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'Someday, we're going to paint this town purple'

BY BROOKE KARLI, STAFF WRITER

Marsha Brossmer worked as a successful realtor and was looking forward to nothing more than a life of retirement in Texas. Rene Manzares was anticipating the arrival of his grandson. And Michele Caffrey wanted to expand her family, travel the world, and someday go to law school.

Each of these individuals had goals and aspirations that many of us can relate to. They were healthy and ready to live life to its fullest capacity. And they had no idea that cancer would not only change their life and the lives of those around them, but also take it.

Marsha, Rene and Michele are just a few people that will be honored at this weekend's Relay for Life, being held at Columbus High School.

"When someone you know has cancer, you feel that there's nothing you can do to help," said Downey Adult School principal Roger Brossmer, whose mother Marsha died of sarcoma cancer in 2006. "But the Relay is one thing I knew I could do to help."

Marsha was diagnosed with sarcoma cancer, a highly malignant and rare type of cancer that affects the connective tissue in the body, in late 2004 after feeling discomfort in her stomach. Following two surgeries and numerous treatments throughout Washington, California and Texas, Marsha's fight with cancer came to an end.

"My mom was very bright. She was very generous, hard-working, and always wanted to be around family," said Roger, who has participated in Relay for Life the past four years. "It was hard to see her body break down and just fall apart. Losing her hair was 'easy,' but when her intestines were breaking down and her mouth became infected with sores, it was just horrible.

"There came a point when we all knew there was nothing else we could do and my mom began to lose hope. All we could do was spend as much time as possible with her and try to be understanding of what she was going through."

Participating in the Relay became personal after his mother's death, Roger said.

"Before, I was participating because it was a good cause, but after my mom died, I was participating to honor her memory and to try to find a cure so that no one else loses their mom to cancer."

Virginia Rooney, one of the captains of the Columbus High School

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A vibrant local economy city's development goal

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

The buzz at City Hall these days is the drawing up of specific plans—a specific plan for the Downey Landing, a specific plan for Rancho Los Amigos, a specific plan for downtown.

Soon, we're told, a mixed-use configuration (retail stores, restaurants, offices, residential components, hotel, supermarket, etc.) may just materialize out of the IRG-driven Tierra Luna Project that currently carries a price tag of \$1 billion at the minimum. This will, it is envisioned, complement the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center and the new park and sports complex nearby. You will remember that only a short while ago the expectation was that the former Boeing property was to continue to function as the Downey Studios. Further cost-benefit analysis has since scuttled this idea. The studio is for the present being rented out for movie-TV productions.

Consultations with county officials and private experts are in the meantime proceeding apace for the best utilization of the southern portion of the Rancho Los Amigos property (one of its most earnest supporters is Supervisor Don Knabe, who won re-election this week). Along the same lines, city staff are looking hard at how to inject new life into moribund downtown.

A key clue to this new dynamism at City Hall is found in its recent reorganization. For example, Desi Alvarez, who ran Public Works for many productive years, has now been elevated to Deputy City Manager for Special Projects. Emphasis has been given at this stage to economic development, with the hiring of John Perfit as Economic Development Director and Gilbert Livas as Deputy City Manager for Economic Development.

At the same time the city is not forgetting its avowed priorities: a first-rate police and fire complement, a thorough-going and responsive public works department, service-savvy building & housing and community services departments, as well as an award-winning (its financial report anyway) finance department.

Another reason why Downey is upbeat despite the onset of economic turbulence is because it has never lost sight of its long-term goals. These

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Relay for Life

Where: Columbus High School
When: This weekend
What: Fundraiser for American Cancer Society



Steven Yee

A funny thing, indeed

■ **Review:**
Musical hits the mark with sexy laughs.

BY BROOKE KARLI, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Climbing out of the orchestra pit, Pseudolus, played by Nick Santa Maria, wasted no time in stealing the spotlight in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," which opened at Downey Theatre last weekend.

The musical opened on Broadway in 1962 and is written by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Inspired by the farces of ancient Roman playwright Plautus, the production is set in Rome 200 years before the Christian era and tells the story of Pseudolus, a slave willing to do practically anything for his freedom.

The comedy begins when Senex (George Champion) and Domina (Ann Peck McBride) depart on a trip and leave Hysterium (John Massey), one of their slaves, in charge of their son Hero (Ben Hensley). Hero later confides in Pseudolus – another of the family's slaves – that he is in love with a woman he sees in the window of neighbor Marcus Lycus' (August Stoten) home, which is more commonly known as a brothel. Pseudolus strikes a deal with Hero and says in exchange for helping him win the young woman, he wants to be freed.

When Pseudolus and Hero visit



With musical numbers including "That Dirty Old Man" and "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid," the DCLO's current production is a risqué brand of humor. Photo courtesy Marsha Moode

the brothel, they tell Marcus Lycus they are interested in purchasing a woman, also known as a courtesan. One by one the courtesans "perform" for the men, but none of the women were the woman Hero saw in the window.

As the girls and Marcus Lycus make their way back inside, the young woman appears in the window. Come to find out, the girl's name is Philia (Heather Nichole White) and she is a virgin that has been promised to Captain Miles Gloriosus (Sam Zeller), who is on his way to claim his prize.

What unfolds throughout the rest of the production is by far the funniest portrayal of deceit, as Pseudolus creates a farcical

escapade, complete with a plague from Crete, a sleeping potion, an undercover maid, a haunted house, a soothsayer, gaggle-of-geese rings, and everyone pretending to be anybody but themselves. And of course, no comedic display of lies is complete without goofy soldiers, sexy courtesans, and timid eunuchs.

The musical numbers were just as hilarious, with audience favorites including "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid," a duet-turned-quartet that has you smiling throughout; "I'm Calm," a laugh-out-loud number about keeping one's cool; and "That Dirty Old Man," which is deserving of being every woman's anthem.

The set was beautiful and the costumes were simple, yet exotic and vibrant when need be. The whole cast did a great job and are deserving of high praise, but no one can argue the fact that Santa Maria stole the show.

Overall, the production was a whirlwind of laughter and hysterics. It is feisty, it is hectic, and it is risqué.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" will be playing at the Downey Theatre until June 15. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the box office from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday – Friday, or by calling (562) 923-1714.

Two more announce candidacy for Council

■ Community pillars Gary De Remer and Maria Larkin will seek the District 5 seat in City Council elections this November.

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Add two more prominent names to the growing list of candidates vying for a City Council seat this November.

Local realtor Maria Larkin and longtime community volunteer Gary De Remer have announced plans to run for Downey's District 5 city-wide seat currently being held by Kirk Cartozian, who will be termed out of office later this year.

It will be both Larkin and De Remer's second attempts at securing public office: Larkin came within 45 votes of defeating Councilwoman Anne Bayer in the 2002 election, while De Remer was soundly defeated by Cartozian four years ago, according to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder.

Both candidates have broad resumes brimming with volunteer experience.

Larkin, a licensed realtor for over 32 years and a three-time past president of the Downey Association of Realtors, has put in extensive time with the Downey Chamber of Commerce, chairing the committee that organizes this city's Holiday Lane Parade. She is head of the committee again this year.

"I don't want to run for City Council to reinvent the wheel," said Larkin, 72. "But I do want to

bring balance and stability to the Council...They fight all the time, and that's not good for the community."

De Remer echoed the need for cohesiveness in city government, but praised the Council individually.

"It seems like there's a split in there all the time," said De Remer, 50. "It's like an all-star team. If you're an all-star, you're an all-star but you don't know how to act like a team."

Larkin and De Remer both said they looked forward to running "positive" campaigns.

Portuguese by birth, Larkin grew up in St. Leonard's on Sea, a settlement in Hastings, Sussex, England. She completed her education overseas, including two years of college, before immigrating to Downey on Dec. 7, 1957 at age 22.

Prior to earning her brokers license in 1975, she worked as the office and personnel manager at the Kindel & Anderson law firm in Los Angeles, where she supervised 80 non-legal employees.

She left the position to enter real estate. She owned and operated three Century 21 offices, selling them in 1995 to open her own independent company, Advantage Real Estate, which specialized in large commercial projects, along with church developments and consult-



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—City Council candidate Maria Larkin

ing services.

Larkin served as president of the Downey Association of Realtors in 1982, 1985 and 2001. Now semi-retired, she still serves on their board of directors, and has a stated desire to increase economic development in the city, particu-

larly in the downtown area.

"We need to be hands-on when it comes to bringing businesses to Downey," said Larkin. "The City Council spearheaded the Downtown Downey project, but

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Reduced city budget reflects downturn in national economy

■ Proposed budget is down about 1 percent from last year, as city plays it safe with conservative fiscal approach. Real estate transfer fees are down 50 percent.

BY HENRY VENERACION,
STAFF WRITER
DOWNEY—What a difference a year makes.

Last year at this time, City Manager Gerald Caton was ebullient when he presented the proposed city budget to the City Council. He said the budget reflected the city of Downey's happy circumstances, with the city enjoying the second year of positive revenue growth after three years of depressed revenues and state-mandated revenue reductions. After the state cut-backs ended in 2005, he said, the local economy had been performing well.

The final approved budget last year totaled \$137,840,114.

This time, the 2008-09 proposed budget amounts to \$136,653,004, down \$1,187,110 from last year's total, or a diminution of 1 percent.

He explains why, in his letter of transmittal: "It's no secret that economic activity is slowing down. Indeed, many observers contend that the economy is in a recession. The well-publicized sub-prime mortgage crisis has led to a reduction in residential activity and has reduced real-estate related business. Also, retail sales for autos have declined as consumers have reduced their purchases of large vehicles and other "big-ticket" items.

