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PERFECT GENTLEMEN – An award-winning a cappella group known to interject mischievous humor into their performances, will entertain at Furman Park next Wednesday at 7 p.m., part of the city's Twilight Summer Concert Series.

Harmony and humor take center stage

DOWNEY – The Perfect Gentlemen, the 2002 "Best A Cappella Vocal Group" in the United States will entertain at the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. The concert series is free and is held in beautiful Furman Park, 10419 Rives Avenue, in Downey.

Preserving America's great vocal sounds from a time when music was music, The Perfect Gentlemen recreate the close harmonies of such legendary groups as The Ink Spots and the Pied Pipers, while including the era's great comic songs made famous by the likes of Louis Jordan and the Hoosier Hotshots.

A typical performance by The Perfect Gentlemen includes marvelous melodious music mingled with masterful mirth, mischief and merry-making. The group's versatility allows for effortless shifts between vocal styles with an air of ease, whether singing a cappella or accompanied by guitar or ukulele. Their signature piece, "Salute to the 20th Century," is a humorous take on the de-evolution of music over the last century, illustrated by singing the same song in the style of Barbershop, Dixieland, Blues, Big Band, Doo-Wop, Bluegrass, Disco, Techno Punk and Rap Music, complete with visuals that delight audiences of all ages.

The Perfect Gentlemen is made up of four performers of unparalleled talent. Dan Jordan (Second Tenor) is a gold-medal winning lead singer with The New Tradition of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Jim Campbell (Bass) anchors the group with low notes he expertly crafted as the long-time bass singer of the famous Dapper Dans of Disneyland. Tim Reeder (Baritone/Tenor/Ukulele/Tenor Guitar) brings to the mix a knack for uncovering hilarious musical gems, amazing period vocals, expert instrumental accompaniment, and his own composing talents, from his years with the 1930's-era vocal jazz group Vocalworks.

Phil Gold (First Tenor) rounds out the group with high notes honed

Chamber business awards set July 28

DOWNEY—The annual Downey Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Awards will be presented at a luncheon at the Rio Hondo Event Center at 11:45 a.m. Friday, July 28.

The Center is located at 10627 Old River School Road, in Downey.

Reservations for the 2006 Business of the Year Awards are \$25 in advance, and may be made by phone at (562) 923-2191, e-mail downeycc@verizon.net or fax at (562) 869-0461.

with quartets in the touring stage musicals "City of Angels" and "Forever Plaid." Together as The Perfect Gentlemen, these four entertainers compliment each other in a way that is nothing short of perfect.

Originally formed in 1998 to tour the United Kingdom, The Perfect Gentlemen have headlined shows across the United States, made several return visits across the Pond, and shared the stage with award-winning a cappella groups The Persuasions and Rockapella. Major corporate clients have included Disney Entertainment Productions, San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino, the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation and the Central City Association among others.

On concert Wednesdays the Downey Museum of Art is open before the concert and the Downey Rose Float Association sells tasty treats for all to enjoy. For information about the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series please telephone the City of Downey Community Services Department by calling (562) 904-7230.

Poverty is alive and well in California

By John Adams

Poverty is alive and thriving in California according to a report published in California Counts, a magazine of the Public Policy Institute of California.

Researcher Deborah Reed notes that by official measure, poverty in recent years has been somewhat higher in California than the rest of the nation. 13.4 percent versus 12.7 percent in 2004. The Golden State ranks 13th highest in poverty among all states and the District of Columbia. However, she notes this does not take into consideration California's higher cost of living.

Using a conservative adjustment for costs based on housing rents, California has substantially more poverty than much of the rest of the nation: 16.1 percent versus 12 percent.

Adjustment

Once the cost adjustment is made, only Washington D.C. and New York have higher poverty rates. Furthermore, Los Angeles, Monterey and San Francisco Counties all have poverty rates of more than 20 percent.

This puts them in range of the 10 top poverty counties in the nation.

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Properties rezoned to conform to city's plan

■ Move expected to clear way for construction of additional residential units.

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—After a public hearing, the City Council approved a request to rezone two lots from R-1 5,000 (Single Family Residential) to R-3-0 (Multiple Family Residential Ownership) for properties located at 7714, 7722 and 7724 Stewart and Gray Rd.

Likewise, the Council voted to amend the city's comprehensive zoning map and approve zone change No. 06-62, involving the rezoning of 16 properties from R-1-5000 to R-3-0 located at 7612-7730 Stewart and Gray Rd. (even-numbered only) and 11905-11923 Rives Ave. (odd-numbered only).

In either instance, a negative declaration of environmental impact has been adopted.

The first-named properties are located on the south side of Stewart and Gray between Rives Ave. and Old River School Road, and the surrounding 16 properties are located between Pomeroy Rd and Rives Ave.

Some concerns about air quality, parking impacts, trash, and privacy issues were reiterated at the hearing, but the Council unanimously agreed that the zone change is, using ordinance language, "necessary and desirable for the development of the community in harmony with the objectives of Downey Vision 2025, the city's General Plan, and found to be in the interest of the furtherance of the public health, safety, and welfare." It said further that the zone change will enable the construction of additional residential units, which will help the city towards meeting the [future] housing needs of its residents.

In other action, the Council:

- Approved agreement with Downey Chamber of Commerce for FY2006-07 to promote the welfare and growth of the city;
- Approved contract with the Fair Housing Foundation in the amount of \$14,774 for FY2006-07 to provide fair housing services;
- Accepted the State of California Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) grant in the amount of \$45,317 for police training and enforcement to reduce/eliminate liquor sales to minors;
- Approved contract with Ishii Engineering in the amount of \$43,180 for the preparation of plans and specifications to replace City Hall's heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC);
- Approved resolution adopting a class specification and establishing a salary range for Assistant Planner II and establishing new salary ranges for Building Official, Housing Manager and Housing Planner.
- Approved resolution providing for the conduct of a special runoff election for elective offices in the event of a tie vote at the general municipal election on Nov. 7, 2006.

• Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Downey High alumnus Petros Giannikopoulos, who was graduating class valedictorian in 1997, on his recent graduation from Harvard Medical School.

The next regular public meeting of the Downey City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Council candidate filing opens July 17

DOWNEY—The legal filing period for candidates for the General Municipal Election of Tuesday, Nov. 7, at which two Downey City Council seats will be decided, begins Monday, July 17.

The filing period closes Friday, Aug. 11 unless a qualified incumbent does not file, in which case it extends to Wednesday, Aug. 16.

At stake are the council seats in District 2 (Southwest Downey), and District 4 (Northeast Downey).

District 2 is currently represented by Mayor Meredith Perkins, while District 4 is represented by Anne Bayer.

Bayer is eligible to run again, but Perkins is not due to term limits.

If elected, candidates may serve full four-year terms. A candidate must be a resident and voter in the district for at least 30 days prior to July 17, 2006.

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at (562) 904-7280.

Safe Surrender tot law defended by Knabe

LOS ANGELES – County Supervisor Don Knabe has taken a firm stand against a bill that would modify the current Safe Surrender Program that is based on the five-year-old Safe Haven Law that allows a mother to surrender her newborn within 72 hours of birth without penalty.

Knabe called the present law an incredible success, and added that to revise it by extending the amnesty to 30 days would lead to abuses of the confidentiality portion. A woman has a window through which she can surrender a healthy newborn within 72 hours of birth with no questions asked at hospitals or fire stations. But to extend the window of confidentiality to 30 days might allow parents who abuse their infant an added source of immunity.

Knabe said there are existing laws to deal with turning newborns over for county care.

AB1873 is opposed by the Board of Supervisors, the District Attorney's Office, and the California Welfare Directors Association.



DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER—Welcomed 60 new staff members (support staff, technologists, nurses) July 10 at its 2-day new employee orientation. DRMC now employs more than 1,200 people, including 550 nurses, and the number continues to grow.

DRMC adds 60 new employees to staff

■ As number of patients being treated increases, so does the number of new hires.

DOWNEY—On July 10, Downey Regional Medical Center welcomed a record-breaking 60 hospital staff members who were attending its two-day new employee orientation. So far this year, each monthly orientation has been attended by at least 40 new staff.

The new hires consist of various support staff, technologists and nurses who will serve throughout the hospital. Along with seasoned nursing professionals, new graduates from East Los Angeles College and Cerritos College, who recently passed their licensing exams given by the California State Board of Registered Nursing, have also come on board.

Growth of the DRMC hospital family is attributed to an increasing number of patients treated at the hospital in recent months. In June, the average daily census of patients was 156, and some days the census has been as high as 179. A major factor in the increase has been more physicians choosing to admit their patients to DRMC.

More than 1,200 people are employed by DRMC, including approximately 550 nurses. The nonprofit hospital, which serves southeast Los Angeles, is actively recruiting nurses, particularly for its Emergency Care Center and the Anderson Critical Care Center.

“Along with highly competitive salaries and strong benefit packages, we are offering bonuses of up to \$20,000 for experienced critical care and emergency room nurses,” noted DRMC Personnel Recruiter Sally Guzman. “Additionally, we have expanded our training programs to ensure that our new nurses are fully prepared in their new positions.”

More information about nursing opportunities is available by calling Guzman at 904-5358, or visiting www.drmc.org.

‘Shabbat under the stars’ July 21

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, a Reform congregation, will be having a picnic outdoors at 6 p.m. Friday, July 21. Everyone is asked to bring their own family dinner. “Shabbat Under The Stars” follows at 7:30 p.m. in the garden setting of the temple. Dress is casual.

Services will be conducted by Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill. There will be an Oneg (Reception) afterwards with desserts and beverages provided by the Temple Sisterhood.

Temple Ner Tamid is located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd., Downey. For information, call 861-9276.

‘A mile of bargains’ along Pangborn Ave.

DOWNEY—The residents of Pangborn Avenue in Downey invite the community to their 6th annual Mile-Long Yard Sale Saturday, July 15, from 7 a.m. to noon.

Last year, over 30 homes on Pangborn (between Florence Ave. and Firestone Blvd.) hosted yard sales for the event.



DIVER RICK DAYNES—Brings undersea adventures for kids at the library July 17.

Library to present underwater adventure

DOWNEY—Middle school children ages 11-13 are invited to an undersea adventure at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., Monday, July 17 featuring a presentation, “Shipwrecks and Buried Treasure: an Underwater Adventure” by diver and treasure hunter Rick Daynes.

Daynes will share, from 2-4:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room, the true story of a 17-year quest and recovery of the remains of the Nuestra Senora de Atocha, said to be the richest Spanish galleon ever to set sail. The ship sank during a hurricane in 1622 and is the subject of the movie, “National Treasure.”

The event, part of the Children’s Summer Reading program which runs through Aug. 5, is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library. Arrive early since seating is limited. Free passes will be distributed 30 minutes prior to show time.

For information, call 904-7360, ext. 4.

Su Casa planning poker tournament

DOWNEY—Su Casa Family Crisis and Support Center, which serves victims of domestic violence and child abuse in Downey and neighboring cities, will hold their inaugural Texas No-Limit Hold’em Poker Tournament Sept. 10 at the Cerritos Senior Center.

Entry fee is \$100, with proceeds going towards the organization’s efforts. To sign up, call (562) 303-1030.

Networking group meets July 25

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce’s Rise ‘N Shine Networking Group will have Loren Behr, executive director of the Columbia Memorial Space Learning Center, as guest speaker at its meeting Tuesday, July 25 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. RSVP: 923-2191.

