoin** – Clinical studies show that it helped prevent and reduce scarring during tattoo removals.

Quantum Health, a natural product company founded in 1981, specializes in natural over-the-counter formulations. For more information, call (800) 448-1448, or visit www.quantumhealth.com.



Rock super group World Class Rockers will perform a two-hour show at Downey Regional Medical Center's Charter Ball black-tie gala Nov. 3.

Charter Ball set to rock on Nov. 3

DOWNEY – Musicians from legendary bands will perform in a two-hour show loaded with rock anthems when they play at the 32nd Annual Charter Ball on Nov. 3 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove.

World Class Rockers is a rock super group formed in 1994. The band, founded by former Steppenwolf guitarist Nick St. Nicholas was created to spotlight former members of well-known rock groups. Members include Aynsley Dunbar (Jefferson Starship, Journey, Whitesnake), Alex Ligertwood (Santana), Randall Hall (Lynyrd Skynyrd), Michael Monarch (Steppenwolf), Fergie Frederiksen (Toto) and special guest Randy Meisner (The Eagles).

Charter Ball is a black tie gala presented by the Memorial Trust Foundation, the fundraising division of Downey Regional Medical Center, a non-profit hospital.

For Charter Ball table reservations call (562) 904-5055.

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.

Registration to the event is mandatory and open until Aug. 5. To register, call (888) DIABETES, ext. 7504.

Hot Dog on a Stick helps fight cancer

DOWNEY – Hot Dog on a Stick, producer of hot dogs on a stick and fresh-squeezed lemonade, will donate 25 cents of every large lemonade cup sold on National Lemon Day – Aug. 20 – to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, which helps raise awareness and research for childhood cancer.

This is the second year Hot Dog on a Stick has partnered with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

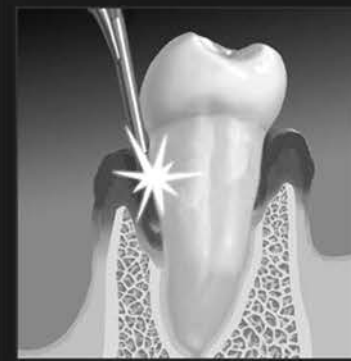
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Source: ebgames.com

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"Force of Nature" by Suzanne Brockmann
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Concerts

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10
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Moving Units - HOB Anaheim
Bill Engvall, Craig Shoemaker - OC Fair
SATURDAY
Aimee Mann - Hollywood Bowl
Avett Brothers - El Rey Theatre
G. Love & Special Sauce - Greek Th.
Gilberto Santa Rosa - Wiltern
Jenni Rivera - Gibson Amphitheatre
Mili Mili World Music - Skirball
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Paul Rodgers, Riders on the Storm - Pacific Amphitheatre
Rage Against the Machine, **Cypress Hill, Wu Tang Clan, Mos Def, etc.** - Hyundai Pavilion
Tiesto - L.A. Sports Arena
Tim McGraw, Faith Hill - Honda Center
SUNDAY
Deep Purple - Pacific Amphitheatre
Floetry Remixed - HOB Anaheim
MF Doom - El Rey Theatre
Poison, Ratt - Verizon Wireless Thea.
Squeeze - Grove of Anaheim
MONDAY
Squeeze - Greek Theatre
TUESDAY
Aaron Lewis - Wiltern
WEDNESDAY
Hilary Duff - Gibson Amphitheatre
John Scofield - Hollywood Bowl
THURSDAY
Tony Bennett - Greek Theatre
Aggrolites - HOB Anaheim
Element Band - Skirball Center
Lewis Black - Walt Disney Hall
Linda Eder - Grove of Anaheim
Reik, Camila - Henry Fonda Theatre
Source: Casenet

Sebastian Sidi live at OC Pavilion

SANTA ANA - Downey musician Sebastian Sidi will be performing live at the OC Pavilion Performing Arts Theatre Sept. 8. Orchestra seats are sold out but Front Theatre and Back Theatre section seats are still available, priced at \$30 and \$25 respectively. Tickets can be purchased by calling the OC Pavilion box office at (714) 550-0550 Mondays through Friday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Different isn't necessarily bad

LA HABRA - Family musical comedy "Honk!", the modern day version of Hans Christian Anderson's ugly ducking story, is now playing at the La Habra Depot Theatre. Directed by award-winner Bill Engle, the show is appropriate for all ages, including clever jokes for adults and children alike. In "Honk!", four bright eggs hatch on stage to reveal a quartet of trendy dressed young chicks, but a fifth bursts open to expose an oversized schoolboy markedly different from his siblings and immediately labeled a freak by all except his mother. Ugly's adventures bring him in contact with a string of amazing animals, including murderous, hungry Cat and Mother Ida.

