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## Arc Walk is a record-breaker



Phillip Palmer of ABC-7, shown above with kids from West Downey Little League's Challenger Division, was honored with the Arc Spirit Award for his volunteer work with disabled children. Palmer served as host of this year's Arc Walk for Independence, held Saturday at Stonewood Center. Photo by James DeKay



Colorful clowns, some even in wheelchairs, were a hit with children. More than 2,800 walkers supported the Arc Walk for Independence this year.



The Laker Girls put smiles on the faces of many of the participants at this year's Arc Walk for Independence, which raised more than \$100,000. Photo by James DeKay

## Thousands march in support of Arc, raising more than \$100K

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

**DOWNEY** – Another record-setting crowd packed the Stonewood Center parking lot Saturday in support of Arc of Southeast Los Angeles' annual Arc Walk for Independence, the non-profit organization's annual fundraiser to assist people with mental and developmental disabilities.

More than 2,800 walkers participated in the event, raising more than \$100,000, said executive director Kevin MacDonald.

"The support from the community was tremendous," said MacDonald. "In addition to our corporate sponsors, the neighbors came out, the churches came out...The Arc was overwhelmed with the love and support shown to us."

Phillip Palmer of ABC-7 served as the event's host. Palmer, who missed last year's Spirit Award as he recovered from surgery after donating a kidney, was honored with the Arc Spirit Award for his "spirit of giving."

The Laker Girls made an appearance – leading the crowd in stretching exercises – and colorful clowns mingled with children. Acapulco Restaurant prepared and served complimentary breakfast burritos to walkers, and Coca-Cola donated almost 4,000 bottles of water.

"Somebody asked me what my next step is, and it's to keep getting bigger and better," said MacDonald. "We've already started the search for next year's sponsors."

Next year's Arc Walk will take place March 28, 2009.



Kevin MacDonald

## Travelogue explores the beauty of France and all its wonders

■ Downey Theatre travelogue will explore France through the eyes, ears and lens of Louisiana folk musicians Monty and Marsha Brown.

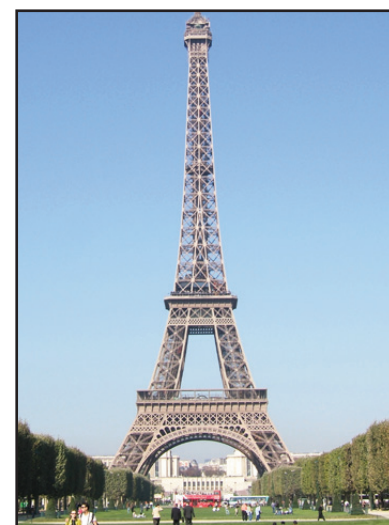
BY KEVIN O'CONNOR,  
DOWNEY THEATRE

**DOWNEY** – This Sunday, April 13, at 2:30 p.m., the Downey Theatre will present "La Belle France," the ninth film of the 2007-08 Armchair Adventure Series.

From the beaches of Normandy to the Old Port at Marseilles, view France with a twist – as seen through the eyes, ears, and lens of Louisiana folk musicians Monty and Marsha Brown.

Stroll along the Seine in Paris, City of Lights; tour famous Mont St. Michel; marvel at Roman monuments such as Pont du Gard, a 200-year-old Roman Aqueduct; catch a quick glimpse of the Tour de France competitors cycling by; and experience the Grand Parc Puy du Fou, the Windmill of Daudet, and the last visions of Van Gogh.

Sample the markets, the cathedrals, the canals, the food, the people, and the fun. Visit quaint little villages not found in the tourist guides as well as many interesting world-famous sights such as The Palace of the Popes in Avignon. Enjoy the festivals; The Transhumance in St. Remy, where thousands of sheep run through the town; the lovely grounds of the Chateau de Florans in La Roque d'Anthéron; and an actual Country/Folk Festival where the Browns joined in and performed their own brand of music with a



Louisiana flavor. Get ready to say "Bonjour!" and explore "La Belle France" – indeed, it is the beautiful France. Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Monty and Marsha Brown live in Louisiana, have an extensive background in theater, television, and film, and have written many songs together, including "Would You Fly?" and "Cajun Christmas," which were used in the movie "Steel Magnolias."

They spent over a year working for the Louisiana Folklife Center at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, where they produced the music and publicity of the 1989 Folk Festival. In Shreveport, Marsha organized the regional Film Commission, which attracts Hollywood to the Bayou country.

She became the first Executive Director of the Commission.

Meanwhile, Monty was announcer and arts producer for Regional Public Radio in Shreveport, producing a weekly folk music program as well as many live concerts and radio articles on the arts. In 2000, they changed careers and became travelogue producers. Their films include "La Belle France," "It's Great! Britain," and "Hello! Louisiana."

In 2005, the Travel Adventure Cinema Society awarded them the "Rising Star" honor, given to new artists in the travelogue field whose work is appreciated by presenters and their audiences. "La Belle France" is the ninth Armchair Adventure of a 10-film series. The series features full-color, feature-length travelogues with live, in-person narration by the travel adventure producer.

All films are on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in the Downey Theatre located at 8435 Firestone Blvd. Tickets for individual films may be purchased on the day of performance only, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the theatre box office. Adult tickets are \$7 and senior/student tickets are \$6 (cash or check only).

For more information, call the box office at (562) 861-8211, Monday through Friday, between noon and 4 p.m.

## Music still vibrates in the memory

BY HENRY VENERACION,  
STAFF WRITER

**I**n the run-up to last Saturday's third and last performance of this the Golden Jubilee season by the Downey Symphony Orchestra, Downey Symphonic Society's Joyce Sherwin touted Giuseppe Verdi's *Overture to Nabucco*, which sets the stage for the story of the "dramatic conflict of the Hebrew slaves and their Babylonian captors," as "stirring." It was.

She also characterized the music of the concert centerpiece, Felix Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64*, as "melodious." It was also that, and more. I am partial to the violin, having tried to learn it myself once

in early youth, and I know how hard the road to its mastery can be.

Twenty three-year-old violin soloist Danielle Belen Nesmith, a recent honors graduate of the USC Thornton School of Music, played the piece flawlessly, I thought, producing a hauntingly beautiful rendering, comparable to the artistry of, say, a Jascha Heifetz.