Chamber Golf Classic slated for Aug. 7

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce holds its 10th annual Golf Classic Monday, Aug. 7 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. It will be a four-man Best Ball Scramble affair, with the usual putting, hole-in-one, and closest to the pin (on all par 3’s) contests and cash prizes, with a BBQ lunch and dinner. Shotgun start is at noon.

Entry fee of \$140 covers green fees, carts, both luncheon and dinner, awards and prizes. A portion of the proceeds will provide scholarships to youths at the local high schools (Downey High, Warren High, and Columbus High), and for the winner of the annual Miss Downey Pageant.

For more information, call 923-2191.

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'FLIGHTS OF FANTASY'—Brings live theater July 26 for children ages 5-12.

Children's Theater group set to perform

DOWNEY—Children ages 5-12 will enjoy "Flights of Fantasy Story Theater," a live, multicultural theater performance at the Downey City Library Wednesday, July 26 from 2-2:45 p.m. in the Cornack Room.

The lively production will include props, masks and costumes in a performance of folktales, fables and musical rhymes celebrating the creativity of children. Sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library, the event is part of the Children's Summer Reading Program which runs through Aug. 5.

Free show passes will be distributed 30 minutes prior to show time. Arrive early since seating is limited. For information, call 904-7360, ext. 4. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Emergency Preparedness on hiatus

DOWNEY—The Emergency Preparedness Committee for the city of Downey will not be meeting in July and August. The next meeting of the committee will be at fire station headquarters, 12222 Paramount Blvd. on Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

For information, call the Downey Fire Department at 904-7344.

Calling Downey High '56 class alumni

DOWNEY—A reunion of Downey High's Class of 1956 is planned for Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8. Alumni are asked to call (949) 472-4616 for details.

Pedestrian killed along Iowa Street

■ Woman, a Pico Rivera resident, was attempting to cross the street when hit by a truck.

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY—A 69-year-old Pico Rivera woman was struck and killed by a pickup truck as she tried to cross Iowa Street between Brookshire Avenue and Patton Road in Downey last Friday, police said.

The woman, identified as Idalia Galindo, was struck at about 8:30 a.m., said Detective Rosie Gutierrez of the Downey Police Department.

The accident occurred when 44-year-old Omar Magrina of Downey turned out of a driveway to go east on Iowa and hit Galindo, who was crossing southbound, Gutierrez said.

Magrina was driving a Ford F-150 pickup truck.

The area of the accident, just blocks from Downey Retirement Center and several medical offices, including Downey Regional Medical Center, is sometimes heavy with pedestrian traffic.

No charges have been filed in the case.

Arts and child's imagination

DOWNEY—The power of the arts combines with the imagination of a child in KidArts, teaching the arts through children, to be offered Monday, July 31 through Friday, Aug. 4 at the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 E. Third St., Downey.

The program begins each day at 9 a.m., and is for children first through fifth grades. It features The Symbolizer, which teaches symbols through dance, art, vocal music, video, costume design, culinary arts and more.

The program requires a nominal registration fee. For information, call Sherri Lacy at (562) 923-1261, ext. 269.

St. Raymond's bingo luncheon July 16

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is having a bingo luncheon Sunday, July 16 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Donation is \$10. This includes one free Bingo card, door prizes and lunch. Guests must be 18 years of age to play.

For tickets/information, call Aline Amatisto, 693-9430, or Charlene Drobeck, 928-1937.



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NEW PRESIDENT—Harry Sacks of Pre-Paid Legal Services has been elected as the new president of Pro Networkers of Downey for the 2006-07 year. He succeeds Jerry Brady of the Downey Patriot. Pro Networkers meets for breakfast every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe to exchange business leads and network. Sacks can be reached at 319-1063.

Golf tournament to help battle cancer

DOWNEY—The Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey will host the Elizabeth Miller Memorial Golf Tournament Sept. 6, an event designed to raise funds for ovarian cancer research.

"The Mulligan Man" Eric Tracy will be the day's guest.

For information, call Charles Millers at (949) 588-5879.

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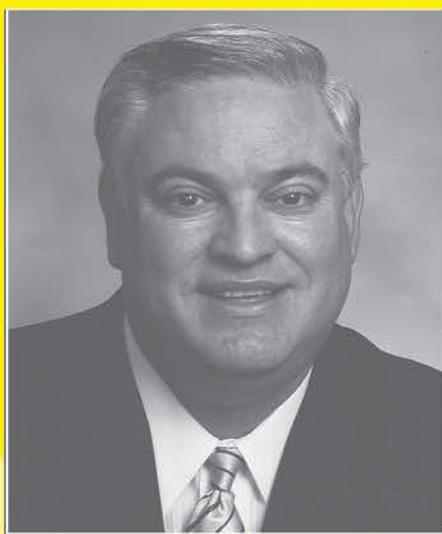
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Goodbye to the 'ugliest building' in Downey!

■ Old Stats building razed; church to take its place.

By Judith Massey Notchick,
Desert Reign Assembly

DOWNEY—Did you feel the ground shaking? Hear the earth rumbling? No, it wasn't an earthquake! Remember the "old Stats" building? The store had served this community for decades.

Lately the property had become...well, a real eyesore with folks using it to dump their junk. It was an abandoned building and a magnet for problems. Well, take a look now! The walls have come a-tumbling down! Monday, June 12 began the fulfillment of Pastors Don and Deborah Metcalf's dream. Not long ago, the congregation of Desert Reign Assembly of God purchased the Stats property at the corner of Lakewood and Hall.

In 2003 Desert Reign purchased the Woodruff Christian School campus located in Bellflower at 16400 Woodruff Ave. and renamed it Southland Christian Academy. Soon after, DRA relocated its preschool. The Metcalfs remain focused on the importance of family, relationships and education. When I met with this couple, they were welcoming, open, and genuine. Their vision for the development of the old Stats site is unique.