The story tells the message that different isn't necessarily wrong or bad. Tickets to "Honk!" are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors, children and students. A family package of four tickets is \$52. La Habra Depot is an all-volunteer, non-profit theater. For tickets, call (562) 905-9625 or visit the box office at 311 St. Euclid St. in La Habra.

Wine festival this weekend in Long Beach

LONG BEACH - The Queen Mary in Long Beach will host the "Wine Crush Festival" this weekend, where visitors can learn, experiment, discover and sample different wines. Visitors to the festival must be over 21 years old. Tickets are \$40 for a one-day pass and are available by calling (562) 435-3511 ext. 1145.

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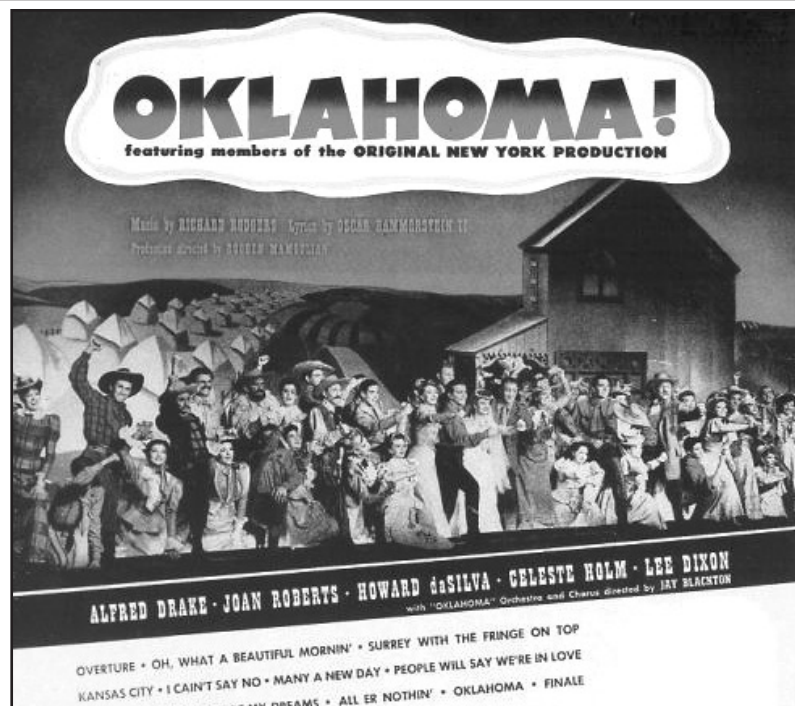
Angeles, "Susie Hansen in the greatest salsa violinist in America." She has been featured as a soloist with Orquesta Los Van Van, Cuba's premier dance orchestra, both in Los Angeles and in Havana, and with Orquesta Aragon, the world's most acclaimed Cuban charanga ensemble.

Susie began studying classical violin at the age of 6 with her father, James Hansen, who was a violinist in the Chicago Symphony Orchestra for 37 years. In Boston she studied violin with Eric Rosenblith, head of the string department at New England Conservatory, and she studied jazz and bebop with legendary jazz instructor Charlie Banacos. At the same time, she pursued an education in math and computer science, ultimately earning two Masters degrees in Electrical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). After graduation, her musical career took precedence over science.

Susie formed her own jazz group in Chicago in 1982 which she led for several years. Following a successful concert of her band in Grant Park in 1986, she was invited by Victor Parra, leader of the Mambo Express All-Stars, to replace their violinist, and she soon discovered her passion for Latin music. When she moved to Los Angeles in 1988, she embarked on an in-depth study of everything and anything to do with Latin music. As can be seen from the extensive critical acclaim she has received, Susie has succeeded in turning the heads of even the most skeptical.