I note that she recently played the *Brahms Violin Concerto* as a soloist with the Colborn Conservatory Orchestra, as well as won the 2005 USC Concerto Competition with her performance of the *Bruch Violin Concerto* with the USC Thornton Symphony under the direction of Carl St. Clair. These I'd like to see her perform. Perhaps the Society can

invite her again to Downey?

Sherwin also said listening to Modest Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, portraying the composer himself walking through a memorial gallery of the Russian architect Victor Hartmann's some 400 drawings and paintings, and "forming his own musical impressions" of each drawing or group of drawings, would be a "knock-your-socks-off" experience. She was also dead on target on this one.

The piece of course contained musical hints and previews of the powerful, and to the classical music enthusiast, familiar, movements in the body of the work.

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## Downey High competes at world championships

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School Concert Percussion Ensemble will be competing in the WGI World Championships in Dayton, Ohio April 16-20.

The Ensemble is currently ranked second in the nation after posting the second highest national score at the Temecula Regional two weeks ago. This will also be the first time in DHS history that the Ensemble competes in the Concert World Division, the highest division of competition.

Members of the Concert Percussion Ensemble are Ana Rivas (section leader), Dewayne Hession, Christy Colln, Carla Santos, Vanessa Muro, Nichole Hamilton, Irene Ghattas, Rebekah Said, Corey Ramirez, Brenda Rodriguez, Kassandra Cordero and Mariah Dover.

The Ensemble needs to raise \$4,000 in order to attend the Championships and is accepting donations from the community. The Downey High School Band and Color Guard is also conducting a door-to-door decal drive tomorrow to raise funds for their program.

For more information, or to make a donation, call Band Director Corey Orlariu or Percussion Instructor Bruno Cilloniz at (562) 869-7301.

## Indymac Bank hosting home seminar

**DOWNEY** – Indymac Bank is hosting a free “Bank-Owned Home Seminar” this Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

The seminar will touch upon finding homes, buying bank-owned property, and available financing options.

Indymac is located at 12148 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. For information, or to RSVP, call (562) 658-4460.



Arthur and Marilyn Mautner of Downey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 29. Arthur and Marilyn are both retired music teachers from the Los Angeles Unified School District. They have two children, Liane Mautner and Alan (Pearly) Mautner, and one grandchild, Caitlin Kollgaard.

## Finance seminar helps with investments

**DOWNEY** – The Love, Peace and Happiness Church is hosting a Financial Empowerment Seminar tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The seminar is designed to inform the community concerning their finances, credit restoration, financial investments, first time home buyers program, business opportunities, and more.

Registration is free and the public is invited to attend.

The Love, Peace and Happiness Church is located at 11022 Old River School Rd. in Downey. For more information, call (562) 806-9890.

## Local bands performing at Trinity Baptist

**DOWNEY** – Local bands The Envelope, Diversion, Promise of Restoration, and Hyperbola will be performing on April 19 at Trinity Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$3 at the door. Trinity Baptist Church is located at 8219 Florence Ave. in Downey.

## ‘Peter and the Wolf’ comes to life

**DOWNEY** – The classic children’s folk tale “Peter and the Wolf” will come to life during a program at the Downey City Library this Thursday from 7 to 7:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room.

Jim Gamble Puppet Productions will present the story of Peter, his grandfather, a pet cat, a duck and a bird who live peacefully in the Russian countryside until a large gray wolf comes out of the woods. While enjoying this symphonic tale by Sergei Prokofiev, children will learn about music and instruments in the orchestra.

Free tickets will be distributed 30 minutes before show time but seating is limited. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library and is part of National Library Week, April 13-19.

For information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 4.

## Egyptian doctor in town for Soroptimist

**DOWNEY** – Clubs in the Camino Real Region of Soroptimist International have awarded a Friendship Grant to Dr. Nagwa Hassan Mohamed of Soroptimist International of Cairo, Egypt.

Mohamed will spend a total of three weeks in April and May as a guest of the Region and will attend the Region’s Spring Conference on May 2 and 3 in Woodland Hills.

A Friendship Grant is part of the International Goodwill and Understanding mission of Soroptimist, which encourages an exchange of information about club life, culture and professions.

“This is a very exciting event for us, and we are looking forward to meeting a Soroptimist from another part of the world and showing her our area,” said Sue Potter, president of Soroptimist International of Downey.

In addition, Soroptimist International of Downey has several activities planned, including a visit to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, as well as the club’s weekly breakfast meeting this Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center and the Monte Carlo Casino Night this Friday at 6:30 p.m., also at the Rio Hondo Event Center.



Lily and her purple plastic purse will be visiting the Downey City Library next week as part of National Library Week.

## Meet Lily and her purple plastic purse

**DOWNEY** – Young readers will have a chance to meet Lily of “Lily’s Purple Plastic Purse” at the Downey City Library as part of National Library Week, April 13-19.

Lily will be visiting Sunday, between 1:30-2 p.m. and 3-3:30 p.m.; Tuesday, 10-10:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 10-10:30 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30-7 p.m. and 8-8:30 p.m.; and next Friday, April 18, 2:30-3:15 p.m.

For information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 4.

## Free bus ride to Festival of Books

**DOWNEY** – The Friends of the Downey City Library will be taking a bus to the UCLA Festival of Books on April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival offers lectures, author panels, storytelling, and writing workshops by more than 400 authors. Book signings by some of today’s leading authors, as well as cooking demonstrations and poetry readings, will also be featured.

The bus will depart from the Downey City Library parking lot at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. Bus transportation and festival admission are free but some events require advanced tickets. Bus passengers must sign and turn in a liability waiver upon registration.

For information, or to register, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

## Talbert opens Physical Therapy Center

**DOWNEY** – Talbert Medical Group invites the community to attend the grand opening of the Talbert Fitness and Physical Therapy Center this Thursday from noon to 2 p.m.

Talbert, in partnership with Healthways Silver Sneakers, is combining the latest advances in pneumatic (air resistance) fitness equipment with physical therapy activities designed to improve strength, balance and overall health for seniors. A physical therapist will supervise exercise sessions, helping each person design a personalized program to meet their fitness goals and activity levels.

Each person using the equipment will be provided with an electronic key that automatically remembers their personalized activity levels for each machine and records their progress.

Downey Mayor David Gafin and Talbert President and CEO Keith Wilson, M.D. will be among those participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Talbert Medical Group Health Center is located at 8311 E. Florence Ave. in Downey.

For more information about the event, call (866) 917-1689.

