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Some bright spots in Downey budget

■ Proposed budget would give Downey Police three more officers, with hopes of more later.

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey City Council addressed the City Budget in a day-long session June 12.

The discussion dissected a two-inch thick document on the financial operations of the City. The 2006-07 version is proposed as a \$128,628,587 which includes the Redevelopment Agency.

The proposed budget has two main parts; operating and capital. Proposed operating budget equals \$88,412,840, while the capital budget equals \$40,216,057.

The Downey City Budget is a huge, complicated fiscal plan made up of a number of funds, each of which finances a portion of the City. Each fund has its own internal budget.

Downey is a City with a population of 113,063, and the City gives employment to 750 City workers. A letter from City Manager Gerald Caton to the Council outlines the budget in separate sections. It notes the fiscal situation is not as bad as it appeared last year. After three years of depressed economics and State mandated revenue diversions the local economy is performing better especially for Downey.

Officers added

The City's revenue base is now broad enough to support existing municipal services allowing for the expansion in needed areas such as police law enforcement (three sworn officers added), and two additional police communications officers.

One new planning position has also been added to the City's staffing level.

The Department was reorganized last year when three new positions were added. The additional position is an effort to improve services so work will move more smoothly. Funding is included for rewriting the City's Zoning Code. And the evaluation of a proposed automated permit process continues. Vendor proposals are under review. A decision is due by the end of summer.

Tax revenue increase

The improvement in the budget picture can be painted in property taxes and sales taxes. Estimated property tax for 2006-07 amounts to \$17,665,000 which is 9 percent more than last year. Sales taxes are also expected to be up thanks to the end of the state's diversion program. Sales tax are estimated to be up by 14.8 percent. Downey Landing revenue will be good for the whole year. Sales in other areas are predicted strong with car sales mixed.

Summary: the old budget is cured of its operating deficit problems. In fact the new budget is on the plus side by \$572,000. but staff is still concerned over a spiraling gas cost, electricity cost, retirement and medical insurance cost. The finances of the new Columbia Learning Center face a real challenge by seeking for contributors from the private sector to supply more than \$1 million.

The budget adds three police officers and two police communications operators to the City's staffing level. This brings the sworn police officer staffing level to 1.05 officers per one thousand residents, and the City is hopeful of adding even more sworn officers later.

The work load in the police dispatch center has increased since all 9-1-1 calls through cellular phones now go directly to Downey. Those cellular calls previously went to the State Highway Patrol.

The City has been working on the construction and plans for the new Learning Center and Space Museum for three years. Thus far the effort has been funded by a federal grant, but starting this year funding will shift to the City's General Fund. It is in the amount of \$408,409. We can absorb this because the fund receives \$812,000 per annum in land rent revenue from tenants on the former NASA site.

Space Museum/Learning Center

Sale of property to the Downey Landing Retail Center will fund the
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CLOSING THIS WEEKEND — "Hello Dolly," the current production of Downey Civic Light Opera plays its final performances tonight (Friday), Saturday and Sunday at the Downey Theater. Ann Peck McBride, Sara Hone and Casey Garritano are featured. For information, call 923-1714.



NEW CHAMBER DIRECTOR — Myra Benjamin of Budget Blinds has been selected to fill the term of Kathy Gorman on the Board of Directors of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Benjamin has served on several committees since joining the Chamber in 2001 and has been chairman of the Concert Committee for the past two years. Gorman has retired and moved to Florida.

Allen 'golf theme' for his installation

DOWNEY—Steve Allen, a career banker with 37 years experience will be installed as the 103rd President of the Downey Chamber of Commerce in a gala installation and luncheon Friday, June 24 at 11:45 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Allen currently serves as vice president and business development officer for Bank of Orange County branch in Downey.

The installation and luncheon will have a golf theme, "Swing On Over For."

Since coming to Downey in 1990 he has served as president of the Optimist Club and is currently the group's secretary treasurer. He is an active member of Gangs /Out Of Downey and served as that group's president. And he has served as a planning commissioner for the city the past 15 years, currently chairing that body.

He has served four terms on the Board of Directors of the chamber and served as president previously 1997-98. He chaired the golf committee for three years. He also serves on the chamber's City Affairs Committee.

His awards include the 2003 Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. He lives quietly in Downey with his wife, Milayna, and two sons, Frank and Nicholas.

To be installed with Allen are President Elect Jaime Garcia of Kaiser Permanente; Vice President Orlando Waters of Downey Federal Credit; Treasurer Joe Keays of Downey Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning; and Past President Steve Hoffman of the law offices of Steven J. Hoffman. Executive Director Sue Nordin serves as secretary to the Corporation.

Also installed at the luncheon will be 2006-09 directors Gwynn Gustafson of Co-op Cache Consulting; Robert Zavala of Freedom Vacations; and Myra Benjamin of Budget Blinds, who is filling out the 2007 term for Kathy Gorman of the Adult School.

Returning directors in addition to the officers include Joe Becker of Nordic Fox; Darrell Dixon of Dixon & Associates Insurance; Dr. Dan Fox Fox chiropractic; Matt Knox of Storm Force; Dr. John McAlister, DDS; Rick Rodriguez, RMI International; and Jan Scott Pacific Western Bank. Installing officer will be Mayor Meredith Perkins.

Cost of the luncheon is \$35 per person, for reservations call the chamber office at (562) 923-2191.

Dodger great talks baseball at breakfast

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY — Ex-Dodger All-Star shortstop Maury Wills came to speak to the Kiwanis Club this past Wednesday morning at the Rio Hondo Country Club to help spread the word about the Club's activities and programs.

Breakfast with the potential Hall-of-Famer was served at 7 a.m. followed by a few celebrations of birthdays and anniversaries amongst the present club members. Wills then stepped up to the podium and talked about his past baseball experiences with the Dodgers and how he got there, hitting the important points of having a direction in life and never giving up your dream.

He spoke about growing up in the projects of Washington D.C. and how he and his friends would play baseball everyday. He said that as long as they had baseball, they didn't need anything else.

Wills talked about a day in his childhood when then Washington Senators player Jerry Priddy came to their playground to host a clinic.

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City signs up for Worker's Comp

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—The City Council Tuesday approved the City's participation in the Worker's Compensation Program of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Excess Insurance Authority. The Authority is a statewide joint powers authority that provides insurance to public agencies in California.

Timely approval by the Council was needed before it could join the program beginning July 1, 2006.

City Finance Director John Michicoff said that after considering the plan provisions, terms of coverage, and financial implications of joining CSAC, staff's recommendation to approve the participation vis-à-vis other options—such as staying in the ICRMA (Independent Cities Risk Management Association) Program, obtaining insurance directly from an insurance company, joining another pool, or fully self-insure (such as obtains with Los Angeles and Orange Counties)—was based on:

- Cost savings of approximately \$55,000 for the first year, with similar savings expected for subsequent years;
- Maintaining oversight of the City's claim administration;
- CSAC's present familiarity with Downey via its heretofore ICRMA membership, and Downey's familiarity with its specialized compliance audits;
- Further rate control due to ever-changing market conditions and new legislation.

According to the City staff's report, the City historically procured worker's compensation insurance on a group purchase basis as an ancillary service of ICRMA. The report further cited that in 2003, cities in this group were notified that their cost of insurance was increasing three to five times greater than the previous year.

To combat these increases the City "prudently" joined the Worker's Compensation Program created by ICRMA. As part of the program, the City selected a deductible of \$750,000 and obligated itself to a three-year mandatory membership. The period ends on June 30.

Michicoff gave this illustration of how the ICRMA currently works: assume that there is compensation claim ultimately costing \$1.5 million. Downey would pay the first \$750,000, ICRMA would pay the next \$250,000 and the remaining \$500,000 would be paid by excess workers' compensation coverage. This excess worker's compensation coverage is provided by the CSAC Excess Insurance Authority.

By the City joining CSAC directly, the immediate cost savings will come in the form of the administrative costs incurred by ICRMA by its coverage between the deductible of \$750,000 and the \$1 million coverage layer not being passed along to Downey. Additionally, since CSAC is a significantly larger pool, there are economies of scale involved that would benefit the City.

CSAC member counties include Alameda, Calaveras, Fresno, Imperial, Madera, Monterey, Napa, Placer, Riverside, San Diego and Santa Barbara; member cities include some neighboring cities.

In other action Tuesday, the City Council:

- Voted down the appeal of the denial of zone variance No. 05-147, requesting to convert an un-permitted structure into a guesthouse for property located at 7753 Hondo St. and zoned R1-5000 (single-family residential).
- Approved a resolution confirming the 2006-07 fiscal year assessment for Lighting and Landscaping #A.D. 121.
- Approved a cash contract for underground storage tanks removal at

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BOYS' STATE WINNER—Sergio Sanchez is representing Downey High School in the 69th annual California Boys' State conference held in Sacramento June 17-24. Conference theme this year is "Laboratory of Practical Political Science."

Nominations deadline for businesses awards

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce will recognize outstanding businesses in the 1-10 employee category, and in the 11+ employee category, "for their consistent leadership on civic and business issues, and for their contributions to the community and to a variety of organizations."

Two businesses best fulfilling the following criteria will be honored at



SEATTLE NATIVE JEAN JOHNSON—Assumes helm of Assistance League of Downey.

Assistance League installs new president

DOWNEY—Assistance League of Downey's 54th installation/lunch meeting was held recently at Old Ranch Country Club as it celebrated another year "of caring for/and serving" its 11 philanthropic projects, honored the outgoing officers, and installed Jean Johnson as president.