Susie Hansen is a recording artist on Jazz Caliente Records with two releases: her current CD, "The Salsa Never Ends," and her debut CD, "Solo Flight." Susie plays the elective five-string Zeta violin. She has been getting extensive airplay across the United States, Europe, South America and Asia, and two singles from the current CD charted well with radio and club DJs for over a year.

The Downey Museum of Art will be open before the performance and the Downey Rose Float Association will be selling food and drinks. For more information on the concert, call the City of Downey Community Services Department at (562) 904-7238.



"Oklahoma!" first opened in 1943 and has been performed, revived and adapted countless times since.

'Oklahoma!' revived by Downey Civic Light Opera

DOWNEY - The Downey Civic Light Opera will present "Oklahoma!" Oct. 4-21 at the Downey Theatre. Marsha Moode, executive producer, will direct and Eddy Clement will again serve as conductor with choreographer Miriam Nelson.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's first collaboration remains, to many, their most innovative, having set the standards and established the rules of musical theatre still being followed today.

Set in a Western Indian territory just after the turn of the century, the high-spirited rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys provides the colorful background against which Curly, a handsome cowboy, and Laurey, a winsome farm girl, play out their love story.

Although the road to true love never runs smoothly, with these two headstrong romantics holding the reins, love's journey is a bumpy as a sur-rey ride down a country road.

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The musical includes "People Will Say We're in Love," "Kansas City," "Can't Say No," and, of course, the title song, "Oklahoma!"

The Downey Civic Light Opera box office will open Aug. 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. For tickets or information call (562) 923-1714. Group discounts are available.

Part-time wrestler on reality show competition

DOWNEY - Downey resident Leroy Patterson, a video game tester and part-time professional wrestler, is one of nine contestants competing on the reality TV show competition, "Solitary 2.0," premiering tomorrow at 9 p.m. on Fox Reality Channel.

Patterson, a self-described "nerd with a high tolerance for pain," overcame a childhood "tainted by alcoholic parents," according to his TV show biography.

According to producers, "contestants will undergo a series of tests and treatments that challenge their personal limits while staying in complete isolation. These are administered by their sarcastic taskmaster, the voice of 'Val.' The tests are psychological games, which require extreme patience, and the treatments are physical challenges, which test their stamina and endurance.

"The only way to win is to endure and the only way to lose is to quit." An example of the type of treatment Patterson is in for: Contestants must successfully stand up 400 dominos on two tables and two bridges while standing the entire time. Then they must all fall continuously and they must only touch one domino to initiate the run. If any of the dominos are left standing, they must repeat the challenge to stay in the game.

Another example: Contestants must stand on three increasingly painful pegboards for extended periods of time. There will be three rounds for each board and if all of the contestants make it to the 10th round the contestants must stand on the most painful board with no time limit.

"Solitary 2.0" will air for eight weeks, concluding Oct. 6.

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One of Barbara Emry's favorite quotes: "What's nice about not remembering anything is that you can't remember if you were worrying about anything."

Barbara Emry's love of life still strong

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—Growing up in the Seattle area in the mid-1930s, Friends of the Downey Library volunteer Barbara Emry remembers walking with her friend, Beverly Mendenhall, two miles to where the library was and carrying a load of books home. Today, as Friends 2nd vice-president for membership, reading the books she likes is not a problem.

She's had a predilection for mystery novels and "contemporary stories." Says she: "I have a list of all the books I've read since I retired." I glanced at her list rapidly, and gleaned the following recognizable authors: Jimmy Breslin ("The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight"; Clive Cussler; Jackie Collins; Howard Fast; Nora Roberts; John Grisham; Michael Korda; Frances Parkinson Keyes; Judith Krantz; Elmore Leonard; John D. MacDonald; J. A. Jance ("Because he writes about Seattle"); Frank Yerby; Herman Wouk, Wm. Buckley ("and his big words"); Irving Wallace; P.G. Wodehouse; Morris West; Gore Vidal ("Burr," "1876"); Nevil Shute; Wm. Saroyan; Irwin Shaw; and Scott Turow.