When one looks into the eyes of this man, his heartbeat can be heard... which is steady, focused and goal-oriented. Desert Reign has ambitious plans for their new site. Along with the church facility they have teamed up with Da Vita Dialysis Center, who along with Kaiser Medical Group, will build a 9000 square-foot dialysis center on the property.

When the DRA receives its conditional use permit, the main sanctuary will be 25,000 square feet and seat 500. Plans also include a smaller facility for approximately 125 people. It will be used to house a full-time Spanish-speaking ministry, as well as for children, teens and seniors.

There will also be a new preschool with around 85 students. The City of Downey's own self-study identified this to be one of the city's greater needs.

The dream does not end there. Desert Reign Assembly has a heart to be an asset to the local communities. The premises will be made available for the city's use free of charge when possible. Until the main sanctuary is built, this "mobile congregation" will continue meeting at the Norwalk Marriott Ballroom on Sunday mornings, and Sunday and Thursday evenings at the Crossroads Multinational Church of the Nazarene in Cerritos.

Visit both websites at www.southlandchristianacademy.org and www.desertreign.org, or call the office, (562) 929-6111, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.



NOW AT THE CHAMBER—Dorothy Van Zuilen has come aboard at the Downey Chamber of Commerce as administrative assistant. She replaced Zenzi Devereux, longtime Chamber employee. Van Zuilen can be reached at 923-2191.

DRMC-Red Cross blood drive July 26

■ Blood supply at critically-low level, officials say.

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. (near Firestone Blvd.) is inviting community members in to donate blood Wednesday, July 26, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., at an American Red Cross Blood Drive hosted by the DRMC Volunteer Corps. It will be held in the hospital's lower-level conference rooms.

All donors will receive a coupon for a free pint of Baskin-Robbins ice cream.

The Southern California American Red Cross reports a critically low blood supply. There is a special need for Group O Blood, officials say. Nearly one-half the population has this blood type, and Group O negative blood is also the "universal" donor blood often used in emergencies. About one-half of those who do not know their blood type will be a Group O donor. The Red Cross reports that only five percent of the eligible U.S. populations gives blood.

Those considering donating blood must be in good health, be at least 17 years old, and weigh at least 110 pounds. There is no upper age limit on your ability to donate. Conditions that require a temporary deferral are pregnancy, travel to certain parts of the world, inoculations, some health conditions and certain medications. A healthy donor may donate red blood cells every 56 days.

Blood is needed for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell, anemia and other illnesses. Some people need regular blood transfusions to live.

To schedule an appointment, call the DRMC Volunteer Office at 904-5321, or go to the www.givelife.org site and enter the sponsor code, DOWREG. Walk-ins are welcome, but may experience delays. The entire process generally takes about one hour.

Red Cross seeks volunteers for area

DOWNEY—The American Red Cross immediately needs volunteers to assist with blood drives in the Rio Hondo area which covers Downey and Norwalk. No experience is necessary; training is provided. Bilingual volunteers are highly encouraged to apply.

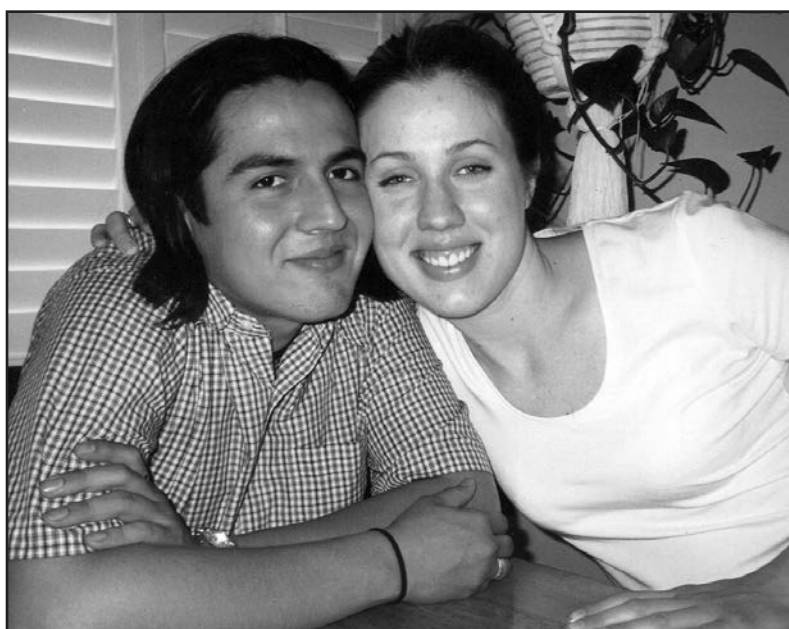
Volunteers assist the Collection staff by greeting and registering donors, instructing donors to read necessary paperwork, providing refreshments, looking for donor reactions and promoting public relations.

For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera, Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross Blood Services, 1-800-498-9910, ext. 7.

Nurses needed for disaster preparedness

WHITTIER—The Red Cross Rio Hondo Chapter in Whittier, which serves the communities of Bell Gardens, Downey, La Habra Heights, La Mirada, Montebello, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier and some unincorporated service areas, needs nurses to volunteer toward preparedness for a major disaster.

Free orientation classes will be provided; sessions are held every other month with a program (two CEU's may be earned). If you wish to help, you are urged to contact Rosina Smith, RN, NP (Disaster Health Services Lead) at (562) 864-7842, or leave a message for her at the Red Cross Chapter, (562) 945-3944.



ARAYA-FRAZIER WEDDING—Christine Rhae Frazier, daughter of Steven and Rhae Frazier, will wed Dario Araya, son of Alejandro and Maria-Alicia Araya, on Aug. 12 at Christ Community Church in Buena Park. A reception will follow at the Frazier residence in Downey. Christine and Dario are both graduates of UC-Riverside. Christine is a high school teacher in Downey while Dario works as an engineer for an engineering consulting firm in Santa Ana. After a honeymoon in Jamaica, they will reside in Cypress.