Also installed were the new board of directors: Joanna Shull, 1st vice-president; Mary Lou Schmidt, 2nd vice-president; Judy Berg, 3rd vice-president; Charlene Roche, recording secretary; Nancy Bleck, corresponding secretary; Judy Faust, treasurer; Beverly Mathis, liaison to GJ Auxiliary; Joan Frey, buildings and properties; Peggy Farnham, bylaws; Marge Lewis, education; Shirley Gibson, H.O.M.E.; Beverly Young, public relations; Florence Towers/Marian Curtis, Thrift Shop chairmen; Janice Allen, Operation School Bell; and Adele Alexander, Orientation.

Johnson is a native of Seattle, WA. She and Philip Johnson were married in 1945 and raised three children. In 1964 the Johnson family moved to Downey where she became an active member of St. Marks Episcopal Church, Assistance League of Downey and PEO.

Assistance League of Downey began in 1953 as Las Siervas and in 1975 became a chapter of National Assistance league.

the Volunteer Luncheon Friday, July 28 at the Rio Hondo Event Center:

- Must be a Downey business or have a branch office in Downey
- In business in Downey over 5 years
- Member of the Chamber
- Demonstrated continual contributions to the community and to a variety of organizations (not focused on one area) through the use of his/her personal time or other resources during the period June 2005-June 2006
- Staying power – a substantial history as an established business
- Shows leadership and gives input on civic issues that not only affect their own business, but the entire business community

The nominations deadline is no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 30, submitted to the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 11131 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241 (fax: 869-0461).

A few past recipients of the "Small and Large Businesses of the Year Award" include: Ed DiLoreto, Yale Engineering (1989), C. Larry Hoag, Hoag Realty and Don Dixon, Dixon and Associates Insurance (1991), Joyce and Mike Prokop, Classic Closets (1995), Dave Gafin, CPA and J.C. Penney Co. (1997), Steve Allen, Pacific Western Bank (2003), and Dan Fox of Fox Chiropractic and Downey Federal Credit Union (2005).

Hume Foundation barbecue June 25

DOWNEY—The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation (JHPAF) will be sponsoring a reunion Picnic/Barbecue Sunday, June 25, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in Furman Park, similar to the events held by the Downey Children's Theater in the 1950s-1960s. It will be held from noon to 5 p.m. in Furman Park on Rives Ave., just south of Florence Ave. and north of Rio Hondo School.

It is open to all General Members and Friends of the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, their families, and any alumni from: the Downey Children's Theater, Downey Teen Theater, Downey Experimental Theater, Downey Marionette Theater and the Downey Civic Light Opera.

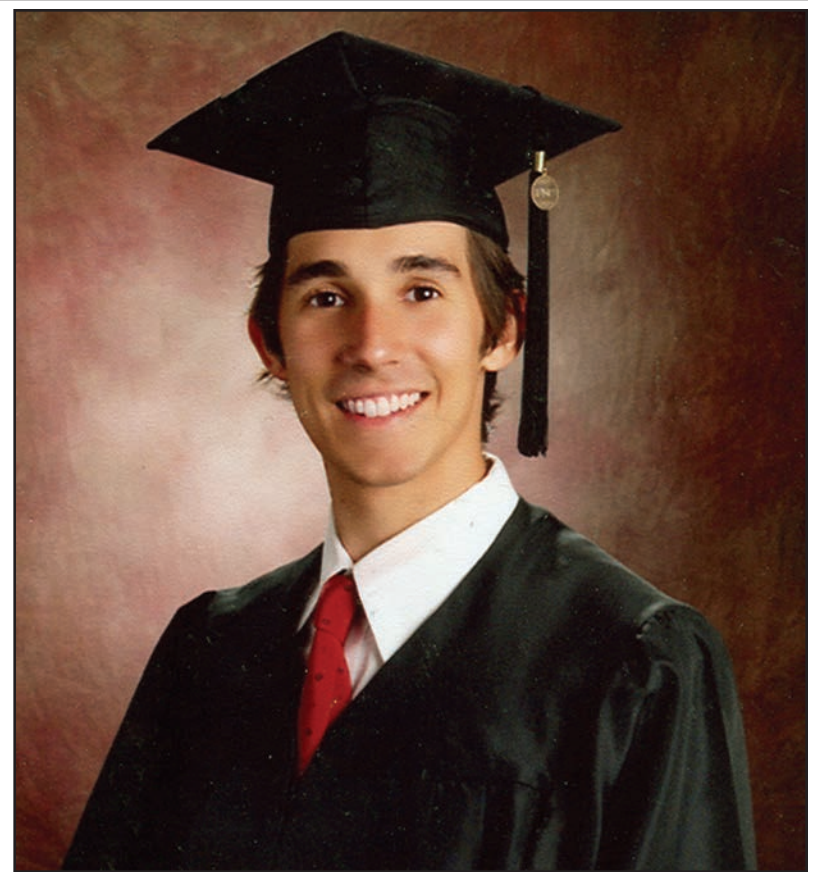
Hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be furnished and prepared by JHPAF, and there is no admission charge. Anyone attending is asked to bring a side dish to share that would serve about 8-10 people.

Visitors are asked to RSVP to: John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc., 10312 Birchdale Ave., Downey, CA 90241 (Tel. 562-869-0422), or e-mail barbecue@johnhume.org.

Father's Day services at church

DOWNEY—Bishop Leon & Jacqueline Martin and the Love, Peace and Happiness Family Church, 11022 Old River School Rd./Firestone Blvd., will be honoring all fathers with a Pre-Father's Day Breakfast Saturday, June 17 at 9 a.m. and a special celebration service Sunday, June 18 at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Worship Services.

Complimentary tickets are available by calling (562) 806-9890.



ANDREW RAYMOND ORHUELA—Born and raised in Downey, graduated Summa Cum Laude from USC on May 12, receiving two Bachelor of Arts degrees, one in Comparative Literature and the other in Humanities with a Music emphasis. The son of Nelson and Gloria Orhuela, Andrew was awarded a Fulbright grant and will spend 9 months in Uruguay next year completing a research project. He is a graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Downey and Loyola High School of Los Angeles.

Graduation dates and times for high schools

DOWNEY—Graduation dates and times for Downey's high school graduations were announced by DUSD Assistant Superintendent Jerilyn King-Brown:

Columbus High School graduates will receive their diplomas at a ceremony in the Columbus High School Quad on Wednesday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Downey High School graduation is Thursday, June 22 at Allen Layne Stadium on the Downey High School campus.

Warren High School graduation is also Thursday, June 22, at Justice Stadium on the Warren High School campus.

Downey Adult School graduates will receive their diplomas at a ceremony in the Adult School/Columbus High School Quad on Thursday, July 27 at 6 p.m.

Art leagues' joint meeting at Furman

DOWNEY—Downey Art League and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount will hold their joint meeting at 7:30 p.m. June 27 at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave., Bldg. #1. For information, call (562) 803-5857.

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DUSD SCHOOL NURSE ROSE BOLAND—And TLC staffer Ben Colon cut cake at open house.

Annual rummage sale at local church

DOWNEY – Downey Memorial Christian Church will be hosting their annual rummage sale tomorrow, June 17, from 7 a.m. to noon. Clothes, shoes, household appliances, furniture, books, electronics, yard equipment, jewelry and miscellaneous items will be sold. Refreshments will be available and donations are accepted. The church is located at 8441 E. Florence Ave. in Downey. For information, call (562) 869-7291.

Model A lovers meet at Gallatin

DOWNEY – The Downey Model A Club gathers at the Gallatin School cafeteria the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 928-4132.

TLC celebrates its new central location

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—The remarks made by Downey Unified School District officials at the ribbon cutting and open house on June 8 at the new home of its TLC (True Lasting Connections) program bore one common theme: carry on, with even greater resolve, the work of "ensuring the healthy and successful futures of DUSD children." DUSD Director of Pupil Services Robert Jagielski served as emcee.

Happenings at the community center

DOWNEY—Scheduled happenings at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey, include:

- CareMore Medical Center will be doing a Skin Damage Screening today, June 16 from 9-11 a.m., as well as provide a lecture on Medicare Lock In from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Gallatin Room. Both events are free to all.

- Blood Pressure Screenings are held the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month from 9-11 a.m. These screenings are provided by the Committee on Aging and Pioneer Medical Group.

- Income tax assistance for seniors over 50 will be provided by AARP Tuesday, June 27 from 10 a.m.-noon. Tax volunteers will be at the Senior Center to assist those who have tax-related questions. No appointment is needed.

- The 3rd annual Senior Follies Show will be held Friday, June 23 at 5 p.m., Saturday, June 24 at 3 p.m., and Sunday, June 25 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 a person; seating is limited.

- Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies is at 1 p.m. every Wednesday, with a repeat viewing Thursdays at 10 a.m. This month's movies are: "The Greatest Game Ever Played," "An Unfinished Life," "The Man," and "Cheaper by the Dozen."

For information, call 904-7223.

ESL summer Bible study starting July 8

DOWNEY—An English through Bible Study Class will begin Saturday, July 8 and be taught for eight consecutive Saturdays at Christ Lutheran Church located at 7707 Florence Ave. in Downey. All classes will be from 10 to 11 a.m. and held in the church conference room.

There is no charge for these classes. Contact the church office, (562) 927-4421, to register.

City offers childrens skate class

DOWNEY—The city of Downey Community Services Department, in conjunction with Skate Depot in Cerritos, offers Skate classes for youth and adults of all ages starting Saturday, June 24. The goal of the class is to teach students how to enjoy roller skating. Fee for the course is \$60.