"One of the most memorable books I've read," she says, "is Jeffrey Archer's 'Not a Penny More, Not a Penny Less'."

Barbara, who was born in Alberta, Canada, once lived for 17 years on a 45-foot boat with her second husband who worked for the city of Seattle. Summers they spent at an island called "Refuge Cove," accessible only by plane or boat. Her formative years were spent in Kirkland, a Seattle suburb.

Moving to Downey 13 years ago, she has since kept busy doing community work with the Downey Rose Float Association (member for 11 years, she is serving also as 2nd vice-president), Downey Newcomers Club (president in 2005 and 2006), and will represent both Friends and the Rose Float at the Downey Coordinating Council beginning in September (she was one of the honorees at the most recent Coordinating Council banquet).

In her spare time, she says, she plays mah jong, Chinese-style, at the Newcomers Club and at Leisure World, where she learned it, as well as pinochle with a singles group. She used to square dance, she says, but not anymore.

She moved with her brother in Seattle after her husband died, and after her brother died, she decided to move to Downey because Beverly was already living here. She has not regretted her decision: "I love Downey. I've lived in the same apartment ever since my arrival. It's quiet. I like it. I'm never going to move out of here."

She adds: "I wish more people would be more active in the Rose Float Association. We really have a nice float this year." This year's float, she says, is titled "Wild West Days," and designed by Kelley Roberts and Jason Redfox.

She was in charge of the table that sold cake and ice cream (both for a \$1 each) at the July 25th Concerts in the Park, featuring the Mariachi Divas. She says: "We had the biggest crowd ever. It was so crowded you could hardly move. I'm still recovering from it."

"I used to travel a lot with a group called 'Smile a Mile,'" she says, "mainly in the U. S. and Canada. One time I went to the southeast coast of England to visit a friend." She recently visited her granddaughters, son, and lots of friends in Seattle. (She has another son by her first husband). She also recently visited New Brunswick, where an aunt still lives, and attended the 65th annual alumni reunion of Kirkland High School, her alma mater.

She mentioned a curious fact: her two siblings both died on a Tuesday, and on the same date, Aug. 28. (The first one died in 1994, and the other died just two years ago). Her husband died on Aug. 30.

Memory loss doesn't bother her. She whipped out a clipping wedged between the pages of one of her books. It was a "Ballard Street" cartoon where the main lady figure, Alice, muses: "What's nice about not remembering anything is that you can't remember if you were worrying about anything."

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on study guides and materials. He mainly studied U.S. presidents, states and world capitals, Oscar winners, state nicknames, authors and their works, and Shakespeare.

The time came for Baker to test his knowledge, and on April 13 – the last tape day for the regular season – Baker taped three episodes.

"The show tapes five episodes throughout the day – three before lunch, and two after," said Baker. "You are given very little rehearsal time and only 10 minutes to change between episodes.

"I wasn't as nervous as I thought I might have been [while taping]. Once I focused on the game, I was able to forget about the 22 million people watching at home."

Baker's first episode, which aired July 11, declared him the winner at \$26,401 and provided the opportunity to compete in the next episode.

His second episode, which aired July 12, won him \$17,999, for a two-day total of \$44,400. He not only earned a chance to compete again, but also the right to brag.

In the third episode, July 13, Baker was finally defeated by contestant Ben Taylor. Although Baker answered \$10,000 worth of questions, he only walked away with a \$2,000 2nd-place prize. In total, he won \$46,400.

When asked his thoughts on losing, Baker replied, "Everyone there is so nice – you don't feel bad for losing to nice people."

Baker's favorite categories throughout the contest dealt with dining and science, and ironically, his least favorite was "Inside Alex Trebek," a category that challenged contestants with answers that were made up of letters found in "Alex" and "Trebek."

"Alex Trebek is a true professional on the set and was very friendly," said Baker. "He would talk to us about the 'Final Jeopardy!' round after each taping and enjoyed talking about the questions the writers created."

As far as the cash is concerned, Baker plans to make some home improvements and purchase a minivan to accommodate wife Jen, two-year-old son Alexander and another baby due in January.