The Poets' Corner

Ode to a Fish

To walk into the room
and watch you grace the clear water
with your piscine presence is hypnotic.

Your reaction when you recognize me
almost pulls you out of your tank.
You must focus through water, through

thick glass. You do, and your eyes
hook onto mine. You anxiously fin
away as you signal, "I see you!"

I experience luminosity when I behold
your pearlescent scales within
the shimmering greenblue of the water.

The flick of your tail, the lock
of your eyes, your undulations and
water slaps—gestures with meaning—

all trying to send messages to me, a
complete opposite of you. Me, an
air-breathing, leggy, ungainly being

who is no match for your elegance.

—Margaret Hehman-Smith,
Hollydale

Rancho golf classic will be played Aug. 4

DOWNEY—The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation will host its 16th annual Rancho Golf Classic to benefit patients at the world-famed Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

This year's tournament will be offered at the lovely Friendly Hills Country Club on Aug. 14.

The goal is to raise \$100,000 to benefit patients and services at Rancho.

Sponsors are sought, ranging from dinner only (\$100); and foursome sponsorship (one foursome for golf plus four awards dinner tickets), all the way to platinum sponsorship (\$7,500) including two foursomes for golf, one tee sign, a full-page ad in the event's program book, your logo on the welcome banner, eight dinner tickets, vendor recognition at the awards ceremony, and a special plaque presented to you at the awards ceremony. Tournament Chairman for this year's event is County Supervisor Don Knabe (4th District including Downey).

For tickets and information, call Yolanda James at the Rancho Foundation, (562) 401-7033.

English classes taught at no cost to students

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School is offering free English classes and babysitting to anyone who wants to learn English. The classes are held in the mornings at four different school sites:

Imperial Elementary	Mon-Fri 8:45 - 11:45
West Middle School	Mon-Fri 8:30 - 11:30
Alameda Elementary	Mon & Wed 8:00 - 11:30
Rio Hondo Elementary	Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 - 11:30

Students may enroll anytime; all levels of English instruction are offered. Students should visit the above school sites and ask the front office where the CBET classroom is located.

For more information, call Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, (562) 940-6200.

Prenatal parenting course offered

DOWNEY—The Exchange Club Family Support Center, 8320 Iowa St., Downey, is offering a nine-week prenatal parenting course called "Ready, Set... Grow!!" starting Aug. 1 thru Sept. 26 at its facility located at 8320 Iowa St. in Downey. Funding for the program comes from a grant by Southern California Edison.

The course, premised on the principle that nurturing a baby at the prenatal time of development is one of the most important things a parent can do to increase the chances that the baby will grow in body, mind, and character, will enable parents to learn how to:

- Adopt a healthy lifestyle
- Celebrate and prepare for parenthood
- Adapt to physical and emotional changes
- Handle stress and anger
- Bond with their baby
- Use infant massage

The Tuesday sessions will last 2-1/2 hours, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$20 and child care will not be available during sessions. For information, call 904-9590.

Pet adoption at Downey Landing

DOWNEY—SEAACA and Fail-Safe 4 Felines, which occupy the pet adoption section at the new PetSmart at Downey Landing, are holding Pet Adoption Weekends Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. at the location, affording you a chance to adopt rescued cats and kittens in need of indoor homes.

These cats, according to sponsors SEAACA and Fail Safe 4 Felines, "have had their shots, are vet attention-tested, dewormed, de-flea'd, microchipped, and very healthy"—all ready for adoption.

For information, call Fail-Safe 4 Felines, (562) 927-7793, or SEAA-CA, (562) 803-3301.

Danny Lopez completes basic training

SAN ANTONIO, TX—Army Pfc. Danny A. Lopez, son of Ledy Lopez of Paramount and grandson of Gloria Aguirre of Downey, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, rifle marksmanship, weapons, map reading, tactics, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history, core values and traditions, and special training in human relations.



GOOD RIDDANCE?—The retail building that used to be known as Stats Floral Store, located at the intersection of Lakewood and Hall, being razed to make way for a new church.

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Symphonic Society receives District grant

LOS ANGELES—The Downey Symphonic Society was one of 26 arts organizations from the 4th District to receive grants from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission Organizational Grant Program (OGP), it was announced Tuesday by Supervisor Don Knabe. The grant was in the mid-size budget organization category.

The OGP grants are awarded competitively and reviewed and scored by panels.

The grants for the 4th District are part of awards totaling \$4,518,000 to over 250 nonprofit arts organizations countywide for the fiscal year 2006-07 to create visual and performing arts projects, strengthen infrastructure and provide access to the arts for children and adults. The total allocation doubled the \$2,259,000 from 2005-06, making the Los Angeles County Arts Commission the largest public funder of the arts in Los Angeles County.

"Our entire community will benefit from this increase, but I am particularly pleased with the impact it will have on young people," said Knabe.

"From my youth, the arts have been a personal passion of mine. Children with opportunities in the arts have a lifelong benefit."

E-Waste added to list of Aug. 19 roundup

DOWNEY—E-Waste has been added to the list of hazardous Household Waste to be handled free of charge at a hazardous waste roundup Aug. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Columbus Continuation High School, located at 12330 Woodruff Ave., Downey.

Materials such as motor oil, paint, turpentine, dye based cleaners, household and car batteries, pesticides and garden herbicides can damage the environment if dumped or poured down the drain.

E-Waste is any electric equipment near the end of its life, such as computer monitors, TVs, VCRs, stereos, fax machines, computers, keyboards and cellular phones.

Do not bring explosives, radioactive items or tires. Items should be in their original containers, placed in a cardboard box. Drive to the roundup site. You never have to leave your car.

The roundup is sponsored by the County in cooperation with the City of Downey and other area cities. For information call the County Public Works at 1-888-CLEANLA or the Sanitation District 1-800-238-0172.