## Geography student lands scholarship

**NORWALK** – Geography student and Downey resident Berenice Gallardo was one of 11 students to receive a scholarship during the annual Cerritos College Academic Excellence Awards ceremony on March 25. Gallardo was selected by the geography faculty to receive the Dr. Joan Licari Earth Science Scholarship, in honor of earth science professor Joan Licari.

Gallardo has already completed her studies at Cerritos and has transferred to Cal State Long Beach, with a major in geography. Once she completes her bachelor’s degree, she plans to obtain her credential and become a high school geography teacher.



**Dr. David E. Jackson**  
July 1, 1938 - April 7, 2008

Longtime Cerritos resident Dr. David E. Jackson was the tragic victim of a traffic accident on March 17, 2008. It was a beautiful blue day and he was doing two of the things he loved best, riding his motorcycle and going to work.

Dr. Jackson has been an active humanitarian his whole life. Before entering the navy he graduated from Excelsior High School in 1957. He served in the Navy in his younger years, has been a member of the Downey Kiwanis for over 30 years, and has served the community of Downey with his amazing chiropractic skill since he graduated in 1969. He was also a longtime member of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association.

Along with his other interests, Dr. Jackson was a talented musician and lover of music playing the accordion, organ and piano.

Dr. Jackson will be remembered for his laughter and most of all his big heart. Our world will be a little quieter and a little sadder without our angel around.

Respecting Dr. Jackson’s wishes, there will be no memorial service. In honorarium the family will be setting up an annual scholarship fund at his alma mater Los Angeles College of Chiropractic. His Downey office will remain open and his legacy continued as his granddaughter and fourth generation chiropractor graduates in December 2008.

Dr. Jackson leaves behind his beloved wife of 50 years Gale, his two daughters Jennifer, Sarah and her husband Mark and his only grandchild Melissa, his two brothers Arthur and Frank, and many nieces and nephews.

July 1, 1938 – April 7, 2008, you will be missed... Our heartfelt gratitude to all the good Samaritans, firefighters, and police officers who responded at the scene of the accident.

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## Popular ethicist to discuss the power of character

■ Michael Josephson, founder of the nationally-known Character Counts program, will speak at the Gangs Out of Downey luncheon this Wednesday.

By Brooke Karli, Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Michael Josephson, founder and president of the Josephson Institute of Ethics, will address those attending the annual Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) luncheon on Wednesday and discuss how good character is the backbone of any community and/or organization.



Michael Josephson

Josephson established the Institute in 1987 in honor of his parents. Since then, several national youth initiatives have been launched, including Character Counts (1992), the nation's leading character-education framework that reaches 6 million children through thousands of schools and service organizations, and Pursuing Victory with Honor (1999), a sportsmanship campaign endorsed by virtually every athletic organization in the United States.

According to the Institute's Web site, www.josephsoninstitute.org, their mission is "to improve the ethical quality of society by changing personal and organizational decision making and behavior."

"In order to keep gangs out of Downey, we need to start by building character," said Wendy Doty, Downey Unified School District Superintendent and a member of GOOD. "We've adopted the Character Counts culture in the city and school district and couldn't think of a better person to speak at this year's luncheon."

Doty went on to say that as Josephson normally charges hefty fees to speak at events, he is speaking at the GOOD luncheon free of charge.

At the age of 28, Josephson was the youngest person ever to be awarded tenure at a major law school. He taught law for 20 years before founding a publishing company and national chain of bar-exam preparation courses. When he founded the Institute, he retired as a law professor and publishing entrepreneur and instead worked as a full-time volunteer for the Institute. All revenue from his programs and services benefit the non-profit, non-partisan organization.

In 1995, Josephson received the America's Award from President Ronald Reagan and was named as a non-partisan character-education expert to the Bush-Cheney Transition Advisory Committee in 2000.

He discusses ethics and character everyday on such radio stations as KNX-1070 and the American Forces Network, and contributes regularly to *The Bench*, a journal of the California Judges Association. He has also written numerous books including, "The Best Is Yet to Come," "Parenting to Build Character in Your Teen," and "Becoming an Exemplary Peace Officer."

For more information on the Josephson Institute of Ethics and the more than 1,000 programs offered, visit www.josephsoninstitute.org.

For information regarding the GOOD luncheon, call GOOD President Darrell Jackson at (562) 618-2550; Downey Unified School District Assistant Superintendent Stan Hanstad at (562) 469-6541; or Downey Federal Credit Union CEO Barbara Lamberth at (562) 862-8141, ext. 223.

## Mayor Gafin declares April 13-19 National Library Week in Downey

■ Mayor urges the community to "join the circle of knowledge at your library."

By Henry Veneracion, Staff Writer

**DOWNEY**—A delegation from the Library Advisory Board and the Board of the Friends of the Downey City Library Tuesday heard Mayor David Gafin proclaim the week of April 13-19 National Library Week.

The renewed spotlight on the role of libraries comes on the heels of the Downey City Library's recent ambitious and by and large successful "One Book, One Community" project which centered around Tom Brokaw's World War II-themed "The Greatest Generation."

In his proclamation, Gafin said "libraries help people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn, and work in the 21st century." Further, the mayor said, libraries "can help you discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it."

Cognizant of the impact libraries have in people's lives, he urged all residents to "visit the Downey City Library to enjoy the programs and take advantage of the wonderful library resources available."

He ended the proclamation with the words, "Join the circle of knowledge at your library."

In other action, the Council:

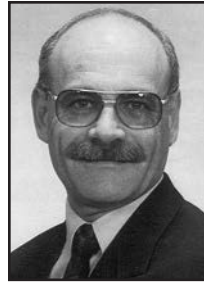
- Approved the special services agreement between the Human Resources Division and the law firm, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, for personnel-related matters, specifically in the areas of personnel investigation and harassment prevention training, which state law requires all California employers to provide;

- Set a public hearing for May 13 for the review and approval of the proposed 2008-09 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) grants, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);

- Approved the agreement for the assignment and assumption of the land lease between the city of Downey, Sonic-Downey Cadillac/Sonic-Massey Chevrolet (Sonic), and Argonaut Holdings (Argonaut) for property located at 11190 Florence Ave.; Argonaut, a subsidiary of General Motors, has recently bought the Sonic dealership;

- Approved a cash contract not to exceed \$190,935 with APA Engineering for the preparation of plans, specifications and engineers' estimate and bid documents for the planned Imperial Highway Traffic Throughput and Safety Enhancements (PS&E) Project (Phase 2); and appropriated \$200,000 from the Gas Tax Funds for the engineering services;

- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority of the Paramount Blvd. at Firestone Blvd. Intersection Improvement Project, in view of the projected increased traffic at the already busy intersection; "It is hoped," said resident Harold Tseklenis, "that the city can do something about the situation with-



David Gafin

in the next two years, not 2030."