Bead designers is guest demonstrator

LONG BEACH – Bead designer Ann Woodman will be the guest demonstrator at the Aug. 24 meeting of the Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America.

The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St. in Long Beach.

Guests are welcome and required to pay a \$2 donation. For more information, call Vicki Young at (562) 421-6975.

Rancho Golf Classic tees off Monday

DOWNEY – The Rancho Los Amigos 17th Annual Golf Classic will be on August 13 at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier.

The day will begin with registration and breakfast at 8 a.m. and will conclude with an awards dinner and live auction at 5:15 p.m.

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Jeopardy! quiz

Downey resident Zach Baker won more than \$44,000 on his way to becoming a Jeopardy! champion. How well would you fare? Below are actual Jeopardy! clues that Baker correctly answered on-air. Answers, or rather questions, are at the bottom.

Category: Mother Goose
1.) **Answer:** Various verses in this nursery rhyme had the dog "smoking a pipe," standing "on his head" & "dancing a jig."

Category: Adding Insult
2.) **Answer:** Gore Vidal said this pop artist was "the only genius with an IQ of 60."

Category: Pop Culture 1999
3.) **Answer:** The glaze lipstick that this ex-intern wore for a 1999 TV interview was discontinued, so women clamor for it on eBay.

Category: The New York Times Dining
4.) **Answer:** The Times critic loved the lamb at an Indian joint that uses this 700-degree oven.

Category: Knock U Out
5.) **Answer:** Remove the "U" from a verb meaning "to awaken" and a flower blossoms.

Answers:
1.) Question: What is Old Mother Hubbard?
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4.) What is a tandoori oven?
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Faith in Downey: Moravian Church of Downey

BY BROOKE KARLI
STAFF WRITER

Although the Moravian Church of Downey has only been in Downey since 1954, the Moravian Church itself has been around since 1457, 60 years before Martin Luther began his reformation and 100 years before the establishment of the Anglican Church.

Since then, the Moravian Church has grown, with currently over 750,000 Moravians and 1,200 Moravian churches throughout the world.

According to Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon, the Moravian Church of Downey is one of only two Moravian churches currently in California (the other being located on the Morongo Indian Reservation).

The Moravian Church of Downey is comprised of over 200 members, with an average Sunday morning attendance of 70 people, also hosting a Spanish congregation on Sundays at 2 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

The church is home to many ministries, including the youth ministry, men's and women's fellowships, Outreach Committee, Moravian Trombone Choir, Chancel Choir, and more.

Within their youth ministry, the church sends teens and young adults on youth convocations, sending them on mission trips to places such as Germany and the Czech Republic. And starting this month, approximately 20 teens will begin meeting regularly on Wednesday evenings.

The men's fellowship hosts an annual spring retreat each year, usually in Lake Arrowhead, while the women's fellowship hosts an Annual Holiday Bizarre, usually in November.

The Outreach Committee focuses primarily on ways to serve the community, donating time and goods to those in need. Every year, hygiene packs, as well as gifts during the Christmas season, are donated to La Casita, a shelter for abused women and children. The Committee also helps the Rio Hondo Temporary Home in Norwalk, supplying school supplies for over 70 kids every September.

"Our focus around the world has been on the less fortunate communities," said Clennon. "Whether we are donating socks to the homeless on Skid Row or hosting an 'Evening of Elegance' to raise money for the Rio Hondo Temporary Home, we make sure to do what we can to help those in need."

The church is also known for its Moravian Trombone Choir, which performs at special services and events such as the Easter service at Little Lake Cemetery and the candlelight Christmas Eve service, and the Chancel Choir, which performs on a more regular basis.

According to www.moravian.org, Moravians not only read the Bible, but also reflect from the Moravian Daily Texts, a daily devotional that is translated into over 50 different languages, with a distribution of 1.5 million copies. They also emphasize that although they are denominational, they are not a sect.

The website states that Moravians believe and practice the following:

The Ground of Our Witness

- We are called into a Christian fellowship by the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the eternal purpose of God the Father by the Holy Spirit, and as members of Christ's Body, the Church, to serve all people by proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing to our faith by word and deed.

- The Triune God as revealed in the Holy Scripture of the Old and New Testaments is the only source of our life and salvation.