"For Downey, the impact of the slowing economy has shown up in the form of reduced revenue as follows:

- Real estate transfer fee revenue, down 50 percent;
- Building permit fees, down 22 percent;
- Plan check fees, down 14 percent;
- Auto sales tax, down 5 percent;
- Transient lodging tax, down 4 percent;

"Because of these reductions, Downey's budget is highly constrained. The city will be challenged to fund its current programs and initiatives; new programs and projects will have to wait for better fiscal times.

"In preparing this budget, therefore, nearly all requests for new programs, projects, and equipment were deleted unless they had special revenue sources. Many programs have been reduced. The goal has been to achieve a balance between revenues and expenditures so that the city does not reduce its General Fund (he refers to this as the meat-and-potatoes of the budget) balance. Over the last two years, which included some bad years as well as good years, the city has managed its budget in a prudent fashion and has maintained a stable and positive fiscal position. This budget continues this pattern so that Downey can avoid the crisis situations which are all too common in government."

Exacerbating the situation is the state budget problem, which faces a major budget deficit of something in the order of \$15-20 billion this year, the full impact of which will not be realized until the state budget is actually adopted. In this respect, while the state constitution requires the adoption of a budget before July 1, it is unlikely that the state will be able to do so until after September 1.

In any case, he said, requests for new personnel, new equipment, expanded contracts, and special projects were deleted, and many programs and activities were reduced. (One significant impact among several is the unavailability of gas tax funds as the state is deferring \$887,060 to help, said Caton, with its cash flow problems.)

Despite all this, funding for the various major services actually increased: the Police Department, which is regarded as the city's number one priority and which continues to be the biggest part of the General Fund—the "meat-and-potatoes" of the budget—is up 1 percent. This includes funding for three new police officer positions as well as funding for a school resource officer program. ("There will be a continuing police presence at Columbus High")

The Fire Department, comprising 25 percent of the budget, the second biggest item of the General

Fund, is also up, by 3.5 percent, mainly due to the second year of a four-year labor agreement with the Farmer's Association. Also realizing increases are the Community Services Department, up 3.5 percent, because of new costs associated with the new Discovery Sports Complex and extra staffing at Independence Park, as well as CDBG funding for such social service agencies as: the Rio Hondo Temporary Home (\$17,500); ARC (\$11,500); True Lasting Connections (\$3,400); and \$5,000 each for the Rose Float Association, Downey Art Museum, and the Downey Symphony.

The Development Services (Planning, Economic Development, and Building & Housing) budget is likewise up, by 7 percent, directly attributable to the work being done on the potential blockbuster deal associated with the Tierra Luna (IRG) project.

The only department finding itself with a reduced budget (down 2 percent) is Public Works, but this is due to a reduction in general engineering charged to the General Fund, as the city uses contract engineering services that are charged directly to the associated capital projects.

Property and sales taxes, meanwhile, comprise 56 percent of the

total General Fund revenue pie. Service fees, intergovernmental funds, and interest and rent, as well as "other taxes" and "other revenue" pick up the General Fund revenue slack.

The so-called Enterprise Funds (because they are maintained on a profit-and-loss basis) result from water, golf course, and transit fund operations. Special Revenue Funds—that account for revenues designed for specific purposes, such as waste management (in compliance with the state's waste reduction program), street lighting fund, gas tax funds, sewer and storm water funds, asset forfeiture funds, etc.—account for some \$35.5 million.

Concluding his transmittal letter, Caton remarks: "[This] '08-'09 proposed budget, while reflecting the contracting economy and its impact on city revenues, holds off on many needed projects but nevertheless maintains most current service levels. [It] continues Downey's practice of maintaining a stable financial position in order to avoid future budget crises."

All the above figures are preliminary figures. They were presented orally by each of the department heads at Tuesday's budget study session. They will be the subject of a public hearing, preparatory to its final adoption, on June 24.



David Llamas, above left, owner and operator of Mambo Grill in Downtown Downey, and Democratic National Convention (Aug. 25-28 in Denver, Colo.) delegate Ernie Garcia pose with Sen. Gil A. Cedillo on a recent visit to the State Capitol in Sacramento. They hobnobbed with state officials and other fellow delegates while witnessing the workings of state politics and 'democracy in action'.

Economy: We may be witnessing a new economic dawn in Downey.

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are clearly laid down in its Vision 2025 General Plan. This general plan, containing the city's articulated goals, policies and programs, is the fourth update of its general plan first adopted in 1963.

"The overriding vision of the city," it says, "is to maintain and enhance its role as the premiere quality city (ready access to all four freeways; major employment centers including downtown L.A.

and Orange County are only 12 miles away to the northwest and southeast, providing direct access to LAX as well as the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach—this creates a high demand for Downey property, etc.). [The city] will work towards achieving this vision by adhering to the value of providing excellent housing, education, employment, and recreation opportunities plus the mission of providing a safe, convenient, and attractive community to those that live, work, or visit."

It's all here—the issues of safety, quality education for one's kids, rich and expansive opportunities for fun in the city's parks, good housing, good employment environment/opportunities (Kaiser-Permanente), the presence of both top-tier (Macy's., J. C. Penny's,

etc.) and discount (Best Buy, Target, Staples, etc.) retail stores (residents of neighboring cities lacking in these high-end/discount retail mix are drawn to Downey, according to surveys), even good art, good opera and good theater—all the ingredients that, rightly synergized, should provide that crowning intangible of any dynamic city called the Quality of Life. It looks like Downey's got it, this is where it's at. And this excites the city's planners and economic development people.

All that remains, therefore, is to flesh out the general vision with a specific plan. Smack dab in the middle of all this is the city's Economic Development Manager, Steven Yee. Steven has worked in municipal government for over 23 years, the past 13 in Downey. He has a degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

He, too, would like to see a vibrant downtown. Recent downtown property purchases, e.g., the Avenue Theatre, (and possibly, the Verizon property) are evidence, he says, that the city is intensifying its efforts to "revitalize" downtown Downey. The dispassionate handling of the old Johnie's Broiler/Bob's Big Boy transaction, too, is another manifestation of the city's developmental efforts. Working closely with developers and retailers (matching them with financial institutions with different expertises, for instance), has been,

he says, instrumental in facilitating the retail developments along Firestone Blvd. such as Downey Nissan, Albertson's, Hometown Buffet, and CVS.

He has also been involved with the city's representation with the federal Economic Development Administration to secure a \$2 million matching grant for the Lakewood Blvd. public improvements program.

Teamwork is prized, he says, and exists, at City Hall. Thus working links between Planning and Public Works, say, between Building & Housing and Economic Development, between these departments and Community Services, and so on. "If the City Manager is the quarterback," he says, "we in our various capacities act as the running backs, linemen, receivers, and so on."

"Another way of looking at the whole picture," he goes on, "is departments like Public Works are 'regulatory' entities, we at Economic Development are the advocates for something. We pitch Downey as a business-friendly city, and so on."

Thus the preparation of a new marketing program and materials for the city, etc.

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Candidates: Larkin, De Remer seeking to take the spot of Councilman Kirk Cartozian.

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that was only the beginning. A lot has to be done there, and not just on Downey Avenue."

Larkin said reinvigorating Downtown Downey would be high on her list of priorities if she were elected to the Council.

"As we expand Downey Landing, [we need to ask ourselves] what are we taking away from downtown," said Larkin, a Eucharist minister and lector with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. "And we need to involve the Firestone Boulevard businesses."

Larkin has, at times, been an outspoken critic of the Council. Late last year, she demanded an apology from Mayor Pro Tem Mario Guerra, who she accused of yelling at her inside the City Hall lobby. The two have since worked out their differences, Larkin said.

"We're not always going to agree on things," Larkin said, referring to the Council as a whole. "But we have to work in the interest of the community."

Larkin also said her election to the Council could help Councilwoman Anne Bayer, a sometimes isolated figure who regularly butts heads with her colleagues.

"I have a good relationship with Anne," said Larkin. "Being one woman on the Council must be kind of hard. Two women would help the balance. Three would be great."

De Remer, a Downey resident for 33 years, touts himself as a public servant rather than a politician. His campaign will crutch heavily on his many years of volunteer service, which has made him a recognizable face throughout the community.

"I've spoken to residents, both new and old," said De Remer. "And they all want to know why. Why am I running? The fact is, I've been volunteering for 16 years now and this is the next level up in giving back to your community. I've told people that I am not a politician, but what I am is a public servant. I promise to listen to the community."

De Remer spent his formative years in neighboring South Gate, but spent the latter part of his life in Downey. His daughter, Ericka, a former Miss Downey, is a product of the Downey school system, having attended Maude Price Elementary, Griffiths Middle School and Warren High School. He has another son, Ruben Pearlman, 16, who lives in San Diego.

De Remer belongs to Downey Rotary, Friends of the Downey City Library and, like Larkin, maintains active involvement with the Downey Chamber of Commerce. But he may be best known for his work with the Downey Rose Float Association, where he is currently serving as president.

"I have enjoyed witnessing the growth and preservation of the things that make Downey unique," De Remer said. "I will continue to help our city grow and prosper while always working to preserve the historical integrity and accomplishments of our city."

De Remer founded the Mr. Downey Competition, which rewards outstanding young men with educational scholarships, and has helped raise money for many non-profit community organizations, including Downey Regional Medical Center, Downey PAT, Arc, Downey Sister Cities Association, Downey Soroptimist, Relay for Life, Woman's Club of

Downey, Downey and Warren High School football programs, and the Downey YMCA.

"I have always believed in giving back to my community by volunteering and supporting local organizations and businesses," said De Remer. "I believe that volunteering is the backbone of a strong and vibrant city...I believe in the youth of our community."

With his sister, De Remer owned and operated Gold 'N Baked Hams on Florence Avenue for four years before selling the business. He retired, "but I started getting bored," De Remer said. He said he now works about 15 hours a week doing sales for Advantage Saw Services.