- Awarded certificates honoring Downey Police Officer Jaime Llamas and Corporals Justin Prentice (his 21st and 22nd such awards) and Jason Klevos, for their significant roles in retrieving stolen vehicles. Police Chief Roy Campos thanked the California Highway Patrol, especially its vanguard Santa Fe Springs office, for their "tremendous help" in these matters over the years, saying "They've always been there for us"; and

- Heard a presentation by wheelchair-bound Richard Daggett who made suggestions for additional handicapped parking in the downtown business area in accordance with ADA guidelines.

In the meantime, Gafin announced the city has received confirmation that a lease agreement has been signed between Johnnie's Broiler property owner Christos Smyrniotis and Bob's Big Boy, giving the latter the nod to operate a Bob's Big Boy restaurant while retaining as much of Johnnie's Broiler's features as possible. The announcement drew approval and commendation from the various advocacy groups in attendance.

Councilman Kirk Cartozian confirmed the opening on Saturday, April 19 of the city's Farmers Market "in the vicinity of Cardono Square."

A few, well-chosen words about the importance of respect and civility towards the members of the City Council were delivered by one Jerry Agüero, who said he was from Texas and has been a Downey resident for a few years now. Decrying the drivel, the "unwarranted" vitriol, and the abuse hurled the council members' way by certain members of the audience, Agüero anointed himself the "Civility Watchdog," and vowed to uphold its spirit in future council sessions.

## Children's author visiting library for book signing

**DOWNEY** – Children's author Janet Squires will present "Creating Writers: an Author's Perspective" this Monday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Downey City Library in the Cormack Room. The event is part of National Library Week, April 13 – 19.

Squires will discuss the writing process and suggest ways to develop ideas and edit your work. She will explain the steps she took in revising her children's book, "The Gingerbread Cowboy," a Southwestern rendition of the classic picture book, "The Gingerbread Man."

In her book, the Gingerbread Cowboy can run past the rancher's wife and gallop right by cattle grazing on the mesa. But in her book, young readers will learn what happens when he meets a coyote sleeping in the sun.

Copies of Squires' book will be available for purchase and signing at this event. For more information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 23.



# Starting April 19



**Saturdays  
9AM-1PM**



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## Thank You!

A Special Thanks to all those that participated and supported the Arc Walk for Independence.

Thank you for caring about people with intellectual disabilities and supporting the Arc.

We had a record crowd of over 2,800 people.

The people, businesses and service clubs of Downey and the surrounding cities should feel very proud.

On behalf of over 400 people with intellectual disabilities.

## Thank You!

See you March 28, 2009

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## SPEED BUMP



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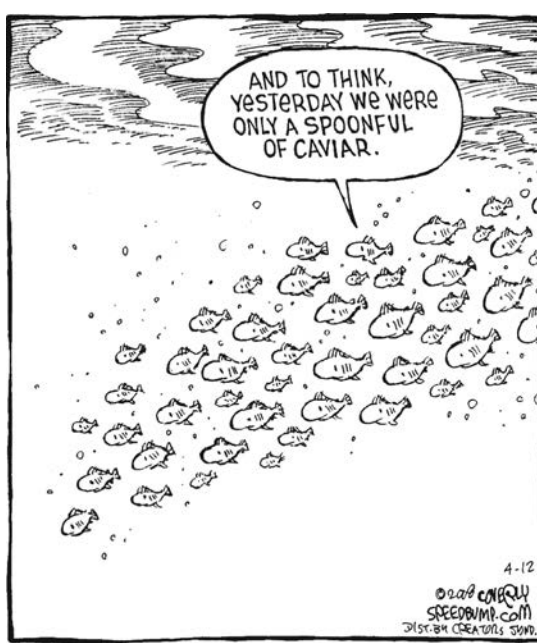
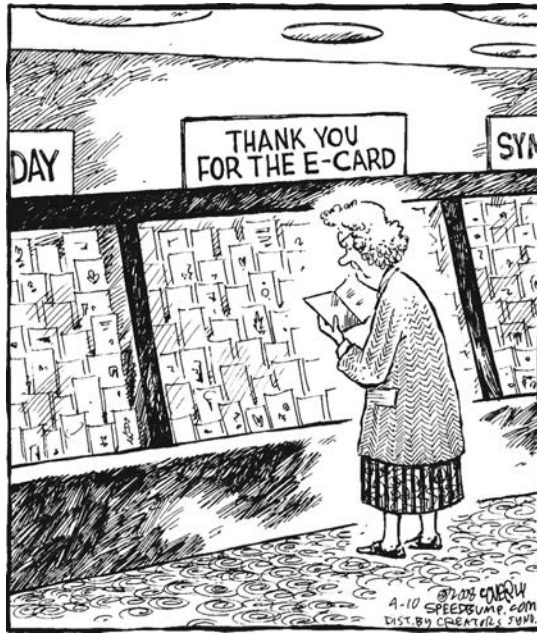


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AND TO THINK, YESTERDAY WE WERE ONLY A SPOONFUL OF CAVIAR.

## DAVE COVERLY



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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For April

- Sat. April 12: **Financial Empowerment Seminar**, The Love, Peace and Happiness Church, 9 a.m.
- Sun. April 13: **"La Belle France,"** Downey Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
- Sun. April 13 - Sat. April 19: **National Library Week**, Downey City Library
- Mon. April 14: **Warren High School Vocal Ensemble performs at OASIS**, Downey Adult School, 2:45 p.m.
- Wed. April 16: **Peter Small impersonates Golda Meir**, Rio Hondo Event Center, 5:30 p.m.