The seven-week class will be held at Skate Depot, 11113 183rd St. in Cerritos (562-924-0911).

To register for the course/to inquire about class times, contact the Community Services Department, 904-7238.

Toastmasters 587 meet Tuesdays

DOWNEY – Toastmasters International, Club 587, meets every Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. in room 115 at Downey First Baptist Church., 8348 E. Third St.

Located previously on the Pace campus, TLC now occupies the corner of Bellflower Blvd. and Foster Rd. on the Lewis Elementary campus.

Speakers—from Assistant Superintendent-Student Services Stan Hanstad to representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and Supervisor Don Knabe—all praised the superb work being done by School Nurse Rose Boland and TLC coordinator Lucy Perez, who in turn credited the laudable work done by the entire TLC staff.

Pointing to the incredible support given to TLC by DUSD officials, Perez said: "I am gratified to work with administrators who care so much about the health, safety and well-being of all our children." In attendance were DUSD board member Barbara Samperi, Superintendent Wendy L. Doty, other school administrators as well as school principals and vice principals.

The solid support given by collaborative partners and various supporters "without whose help and support TLC will not be able to operate as it does" was recognized. Kaiser Permanente's Director of Public Affairs Jaime Garcia was present, as well as Florence Towers from the Assistance League of Downey. Also present was optometrist Dr. Brandon Sanchez, of Total Vision in Downey, who, Perez says, "donates his services—at a moment's notice."

Families whose lives have been touched by the caring services TLC provides joined in the celebration. Entertainment was provided by twenty of Mrs. E. Ferrell's 1st Graders at Ward Elementary, who danced the liltng "Jara de Zapatio."

All blood types needed for blood drive

DOWNEY—A blood drive will be held Thursday, June 22 from 2-8 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 10511 Paramount Blvd. All blood types are needed.

The American Red Cross is trying to build up supplies in advance of the summer emergency period. For more information, call Richard Oroscio at (562) 863-0434.

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9255 Imperial Highway, formerly known as Spartan Liquor and accepted the work already performed.

- Accepted and appropriated \$28,500 in Gates Foundation public access computer hardware upgrade grant funds.

- Approved the professional services agreement with Willdan for on-call construction inspection services.

- Adopted a resolution approving parcel map No. 62837, 8801 Lakewood Boulevard, by approving an agreement with the subdivider and accepting an irrevocable standby letter of credit as surety.

November election

- Adopted a resolution calling and giving notice of a general municipal election to be held on Nov. 7 for the election of District 2 and District 4 Council members; adopted resolution requesting the County of Los Angeles to consolidate the City of Downey general municipal election with the statewide general election on the same date; and adopted resolution adopting regulations for candidates' statements submitted to voters at the general municipal election Tuesday, Nov. 7.

- Recognized Downey and Warren High student participants in the 34th Congressional District Student Art Competition sponsored by Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34). Her representative, Eddie Tafoya, shared with the Council and the audience the original acrylic painting, "Just another face," by Warren's Made Rindu, that won 3rd place overall. The painting will hang for one full year in Roybal-Allard's Washington, D.C. office.

- Presented certificates of appreciation to Maude Price Elementary 3rd grader Jesse Marciano and Ed Sussman Middle School 8th grader Felicia Aguirre, who both won first place in their grade levels in the national "Character Counts" essay contest. The two winners read their winning essays to an approving audience.

Student character

Addressing the assemblage that included parents and Downey Unified School District administrators and principals, DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty linked the school district's current stress on Character Education with the "equally important" efforts by such community organizations as the Downey Family YMCA and the like in inculcating positive values in children's lives. A more tangible reward came in the form of checks from Dr. Mary Stauffer recognizing the two student winners' principals and teachers for their efforts as well.

The next public meeting of the Downey City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.



THE ANNUAL PHILANTHROPY LUNCHEON—Of the Los Angeles County Medical Association Alliance, District 10, was held at the home of Downey's Dr. and Mrs. Harold Wilkins. Cash raised went to PTA HELPS, Physician's Aid, the Henderson Goergen Foundation (DRMC), and the Music in the Schools Program. In addition, 230 used cell phones were donated to be reprogrammed for use by victims of domestic violence. At the luncheon were, from left: Jill DiLoreto, Eileen Wilkins, Betty Bryan, Ruth Hillecke (co-president), June Iba, Betty Spilotro, and Harold Tsklenis.



KAREN O'CONNELL—(From left) And co-presidents Gloria Crum and Ruth Hillecke of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, District 10, at their annual Philanthropy Luncheon.

Downey native named to National Dean's List

DOWNEY – Pepperdine University student and Downey native Jamie Hauer has been named to the 29th edition of The National Dean's List, 2005-06.

The National Dean's List is the largest national recognition program and publication honoring high achieving college students. This year, Hauer is one of approximately 220,000 students representing 2,500 colleges and universities throughout the country.

Professors, deans and leaders of civic and community service nominate students who have achieved Dean's List honors, a "B-" or better grade point average or those in the upper 10 percent of their class. In addition being honored publicly, all qualified students who return their biographical information forms will be included in the publication and will be eligible to compete for \$50,000 in college scholarships.

Sponsors from churches and other organizations may also recommend students based on involvement with them during college. These individual recommendations must come complete with a letter from that individual explaining their achievement.

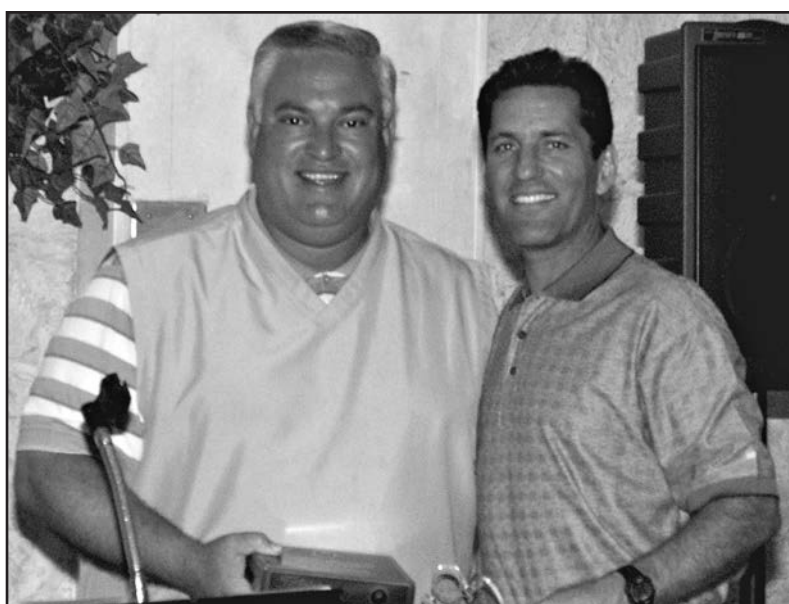
Hospital golf tournament considered a big success

DOWNEY – One hundred and forty golfers turned out for Downey Regional Medical Center's recent Golf Classic, raising more than \$61,000 for the hospital.

A total of \$61,041 was raised to fund new surgical sterilization devices for the hospital's operating rooms. The Downey Regional Medical Center Memorial Trust Foundation Golf Classic was the hospital's 21st annual.

"Last year Downey Regional Medical Center provided surgical services for approximately 2,000 inpatients and 3,700 outpatients, for a total of more than 5,700 surgeries," said DRMC CEO Allen Korneff. "Our sterilizers need replacement as they are 20 years old, obsolete and replacement parts are becoming unavailable. They are a requirement for any (operating room) as they are used to quickly sterilize instruments that could have been dropped accidentally during surgery or needed and not anticipated prior to the case. The sterilizers cost about \$30,000 each.

"My cap is off to all involved in our June 5th Golf Classic, which was a big success to better equip us for Operating Room excellence."



GOLFING BUDDIES – Memorial Trust Foundation Chairman Mario Guerra thanks 2006 Golf Classic Chairman Jim Rodriguez. The fundraiser brought in over \$60,000 for the hospital.



'OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD'—Recipients Rob Hecker of Columbus High, Mark Swancoat of Downey High, and David Cha of Warren High were honored at the Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Banquet June 1 for "making a significant contribution in their respective schools in the past year." This was the first time the awards were given.



RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS—From the Foundation of the Kiwanis Club of Downey.

Kiwanis honors teachers and students at banquet

DOWNEY—Twenty-seven students from Downey High, Warren High, and Columbus High received scholarships from the Foundation of the Kiwanis Club of Downey at its 21st annual Meeting and Scholarship Banquet held on June 1.

Each year the foundation accepts scholarship applications from graduating seniors from the three local high schools based on their multiple achievements, including community service involvement, academic achievement, career ambitions to athletic achievement and dedication to organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America. Many of the scholarships are memorial scholarships set up by the family members of past Downey residents.

The list of this year's scholarship recipients includes: Elizavette Castillo, Ramon Garcia, Rebecca Hoang, Nicole Quirk, Brianna Weldon, Estebano Rio, Daniel Ahn, Ashley Vasquez, Everett Orozco, Samantha Hernandez, Robert Webster, Jonathan Awad, John Kim, Marc McCaughan, Pamela Briones, Erika Prieto, Anissa Lapinski, Lauren Badalamenti, Chelsea Barraza, Duc Bui, Luisa Zavala, Abigail Hocking, Thuthuy Tung, Sean Feliciano, Marianne Shortridge, Youn Bang, and Gabriel Baldovino.