Property tax assessment seminars set by county

LOS ANGELES—The County of Los Angeles is sponsoring a series of seminars to assist property owners who feel their taxes should be lowered due to a decline in the value of their property.

Some homeowners who recently have received a "Notice of Assessed Value Change" will have questions regarding their appeal rights.

The meetings are intended to help taxpayers better understand the assessment appeals process, which many find confusing. The seminar will be of value to homeowners who are interested in learning about the assessment appeals process and to those who have already filed an appeal. The seminar will cover taxpayers' appeal rights and when to file an application for reduction in assessment.

The seminar will also cover how to prepare for a hearing, what qualifies as admissible evidence, what will happen at the hearing and what to expect after the hearing.

The 90-minute seminars will be offered at various locations, including: Cerritos Park East, 13234 E. 166th St., Malibu Room—10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 28 (free parking), and El Monte, Jack Crippen Senior Center, Crafts Room, 3120 N. Tyler Ave.—10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 17 (free parking).

Persons with disabilities who believe they need reasonable accommodation or help in order to attend a seminar may call (213) 397-1431. Schedules for meetings may be obtained by calling (213) 893-2516.

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Young children

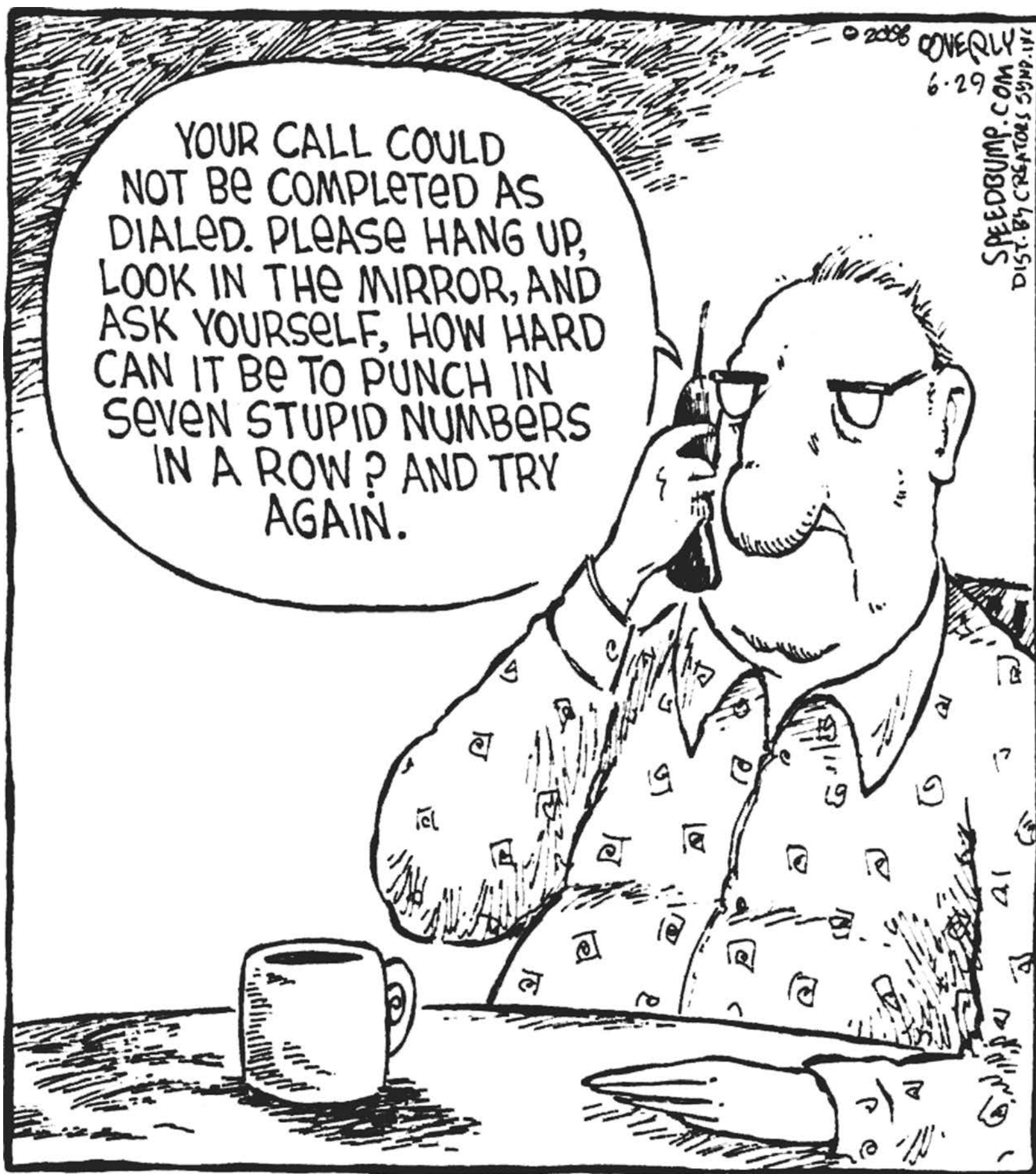
Poverty varies widely in the state. Young children have higher poverty rates than any other age group (21 percent). Women have more poverty than men (16 percent versus 14 percent). Poverty among Latinos and African Americans is roughly twice that of U.S. born whites (About 20 percent to 9.96 percent).

Poverty rates grew substantially in California in the 1980s and then fell in the 1990s. However, in the end poverty in the state was still higher than it was in the late 1860s and 1970s.

Forces

Forces effecting poverty included growth income inequality, immigration, and the number of people in single mother families. On the other hand the increase in labor force participation of single mothers and married women has led to income growth that reduces poverty levels.

The relationship between work and poverty is different in California. Between 1976 and 2004 the share of poor families with a fulltime worker increased from 12 percent to 31 percent in California, while holding steady at about 20 percent in the rest of the nation.