### City Meetings

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### Mondays

- 6:30 p.m.: **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner, mtg.**, for information call 426-6786.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
- 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
- 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### 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**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
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- 2nd Weds., 11:45 a.m. - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:00 a.m. - **AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley CC, Call Lorene Frazier 861-6075.
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- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m. - **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 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 Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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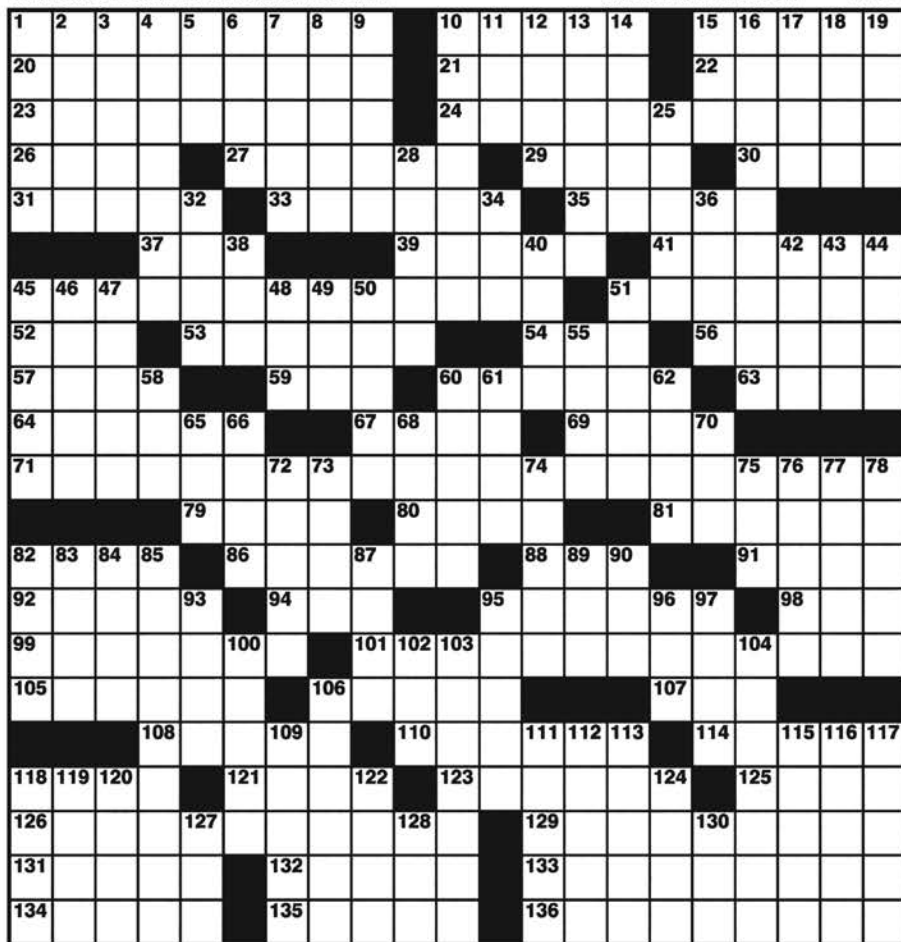
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- April 11, 1814: Napoleon Bonaparte is relinquished as emperor of France and is banished to the island of Elba.
- 1898: President William McKinley asks Congress for a declaration of war against Spain.
- 1921: Iowa imposes a cigarette tax, the first U.S. state to do so.
- 1951: Gen. Douglas MacArthur is relieved of command duties by President Harry S. Truman.
- 1970: Apollo 13 sets off on a mission, only to be crippled by a spacecraft explosion.
- 1974: Hank Aaron ties Babe Ruth's career home run record with 714.

## THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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Salmon P. Chase (10 Across) served as Lincoln's first treasury secretary, vesting to become Chief Justice in 1864. The Voyager 1 space probe (60 Across) was the first to provide detailed images of the moons of Jupiter and Saturn. The reference at 87 Down is to A.J. FOYT IV, who first competed in an Indy 500 in 2003, on his 19th birthday.



## Paging Dr. Alan Frischer...

BY DR. ALAN FRISCHER

Should I be taking a daily aspirin?

This is a question I am asked daily. Once again, as is the case for so many important medical issues, the answer is...it depends!



Also, since the early 1980's, it is no longer recommended for use by children, due to its association with Reye's Syndrome.

Aspirin's widespread use today is due to its ability to thin the blood, keep it from clotting, and thereby reduce the risk of heart attacks and stroke. In addition, there is promising data on the possible slowing of cancers including colon cancer. All of this, and it's cheap, too!

Current guidelines urge adults at risk of having a first heart attack in the next five years to take a daily dose of aspirin. (The proper dose for heart protection is 81mg daily. No additional benefits were found at higher doses.) Research suggests that if 1,000 people who had a 3 percent chance of suffering a non-fatal heart attack in the next five years took aspirin daily, then four to 12 of them would likely avoid a serious cardiovascular event.

The downside, however, is that four out of 1,000 would also end up in the hospital with a major gastrointestinal bleed, and another one in 1,000 would have a life-threat-

ening hemorrhagic stroke. Further possible side effects include bleeding in the brain, kidney failure, liver damage in chronic alcohol users, ringing in the ears and hearing loss, and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions.

Will you be among those who will avoid a heart attack by taking a daily aspirin, or will you instead be hospitalized with a gastrointestinal bleed or another terrible side effect? How can you determine the odds of whether you will be helped or harmed by taking aspirin? Calculate your personal risk of having a heart attack in the next five years. There are several excellent Web sites (listed below) that can help you do this. You will input your age, blood pressure, cholesterol level, gender, and smoking and diabetes history. The higher your five-year risk of heart attack, the higher will be the benefit of a daily dose of aspirin.

Does aspirin help both women and men? Research out of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver found that aspirin cuts the risk of a second heart attack in both men and women, but reduces the risk of a first heart attack only in men. The data does suggest that aspirin offers more of a stroke prevention effect in women than first

heart attack prevention. Regardless, aspirin is commonly used for both men and women who are at high risk of heart attack or stroke and who have multiple risk factors for heart disease - such as those who smoke, have hypertension, diabetes, or a strong family history of heart disease.

Current exciting research is examining how aspirin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAID's) such as Motrin and Advil might serve to block an enzyme (COX) involved in cancer development. The most conclusive evidence comes from research on colon cancer, with breast cancer studies also showing great promise. However, the benefits are not apparent until after more than a decade of use, with maximum risk reduction at very high doses. At these doses, aspirin's side effects (gastrointestinal bleeding in particular) can become a very big problem. The final word is not in on NSAID's and their potential for cancer prevention.