The Poets' Corner

Single Shell

light chop becomes heavy chop
the seas lap the gunwales
with his feet braced steady
the sculler caught in the bay rows for home

Water spider dancing on top on the water
but never sinking in his long delicate oars
skim the rough surface just the tip of the blade
balancing him in a capsizing sea

gliding against the ride and into the salt spray
no rudder no fin to keep him on course
he depends on what he has practiced
and whatever the weather gives him

when he enters the breakwater
he is laughing
to row is to live
it is that simple

—Lorine Parks,
Downey

BUDGET

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construction of the museum and Learning Center. The museum will display science related items and provide science education programs. It will be located near the corner of Lakewood Blvd., and Clark Avenue, adjacent to the site of the new City Park.

The new NASA City Park will be the first new park in Downey since 1975. Construction will begin in late summer. Cost may exceed the original plan to fund it through the Community Development Block Grant Program. Construction options are available depending on the scope of the project. Depending on these options, the budget funds the new park with additional state park grant funding of \$566,163 which is available.

Lakewood Street Improvements continue. These projects are budgeted for \$6,200,000, and are south of the railroad tracks and north of Imperial Highway and north of Fifth Street.

The budget includes use of \$4 million for acquisition of property for a new Public Works Yard which would consolidate the present yards which are 40 years old. This project is funded through Gas and Water Utility funds.

Landscaping of Imperial Highway is funded through allocation of \$1 million through Gas Tax Funds in the new budget. This project may not see ground broken in the coming fiscal year, but planning will begin.

Storm Drain Master Plan

A Sewer and Storm Drain Master Plan is funded for \$250,000. It will review the condition and capacity of the present facilities and the ongoing maintenance costs. The study may suggest new fee charges to the public for future maintenance work.

The budget does not include any salary increases for employees. Labor Agreements with police and fire personnel expire on June 30, 2006. The City's operating expenses may increase depending on wage contingencies. On the other hand the budget does not include the revenue received from the Downey Landing transaction, which generated \$5,462,384 to the City.

Of the General Fund Budget, which amounts to 48 percent of the total budget, and receives general tax revenue to finance basic City Services, the General fund is increased by 7 percent.

Of the General Fund, the police department takes up the largest chunk, comprising 42 percent, up 8.2 percent from last year. It also includes \$25,000 toward the funding of a school resource officer program which maintains officers on campus as counselors. The school district and private contribution through Gangs Out Of Downey contribute the remaining funding for this program (about \$75,000).

Police increase

The police increase is entirely related to the five new employees and compensation increases for employees. Supplies and services are actually down about 1 percent. The budget of Animal Control Authority (SEAA-CA) is up 8 percent.

The next largest portion of the General fund is the Fire Department, comprising 24 percent of the budget.

Fire funding is up only 1 percent. This does not include any settlement of expected wage negotiations or expected increases. There are no proposed fire position changes.

The library

Community Services is the third largest part of the General Fund comprising 10.3 percent. This year Community Services is up 7.3 percent, most of which goes to the Library.

Social Service Agencies are allocated CDBG funding through the budget as follows: Rio Hondo Home \$17,500; ARC \$11,500; Children's Dental Program \$3,500; Salvation Army \$3,000; Family Crisis Center \$2,000; Social Rehab Center \$4,000; and True Lasting Connection \$4,000. The Budget also contains allocations for PTA HELPS, \$16,000; The Rose Float Association \$3,200; Downey Art Museum \$3,200 and Downey Symphony \$6,400.

Public Works is the fourth largest portion of the General Fund, and is up about 7.6 percent from last year. Increases are due to employee costs particularly in Engineering where increases in the sum of \$105,000 previously allocated to capital projects, have been allocated to the General Fund.

Supplies and services are up only 3 percent. No new personnel or programs are in the budget. Public Works provides Street Maintenance, Parkways and Medians, Landscaping, Maintenance, Landscape Maintenance and Building Maintenance.

The Development Services Department is up 9.2 percent. The increase is due to a new Planning Position proposed and general employee compensation.

The biggest increase is related to capital projects funded from the General Fund. These are for fire communications and a new joint dispatch center, funded by money from the four joint dispatch center cities, Montebello Compton and Downey and Santa Fe Springs. The cost is \$300,000 for remodeling.

Reader board sign

The second largest capital project is \$150,000 for a new reader board sign adjacent to the Downey Theater and Embassy Suites. A joint sign design is being work on for a sign with improved visibility.

The second largest increase in transfers-out is for the Learning Center Fund. The City will provide General Fund support for this program. The sewer and storm drain fund will increase by 18 percent. The increase is mostly related to disposal of street sweeping debris.

The proposed budget will be presented at a public hearing at the next council meeting June 27.

Taste for history

By John Adams

The Downey Historical Society has announced it will hold its annual June Luncheon Saturday, June 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Road.

The bill of fare will be Beef Scallopini and Chicken Marsala and the cost \$15.

President of the Society, John Vincent, said the recent policy of keeping the History Center in Apollo Park open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays has increased interest.

The historic Dismukes House behind the Center has freshly planted flowers for the summer, courtesy of Scotty the Gardener.

There are always new additions and gifts of historical significance arriving at the Center, so just drop in the Third Saturday, June 17th.

Remember, the History Center is at the South end of Apollo Park just off Rives Avenue.

It was George Santayana who said "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Letters to the Editor

Real issue something else

Dear Editor:

It is beyond ridiculous for any immigrant and/or any family of immigrant ancestry residing in this nation to praise "Dubya" for his "border accomplishment." Placing the National Guard on the nation's southern border (never mind the north, right?) will exacerbate social and political tensions in that region. Apart from Bush's temporary worker program, apart from clearly racist commentaries made by Jim Gilchrist and his Minutemen Project affiliates, boosting "security" at the border is an illusory mechanism, to make U.S. citizens feel empowered and in control of the immigrant stock arriving to this nation—all in the name of national security, right?

Immigrants striving for the imaginary "American Dream," coupled with the deplorable conditions in their homeland, will not be halted by any military presence. "Where there's a will, there's a way." Furthermore, perhaps reviewing "A Day Without A Mexican" will help people see that immigrants, legal and illegal alike, are economically and culturally contributing to this nation. That the issue itself is not simply a matter of preventing the supposed sucking of welfare subsidies and "stealing" jobs (and what jobs are they stealing precisely?) from Americans.

Regardless, it seems that the real issue behind all this anti-immigrant fervor (keep in mind Prop. 187, 209, the Chinese Exclusion Act, Manifest Destiny, etc.) is that this is a really brilliant way to deter people from other paramount issues: uh, Iraq...uh, corporations offshoring American jobs.

—Giovanni Hortua Vargas,
Downey

'Patriot dropped ball on Longoria'

Dear Editor:

I've been an avid reader of the Downey paper, even when it was called the Southeast News. I read your paper every week to see what is happening in our little town. It always has small town events and I'm eager to read when softball signups are going on and who made Eagle Scout. It's nice to know when the Chamber of Commerce is meeting or what school is doing well. It's usually up to date with what's going on in this wonderful city.

So when history was being made in our fair community this last week, naturally I was ready to read about it on Friday. I was very disappointed to see this overlooked. A very nice young man who went to our schools, played Little League and has lived here his whole life—his name is Evan Longoria and his passion in life is baseball. He's played it since he was four and wanted to be a Major League baseball player someday. Well, that someday came on June 6 when he was picked third in the nation in the baseball draft.

The highest pick in Long Beach State history, humble by nature, this Downeyite was surrounded by friends and family when they called out his name. Channel 7 and 4 were there along with Major League baseball to record this event and he openly spoke to all of them. He will go far and never forget where he came from.

In this day and age with gang shootings and car chases making the headlines, don't you think a positive message should be in this newspaper?

We need more kids like Evan and a story like this could inspire others to be like him. He has achieved this through hard work and he is a great role model. Think about this, Mr. Editor, The Patriot dropped the ball.