- With the universal Christian Church, we share our faith in the Triune God, who revealed Himself in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior of all people.

The Witness of the Christian Life

- We believe that as in baptism we have been united with Christ in His death and resurrection, so we have died to sin and should walk in newness of life.

- Living the Christian life depends not only on our own effort but upon God our Father, who in Jesus Christ accepts us as heirs of God and strengthens and sustains us.

- We realize that our Christian faith must continually be nourished if it is to remain living and vital. Therefore, we desire to grow in our Christian lives through family devotions, personal prayer and study, and the opportunities for spiritual development offered by the Church.

The Witness of a Living Church

- We deem it a sacred responsibility and genuine opportunity to be faithful stewards of all God has entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our financial resources. We view all of life as a sacred trust to be used wisely.

- Since disciples of Jesus are to be known by the love they have to one another, we will cherish Christian love as of prime importance.

- We will be eager to maintain the unity of the Church.

- Remembering that worship is one of our proper responses to Almighty God, an experience designed for our benefit, and a part of our Christian witness, we and our children will faithfully attend the worship services of the Church.

- In the celebration of the Holy Communion Sacrament we receive the renewed assurance of the forgiveness of our sins, and of our fellowship with Christ; unite with one another as members of His body; and rejoice in the hope of His return in glory.

- We will have fellowship, in all sincerity, with children of God in other Christian churches, and will carefully avoid all disputes respecting opinions and ceremonies peculiar to one or another church.

- We regard marriage as a sacred obligation to hold to the ideal of Christian marriage as a lifelong commitment given by our Lord in His teaching.

- As parents, remembering that our children are the property of the Lord Jesus Christ, we will bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and take all possible care to preserve them from every evil influence.

- We will be subject to the civil authorities as the powers ordained of God, in accordance with the admonitions of Scripture and will in no wise evade the taxes and other obligations which are lawfully required of us.

- Considering it a special privilege to live in a democratic society, we will faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of our citizenship, among which are intelligent and well-informed voting, a willingness to assume public office, guiding the decisions of government by the expression of our opinions, and supporting good government by our personal efforts.

- We will not hate, despise, slander, or otherwise injure anyone. We will ever strive to manifest love towards all people, to treat them in a kind and friendly manner, and in our dealings with them to approve ourselves upright, honest, and conscientious, as becomes children of God.

- We will at all times be ready cheerfully to witness to our faith and if need be, to suffer reproach for Christ's sake, being aware that our witness is made by both what we do and what we avoid doing.

Worship services are held at the Moravian Church of Downey every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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The Moravian Seal, which translates into "Our Lamb has conquered, let us follow Him," is mounted on the podium located in the Moravian Church of Downey's sanctuary. Photo by Brooke Karli



A member of the Moravian Trombone Choir practices for an upcoming performance. Approximately 20 people make up the choir. Photo by Brooke Karli

A message from the congregation:

Sharing the Love of Christ" is a shortened version of the mission statement, motivating members of The Moravian Church of Downey to love and serve our community. I listened carefully to the reading of that statement when I first arrived to serve as pastor of this congregation. In the eight years that followed, I've had the joy of witnessing it lived out in the day-to-day activities and relationships of those who embrace this Moravian Church as their spiritual home. We welcome several community-based organizations to use our facilities and we look forward to opportunities to worship and work with other faith communities in Downey.

If you do not have a regular church home, we invite you to consider making this the place where you explore opportunities for spiritual growth and discernment. Everyone is welcome. We are a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, inter-generational Christian community. We are striving together to learn how God wants us to be the best human beings possible. In the words of our Lord Jesus, "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly (John 10:10)."

In the midst of the rapidly changing global reality, we have maintained a traditional focus on missionary work, particularly among the less fortunate communities around the world. We are all blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2-3). Locally and nationally, our denomination is engaged in providing solutions for the major health and education crises facing our generation. Through prayer, financial support, and dedicated medical personnel, pilots, teachers and preachers we are committed to making a difference from Downey and Norwalk to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from Skid Row in Los Angeles to Star Mountain in Palestine.