"As a business owner, I have gained valuable experience in areas that would contribute to my serving the city of Downey as an effective councilman," said De Remer. "One important lesson I will bring to City Council is that you can learn much more by listening than by talking. I do promise to listen and to always put the best interests of Downey first."

Both Larkin and De Remer emphasized their intents to run clean campaigns in a rapidly expanding candidate field that also includes 27-year-old real estate developer Fernando Vasquez.

Downey Adult School principal Roger Crossmer has announced his candidacy for District 3, to replace termed-out Councilman Rick Trejo, while Mayor David Gafin is expected run for reelection in District 1.

If victorious, Larkin said she would resign her position as chair of the Holiday Lane Parade Committee.

"It would be the saddest thing I would have to do, to give up the Chamber position," Larkin said.

De Remer said he would run a grassroots campaign, and would continue his volunteer efforts regardless of November's outcome.

"If I should wake up the morning after the election and find that I have won, that would be just great," said De Remer. "But if on that morning I find that I have not, nothing will change for me. I will not disappear. I will stay active, I will still volunteer my time and I will continue to help raise funds for our local organizations so they may continue to prosper in helping to keep Downey an important community."

De Remer's campaign can be reached by writing to Elect Gary De Remer, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241 or via e-mail at garyderemerfordistrict5@yahoo.com.

Larkin can be reached by writing to larkmar35@yahoo.com.



Newly-elected Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD) President Carol Rowland presented outgoing President Darrel Jackson a clock on behalf of GOOD for his two years of service to the residents of Downey.

Summer reading programs targeted towards adults

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library will be offering "Don't Bug Me, I'm Reading," a reading program for adults, June 9 – Aug. 29.

Adults are encouraged to register for the program and read three or more library books, which will make them eligible to win weekly prizes. Adults may also write book reviews and see their reviews in print.

"This is a fun and easy way for adults to discover some great titles," said Librarian Nancy Munoz. "You will be setting a great example for children and teens while you catch up on the latest bestsellers or classic books."

Munoz said the program is ideal for anyone who has a few minutes each day to read.

"You will enrich your life by discovering the reading habit," she said. "Even if you have a busy schedule or are on a budget, you will benefit from this program."

For suggested reading, the library will offer staff recommendations, lists of "best books," and patron reviews.

For more information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 3.

Cocoon Evolution hosting photo exhibit

DOWNEY – Local artist and photographer Eddie Blanck will present "Newspaper Seriez," a collection of photographs, tonight at Cocoon Evolution.

The community is invited to attend the exhibit, which will be showcased from 7 to 10 p.m.

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City employee due for military deployment

DOWNEY – George Delatorre, a maintenance worker for the city's Public Works Department and a reserve with the U.S. Navy, will soon be deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Delatorre enlisted in the Navy Reserves in 2002 and served 10 months in Iraq in 2007. His current rank is Petty Officer, 2nd Class. He is assigned to the Mobile Construction Battalion 28 (Seabees) where he operates heavy construction equipment.

On June 27, Delatorre will report to the Naval Facilities Expeditionary Logistics Center in Port Hueneme for ultimate deployment to Afghanistan. His military deployment will last for up to 420 days (about 14 months).

City officials said they will hold Delatorre's job until his return. Delatorre was raised in Downey's sister city of Guadalajara, Mexico. After finishing high school, he immigrated to the United States, living with an uncle in Westminster. He became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1996, and was hired by the city of Downey as a full-time maintenance worker in 1997, assigned to park maintenance.

He holds a Qualified Applicator's License from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and conducts required annual training of Public Works staff in the safe use of pesticides. Since January, Delatorre has worked primarily as a tree trimmer on the city's three-man tree crew.

In April, he completed a six-session after-hours training course to become a tree worker/climbing specialist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). His military deployment will prevent him from taking the next ISA Tree Worker/Climbing Specialist exam in September.

Delatorre resides in Downey with his wife, Adriana, and five children, Stephanie, Janice, George Jr., Andrew and Angel.

Warren graduate Justin C. Cox graduates basic training

DOWNEY – Army Pfc. Justin C. Cox has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During his nine weeks of training, Cox studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, and physical fitness.

He also received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Cox is the son of Sandi Cox of Downey. He is a 2004 graduate of Warren High School.

Rise 'N Shine features Aerospace Legacy

DOWNEY – Kathy and Jerry Blackburn of the Aerospace Legacy Foundation, and Emilo Rocha of Ultimate Records Organizing Systems, are the featured guest speakers for Tuesday's Rise 'N Shine Networking meeting at Nordic Fox.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the cost is an order from the menu.

To RSVP, or for more information, call (562) 923-2191.

Networking group discusses resources

DOWNEY – The June 24 Rise 'N Shine Networking meeting will highlight Larry Lee and Marjean Glenn of SELACO WIB, who will discuss, "Leveraging Resources."

The meeting will be held at Nordic Fox and will begin at 7:30 a.m. Cost is an order from the menu.

To RSVP, or for more information, call (562) 923-2191.

Alohana Grill hosting mixer Thursday

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a mixer on Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Alohana Hawaiian Grill in celebration of the restaurant's grand opening.

Admission is free and the evening will include door prizes, as well as networking opportunities.

Alohana Hawaiian Grill is located at 12028 Lakewood Blvd. in the Downey Landing.

For more information, call (562) 923-2191.



George Delatorre, a U.S. Navy reserve and an employee with the city of Downey Public Works Department, will be deployed to Afghanistan later this month.



Dr. William Faith organized Bob Hope's famous USO tours around the world. He will be the guest speaker this Monday at the OASIS meeting at Downey Adult School.

USO director talking on Bob Hope

DOWNEY – Dr. William Faith, professor emeritus at the USC School of Journalism and former media and public relations director for Bob Hope Enterprises, will be the featured speaker this Monday at Downey Adult School's OASIS program.

Faith was with NBC from 1957-1959. He later helped organize Bob Hope's worldwide USO tours. The title of Monday's program is "Bob Hope and the Popular Oracle Tradition in American Humor."

The OASIS program is open to all older adults and is held in Downey Adult School's newly-renovated cafeteria. Enrollment is free and begins at 3 p.m. The program starts at 3:45, followed by an optional dinner which may be purchased for \$3.50 at the time of enrollment.

Downey Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation to the program for those who qualify.

For more information, call (562) 940-6200.

The Poet's Corner

Nature's Call

I like to learn about local issues.
A missed chance
Pain, threat, struggle.
A place to turn around,
With no good outcome and no excuses.
Calls for action
Everybody's talkin' about
Critical issues
Deadly weather
And little cause for optimism
Less creation,
Re-creation,
Water,
Life.
A tearful goodbye.

You can try to predict the future.
Or, you can take charge of it.
– Rebecca Marrick,
Cumming, Ga.

Walk With Me

Walk with me where the Tule winds.
Where mallards sail like barkentines
Where eucalyptus cast their shade
On grassy nests where fawns have lain.

Walk with me in morning dew,
'Neath azure skies where herons flew.
Where the rippling river's waters fall
In harmony to the bluejay's call.

Walk with me and hold my hand,
And share with me this wondrous land.
Stroll with me at the river's edge
Where lupines bloom, midst purple sage.

Listen to the songs that nature sings,
Enjoy the peace of mind that nature brings.
So dear to the heart, yet alas, so few,
These precious walks I have with you.
– Tom Conner,
Downey

Nerves at Work

Today was my first day of school
Unlike yesterday and any other day
People were different people were cool
I arrived at around seven something
Though I dealt with nothing til people
looked me over like they were pelting
something Meanwhile I found my class just like the past
I waited out the door and hoped that time
went by fast Sure enough it did The door
wouldn't open the door slid I stepped
right in Ready to begin But first
tossed some trash in the right bin
Along with the chance that I might win
Soon I was sitting down When people looked I
was looking down Who can blame them for looking
around Besides, nobody says a word when you're
giving a frown And so with a face of don't mind me
I blindly checked my right lee pocket, found my
cellphone and Dialed a number not so well known It
was my mother from where else but home Everything
is okay I told her But since I know her I set the
cellphone on vibrate till class was over I opened
my notebook, reached for a pen Before I knew it there
I was in class again.
– James Hernandez,
Downey

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Long Wait

By Eric Pierce

Um, guys?
Anybody there?
One-and-a-half years after its illegal demolition, Johnie's Broiler is still a mess. It's still sitting as a pathetic heap of rubble on this city's most congested and traveled thoroughfare.

I know, I know, I've harped on this subject too many times, but I think it bears repeating:

Can we *puh-lease* clean up Johnie's Broiler now?

We have a great grassroots organization in Keep Downey Beautiful, but I think this clean-up project goes a tad beyond their normal scope of work.

No, this clean-up will require help from the big guns sitting inside City Hall, who have the authority to order the site's immediate rehabilitation.

But they haven't.

And they won't.

Why?

Last we heard, Johnie's Broiler was going to be cleaned up within 30 to 60 days...That was three months ago.

Yes, we all heard the news: Bob's Big Boy is coming to town. Yay. Great. I can't wait to sink my teeth into one of their world-famous patty melts, I really can't.

But what are we going to do about Johnie's Broiler?

I'm starting to get hungry.

Letters to the Editor:

Service before self

Dear Editor:

As we await the presidential race to fully develop and get underway and ultimately select the president of our country, we have just as big a decision to make here in our city by selecting council members in three council races, District 1, District 3, and District 5.

While the official nomination period has not opened and will not open until July 14, many potential candidates have either announced their intentions to seek a council seat while others are positioning themselves to make a possible run. Whatever the case may be, you know it is the political season when potential candidates have started to surface and those that have not been involved in our community are starting to seek membership in service groups like Rotary and Kiwanis, and community organizations like Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) to make it seem like they have been involved.