Letters to the Editor:

Downey's 'dirty little secret'

Dear Editor:

This is in direct relation to Stacey Rodgers (The Downey Patriot, 6/23/06) and George Redfox (6/30/06) who speak out against mansionization in Downey.

Downey has a dirty little secret behind the building of these huge mansions. A secret source disclosed to me that most of these mansions are owned by one or two buyers, who in turn rent out all the rooms to several or a lot more illegal renters, charging each one a percentage of the mortgage payment in order to pay for these extravagant homes. How else could one family afford to purchase and pay for a \$2 million home?

This practice is also occurring in New Jersey, New York, Malibu, all over the United States. Who wants to live next door to a home filled with 10 to 20 people, who are non-related, all of them illegal, cars parked everywhere, trash piling up around the premises, and God knows what else? I certainly don't.

The City of Downey must do something to stop this invasion. Sure the city is making a lot of money in building permits, property taxes, and who knows who else is being paid off? However, aren't the good taxpaying citizens of Downey outraged by this? We are paying our hard earned taxes and getting no representation from our city mayor and his council. Who's running this establishment? We are, the citizens of Downey! We voted these people into office, if they do not perform to our satisfaction, then let's vote them out of office.

There are cities across this great nation of ours all suffering from the same thing, illegals sucking our tax dollars dry. When are we going to wake up? How much more are we going to swallow before we realize we are being taken over by the illegals moving into our cities, over-running our neighborhoods, our schools, and our hospitals? Who's paying the taxes here?

We can begin by enforcing the codes founded by our city. Forcing our city council to enforce the laws that were put in place to protect our neighborhoods from over-crowding and illegal flop housing. Why hasn't anyone protested yet?

When you drive down a street in Downey and look around at all the great big beautiful houses, who do you imagine lives there? A nice wealthy family with great jobs and a higher education? Think again, many are filled with illegal renters. The homeowners who live next to these flop houses know what I'm talking about.

Stop the madness, the overcrowded neighborhoods, the cars parked everywhere, the overflowing trash, the noise pollution, and downright sucking of our hard earned tax dollars. Force Downey City Council to do the job they were voted into office to do, or get them out! The citizens of Downey need to stand up for their rights, after all, they have paid for those rights.

—Diane Chambers,
Downey

Grateful for publicity

Dear Editor,

We had a large and enthusiastic audience for The Wiseguys Big Band at our opening concert July 5 which I attribute in large part to the terrific coverage The Downey Patriot so generously provides.

My sincere thanks on behalf of all the staff involved in the summer concert series.

—Kevin C. O'Connor,
Downey Theatre Manager

Grim outlook for U.S.

Dear Editor,

For the first time I strongly disagree with the president who said 12 million illegals have made the U.S. better and 20 million in the future will make the U.S. even better.

Twelve million illegals now cost us \$70 billion in free medical, welfare, social security, schooling, etc. Twenty million in the future would cost us some \$115 billion and close hospitals, welfare funds, plus bankrupt social security for everyone, illegals and citizens, and collapse our stock market.

We are in the process of diluting a rich country with millions from a poor country demanding free "entitlements," the result can only be a mediocre country and a target for terrorists.

Not to mention the huge influx of violent gangs that will result, or the dangerous diseases that have begun to reappear after we had conquered them.

— T. Simpson,
Downey

Censorship 'No'

Dear Editor:

As one who served my country in World War II when it was clear what freedoms we were fighting for—and as an 82 year old writer, I object to any form of censorship—especially that kind that comes from those who are ignorant whereof they speak.

I didn't think the ladies in the Wiseguys Big Band photo were all that scantily clad. But I can believe that there are those who think that sexiness is nasty and can only pity them. It is a pretty good band, by the way. My wife and I attend those concerts and appreciate them as we aren't able to travel as much as we did when we were younger. We have all the old recordings of the original big bands but there is nothing like hearing live music—and the Rose Float hot dogs are good too!

The latter part of your article brought back memories. I think it was more than 40 years ago that at least one set of parents complained to a local library about the Tarzan books. (I thought it was a school library, but school or public, it matters not).

Obviously they had not read the books or they would have known that in the first Tarzan novel "Tarzan of the Apes" (1912), Tarzan spends some time in rescuing Jane from various dangers. They do not cohabit in any way. The book ends with Jane getting engaged to Tarzan's cousin while Tarzan (who is Lord Greystoke but chooses not to tell anyone) nobly steps aside.

In the second novel, "The Return of Tarzan" (1913), Tarzan eventually meets up with Jane again, his ne'er-do-well cousin dies, and Jane and Tarzan are married by her father, who is an ordained minister. The idea that the Borrowers family considered rewriting the books to include a wedding is ridiculous! I met Hulbert (Hully) Borrowers, one of Edgar's sons, years ago and got the impression that he was more amused by the false charges and hoped the fuss would increase book sales.