We are a small congregation with a warm personal touch. We rejoice in worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and mission opportunities with our fourth generation of Downey residents. At the same time, we are blessed by the diversity that comes with members and friends commuting to church from all over Southern California. We hope you will come for a taste at 10:30 a.m. one of these Sundays (Psalm 34:8).

—Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon,
Moravian Church of Downey

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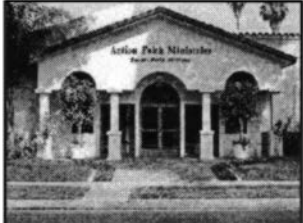
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Steven Coppel, Alexander Diaz, Sean Feliciano, Michael Kahn, Eric Ruckman and Thomas Sloan, all Eagle Scouts of Troop 2, were honored at a Court of Honor at the Downey United Methodist Church on July 28, attended by over 200 guests. There ceremony honoring the six Eagle Scouts at one time was a milestone for Troop 2. Alexander Fagundo and Charles Hutchinson (pictured above), along with Xavier Ovando and Chad Lara of Troop 2 also earned the Eagle rank in the last year.

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He also once encountered Dr. Jonas Salk while he was doing stonework at the Salk Institute in La Jolla. He says the scientist said to him, "I've always admired people who work with their hands." At a later time a certain section had to be done at a certain time, and this was conveyed by Salk's assistant, Cohen. Ed said if they could get the needed materials, he could finish the section on time. "Fine, if you do this, we'll name a virus after you." The materials, however, did not come in time, and the "threat" was dropped.

Currently Ed is installing marble statues worth \$1 million for Beanie Babies founder Ty Warner for five residences on his Montecito estate. "We have finished doing the master bedroom in the main building, and we are doing this grand staircase now, which is very complicated, very intricate. But I've never seen such opulence!" (By sheer coincidence, the night before, I happened to watch a TV feature on Warner, saying how he was staying at this hotel in New York or somewhere else that costs at least \$50,000 a night!)

More and more, 82-year old Ed is turning his eyes to his first love—the sea. Certified as an "able-bodied seaman" still, he joins old buddies on weekend cruises aboard the SS Victory Lane, a fully restored World War II cargo ship which he says is the only steamship in the harbor. From the harbor, the 455-ft.-long ship curls around Catalina. Along the way, he says, one may see porpoises, seals, pelicans diving for fish, sea gulls, and sometimes whales. "Sometimes," Ed says, "a Navy patrol comes out and joins us for a mock battle off Catalina, while a 'squadron' from Van Nuys Airport swoops in and about. It's all in good fun, of course. We old seadogs use it as an excuse to lie to one another about how good we were in the old days. It's really a lot of fun." The cruise is open to the public. The boat is also used in movie ("Flags of Our Fathers" and others) and TV shoots.

Ed wishes more young people would join the Merchant Marine. "As it is, our crew consists mostly of 80-year olds," he says, his voice trailing.

He has vivid recollections of his three years with the Merchant Marine. Seeing service during WWII in the Pacific Theatre from 1943-46, he says, "We hauled troops, ammunitions, food, clothing, everything they needed. I never saw the enemy, and the enemy never saw me. But this doesn't mean we were not exposed to enemy action as any Navy unit in the open sea." Citing official figures published in the S.S. Victory Lane brochure, Ed pointed out that the Merchant Marine lost 6,795 lives and 674 ships were sunk, second only to the U.S. Marine Corps total.

At the end of the war, Ed continues, "We took 1,700 black Seabees to Subic Bay, which was just scrub oak and brush back then. They went ashore and cleared the area and built a 5,000 receiving bed. We anchored for 30 days. It was funny because we heard Tokyo Rose on the radio hurling insults at us. She knew, though, what was going on. She even knew the name of our captain. She broadcast the fact that we were going back to the U.S. mainland after 30 days and she was right. We did go home after 30 days.

"We loaded 50 Japanese prisoners of war from Guam and Saipan. They were ambulatory. Included were a few Kamikaze pilots. Obviously they were not so good because they were still alive."

Ed is a deeply religious man. "I have been going to the same church for 78 years," he says. The depth of his faith was evident when he said: "It doesn't matter where you come from, it's where you're going to spend eternity that matters."