In Downey we have been known for volunteerism and we expect potential candidates to have been involved in our community for many years with a proven track record in our community, which includes activity with service groups and community organizations. Additionally, we need experienced candidates that are vested in our city.

So far, Roger Brossmer has announced his intention to run for the District 3 seat while Fernando Vasquez has announced for District 5. Roger Brossmer, while a nice person, is being heavily supported by Councilman Kirk Cartozian and has been named vice president of the GOOD program. Roger has not been a part of the GOOD program but it being setup to look like he has been involved with the GOOD program by being appointed to this position.

In addition, let us not forget that Mr. Brossmer supported and endorsed the Measure G term limits movement that was being pushed by Cartozian and Councilman Mario Guerra. Guerra has stated that he will bring up term limits again in the future. With Brossmer on the council, Guerra will have at least one supporting vote. Do we need more of this and have to spend another \$80,000?

In District 5, Vasquez has listed that he has been involved in the GOOD program. I contacted those that are actually involved in GOOD and they have indicated that they have never seen Mr. Vasquez at any GOOD functions and they do not know who he is. While Mr. Vasquez is clearly a "Johnny Come Lately" and he is trying to deceive those less informed voters by stating that he has been involved in our community, I think we, the Downey residents, can clearly see through Mr. Vasquez' intentions and "carpetbagger" tactics that were utilized by opportunists after the American Civil War. Mr. Vasquez should actually get involved in our community first and then maybe run for council in four years after he has demonstrated a level of community involvement and service.

While I am not endorsing anybody for City Council at this point, I think we need to be very careful with those candidates that have other motives for running and not the best interest in our community and that will say or do anything to get elected.

—Larry McDougal,

Downey

CalMet picking up extra green waste

DOWNEY – During the month of June, CalMet Services will be picking up extra bags of clean green waste from Downey residents.

Items such as bags of leaves or bundles of branches (up to 4 feet in length and under 50 pounds) will be accepted. Residents may place up to five bundles or bags out at the curb.

Residents can schedule a pick-up by calling 24 hours in advance of their regular service day.

For more information, call CalMet customer service at (562) 259-1239.

Letters to the Editor:

Biblical spin

Dear Editor:

There are many types of entities on the earth, marriage being one of them. There are civil unions, common law marriages, partnerships, corporations, LLCs, associations, etc. Marriage has been defined, through the Bible, as a union of one man and one woman and should not be changed. If two people of the same sex somehow feel that they love each other and want to live together, they can choose to do so, but they should not try to force the definition of marriage to include something that God did not intend. They could call it something else.

By using a term other than marriage, they can then introduce legislation for whatever tax or other economic benefits they feel they are entitled to for their particular type of union.

We must not let lawyers and judges slowly but surely reinterpret our Constitution to go against God's laws and against its original intent. For those who do not believe in God, why would they ask God to bless their union in a marriage?

—Harvey Fiala,

Downey

No time wasted

Dear Editor:

I thought that the citizens of our city, Downey, should know of the outstanding service that my family received recently. One of the hospitals in downtown Los Angeles that I serve called my home and reported me "missing" because I was not at my usual "location," and my pager was not working.

My wife sought help of our police department. Through the efforts of their "administration," the staff, very promptly responded. They did a thorough search to locate the car that I drove to Los Angeles. Much to her relief, she was told that I was not involved in an accident.

We are very grateful for the prompt, extremely professional, and outstanding help from Momo Kohatsu, Cynthia Pena and Sherry Jaeger.

—John D. Hsu, M.D.

Downey

Impacting a young child's life

Dear Editor:

My son, Thomas, recently graduated from the city of Downey Park's Department Tot-Time Program. As a parent and a city resident (and a past graduate of this program 40-some years ago), I couldn't be happier with the experiences Thomas received in this program.

On entering the program, Thomas could not read or write his name (he was only four years old at the time). Thomas now can read some of his "sight words," and not only can he write his name, but is well on his way to writing small words. Thomas learned to say the pledge of allegiance, and he also learned about different shapes, colors, and completed numerous art projects.

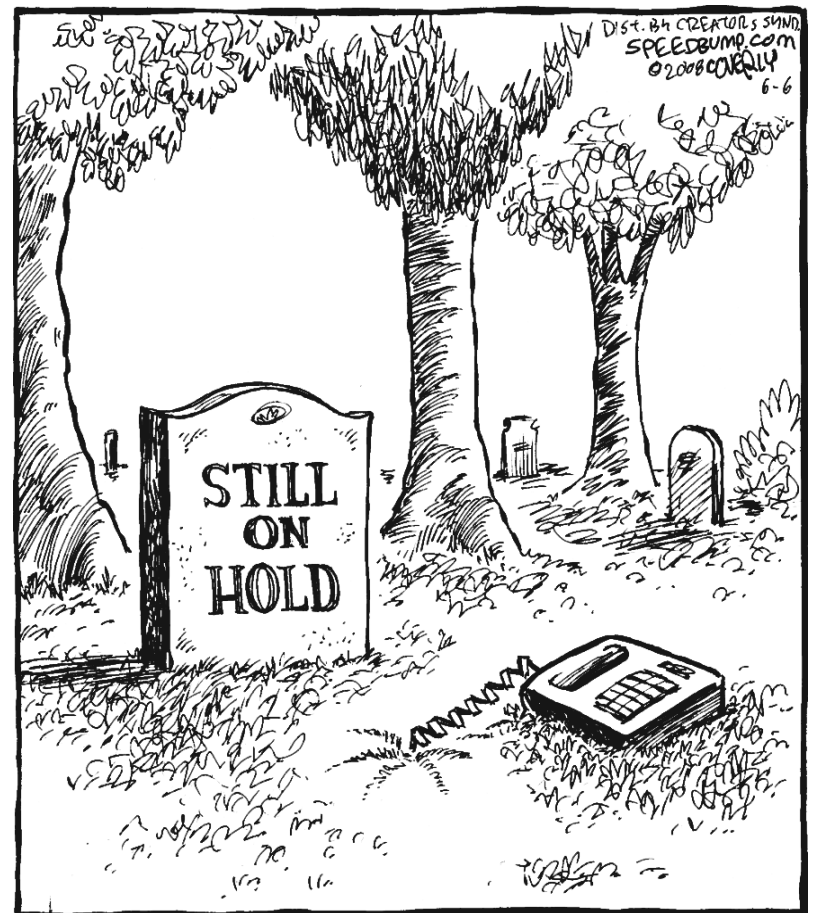
Thomas experienced musical appreciation, and a basic orientation to civics and critical thinking. But to me, the most important thing he learned was a respect for his teacher and his fellow classmates, and that he was a valued member of the class.

Tiphany Parsley was his teacher, and in my opinion, she is part of what makes Downey a great place to live. Tiphany started Thomas and almost eight other kids on the long road to good citizenship and scholastic achievement. Tiphany showed each child love and respect, and to a child, each walked away from her classroom fully prepared to succeed in kindergarten.

Hopefully the city council and your newspaper will take a few moments to acknowledge an employee as valuable as Tiphany Parsley (and the Parks Department for maintaining such a valuable program). Few employees have such a positive impact on the youngest members of our community (literally our future). Thomas has developed a love for school and Tiphany made learning a safe and pleasurable experience for him. The impact of Thomas' time in her class will be forever evident, as this was the foundation of his education.

—Larry Luther,

Downey



Early information

Dear Editor:

The three adults in this family that vote in California already have voted by mail. My son's ballot was mailed Saturday morning as he wasn't able to get to our Downey home before Friday evening. I'm not entirely sure his ballot will even make it in for the Tuesday count.

The point I'm trying to make is that we use the information that comes to the house and through the newspapers to vote for such people as court justices and on the various propositions. After reading the Sunday *Press-Telegram*, I'd really like to review my voting, but it is too late. And I caught a terrific letter in our *Downey Patriot* on Friday that would have sent me back to re-reading Propositions 98 and 99 ("The Downfalls of Prop 99," 5/30/08).

For people who mail in their ballots, information in the newspapers and letters from the public really need to start running two weeks before the election day with updates to help us make our decisions. TV isn't enough.

November is coming. Please list as much information starting two weeks before the election as possible on the various issues as possible.

—Margaret Wassgren,

Downey

Driver education

Dear Editor:

I am noticing a very disturbing trend in Downey, the city I've lived in for 30 years and love dearly. Twice this month, when I have either picked up or dropped off my child at school, I have experienced and/or witnessed road rage from other children's mothers. These children happened to be present, as well as my own.

What's wrong with these mothers? Why the rage? The last thing we need our children to see is an out of control mother who is making threats, cussing and yelling at other innocent drivers for either not moving fast enough, or just being at the wrong place at the wrong time. These so-called caretakers are not only embarrassing their children and themselves, but they are bringing our community down with them.

This psychotic, frightening and immature behavior has got to stop. Perhaps there is an underlying mental condition that these maternal road-ragers suffer from that needs medical attention or even spiritual intervention. For the sake of our children, I beg of these people (and anyone else with this problem) to please get help. This is the kind of behavior that leads to violence, which our city is trying to stay clear of.

Whatever the case may be, it's not fair that my child should be afraid. It's not fair that she should have to grow up with the kids of these shameful parents.

Now I know why long-time Downey residents are moving away: we are tired of the scum that has moved into our once beautiful city.

—Cristy McKay,

Downey

New schools collide with big-box mentality

By Kim A. O'Connell, Blue Ridge Press

When Lyn Michell's son Warren was small, the family had the good fortune to live across the street from the boy's Atlanta elementary school. Now that Warren is in middle school, Lyn has joined legions of U.S. parents who drive their children through crowded suburbs just to get to and from school. When Warren enters high school, the commute will be even longer, the monthly gasoline bills bigger, and the route even more congested.