—Heidi Gfeller,
Downey

Hiring and firing topic at meeting

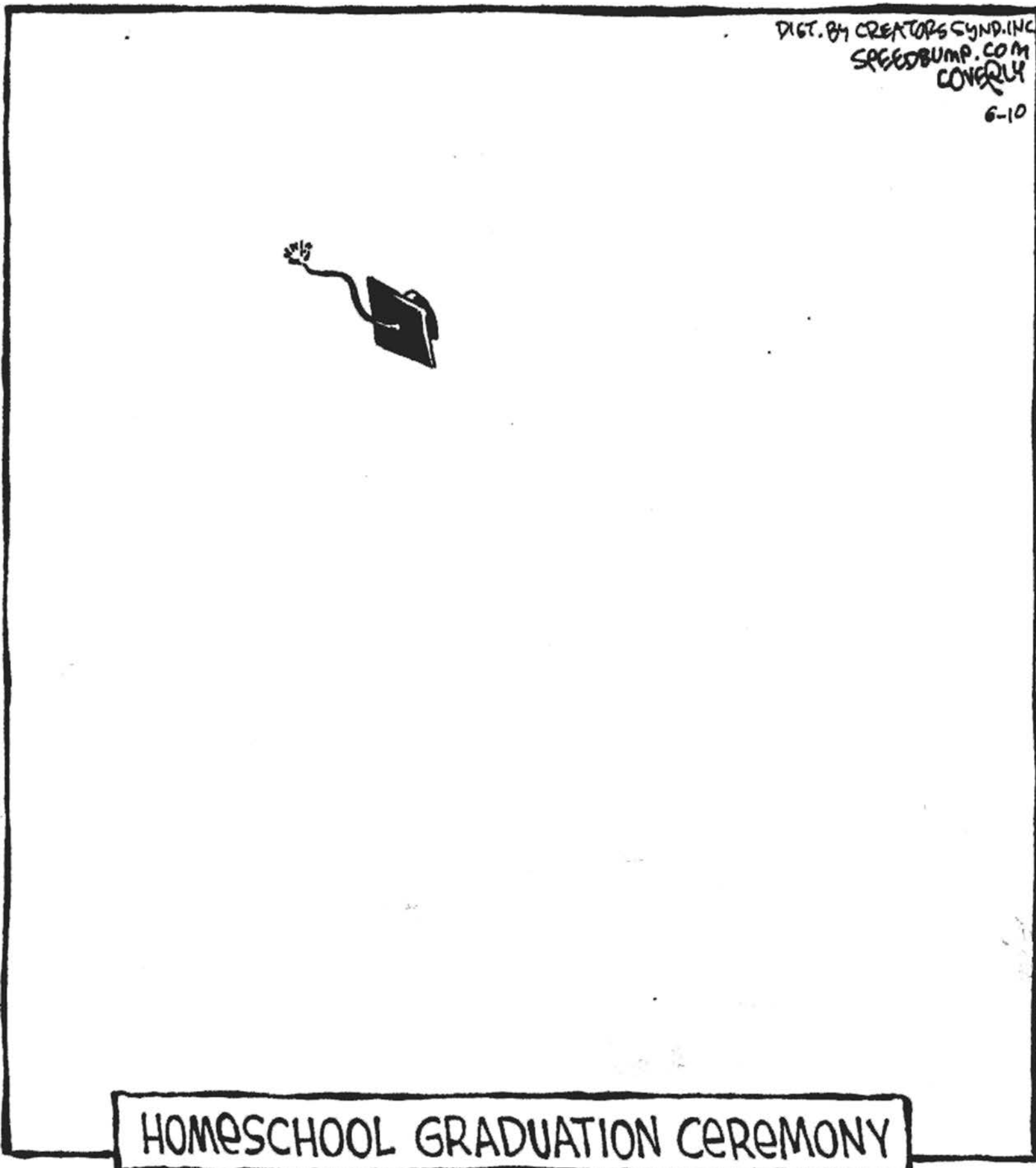
DOWNEY—"Employee Hiring, Discipline, Termination" will be presented by guest speaker Kelly Hensley of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter, & Hampton when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group next meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 27 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd.

RSVP/information: (562) 923-2191.

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HOMESCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONY

'Character Counts' Series

This is the twelfth in a series of winning student essays from each of the Downey Unified School District schools on the theme, "Character Counts."

Foundation for life

By Marie Fujie Villaruel,
West Middle School

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do."—Edward Everett Hale.

In this world no one is perfect. No one can do everything, and there is only one you. You don't have to do an unlimited amount of things, but you can still do something, or at least try to do something that you know you can do. If you know you can do it, don't hesitate or refuse to do it. Everything is worth a try; that is what the quote means.

In my point of view, the most important idea of the quote is that we should try to do everything we know we can do to make our lives worthwhile. The author of the quote, Edward Everett Hale, was a clergyman, author and humanitarian. He was also a leader. I think he had that many jobs because he knew he could do all of it and always tried something new.

To me the quote wants us to know that there is only one you, one me. If we can do a lot of things, we should try to do all of them. Still, I think that we should try to do everything. The only problem is we can't do everything perfectly. You could be a good writer but a bad mathematician. Still, we should try to do our best on everything.

Entering this contest was something I knew I could do. I was hesitant at first, but I tried it anyway. My parents said I can write, and my teacher knew I could do this, even if I didn't want to. I didn't want to let the people down, who trusted me. I'm not good at some things, but I have enough confidence in my writing skills. I'm not really sure how this contest will turn out, but win or lose, it doesn't matter. All I care is that I'm trying and doing my best. This is a reason why I picked this quote. I thought it reflects how I felt about joining this contest. I really think that it has already led me to a good outcome.

My mom told me a story about her employer who wanted to help poor farmers that lived near his house. At first, he couldn't do anything about it, but after a few years he had a large property and a lot of money to spare. He had an acre of land, uncultivated and unused. He gave it to the farmers to give them work, and whatever they grew, they ate or sold. These people didn't have to starve or stay unemployed, all thanks to him. He knew that he could do something about those people, and he did. He helped them a lot, and they remembered his kindness when he passed away.

Another story my mom told me was about her friend. Her friend was given a scholarship for one of the best colleges, but after a while, she quit, saying she couldn't do it and it was too hard. My mom told me she was smart, only that she was afraid. I think she lost the opportunity of getting a good education and a good job. She should have studied and tried harder; it was something she could do but she quit, refused and walked away.

In the Six Pillars of Character, I think that the quote represents responsibility. To be responsible, you have to persevere, keep on trying and always do your best, and it all comes together in this quote, "...I will not refuse to do something I can do." If the whole world went by this quote, everyone would be doing something, but not everything is good, people would be smoking, polluting and doing drugs, because these are things people just do.

Of course, there are some good things. Schools would have better students, have new activities and new study programs. The cities and towns would have new buildings, organizations and friendly citizens. The world would be cleaner, free of poverty, be rid of bad leaders and hopefully some peace.

This quote relates to young people's lives, because some children and teens need to study harder, respect their bodies and themselves, change their attitudes and respect others. Some need to be friendlier, do their best, never be discouraged and show their talents. Others just have to treat people the way they want to be treated. I think that this quote should be followed because we need to encourage people to always try new things. Sometimes, though, we should not follow this quote. Doing drugs, for example, is something we can all do; it is our choice.

If I could restate this quote in my own words I would say it this way: "There is only one me, and I can only do so much, but I can still do something, and I will never miss the opportunity to show what little I can do." That is how I would restate this quote, in my own words and thoughts. If Mr. Hale were still here, I think that he would say that this world needs a lot of change, and that we seem to live in a world of fiction and promises.

He would say that everyone should try harder to be at their best, try new things and never miss opportunities. I want to follow this quote to help me further in succeeding in life. It could help me through life, making me want to always try something new. It could help in giving me strength and courage when I am afraid of trying something new and helping me live through those new things. This quote might help my life from being monotonous and boring. This quote could help me many times later in life, and right now I know that it has already helped me.

Maybe someone else picked this quote, but I know he or she didn't write it the way I did. No one is going to feel the felling of pride I felt just writing this. Even if I don't win, I know within myself that I've won self-satisfaction just for trying.

"Winners are losers who got up and gave it one more try."

'Senior Follies' presented at Riley Center

DOWNEY—The Downey Committee On Aging, along with the City of Downey, presents its 3rd annual Senior Follies, "Our Time to Shine," Friday, June 23 at 5 p.m., Saturday, June 24 at 3 p.m., and Sunday, June 25 at 3 p.m., at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey.

Directed by Naomi Nixon, the program features a cast who will fill the two-hour show with singing, dancing, and comedy.

Tickets (\$5 each) are on sale at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, (562) 904-7223.

Cancer treatment options explored

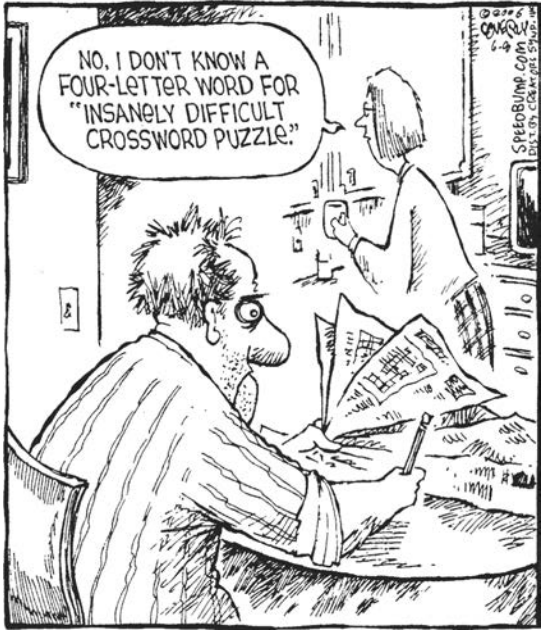
DOWNEY—Downey Adult School's OASIS class Monday, June 19 will have Lawrence Wagman, M.D., chairman of the Division of Surgery and director of General Oncologic Surgery at City of Hope National Medical Center, as guest speaker. He will give an update on the latest cancer treatment developments at the world-renowned City of Hope in Duarte.

The OASIS program, which is open to the public and coordinated by resource instructor Harriett Paine, consists of a social hour from 3-4 p.m., the program at 4 p.m., and a dinner served at 5 p.m..

For information, call the Downey Adult School, (562) 940-6200.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For June

Fri. June 16, 8:00 p.m.: "Hello Dolly" musical comedy production of the Downey Civic Light Opera at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. Also Saturday and Sunday. For tickets and information call 923-1714. The musical stars Ann Peck McBride.

Fri. June 16, 6:30 p.m.: Shawn Morgan entertains at the keyboard with popular hits at Granata's restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave.. Also Saturday night. For information call 861-2997.

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.

1st Mon., 7 p.m.: American Legion Post 270, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.

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.

4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.

9:30 a.m.: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.

9:30 a.m.: Adventure with the Bible, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.

12 p.m.: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo, for information call Carol Pearce at 622-1425.

12:00 p.m.: Exchange Club, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871

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. 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 9968 Lakewood Blvd., 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.

6 p.m.: Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.

1st Weds., 10 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.

1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, for information call 927-9790.

1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.

1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Emblem Club #309, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.

2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.

2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Sister Cities Ass'n, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.

2nd Weds., 11:45 - Downey Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.

4th Weds., 12:00 noon: Retired Federal Employees, at Furman Park West Bldg., call 943-5513.

Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.

7:30 a.m.: Connections Networking, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.

12 p.m.: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.

12 p.m.: Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee, for information call 928-4153.

12 p.m.: Optimist Club of Downey, at Samb's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.

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 Joe Becker at 869-1414

3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ARE YOURS
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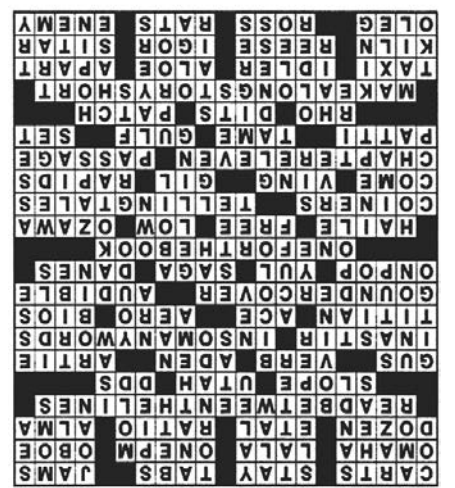
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Among the many standards written by lyricist GUS KAHN (34 Across) are "Toot Toot Tootsie" and "Makin' Whoopee." On "The Sopranos" (41 Across), ARTIE Bucco is the owner/chef of the Nuovo Vesuvio restaurant. The entry for SET (103 Across) in the "Oxford English Dictionary" runs about 60,000 words.





VETERAN ACTRESS – Cynthia Marty makes her Downey Civic Lighter Opera debut as Irene Molloy in the musical comedy classic, “Hello Dolly,” closing this weekend on the stage of the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. The show plays tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. and also Saturday and Sunday. For tickets and information call 923-1714.

New musical comedy season set

DOWNEY – Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has announced the shows for the 2006-07 season. They include “Guys and Dolls,” Oct. 5 through 22; “The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd,” Feb. 22 through March 11, 2007; and “Oliver,” May 31 through June 17, 2007.

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DOWNEY – The Downey Civic Light Opera production of “Hello Dolly” is closing at the Downey Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd. It plays tonight (Friday), Saturday and Sunday.

“Hello Dolly” is, according to executive producer Marsha Moode, an ebullient and irresistible story of the joy of living, glittering with happy songs, and alive with the personality of one of the most fabulous characters on the musical stage: Dolly Gallagher Levi.

The production has been cast by Moode with Ann Peck-McBride as Dolly, Ed Krieger as Horace Vandergelder, and Bill Lewis as Cornelius Hackyl. The choreography of Jon Engstrom and musical numbers under Music Director Eddy Clement completes this current production.

Tickets for all performances of “Hello Dolly” may be purchased from the DCLO box office Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. by phone, in person or by mail. Tickets are also available at the box office prior to each performance. Orchestra seating tickets are \$35 and balcony seating tickets are \$30.

For more information or questions about group rates, call the box office at (562) 923-1714.

Students to perform one-act plays

NORWALK—The Cerritos College Department of Theatre presents “Desperate Playwrights,” a festival of eight one-act plays written, directed and performed by Cerritos College students, June 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m. (A matinee performance will be held Sunday, June 25 at 2 p.m.). Performances will be at Cerritos College Burnight Studio Theatre, 11110 Alondra Blvd., in Norwalk.

Vignette topics are varied and range from Iraq War bloggers to mimes. Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$10 for students. To purchase tickets/for information, call (562) 457-5058, or visit www.Cerritos.edu/theatre.

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Captain Cardiac here in September

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce has announced it will sponsor the Third Annual Oldies but Goodies Concert featuring Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries with their vibrant sounds of the 1950s and 60s.

The night of nostalgia will be Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the chamber office at 11131 Brookshire Ave., Downey. Payment may be by cash, check or credit card. For information call the chamber at (562) 923-2191.

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TRIPLE CROWN – Considered one of the top teams in the nation, the Lakewood Ladies 12U softball team will take part in the Triple Crown World Series next month. Front row, left to right: Missy Taukeiaho, Alex Flores, Arika Araujo, Rhianon Parfitt, Katie Medina, Alicia Walker, Andrea Arellano and Mariah Ramirez. Second row: Marisa Gardea, Arianna Mejia, Tina Iosefa, Brenda Santana, Jessica Alexander, Staci Rodriguez, Breana West and Franny Vaaulu. Back row: coaches Gary Parfitt, Norbert Flores, Tommy Alexander, Bill West, Jorge Araujo and Lori Ramirez.

Razorbacks signups continue at Furman

DOWNEY – Registration continues tomorrow, June 17, for the upcoming season of Downey Youth Football. Sign-ups will be taken at Furman Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
For more information and requirements, call Mike Baumann at 862-3837 or Louis Morales at 928-0655. Information is also available online at www.downeyrazorbacks.org.

Girls traveling to Utah for softball World Series

DOWNEY – The Lakewood Ladies 12U Junior Olympic girls softball team, which includes many local girls who previously competed in Downey Ponytail, will travel to Salt Lake City, Utah in July to compete in the Triple Crown World Series.
They will also compete in the ASA National Championships in Bloomington, Indiana in August.
Considered one of the top teams in the nation, the Lakewood Ladies previously won the ASA Southern California State Championship to become the number one team in the state. They also won the Artesia Punishers Tournament and reached the championship game of the Las Vegas St. Paddy's Day Tournament.

Shelton holding basketball camp

DOWNEY – Downey High School varsity basketball coach Larry Shelton will host a basketball camp this summer on the school's campus. Students in grades 5-9 are invited to participate.
The camp will feature daily basketball instruction, games, tournaments, and a summer league for all incoming freshman with the possibility of 17 games versus other schools. The cost is \$100 and includes a Downey basketball jersey and shorts.
The basketball camp runs June 26-July 20 (no classes July 3 or 4) and meets Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Downey High gym. Registration will be held June 26 at 7:30 a.m.
Shelton, the 2004 L.A. Times Coach of the Year and a four-time San Gabriel Valley League Coach of the Year, will also receive help from his staff during the camp.
For more information, call Shelton at (562) 869-7301, ext. 599.



RELAY RUNNERS – Downey's Boy Scout Troop 2 captured the Sweepstakes Trophy at a recent relay competition. Pictured from left to right: Pedro Aguilar, Earl Lee, Alex Fagundo, Vaughn Cutress, Thomas Foskarino, Joe Garza, Adam Koch, Trevor Rodriguez, Garrett Rodriguez, Jimmy Shuck, Steven Kabata, and an American Legion Post 252 official.

Boy Scouts run away with relay trophy

DOWNEY – Downey's oldest and largest Boy Scout Troop, Troop 2, ran away with the Sweepstakes Trophy in the Los Angeles BSA Relay last month.
The team of scouts that normally cycle, hike and backpack the local mountains took 27 individual medals. Led by Warren High School senior Alex Fagundo, the Boy Scout team consisted of Pedro Aguilar, Earl Lee, Vaughn Cutress, Thomas Foskarino, Joe Garza, Adam Koch, Trevor Rodriguez, Garrett Rodriguez, Jimmy Schuck and Steven Kabata.
The older boys won the overall trophy in the 17-18-year-old division while the younger scouts won the 11-12-year-old division. It was the Boy Scouts' third consecutive win in that division.
The scouts thanked American Legion Post 252 after their victory and invited people interested in Troop 2 to their Tuesday meetings at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church.

Junior golf camp for kids offered

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering a Junior Golf Camp for kids ages 6-17 at the Rio Hondo Golf Course beginning Wednesday, June 28 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Kids will receive instruction on woods, chipping, putting and participate in a golf tournament and awards banquet. The six-week camp costs \$85.
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Teen reading program offered at library

DOWNEY—Young adults are invited to join the Downey City Library's Teen Summer Reading Program, which runs Monday, June 19 through Friday, July 21. Theme of the program is "Creature Feature" and will encourage teens to read for pleasure or get a headstart on books for the next school year.

Students ages 13-19 may join the program, win prizes and attend special events. Participants who read 700 minutes will win a free book and are eligible to attend a pizza party celebration on Friday July 28 at 1 p.m.

An excursion for teens to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art will be offered on Saturday, July 8.

Memorial services today for Donald J. Paulin, 84

DOWNEY—Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. today, June 16 at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, 10544 Downey Ave., for Donald J. Paulin, a retired engineer with Emerson Quiet Kool Co. who, over the last 14 years, served as president and was a member of the board of directors for Human Services Association (HSA), an organization dedicated to the welfare and happiness of the poor and elderly in the community. Pastor Candie Blankman will be officiating at the services.

Born May 30, 1922 in Wisconsin, he passed away on June 6 at the age of 84.

As a member of First Presbyterian Church of Downey, he was involved in various church activities including writing a monthly column and illustrating biblical drawings for over 10 years for the church bulletin.

His volunteer work with Human Services Association frequently found him serving seniors at the nutrition sites. He was asked often to deliver invocations at city events, special dinners, as well as at VFW, HSA and other social gatherings. His hobbies encompassed gardening, photography, woodworking and social dancing.

He is survived by sons Randy Paulin and Jere Burrington; daughter Judy Mathews; grandsons Jason Burrington and Paul Fujioka; great grandson Jordan Burrington; and brother John Paulin of Wisconsin.

Burial will be private. Arrangements are by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

Dagmar Tonkovich memorial tomorrow

DOWNEY—A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, June 17 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 10711 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, with Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen officiating, for Dagmar Tonkovich, a longtime resident of Downey who died Sunday, June 11, in Whittier.