It is clear that aspirin is not appropriate for everyone. Let me leave you with these guidelines:

- Do not take aspirin if you are under the age of 16.
- Do not take aspirin if you

have a history of uncontrolled high blood pressure, liver or kidney disease, stomach ulcers, heartburn, upset stomach, asthma, or bleeding problems.

• Do not take aspirin if you are currently taking an anticoagulation drug (blood thinner) unless your doctor tells you to do so, if you consume more than three alcoholic drinks per day, if you are pregnant or nursing, or if you have aspirin-induced asthma or other allergies to aspirin.

• Do take aspirin if you have none of the above problems and your calculated or physician evaluated risk of heart attack, stroke, or colon cancer warrants its use. Use a risk calculation Web site like one of the following to help evaluate your personal heart attack risk:

- www.med-decisions.com
- www.riskscore.org.uk
- www.chd-taskforce.de
- Consult with your physician if you think that a daily aspirin might be right for you.

*Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.*

## Kids Day praises healthy youth

**DOWNEY** - The city of Downey Community Services Department will host the annual "Kids Day" event on May 10 at Furman Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's theme, "A Celebration of Healthy Youth in a Caring Community," will feature a fun run, various health and youth sports vendors, live entertainment, carnival games and a giant slide for the youth.

For information, or if interested in making a donation, call (562) 904-7238.

## Companion Hospice needs volunteers

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** - Companion Hospice Care is currently looking for volunteers for their upcoming training program.

Training programs will be held on April 26, May 3, May 10 and May 17. Volunteers will receive a total of 16 hours of orientation and training.

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Visit the library at 11121 Brookshire Ave. or www.downeylibrary.org or call (562) 904-7360 ext. 3 to check out or reserve these new titles.

Julie 'Ace' Patrick is one of Roller Derby's finest competitors

Downey's Julie 'Ace' Patrick was voted into the National Roller Derby Hall of Fame in 2004. Today, at age 82, she still carries a certain fondness for the sport.

BY BROOKE KARLI, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY - Working as a cashier at a theatre located in downtown Buffalo, N.Y., 21-year-old Julie Patrick was invited to try out for the Roller Derby after two of the organization's players bought tickets for that evening's show.

Although she wasn't particularly fond of roller skating, she was familiar with the Derby and enjoyed watching the games when they came to town.

"There were only two things that came to Buffalo that people actually looked forward to - the Ice Capades and the Roller Derby," said Patrick, a 37-year Downey resident.

In short, Roller Derby consisted of two opposing teams, which skated around a 128-foot-long oval track - slanted at a 45-degree angle - in an attempt to score on the other team. Women competed against women and men competed against men. Although most teams had seven players, only five could be on the track at a time.

"I kept falling and getting back up - falling and getting back up," she said. "Somehow, somehow, they still took me. I asked the coach, Bill Bogash - who married my husband's sister - why he took me, and he said, 'I liked the way you got up.' Funny thing is, I only got up quickly because I was embarrassed of myself."

Patrick began training right away and six months later, competed in her first game as a "jammer" for the Jersey Jolters in 1946 ("jammers" served primarily as the scorer of the team). Like many sports today, players in the organization were contracted to play on certain teams and had to remain on those teams until their contract was up.

"When you start having people follow you home and you have to change vehicles, you begin to question whether or not you're cut out for the job," she said.

Patrick went on to explain that fans used to knock on her hotel room door in the middle of the night and ask for autographs.

"We had to be graceful to our fans because they were the bread and butter of our careers," she said. "We just learned to get used to it and appreciate it."



Julie "Ace" Patrick (5) skated in the Roller Derby for 34 years, 10 of which were for the Los Angeles Thunderbirds. She was one of the organization's leading scorers and was inducted into the National Roller Derby Hall of Fame in 2004. Photo courtesy Julie Patrick

Over time, Patrick was given the nickname "Ace" because of her ability to score points in games and became one of the Derby's most valuable players.

"As the Roller Derby gained wide-spread popularity, Patrick spent most of her days living out of a suitcase, as she traveled from one corner of the world to another.

"We all married skaters because we never had a chance to meet anybody else," said Patrick, who continued to go by her maiden name after marriage. "We were away from home more than 300 days a year. We hardly ever got a break."

"I will never forget that moment," Patrick said. "That was the highlight of my life and career."

"My mother, on the other hand, attended one game early on in my career and from that point on, every letter, every phone call was 'please don't skate anymore.'"

According to Patrick, Chicago entrepreneur Leo Seltzer created the Transcontinental Roller Derby in 1935, during the Great Depression.

"It was just fantastic [playing in the Derby]," Patrick said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything. When people ask me if I would do it all over again, I say, 'In a New York minute.'"

Due to strong Italian roots,

Patrick's own family had a hard time appreciating her career.

Her family eventually got passed it and at a game in Philadelphia, it was announced that her father was in attendance.

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teams trying to score points might attract more interest from audiences. With a few tweaks to the game, the Derby was up and running and in no time, venues were sold out and more teams were added to the organization.

"A lot of money was unaccounted for and missing," Patrick said. "We weren't selling out stadiums like we used to. No one ever thought the Derby would die, but it did - and no one has been able to get it back up again."

At 55 years old, Patrick was the oldest woman skater to quit. She followed up her career as a skater with a 15-year stint in escrow.

In 2004, Patrick was inducted into the National Roller Derby Hall of Fame, an honor determined by the amount of time played and points scored.

Over the years, Patrick has remained in contact with players from the organization. Every year, for more than 30 years, players, managers, coaches, and anyone affiliated with the Roller Derby, reunite in Laughlin for a reunion.

Class teaches how to plan vacations online

DOWNEY - The Downey City Library is offering a free class, "Vacation Planning Online" on April 19 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Cormack Room as part of National Library Week, April 13-19.

The class will demonstrate how to search the Internet to locate trip destinations, find the best travel values, and book transportation and accommodations online.

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## Anthony Robert Dusich was an LAPD officer and longtime volunteer

**DOWNEY** – Anthony Robert Dusich, longtime resident and volunteer of Downey, passed away on March 31. He was 86.

Dusich was born on May 16, 1921 in Amherstdale, W. Va. Growing up in Los Angeles, he graduated from Fremont High School. After serving in the Army during World War II, he joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1947.