Unfortunately, this trend is escalating as new suburban mega-schools are built far from community centers, fueling sprawl, pollution, and traffic. Meanwhile, America's old historic schools, in or near town centers, are being abandoned and demolished at an alarming pace – a wasteful trend driven by misguided federal and state policies and funding.

In the 1990's, U.S. school construction expenditures rose by 40 percent, with less than 20 percent of that spending used to renovate existing schools, according to a 2005 National Association of Realtors study. Nationally, approximately \$253 billion was spent on public school construction and renovation between 1995 and 2004 – the lion's share going for new school construction, says the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Minneapolis – St. Paul, for example, built 78 new schools in its outer suburbs between 1970 and 1990, while closing 162 schools within city limits, says the Sierra Club. In Ohio, 790 of 1,300 schools evaluated in 2004 were to be abandoned in favor of new facilities, reports *Governing* magazine. City officials in Stroudsburg, Pa., and Fayetteville, Ark., are now wrangling over proposals to abandon their in-town high schools and build new ones farther away. And the New Orleans Recovery School District is planning to demolish 47 schools damaged by Hurricane Katrina, even though preservationists believe some of the old buildings can be saved.

The sprawling new schools that replace historic buildings harm both the environment and our quality of life. These mega-schools-Wal-Mart-sized complexes located far from town centers and accessible only by major highways waste energy and resources, encouraging new development in previously unbuilt-up areas, and increase traffic. In the late 1990s, one study found that large new schools in Charleston, S.C., were being built with an average of ten acres of parking – enough asphalt to cover

nearly eight football fields.

When it comes to funding school projects, federal and state agencies are working at cross-purposes: They say they want to curb sprawl, but they promote policies that guarantee it by encouraging new construction over renovation. Federal funding is biased toward the construction of new "healthy, high-performance" schools that meet current energy-efficiency, health, and safety standards, leaving many noncompliant old buildings with little hope for help.

Some policies require schools to be sited on a minimum number of acres, or don't allow renovation of an existing school if it will cost more than a certain percentage – often two-thirds – of a comparable new one. Such rules often omit the hidden costs of new construction, such as land acquisition and infrastructure improvements. Also, school districts are usually barred from federal and state tax incentives for rehabilitating existing buildings.

It will take visionary leadership to curb the sprawling mega-school trend. The National Trust and other groups are encouraging innovative policies that provide flexible acreage standards for new schools, that foster efforts to co-locate public facilities such as schools, libraries and sports clubs in existing buildings, and that allow waivers which will level the playing field when existing and new schools compete for funding.

In Ohio, for example, a school district that can prove that an existing school has historic significance or plays a special community role, can request a waiver to obtain the same amount of money for rehabilitation that would have been spent for the construction of a new school.

The state of Florida now requires a feasibility study to find a viable alternative to demolition of a historic school.

Despite these successes, we need to make a strong case to government that we care passionately about the quality of our lives, education, and our environment – enough to want to reinvest in existing and historic schools. What better lesson could we teach our children?

From her home in Arlington, Va., freelance journalist Kim A. O'Connell has written about conservation and historic preservation for National Geographic News, National Parks, National Wildlife, Preservation, The Washington Post, and other publications. © Blue Ridge Press

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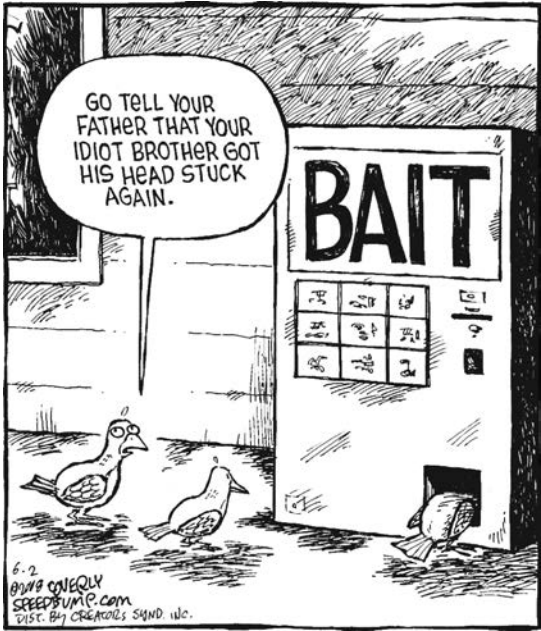
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For June

Sat. June 7: **DUSD Middle School Track Meet**, Downey High School, 8:30 a.m.
Sat. June 7: **Relay for Life**, Columbus High School, 9 a.m.
Sat. June 7 - Sun. June 8: **Greek Festival**, St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 11 a.m.
Thurs. June 12: **Chamber Mixer**, at Alohana Hawaiian Grill, 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.
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 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.
3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club** Apollo Park.
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 Samb's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call 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.

Sundays

3rd Sun. Odd # Months 1:30 p.m.: **Aerospace Legacy Foundation**, at First Baptist Church Room 120.

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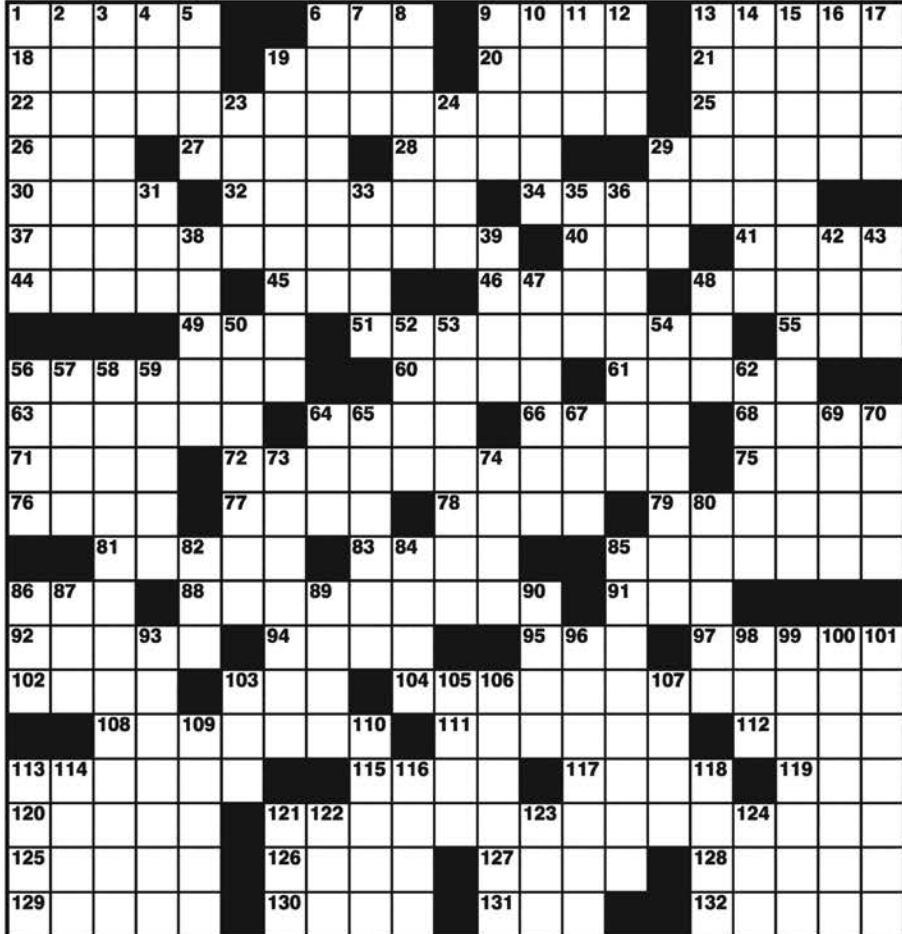
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1933: The first drive-in movie theater opens in Camden, N.J.
1944: Allied forces storm the beaches of Normandy, France during World War II in an invasion otherwise known as D-Day.
1968: Sen. Robert F. Kennedy dies at Good Samaritan Hospital after being shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.
1990: A federal judge rules that the rap album "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" by 2 Live Crew was obscene, sparking protest from First Amendment advocates. The decision was reversed on appeal.

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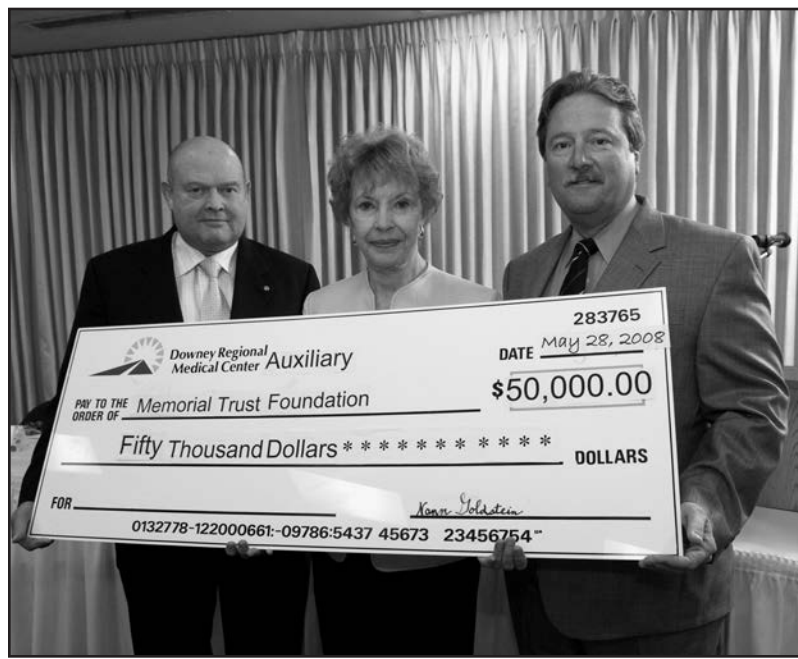
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Pictured with outgoing Auxiliary President Nann Goldstein (center) are, from left: Greg Bonn, executive vice president of fund development, and Ken Strople, president and CEO of Downey Regional Medical Center.