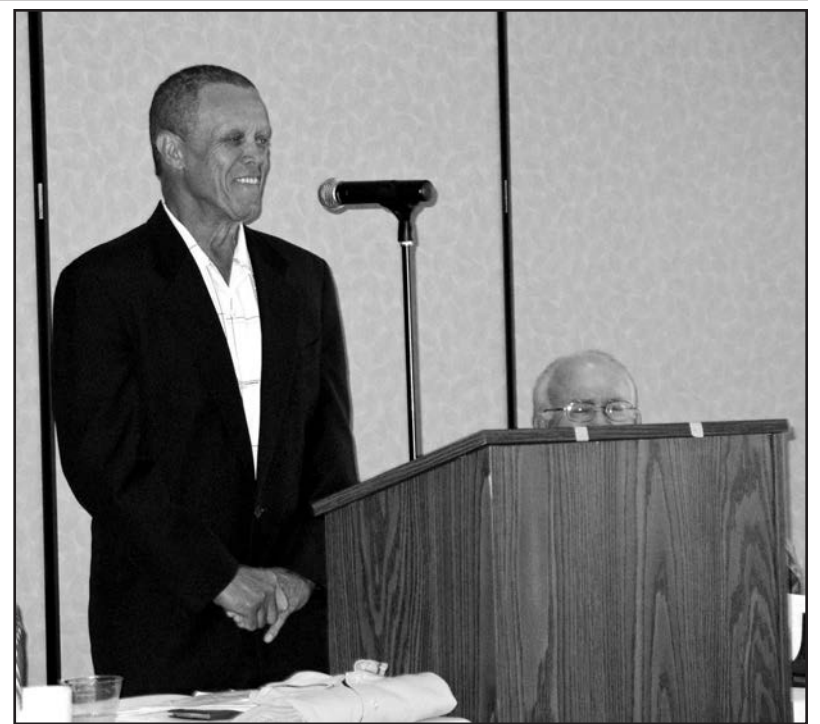
She was born in 1933, the first of three daughters, in Lodz, Poland, to parents Stanley and Lilli Gozdziejewicz. She came to America in 1948 when St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Lynwood sponsored her family's immigration. She married husband Richard, whom she met through the church, in 1958.

She worked at Dunn-Edwards Paint Company for many years as an administrative assistant to the credit manager. She became a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey in 1988 and was very involved as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, chairperson of the Board of Education, and active in the Women's Ministry.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; her two sons, John and Andrew; her mother, Lilli Gozdziejewicz; and her sisters, Mira and Karen.

Previous obituaries available online

DOWNEY — Previously published obituaries can be found online in the Archives section at www.thedowneypatriot.com.



FORMER DODGER—Maury Wills, an avid golfer who frequents Los Amigos and Rio Hondo Golf Courses, spoke to a crowd at the Rio Hondo Country Club this week.

MAURY

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During one of the drills, Priddy told Wills he saw something in him and that his parents should get him some "baseball shoes." It was then that the future Dodger shortstop had a direction in life Wills said. He told his friends that he wanted to play baseball for the Dodgers. Three years later, he signed with the Dodgers where he spent eight years in the minors then went on to have a great career in the majors.

His overall tone during the morning chat with the many upbeat members and visitors sitting in front of him was inspirational. Wills made sure to hammer home never giving up on your dreams and to work hard while trying to achieve your goals. Wills also made sure to attribute his success to the people that helped him get to where he was, comparing the Kiwanis Club to such people.

After the meeting, Wills commented on his current visit to Downey, a city he is no stranger to.

I love it here," he said. "I play Los Amigos [golf course] and Rio Hondo [golf course] all the time. I consider all of this Los Angeles and that's where my heart is."

The Kiwanis Club of Downey has been fueling many projects around the city. Approximately 95 percent of all the funds raised in Kiwanis stays in the city of Downey whether it is used to help paint houses, hand out scholarships to graduating high school students, sponsor school oriented clubs such as the Key Clubs, or many other feel good programs.

President Robert Belcher said that meetings take place every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Country Club and that everyone is welcome. They normally have guest speakers come to the meetings such as chief surgeons from Downey Regional Medical Center, fire chiefs from the many Downey Firefighter posts, and the Chief of Police of the Downey Police Department.

Amateur Radio Club marks 55th year

DOWNEY—The Downey Amateur Radio Club will celebrate its 55th anniversary tomorrow, June 17, by operating a Special Event Station at Apollo Park.

Club members will be present to show some vintage radios (circa 1951) when the club organized in Downey. Current radio models and radios used at the park will be on display. The event coincides with Kid's Day, a nationally sponsored event to provide a means for children to have an opportunity to try amateur radio.

Every child who visits the club's station and information table, will have an opportunity to make a contact and receive a special certificate commemorating the event.

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Summer fun at the parks for children

DOWNEY—The city of Downey is offering activities for youth from June 26 through Aug. 18 at the local parks and the Barbara J. Riley Community Center gymnasium. Registration is available at the parks.

“Let’s Go Play” is a free youth program being offered from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. for ages 6-12 at Apollo, Crawford, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel Parks. The first activity will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the last activity will be at 4 p.m.

There are approximately eight activities per day. A daily schedule of activities for “Let’s Go Play” is available at the Community Services Department located on the second floor of City Hall.

For more information, call 904-7238.



MODELING FOR GOOD CAUSE—The models at the recent San Antonio Guild Fashion Show/Luncheon honoring the Downey Unified School District, from left: Amy Cabrajac, Amanda Garcia, Martha Sotetani, Paula Barnes, Stacey Brabant, Rose Sapia, Esther Jeong, Sandra Bosdachin, Wendy Doty, Christine De La Torre, Nicole Leon and Kimberly Somoano. The event raised close to \$10,000 for Childrens Hospital Los Angeles.



ROTARY DONATION—Local dentist and Rotary Past President Dr. Wayne Wilcox accepts a check in support of the dental clinic at Mulege, Mexico from Rotary President Carol Pearce. Wilcox just returned from his second trip this year to work at the clinic established over 10 years ago by Downey Rotary and its sister club in Mulege. This year, Downey Rotary has contributed almost \$2000 to the clinic’s operation.



FUTURE MISS DOWNEY? – Downey resident Elizabeth Rutherford, 14, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss California Pageant to be held August 25-27 at the Hyatt Regency in Garden Grove. The pageant is for girls ages 13-15. The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland. Elizabeth said she enjoys dancing, camping, swimming, shopping and getting good grades.

Fall prevention, balance, mobility training offered

DOWNEY—The Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, Downey, is offering a free balance and mobility class starting Monday, June 19 at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

Features of the program include: structures and progressive exercise program designed to improve your balance and mobility; pre- and post-balance assessments to identify individual needs and demonstrate progress; program taught by Certified Fall Proof Instructors who have completed a specialized training program at CSU-Fullerton.

Program benefits include improving your walking ability; improving your seated and standing posture; and teaching strategies to improve ability to recover from a loss of balance.

Residents interested in attending the class must attend the Assessment Pre-Test Friday, June 16, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., by appointment only. Ask for all paperwork to be mailed to you. This paperwork must be returned at your assessment appointment which consists of a survey, doctor release form and list of medications currently taking.

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Downey classes plan reunions

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Stroke awareness seminar at DRMC

DOWNEY—The community is invited to a Stroke Awareness Seminar tomorrow, June 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. near Firestone Blvd. in Downey.

The seminar will feature cardiologist Dr. Jack E. Dobkin discussing "Controlling your Blood Pressure and Cholesterol" and "Heart Disease and Atrial Fibrillation." Deborah Massaglia, president of the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation, will share "Warning Signs of a Stroke" and help those attending determine if they are at risk for a stroke.

Stroke screenings, blood pressure and heart rate checks and a raffle will follow the presentation. The event is free but registration is required. Information: 904-5162.

Chamber seeks sponsors for golf tourney

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce has started to seek sponsors for its 10th annual golf tournament, scheduled Monday, Aug. 7 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

One of the Chamber's major fundraisers, the golf tournament contributes to the Chamber's scholarship fund for the local high schools, Columbus, Downey and Warren, as well as for the Miss Downey Pageant.

A Gold Sponsor (\$2,500) is accorded one foursome to play, a tee sign, an individual banner, publicity in all press releases including *Downey Business*, and recognition at the tournament awards dinner.

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Fail-Safe plans fundraising dinner

DOWNEY – Fail Safe 4 Felines, a nonprofit organization working towards reducing the population of unwanted cats in Downey, will host a beef stroganoff night on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey Elks Lodge.

The dinner will include salad, beef stroganoff, dessert, coffee, tea and a 50/50 raffle. The cost is a \$20 donation.

The Downey Elks Lodge is at the corner of Woodruff Ave. and Firestone Blvd.

Choosing wisely when financing a local home

By Susan Martin,
Countrywide Financial Corporation

There are over 400 homes for sale in Downey today, and many analysts believe that the housing market is entering a "buyer's" phase. This presents a great opportunity for those thinking of buying a home. But the variety of home mortgages available today can easily overwhelm a first time buyer or even the most experienced homeowner. It is important for borrowers to be well informed about their options and to take the time to find the best mortgage for their needs and budget. The right mortgage can be a valuable tool to establish credit and manage personal finances.

Decades ago, most lenders offered 30-year, fixed rate mortgages and few other loan options. Today, a "one size fits all" approach to home loans is not in consumers' best interests. Loans can now be matched to individual needs, unique financial situations, stages of life and personal financial goals.