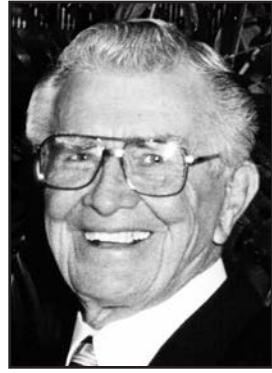
He married his wife, Joyce, in 1949 and they settled in Downey in 1953. He retired from the LAPD on disability in 1957 and later owned Bell Radiator Shop.

While living in Downey, Dusich served as a Charter Chaplain for Elks Lodge #2020 and was active in Boy Scouts, Downey Children's Theatre and the Downey Family YMCA. He and his wife were also charter members of the "Color Us Gone" chapter of the Good Sam Club, as well as square dancers with the Orange County Lariats.

Dusich is survived by his wife, Joyce; children, Larry Dusich and Nancy Markham; and granddaughter, Jennifer Markham.

Visitation is tonight at Rose Hills Memorial Park at 5 p.m., followed by funeral services tomorrow at 1 p.m., also at Rose Hills.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.



Warren High School was one of many schools to participate in the Los Angeles County Championships on April 5 at Warren High School. Photo by Art Montoya

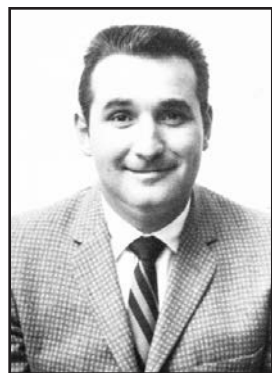
## Delbert Leroy Leonard worked for Boeing

**DOWNEY** – Delbert Leroy Leonard Sr., a Downey resident for 30 years, passed away on April 4. He was 76.

Leonard was born on Nov. 28, 1931 in Wichita, Kan. He worked for McDonnell Douglas (Boeing) in Long Beach for 16 years, Ford Motor Company in Pico Rivera for 13 years, and Vulcan Chemical Plant in Wichita for 10 years. He also served in the U.S. Army from 1951-54.

He is survived by his wife, Billie; children, Anna (Tim) Prickett, Billie Jean (Ernest) Barrios, and Delbert Jr. (Shelly) Leonard; grandchildren, Joshua and Krystle Price, Ernest (Ariana) Barrios, and Jessica, Chad, Kelsey and Brett Leonard; sisters, Anna Mae (Chuck) Holmes and Inez Williams; brothers, Johnny DeShazer, Roger (Diane) DeShazer, and Clarence (MaryAnn) DeShazer; sisters-in-law, Nancy DeShazer and Judy Brown; and brothers-in-law, Gary Brown and Ray Brown.

Services will be held tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Sunset Hills Memorial Chapel in Apple Valley.



## Downey vies for first place against Paramount

BY SCOTT COBOS, CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – Days after struggling to keep the charging Warren Bears at bay, the Downey Vikings rebounded with a win at Gahr High School last Friday, winning 2-0.

Downey's pitching showed up versus the Gladiators, shutting them down and giving the Vikings their second shutout of the season.

The Vikings are just two games out of first place in their division going into the round robin section of the schedule this week versus first place Paramount High School.

Paramount has yet to lose a game in league this year going into Wednesday's game at Blair Field in Long Beach, the closest being a one-run win versus bottom of the cellar Lynwood.

The Pirates and Vikings will be facing off in a night cap tonight at Downey's Yanez Field. The two teams will be under the lights with the first pitch at 7 p.m.

### Warren

Just slipping by, the Warren Bears beat the Dominguez Dons 6-3 last Friday afternoon at the Major League Baseball Academy at Dominguez.

Three days after winning a slugfest with Downey High School, 10-8, Warren was unable to muster up some of that same explosiveness offensively but managed to put up enough to get by Dominguez.

Dominguez historically has not done well against any of the San Gabriel Valley League teams and has not finished higher than third in years. This year, the Dons have not won a game.

Warren is at home today versus Lynwood. Game time is 3 p.m.



The Ballers basketball team were recently named the 2008 Downey Junior Athletic Association (DJAA) Midget Division Champions, completing their undefeated season with a 12-0 record. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Tedrick Johnson, Lorel Johnson and Ron Bautista; (middle row) Brian Cardenas, Jay Moseback, William Gomez, Robert Garcia and Chris Marero; and (back row) Assistant Coach Lovel Johnson, Luis Medaris, Head Coach Victor Reyes, Jordan Mann and Assistant Coach Ron Bautista. Not pictured is Ife Kalejaiye.

## Gordon Kent Westover was a longtime resident

**DOWNEY** – Gordon Kent Westover, a longtime Downey resident, passed away on March 30 in Whittier. He was 76.

Westover was born on Feb. 25, 1932 in Rexburg, Idaho to Arnold and Mary Ann Westover. While living in Rexburg, he built the Family Lodge, a place he created for his own family to gather for reunions and other affairs.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret and many other family members.

Services have already taken place and were entrusted to the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.



## Angelo Cardono named 'Rotarian of the Year'

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

To the many honors and encomiums fine jewelry maker Angelo Rafael Cardono has accumulated over the course of a life characterized by an abiding passion for work, service, and flying, add "2008 Rotarian of the Year."

Cardono received a crystal trophy emblematic of the honor April 1, along with a proclamation from Mayor David Gafin, read by Councilman Kirk Cartozian, lauding his selection and his continued long service to the community. But it was the comments by "a special group" of friends and colleagues who have known him best through the years that caught (I thought) the spirit of the man.

First to pay tribute was Dominique DiMario. There's always good-natured banter and ribbing at Downey Rotary meetings, and when DiMario initially said Cardono was born in Connecticut, the honoree promptly disagreed, saying, "No, I was born in Rhode Island." You can guess the ensuing exchange between the two close friends. DiMario: "What difference does it make where you were born? Connecticut, Rhode Island. It doesn't matter really. If you correct me again, I'll let you do your own tribute." To which Cardono motioned as if to zipper his lips.

"Besides," DiMario went on, "I am speaking from memory, to prove to my wife [who was in attendance] that I have no Alzheimer's." Order restored, DiMario proceeded to lionize Cardono as someone who has "accomplished a lot of things," including: service in the Navy; his 60-year perfect attendance record at the Rotary, along with his similarly long involvement with the Rotary's Pancakes for Breakfast (which he founded), as well as with the L.A. County Aviation Commission; the jewel-encrusted necklace he crafted for Burt Reynolds that went to Lonie Anderson; the medallions he designed and struck as gifts to the Apollo IV astronauts; and his retracing Lindbergh's solo flight "over the top of the world" to Paris.