Chamber installing new officers

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will honor outgoing president Jaime Garcia and incoming president Rick Rodriguez at “Island Fare,” the 105th Annual Installation of Officers and Directors Luncheon, on June 27 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Check-in is at 11:30 a.m., followed by the program at noon. Cost is \$35 per person and Hawaiian attire is suggested. Reservations are due by June 20.

For more information, call (562) 923-2191.

DRMC presented with \$50K donation as auxiliary installs new president

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center was presented with a \$50,000 donation from the hospital’s auxiliary group during their annual installation luncheon on May 28.

During the auxiliary’s 50-year history, members have raised and contributed more than \$1.5 million to fund priority projects at Downey Regional Medical Center. They have also provided more than 1 million hours of service to patients, their families, Downey Regional employees, medical staff and the community.

Claudia Graham was installed as the new president of the auxiliary during the luncheon. Graham is an auxiliary past president who has served on the board of directors on several occasions. She is also active with the American Business Women’s Association and a local choral group, the New Century Singers.

Diabetes Health Fair at DRMC

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center will host its 2008 Diabetes Health Fair on June 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The free event, which is open to the public, will feature a variety of health screenings and an opportunity to speak with professionals from both the hospital and other healthcare organizations.

Guest speakers will include physical therapist Nancy Stiles, who will speak on diabetes and exercise; dietician Jennifer Miyagawa, who will present a cooking demonstration; and Dr. David Berger, who will make a presentation on diabetes news.

Stroke and glaucoma screenings will be available between 9 and 11 a.m. Other screenings will be available throughout the day, including blood pressure monitoring.

The health fair will also include special segments titled, “Ask the Dietician,” “Ask the Doctor,” and “Ask the Pharmacist.”

For more information on the fair, call diabetes educator Elsa Saucedo at (562) 904-5578 or (562) 904-5580.



Kirkwood Christian Schools has been named an “Active Lifestyle Model School” on behalf of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. It is the third consecutive year the school has been honored with the designation.

Shelton hosting summer basketball camp

DOWNEY – Downey High School varsity basketball coach Larry Shelton will host a month-long basketball camp beginning June 23.

The camp will feature daily basketball instruction, games and tournaments, a summer league for incoming freshmen, and more. The camp is open to boys and girls entering grades 4-9.

The cost to attend the camp is \$120, which includes Downey basketball shorts and a jersey. The camp will be conducted in the Downey High School gym from 8 to 10 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Registration will be held June 23 beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For more information, call Shelton at (562) 412-7528.

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Cancer: Relay for Life expected to raise \$100K for cancer research this weekend.

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Relay for Life team, participates for the same reason.

She lost her brother-in-law, Tom Klemens, to multiple myeloma cancer (a blood cancer), in 2006. Tom was CFO of The First American Corporation and lived a healthy life with his wife and daughter.

"Cancer is a thief that comes and steals our most precious loved ones," Virginia said. "Now, I have a sister and niece without a husband and father."

Virginia, who has taught at Columbus for 23 years, also lost one of her closest friends, Gary Baker, to lung cancer last year.

"Gary was the cornerstone of this school. His work ethic was off the charts and everyone was impacted by his life one way or another," Virginia said.

Gary was a longtime teacher and vice principal at Columbus and was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer in May of last year. Seven months later, in December, Gary passed away.

"I tried to treat every day like it was Gary's last and I made sure to hug him each day I saw him," Virginia said. "It's crazy to have something like cancer claim the lives of our loved ones. Relay for Life is my way of fighting back so that one day, I can say I contributed to finding a cure. Someday, we're going to paint this town purple and get everyone involved."

The best thing anyone can do, said Downey High School Relay for Life team captain Marvin Manzanara, is get as many people involved as possible.

Marvin's father, Rene, was diagnosed with lymphoma in 1996, and following successful treatments, doctors were confident it would not return. But in the beginning of 2005, it did. So much so, that two months later, Rene was gone.

"My dad was 73 when he died and did more as a retired person than when he worked," said Marvin, who has participated in the Relay for four years. "He volunteered at the library, sang in the church choir and was always in his workshop making leather products, soaps, and ceramic figurines to give to people. He was all about serving others. It was so hard losing my dad so quickly. It makes you realize how often we let life get in the way - you just never know when you will lose someone you care about."

"I have many things to remember my dad by and participating in the Relay is just one way of honoring him and doing my part to find a cure."

Carrie White, one of Warren High School's Relay for Life team captains, said she could think of no better way to honor her best friend, Michele Caffrey, than to walk in her memory.

"Michele was full of energy, had an infectious smile, was a great teacher and mother, and loved life," said Carrie, who began participating in Relay for Life after Michele passed away. "Her diagnosis was really shocking and unexpected and having never gone through it, I felt very hopeless and helpless. Sometimes all you can do is listen to them, cry with them, and help pick them back up to fight."

Michele underwent surgery after her initial diagnosis of bile duct cancer, which affects the intestines. But the cancer spread too fast to quit and nothing more could be done. She died in 2003. She was only 30 years old and left behind her husband, Jon, and two-year-old son, Cade.

"She fought as hard as she could," Carrie said. "Her body just couldn't take it anymore."

Although the American Cancer Society reports that more than 560,000 Americans are expected to die this year from cancer, they also report that the survival rate for cancers diagnosed between 1996 and 2003 is up 66 percent.

Gina McGee is part of that percentage. For quite some time, she and her husband, Marcel, were trying for a pregnancy. Gina had been experiencing some complications and in 2003, after eight months of bleeding, was diagnosed with uterine cancer. Within two weeks of diagnosis, doctors performed a hysterectomy, which was later followed by six weeks of chemotherapy and radiation.

"When I heard I had cancer, the first thing I thought was, 'I'm going to die,'" said Gina, who became involved with Relay for Life the year she was diagnosed. "But when you realize you have options and family and friends to support you, it makes it a little easier."

It's been five years since Gina was diagnosed and although she is in remission, she still gets routine check-ups every six months. Since her bout with cancer, she and her husband adopted a son, Mark, who makes

"Relay for Life is my way of fighting back so that one day I can say I contributed to finding a cure (for cancer)."

—Virginia Rooney, on her participation in the Relay for Life



Gary Baker, pictured above with his wife holding the spirit stick at last year's Relay for Life, was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer in May of last year, passing away in December. He was a longtime teacher and vice principal at Columbus High School. To many, he was considered the "cornerstone" of the school.

sure to keep Gina on her toes and in shape.

Last year, Gina participated in the Relay in honor of her friend's son, Edgar, who died of cancer two weeks before the event. Team Edgar will participate in the Relay once again this weekend.

"I walk because I don't want anybody to ever go through what I've gone through. I know God is totally in control of my life and has great plans for me - if He didn't, I wouldn't be here. I just want to find a cure and I will never lose hope or stop fighting until we do."

Charlene Metcalf, Calvary Chapel of Downey Relay for Life team captain, not only beat cancer once, but twice. The 59-year-old was first diagnosed with Stage 3C ovarian cancer in 2004 after feeling discomfort under her rib cage. Following surgeries, treatments and clinical trials, Charlene went into remission for 21 months. However, in 2006, the cancer came back with a vengeance, she said.

"It's just devastating to your body, regardless of how fit you are," said Charlene, a retired construction inspector for the city of Los Angeles. "But I never thought I was going to die. In fact, I always told people, 'I'm not sick, I just have cancer.'"

For Charlene, her faith in God is what got her through each and every day.

"I just looked to God and prayed for healing. If I would've listened to doctors and given up, I wouldn't be here right now."

Charlene has lost her mom to pancreatic cancer and a close friend to ovarian cancer.

"My passion is for the survivors and celebrating them," she said. "I want to be an advocate for finding a cure and I want to tell people about the positive side of cancer. I know God didn't give me cancer, but I do know He wants me to use my experiences as a testament to help others."

This year, Charlene took it upon herself to arrange for a Survivors Breakfast to take place tomorrow morning before the start of the Relay.

"I wanted to host a sit-down breakfast that honored those who have fought and survived. The breakfast will include food, music and a slideshow of pictures from last year's Relay, all of which will be followed by the survivors lap."

Relay for Life is a 24-hour team event designed to increase awareness throughout the community, while also raising funds for the American Cancer Society. The event will begin with an opening ceremony that will honor all cancer survivors. A luminaria ceremony will take place in the evening, which will honor the lives that were lost to cancer, the battles still being fought against the disease, and the triumphs over cancer.

This year's Relay is expected to bring more than 3,000 participants and raise nearly \$100,000.

"Relay for Life is a day where everybody cries, everybody laughs, and everybody comes together," said Virginia. "This day is a declaration of hope and we will walk until a cure is found."



A group of third-graders from Ward Elementary School recently visited Downey Federal Credit Union (DFCU) to take a tour and learn about money. Kari Johnson, DFCU's business development representative, is pictured with the students.

Ward students tour the credit union, learn about money

DOWNEY - Twenty third-grade students from Ward Elementary School recently visited Downey Federal Credit Union (DFCU) to learn about saving money. The students were accompanied by their teacher, Leslie Neil; Jennifer Robbins, Ward principal; and Kari Johnson, DFCU's business development representative.

The students were split up into two groups - one that would tour the credit union and one that would learn about money, also having the opportunity to create their own currency. The groups later switched so that every student got to participate in the tour and make money.

The students were taken on a tour of the credit union, making stops at the merchant area, the teller window, member services, and the loan department. At each station, the supervisor of that department explained what his or her job entailed and demonstrated the functions of their job.