So, how does one find the right loan? Borrowers need to consider their unique financial situations and look for a mortgage that best fits their needs. For example how long you intend to stay in your home is a major factor when considering a mortgage. A newlywed couple in Los Angeles might decide to purchase a small home or condo with the idea of staying in the dwelling for only a few years, then moving to a larger home to start a family. In this instance, an adjustable rate loan with a lower interest rate in the short term might be the preferable option over a traditional 30-year, fixed interest loan.

Another important factor is the "risk" of increased monthly payments depending on the loan you choose. Borrowers should decide if it is best to make the same mortgage payment every month or have the option of lower rates in the short term, while budgeting for possibly higher interest rates and higher mortgage payments down the road. Sometimes a combination of both works best. Some adjustable rate loans allow borrowers to select an initial period during which interest rates remain low and fixed for a long period of time, and then fluctuate like a traditional adjustable rate loan. It is wise for borrowers to understand the built-in protections called interest rate caps that limit the extent to which a loan may adjust.

Borrowers and lenders should also consider family income, monthly expenses and current savings. A professional two income couple planning a family has a very different set of loan needs than a retired home buyer who is living on a fixed income. The retiree might prefer the security of fixed or "locked down" payments each month while the professional couple might want a home loan that offers a lower monthly payment during their family's early years.

Regardless of your financial circumstances, avoid lenders who simply want to "sell you" a loan off the shelf. Look instead for a lender who can analyze your present financial situation, determine your specific needs and help you choose a loan that allows you to buy the home of your dreams and manage your money. Borrowers must understand that in today's loan environment, knowledge is power.

Six-week summer series Bible Study

DOWNEY—Downey First Christian Church is hosting a Summer Series Women's Bible Study for six weeks on Wednesday nights starting Wednesday, June 21 from 7-9 p.m.

Each week will be devoted to a video study by godly women including Beth Moore, Ann Graham Lotz and others. There will be small group discussions and application of the study. In addition, there will be time to get caught up with friends and meet new ones.

Child care is available for birth through preschool for \$3 per child per night. Spots can be reserved by calling the church at (562) 862-2438. More information and a map can be found at www.newstreetchurch.com.

Yard sale permits available at City Hall

DOWNEY – Two-day permits for garage/yard sales are available for \$10 by visiting the Cashier's window at City Hall.

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Ask the Contractors Board

By Bert Sandman,
Chair, California Contractors State License Board

Q: What is a mechanic's lien and does it apply to the landscaping of my backyard and my gazebo installation?

A: Mechanic liens are applicable to everyone doing a home improvement project involving contractors and sub-contractors. When you hire a general contractor to do work on your home, he or she typically hires sub-contractors for some of the work, and purchases materials from outside suppliers. If the contractor, sub-contractors or suppliers who provide goods or services to improve our property aren't paid, they can file what is called a mechanic's lien on your home.

A mechanic's lien is a “hold” against your property that, if unpaid, allows a foreclosure action, forcing the sale of your home. The unpaid contractor, subcontractor or supplier records it with the County Recorder's office. It means that any of these unpaid entities can claim a lien against the property until they are paid. Most problems occur when the homeowner pays the prime contractor for all or some of the work, but the prime contractor fails to pay the subcontractors and/or materials suppliers. You can protect yourself from liens by carefully selecting your contractors and responsibly managing your construction project. Following these tips should protect you:

- Check with your local courthouse to see if the prime contractor has a history of litigation
- Get your prime contractor to give you a list of all subcontractors, and materials suppliers they will be using
- Check with those subcontractors and suppliers and ask them if they've had problems with the contractor paying them
- Before you make a payment, get a signed conditional lien release from the subcontractor and /or materials supplier
- After getting that release, make the appropriate payment for the work that was done. Write payment checks to both the prime contractor and the materials supplier or subcontractor. After you pay, the contractor should get you an unconditional release signed by each of the claimants paid for the portion of the work being released. Make sure that the actual claimant signs the unconditional release.

Q: I hired a licensed landscaper to work on my backyard. But instead, he took my final payment and didn't finish the work in the contract. I have called him multiple times, but he says he won't fix the yard because he “didn't do anything wrong.” I want my money back, what can I do?

A: Since you hired a licensed contractor, you do have recourse through the CSLB. However, this doesn't guarantee you'll get your money back. Since that is your goal, your best option might be to consult with an attorney about small claims court. If you are considering recovering damages less than \$7,500, the CSLB can provide you with information about filing a claim in small claims court or you can consult the clerk at small claims court for assistance. If you want to file a more monetarily substantial claim, then an attorney is the best way to go.

Q: A contractor came to my door yesterday and offered a free roof inspection. I believed him when he said I needed a new roof so I agreed. I signed a contract, but I am having second thoughts. Is there anything I can do to get out of the contract?

A: Yes, but you must move quickly. The California's Home Solicitation Sales Act allows you to cancel the contract by midnight of the third business day after the document was signed. This includes all days except Sunday and most holidays. The purpose here is to protect consumers from the pressure they often feel to make an immediate purchasing decision from someone going door-to-door. Unless the contract is negotiated at the contractor's place of business, the buyer qualifies for the three-day right to cancel. The notice must be in writing and can be a letter, telegram or even a fax sent to the address specified in the contract or offer. You need to be sure you express your intent to not be bound by the contract or offer.

This is an excellent example of why you should never feel pressured into signing a home improvement contract, especially when someone shows up at your front door. You should also be skeptical anytime someone shows up at your front door saying they've got materials left over from another job and will give you a big discount.

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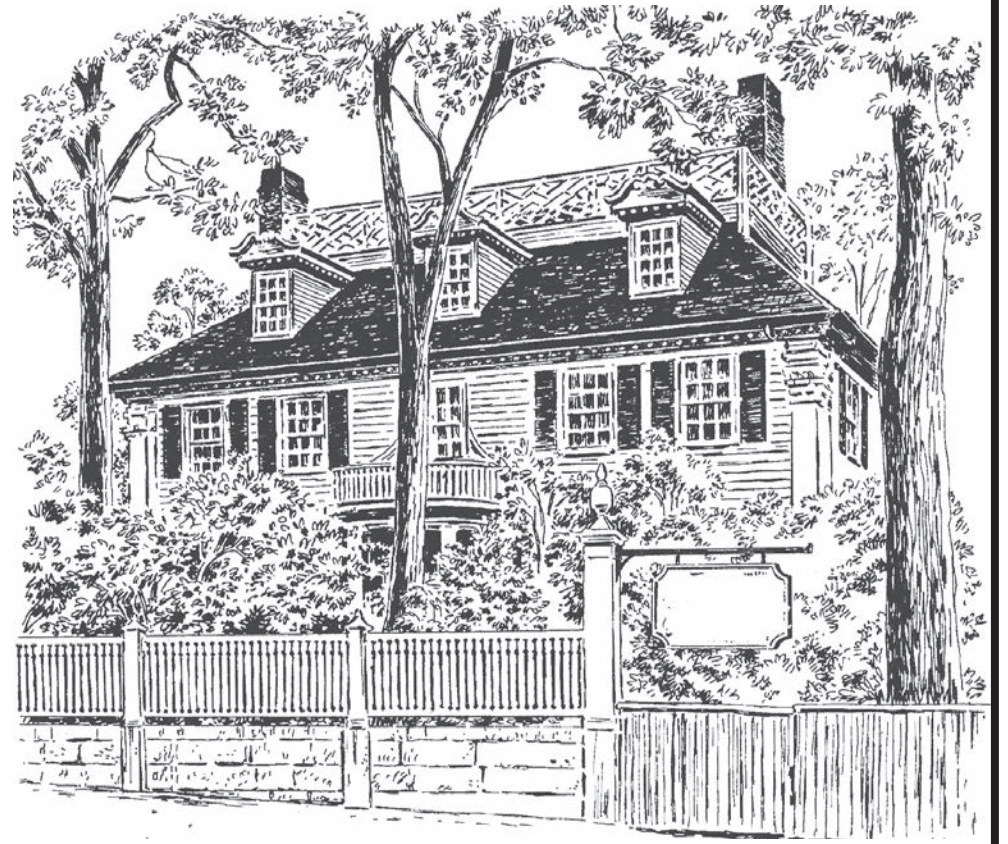
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Smart buy!
3 bed, 2 bath home on a large lot in the NE Downey area. With spacious bedrooms (including master bedroom w/private bath), large living room with view of backyard, and den with fireplace, this is a beautiful home that you won't want to miss. Other details include newer cement tile floor, central air and heat and inside laundry room. The property has a carport and 2 car detached garage priced \$779,900.
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Must See For yourself!
3 bedrooms, 2 bath home in North Downey (Orange Estates) near Furman Park. The home includes a master bedroom, living room, family room & enclosed patio. The property also includes a 3-car garage & guest room. Exterior has been freshly painted & has new rod-iron fence, while the interior has a remodeled kitchen & bathrooms, hard wood floors, Italian tile, central AC & copper plumbing throughout. All this for \$819,000.
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Move-In Condition!
Immaculate 3 bed, 1.5 bath North Downey home on a large lot. New kitchen with granite counter tops, tumbled travertine backsplash, tile floors, and stainless steel appliances. The home has a formal dining area, breakfast nook in kitchen, formal living room with fireplace, spacious bedrooms, and beautiful hardwood floors. Other features include central air & heat, copper plumbing, inside laundry room, newer roof & covered patio. Price: \$745,000.
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Great Investment Opportunity On A Large Lot!
Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath house in front with a 2 car attached garage plus a spacious 1 bed, 1 bath house in back. The lot size of 19,000 sq ft should allow someone to build 3 units or enjoy the immense backyard. Priced to sell at \$877,000.
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Act Fast!
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OPEN HOUSE
North Downey Home
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OPEN HOUSE
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