Ed is ecstatic at the results of his colon cancer tests. "When I was 60, I had colon cancer, and had it surgically removed. When I turned 67, I got it back again. For 15 years now, I've had good check-ups. I've had two good doctors. Both times, we caught it early, and I've been cured."

And what is the secret of success of this old salt whose only formal education consisted of high school, a training stint at the Merchant Marine Officers Upgrade School, and the "School of Hard Knocks"?

His reply: "I pray a lot."

Avalon Marie Walker was a retired seamstress

DOWNEY – Avalon Marie Walker, a 40-year resident of Downey, passed away on Aug. 2 at the age of 69.

Walker was born in Toledo, Ohio and worked as a seamstress throughout her life. She was preceded in death by husband Allen; daughter Melissa; and brother Earl.

She is survived by sons Allen Jr. and Michael; daughter Lisa; brothers Tony and John; sister Shirley; and grandchildren Ray, Melanie, Leilani and Courtney.

Services were on Tuesday at Downey United Methodist Church and burial was at Rose Hills Memorial Park.



Avalon Marie Walker lived in Downey for 40 years and worked as a seamstress.

Rachel Francis Grana passes away at age 79

DOWNEY – Rachel Francis Grana passed away on July 30 at the age of 79.

She is survived by daughters Mary, Jane and Toni Marie; sons Nick, Frank and John; daughter-in-laws Sue and Sandy; son-in-laws Dana and Marty; sister Angie Hirschall; brother Nick Giordano; and 12 grandchildren.

Eleanor Itzaina loved baseball and puzzles

DOWNEY – Eleanor Itzaina, Downey resident for 54 years, passed away on Aug. 5 at the age 91.

Itzaina was born on Nov. 5, 1915 in Riddle, Ore. She was married to husband Harvey for 56 years, who preceded her in death in 1991.

She was an original member of St. Dominic Savio Parish in Bellflower and served as a Salesian Cooperator. Itzaina was a fan of crossword puzzles, reading novels and baseball.

She is survived by children Harvey Itzaina, Jackie Prescott, Rev. John Itzaina, Sherry Lim and Bonnie Broesel-Itzaina; 24 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Vigil services will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and funeral services on Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at St. Dominic Savio Church.

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Rachel Francis Grana died at the age of 79 on July 30.

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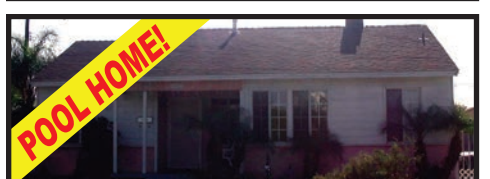
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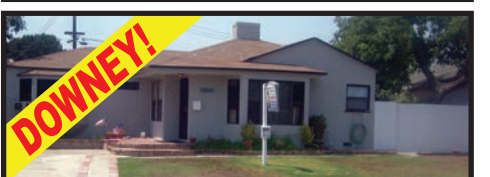
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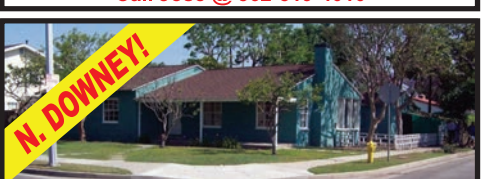
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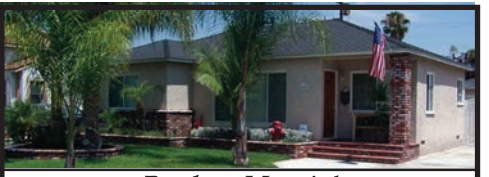
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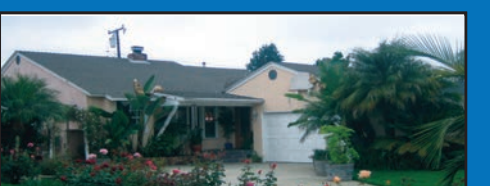
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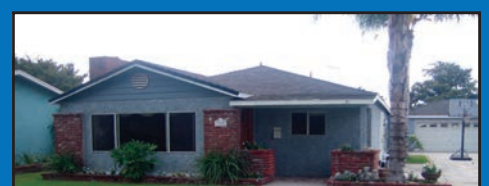
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