The tour ended in the president's office, where they learned about what it's like to be president of a credit union.

"The credit union's purpose is to serve the community," said Barbara Lamberth, DFCU president. "We reach out to youth to show them the value of saving, and help them become more financially aware."

The students were also treated to lunch and a question-and-answer segment. Each student received numerous gifts, including a piggy bank, coloring book, and quarter holder.

"The credit union is very gracious in giving DUSD students the opportunity to learn about money," said Robbins. "The students left the credit union with a better understanding of how money is handled, and what they can do to start saving. We appreciate the learning opportunities and the partnership the credit union offers to our students."



Lewis Elementary students were recently recognized by Downey Federal Credit Union for exemplifying good character.

Credit Union celebrates students of good character

DOWNEY - The Downey Federal Credit Union (DFCU) recently recognized 34 students from Lewis Elementary School, the credit union's Adopt-A-School, who best exemplify the Character Counts program.

The students, grades K - 5, were nominated by each of their teachers and include the following:

- **Kindergarten:** Julieta Meillon, Jesus Casas, Carla Donlucas, and Aubriana Lopez;
- **Grade 1:** Lindsay Adams, Chiamaka Ikejiofor, Tiphany Carrillo, Jocelynn Cuevas, Christine Navarro, Jason Sosa, and Gabby Fernandez;
- **Grade 2:** Carlos Quiñonez, Arturo Vega, Christopher Tapia, Hector Palma, Jaelyn Gutierrez, Isabel Castillo, Giselle Rodriguez, Jaime Casas, and Jasmine Moyado;
- **Grade 3:** Nathan Fisher, Oscar Serrano, Natalie Morataya, Valerie Cortez, Alicia Garcia, Jessica Garcia, Zackary Hardin, and Martin Garcia;
- **Grade 4:** Byron Solis, Dezirae Walker, and Maricela Navarro; and
- **Grade 5:** Isaac Varela, Areli Dominguez, and Gabriel Martin.

Lunch and educational gifts were provided by the credit union and given to each winner.

"The credit union has been very supportive of our school, particularly our Character Counts program," said Robin Martin, principal of Lewis Elementary School. "We are pleased that DFCU has adopted Lewis Elementary to participate in their programs. Both students and staff have benefited from our partnership."

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Robert Zavala was a recent guest speaker at Kiwanis Club of Downey.

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Zavala also provides a word of caution when using the Internet: “Be very careful with Internet room accommodations, you might want an over-the-water room and end up with a fishing shack.”

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Sidi hosting PBS premier party

DOWNEY – Sebastian Sidi and his band are hosting a PBS Premier Party at Buster’s Beach House in Long Beach on June 11 at 8 p.m.

Sidi’s PBS debut, “Sebastian Sidi: Live in Concert,” was filmed at the OC Pavilion Performing Arts Theatre April 25. The restaurant will be showing the concert on a lowered big screen television, along with eight other flat screen televisions.

The community is invited to attend and is encouraged to bring CD’s, DVD’s and T-shirts for Sidi and the band to sign.

Buster’s Beach House is located at 168 N. Marina Dr. in Long Beach. For more information, call (562) 544-7774.

‘Alice in Wonderland’ opens tonight

LA HABRA – The La Habra Depot Theatre’s youth production of “Alice in Wonderland” will open tonight and run through June 29.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults; \$15 for children, seniors, and students; and \$60 for a family of four.

Sunday tea parties will also be held with the cast on June 8 and 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. for \$10-\$15.

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Student lands scholarship to study in Finland

DOWNEY – Downey resident Amanda Timoney is one of 14 recipients of a scholarship that will allow her to live and study in Finland over the summer.



She will depart for Helsinki on June 25 to live with a volunteer host family and attend high school through the Finland-U.S. Senate Youth Exchange (FUSYE) scholarship, administered through Youth for Understanding USA (YFU USA). FUSYE is funded by the government of Finland.

Timoney competed nationally for a chance to live with a volun-

teer host family and attend academic classes in Finland as a “typical Finnish teenager.”

The 14 scholars will attend a brief orientation in Washington, D.C. which will provide them with an introduction to Finnish language and culture. They will visit their state Senators and be briefed at the Finnish Embassy, where they will also attend a reception with the Finnish Ambassador.

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• **“The Steel Wave”** by Jeff Shaara. The second volume in another’s World War II trilogy, this novel takes readers to D-Day and the Battle for Normandy.

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• **“The Miami Mediterranean Diet”** by Michael Ozner. Included are 300 recipes to lose weight and lower your risk of heart disease.

• **“Note by Note”** by Tricia Tunstall. A musician, teacher and writer explore the enduring fascination of the piano lesson.

• **“Secrets of a Former Fat Girl”** by Lisa Delaney. This is the inspiring account of one woman’s quest to lose six dress sizes and change her life for good.

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Roma Ann Carcellero was looking to retire

DOWNEY – Roma Ann Carcellero, a longtime Downey resident, passed away on May 25. She was 63.

Carcellero was born on June 2, 1944 in Fort Smith, Ark. to Rome and Margaret Peevy. She worked in the paper industry for more than 35 years and was setting plans for retirement from Unisource. She married Frank Carcellero in 1975.



She is survived by daughter, Carrie (Tim) Zrelak; son, Eric (Al) Carcellero; grandsons, Devon and Aidan Zrelak; aunt, Sue (Gene) Testerman; and many friends.

Services were held on May 31 at West Minister Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association.

Charlene Janet Neely was longtime resident

DOWNEY – Charlene Janet Neely, Downey resident for 44 years, passed away on May 31. She was 70.

Neely was born on Sept. 6, 1937 in Niles, Ohio and moved to California at the age of 10. She graduated from Bell High School in 1955.

In 1960, Neely moved to Downey, where she resided for 44 years before moving to Huntington Beach after retirement.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Donald R. Neely; son, Mark (Jeannie) Neely; daughter Pam (Derrick) Webb; grandchildren, Tamara, John, Scott, Jenna, Mackenzie, Colby, Julie (Josh), Jason, Jamie, and Justin; and great-granddaughter, Ashley.

A Rosary service will be held Monday at Miller-Mies Mortuary Chapel at 7 p.m., followed by a funeral mass at St. Jude's Catholic Church the next morning at 10 a.m.

Thomas Michael Herda passes away in Irvine

DOWNEY – Thomas Michael Herda, a longtime Downey resident before moving to Irvine in 2004, passed away at his home in the early morning hours of May 25. He was 69.

Herda was a teacher and counselor at Fountain Valley High School for over 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, Anna; sons, Michael and Mark Thomas; grandson, Ryan Michael; and daughter-in-law, Lisa.

A memorial service will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the Memorial Chapel at Rose Hills in Whittier.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked donations be made in Herda's name to your favorite charity.

Health screenings at Los Amigos

DOWNEY – Los Amigos Country Club in Downey will host various health screenings June 19 for local residents.

Screenings help identify potential health problems such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease.

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Making it BIG time: Hollywood's future begins in Bear Country

BY BROOKE KARLI, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – The students of Warren High School's Advanced Film and Television Production class will be the first to tell you that working in the school's production studio is a blast. However, there is always a "but."

"I am grateful for the opportunity I have to work and learn in such an awesome studio," said Cesar Delrick Vasquez, a senior at Warren. "But, it's a lot of work and you have to be willing to put a lot of extra time and effort into it."

The studio, which is a little more than a year old, is unlike many other high school production studios. In fact, it's unlike many of the production studios you may find at most college campuses.

The production studio, which used to be the school's weight-lifting room, is stocked with a 16-channel Mackie audio board; 8-channel Panasonic video switcher; 32-channel lighting board; 8-Terrabit Apple server, connected by Fiber Channel; eight 14-inch Sony monitors assigned to their own cameras; 52-inch Mitsubishi flat screen output monitor; and a 30-foot by 10-foot green screen, which falls behind an elevated stage. Oh, and did I mention the studio is completely sound-proof?

And then there's the "pre-production room/post-production room," a normal classroom plastered with movie posters and complete with 47 Apple computers, each loaded with Final Cut Studio, which includes Final Cut, Motion, Soundtrack Pro, Compressor and Live Type.

"The Los Angeles County [Regional Occupational Program] has been so vital in making this studio a reality," said Andy Lundsberg, production instructor. "Everything has been purchased and donated through the Career Technical Education program, so we don't have to worry about paying for it – just using it."

The idea, Lundsberg said, formed about the time Downey Studios was being constructed.

"Phil Davis and John Harris were the masterminds behind the studio," said Lundsberg, who worked in the film industry for seven years as an assistant director. "Because of my experience in the industry, they asked if I was interested in leading the class and I was more than happy to take the position."

The studio currently serves as a breeding ground for future directors, writers, film editors, cinematographers and news anchors. Everyone, at some point throughout the semester, gets the opportunity to serve in each of those positions.

"Even though I want to become a director and working with the sound board and lighting is not really my thing, I know that being familiar with those things makes me well-rounded and lays a good foundation," said Dakota Stanley, also a senior at Warren. "Working in the studio is a great hands-on learning experience and it makes people like me realize how much work goes into producing something."

Throughout the school year, the class works on various projects, ranging from filming sporting events, to putting together a promotional video for incoming eighth graders, to compiling a DVD yearbook, complete with photos, videos, interviews, songs and more.

"Many of my students are more than happy to help other classes and groups with projects they may want to film," Lundsberg said. "Some of my students even use the studio to work on personal projects such as when they are hired to film weddings, *quinceaneras*, concerts, etc. They have started buying their own equipment and have utilized what they've learned in class to become entrepreneurs."