Retired Norwalk Superior Court judge Charlie Frisco recalled the time when, in their younger days, he and Cardono negotiated the canyons of Manhattan aboard their scooter.

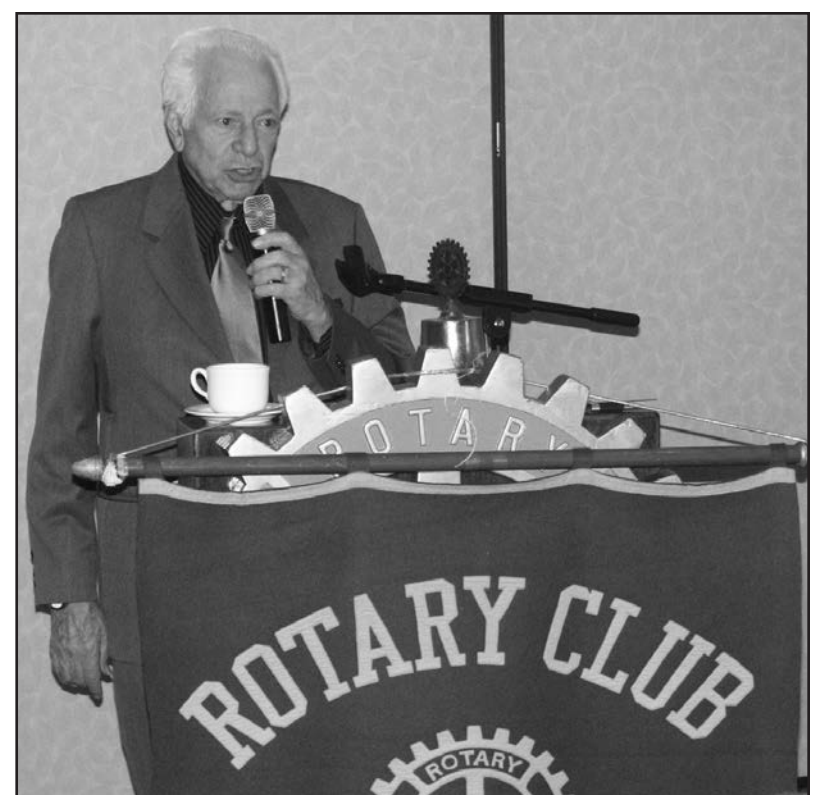
In response, Cardono joked how he had the good sense to move out of Rhode Island "when I had the chance" and settled here in Downey. "I found a home here and here I'll stay for the rest of my life."

He reiterated his favorite injunction, "The price of Rotary membership is attendance," and said he was able to maintain his perfect attendance record because he would "make up" his absences no matter where he found himself — "whether I was in China or Taiwan or Tokyo or wherever...where I got the best food anyway."

He noted how for nine years he was the youngest Rotarian when he first joined up, "until George Cade came and replaced me as the youngest." Cade is the only other Downey Rotarian who has managed a 100 percent attendance record.

"But I take the most pride in the fact that I was the one who came up with the financing scheme that eventually led to the formation of the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall," Cardono said.

Henry Veneracion is an honorary member of Downey Rotary.



Accolades, praise and awards were heaped upon Rotarian of the Year Angelo Cardono, a longtime Downey Rotary member who has yet to miss a meeting in his 60 years of membership.

## Maria Hawa worked for Downey Unified

**DOWNEY** – Maria Hawa, a 30-year Downey resident and employee of Downey Unified School District, passed away on April 3. She was 61.

She is survived by her husband, Zak; children, Donna, Danny and Andrew; and grandchildren, Daryan, Ella, Kaelyn and Ethan.

Services and burial were on April 10 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. The family was assisted by Miller-Mies Mortuary.

## Adult School hosting photo contest

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Adult School Career and Education Center is currently hosting its first school-wide digital photo contest, "The World As I See It."

The contest is open to all Downey Adult School (DAS) or Columbus High School (CHS) students and staff and is sponsored by the California Council for Adult Education in conjunction with Rancho Los Amigos Research and Education Institute, Inc. (LAREI).

The contest will include five divisions: Division 1 includes DAS students; Division 2 includes DAS or CHS staff; Division 3 includes DAS students from the "Digital Photography for Adults with a Physical Disability Class"; Division 4 includes DAS students over 55; and Division 5 includes any CHS student.

Any student or employee of DAS and CHS are eligible to enter. All entries must be turned in by April 25.

Prizes include digital cameras, graphic software, tripods, camera accessories, and more.

Photo entries will be on display at the DAS/CHS Auditorium from May 12 – May 16. A public reception will be held on May 14 from 5 to 7:30 p.m., during which winners will be announced.

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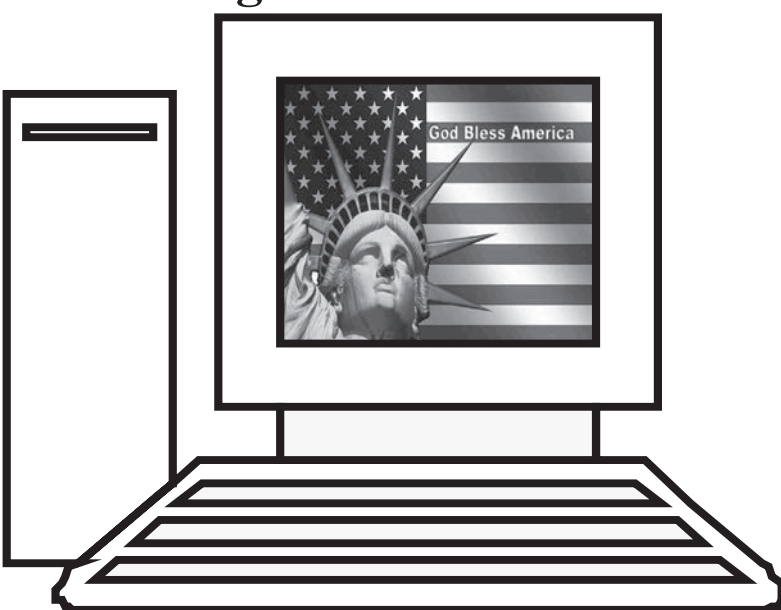
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