The class recently competed in the 7th Annual Southeast Student Film Festival, which was sponsored by Assemblyman Hector De La Torre. Warren received first place in the drama category for "Inception," by Daniel Urbina, Erin Langford, Hailey Fierro, Bertch, Dakota Stanley and Danny Lopez, and tied for first in the commercial category for "Where Amazing Happens," by Michael Abdelaal and Dakota Stanley. Warren also received honorable mentions in the comedy category for "La Cantina," by Cesar Vasquez and Jessica Rico, and in the commercial category for "Car Commercial," by Juan Estuvier and Dakota Stanley.

Apple, along with representatives from local schools interested in establishing their own studios, will be visiting Warren's production studio next Wednesday, highlighting the studio and using it as an example for other schools to follow.

"Essentially, Apple is coming out to say, 'This is what you can have,'" Lundsberg said. "We are honored to have set the bar."

Then, on June 26, the Downey Unified School District Board of Education will meet and discuss the progress of Warren's strategic plan for the Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways, which include film and television; construction technology; culinary arts; animation and audio engineering; and commercial and residential alternative energy.

"The film and television pathway is our school's most implemented CTE program," said John Harris, Warren High School principal. "All of the other pathways are in the process of being incepted or developed."

"We truly have a great film and television program and I can't wait to see some of these students take over Hollywood."



Warren High School's production studio, which is part of the Film and Television Career Technical Education Pathway, includes a stage and green screen, which students utilize in filming news segments, short films, and special projects. *Photo by Brooke Karli*



The "pre-production/post-production room" at Warren is conveniently located next to the production studio and includes more than 45 Apple computers, complete with Final Cut Studio, which includes five of Apple's most innovative programs. *Photo by Brooke Karli*



Many of the students in the Advanced Film and Television class at Warren have used what they've learned in school to purchase their own equipment and work on personal projects on the side, filming concerts, sporting events, weddings and more. *Photo by Brooke Karli*

Middle School Track Meet tomorrow

DOWNEY – The Downey Unified School District will host the 34th annual Middle School Track Meet tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Downey High School.

The meet will bring together sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade representatives from all four Downey middle schools. Approximately 400 boys and girls will compete in both track and field events.

Field events are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by the running events at 9:15 a.m.

Admission is free and the community is invited to attend. For more information, call (562) 469-8600.

Razorbacks hold registration tomorrow

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football will hold registration tomorrow for the upcoming Razorbacks season at Furman Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participant eligibility is boys and girls ages 5-14 that meet the age and weight requirements. Participants may live in Downey, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Norwalk, and South Gate.

Cost for players is \$185 (tackle football), \$130 (flag football), and \$100 (cheerleading). Football equipment will be handed out the week of July 21 and the first day of practice is July 28, followed by the first game on Sept. 6. There are no try-outs and everybody plays. Spaces are limited and a few spots remain open on some teams. Players will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Teams represent Downey against other cities throughout Southern California with a chance to qualify for the post season and play against teams from other states. Cheerleaders compete in a local cheerleader competition against other cities with a chance to qualify for a national competition in Las Vegas.

For more information, or if interested in coaching, call Louis Morales at (562) 928-6081.

Bocce Club looking for new members

DOWNEY – The Downey Bocce Club invites the community to join their group throughout the week at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

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June 6, 1933 newspaper elicits look at times past



Holding a newspaper dated June 6, 1933 – his birthday – Downey resident Gerald Anderson shares the news from 75 years ago today. *Photo by Eric Pierce*

By ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Birthday wishes are in order for Downey resident Gerald Anderson, who was born 75 years ago today on June 6, 1933.

Anderson was born in Chicago, and his father was keen enough to save a copy of the local newspaper from that day as a memento of the special occasion.

Anderson shared the newspaper with the *Patriot* this week. We share it with you.

Now yellowed, flaking and literally falling apart at the seams, that issue of the *Chicago Daily Tribune* serves as a nostalgic peek back into time, when the country was still feeling the sardonic ravages of the Great Depression.

More interesting than the news articles in this particular newspaper are the advertisements, similar to those of today albeit with much lower prices attached. It seems that in 1933 a complete meal could be had for less than \$1, and “roundtrip fares” usually referred to transportation by train, not plane.

The 1930s was also decades before the Civil Rights Movement made its stamp on America, as the following news article of a harrowing hit-and-run accident demonstrates:

“Two gunmen escaped from a crowd last night after their automobile had overturned in their getaway following an accident in which they ran down and injured a pedestrian.

“The victim was Henry Smith, a Negro, of 3130 Giles avenue, who later was taken to the county hospital suffering from a skull fracture. After striking Smith, the women, neither over 22 years old, sped north in Michigan avenue, west in 29th street to Wabash avenue, and north to 25th street.

“At that intersection a front tire came off the wheel, overturning the car. A dozen men ran up to the overturned car to help the women as they scrambled out. The women drew guns, chased them away, and escaped.”

And this classified advertisement:

“**Colored women wanted to sell** – hosiery, lingerie at cut-rate prices. Exp. Unnecessary. Part time permitted. Your own hose free.”

It wasn’t just the “colored” population who were discriminated against. Whoever placed the following advertisement probably would be subject to arrest under today’s anti-discrimination laws:

“**Salesladies** – Catholic, neat appearing. Age 22-30, outside work.”

Dozens of other classified ads solicited “white, young women” for housekeeping duties, including this one:

“**Maid service** – White. Young and nice-looking. \$10.”

Still, not everything was so blatantly discriminatory. In fact, some articles were refreshingly innocent – if not a tad risqué for the time. Take this short joke piece, titled “The Gay Nineties,” that ran on the newspaper’s Editorial page:

Uncle and niece stood watching the young people dancing about them.

“I’ll bet you never saw any dancing like this back in the nineties, eh, uncle?”

“Once,” he replied, “then the place was raided.”

The *Chicago Daily Tribune* was not shy in its stature as a major metropolitan daily. Its slogan was “The World’s Greatest Newspaper,” and its claimed mission was to “furnish that check upon government which no constitution has ever been able to provide.”

The newspaper even offered five tips for Chicago leadership:

1. Cut taxes in half
2. Pay the defaulted bonds
3. Overcome crime
4. Speed up railroad passenger service
5. Make Chicago the first city in the world

Author and advice columnist Antoinette Donnelly warned young women to improve upon their physical appearance or risk being exiled in the workplace. (“A fine character never suffered from a fine front,” she said.) Her column was titled “Parents Can Start Girls on Road to Beauty – Correction of Small Faults Very Important.” Here’s what she said:

“I’m making a plea to parents to be early to instill pride of appearance in their daughters. It is so vastly important to a girl’s success today. And, I repeat, a fine character never suffered from a fine front.

“Chiefly, parents, I plead for complexion care and for the development of fine, straight bodies. With the latter you endow the youngsters with poise, sureness, grace that will serve her (and you, too) in good stead later on.

“And watch that young skin for possible future trouble. You can take what looks like pretty homely material and with not too much time exacted turn a young girl into a very stunning person with teeth faults corrected, posture (O, and this is so important) improved, hair brushed faithfully and nail pride developed.

“And praise the youngster whenever possible to urge her on to beauty victory.”

On June 6, 1933, the baseball season was well underway, and the annual All-Star game was just around the corner. Oh, what I wouldn’t give to be at the game:

“Have you ordered your tickets for the game of the century? You still have time to make sure you will see the greatest baseball game of all time.

“Officials of Comiskey Park, where the stars of the National League meet the strongest team the American League can present on July 6, said last night there still were thousands of good grandstand seats available.

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Other advertisements: “Cuban cigars – 5 cents. United States money is O.K.”

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But perhaps most touching was a memorial, in tiny type, buried (pardon the term) at the bottom of the obituary page:

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Signed: Lonesome Wife and Son.”

And to think, this was just one issue.



The Downey Ponytail Girls Softball 8-Under and 10-Under teams recently took second place at a softball tournament in La Mirada during Memorial Day weekend. Downey Ponytail had four teams competing in the tournament, all of which competed against more than 10 other teams in their division.

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Roybal-Allard awarded Policy Hero Star Award

LOS ANGELES – Gloria Rodriguez, president and CEO of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC), presented Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) with its Policy Hero Star Award at the association's 3rd Annual Health Policy Summit and Community Health Star Awards Ceremony, which took place at the Center at Cathedral Plaza in Downtown, Los Angeles. Roybal-Allard accepted the award and called the community clinic leaders "the real heroes" for their work in providing health care to the most needy in society. About 300 health community leaders, health clinic executives, policy-makers, grant makers, health care administrators, researchers, and students attended the event.

Roybal-Allard is committed to increasing access to affordable and quality health care for all Americans. From her seat on the Appropriations Health Subcommittee, the congresswoman advocates for the expansion of community health centers, which provide high-quality, cost effective and culturally sensitive care to uninsured and underserved families throughout her district and the nation.

Upon accepting the honor, the congresswoman gave the following remarks:

"I extend my sincere thank you to the Community Clinics Association for honoring me with the Policy Hero Star Award. This award has special meaning because it is presented by an organization that is a leader in advocating for expanded health care access and services in a culturally

sensitive environment.

It is with great humility that I accept this award because the truth is, the real heroes are those of you in this room who work day in and day out, to provide health care to the most needy in our society. Your dedication and commitment to the medically underserved is to be commended.

Over the last few years, I have had the privilege of working with the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County to increase and in some instances fight to simply maintain current levels of federal funding for our community health centers. As you know, due to budgetary and political restraints, our fight has not been easy.

The successes we have had are in large part due to your support and advocacy in Washington, D.C. And for that, I thank you. As we look to the future, the obstacles to meeting the health care needs of Los Angeles County will continue to be daunting. I feel confident however, that by continuing to work together we will meet the challenges ahead and successfully bring increased access and adequate health care to the most vulnerable in our society."

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