— Len Moffatt,
Downey

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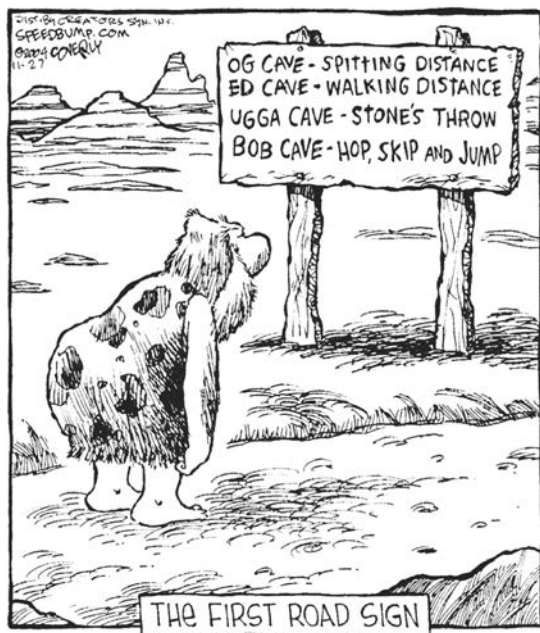
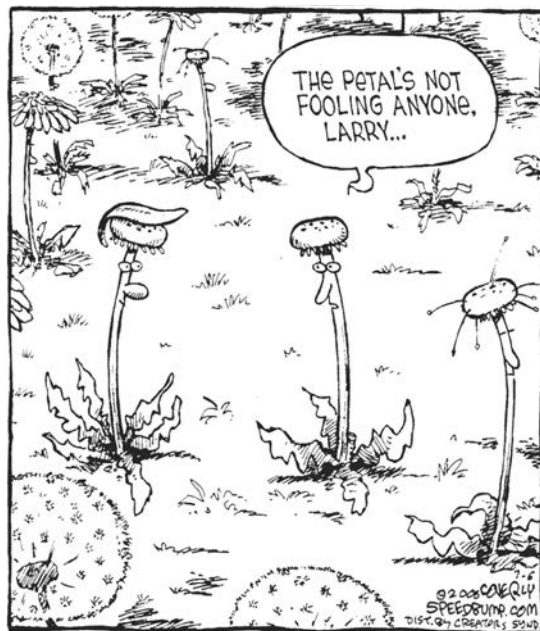
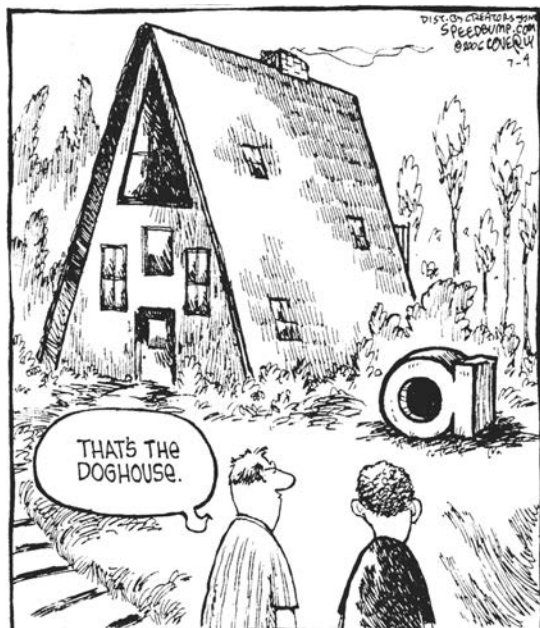
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

Sat. July 15, 9:00 a.m.: **Real Estate Investment Course** offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department. \$49 fee. Held at Barbara Riley Community Center, 7810 Quill Drive. For information and registration call 904-7238.

Wed. July 19, 7:00 p.m.: **The Perfect Gentlemen** a capella/barbershop group sings at the annual Summer Twilight Concert Series. Food available for sale or attendees may bring their own picnic. At Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. For information call 904-7230.

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. 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 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 Sambi'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.

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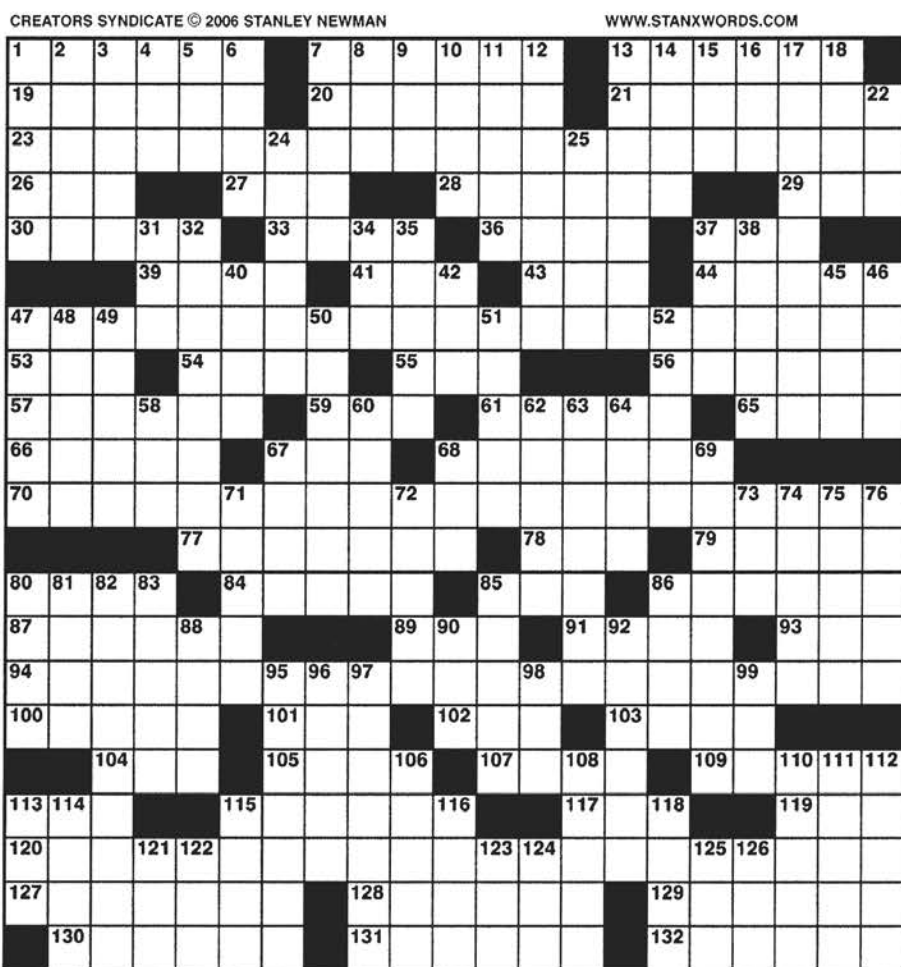
- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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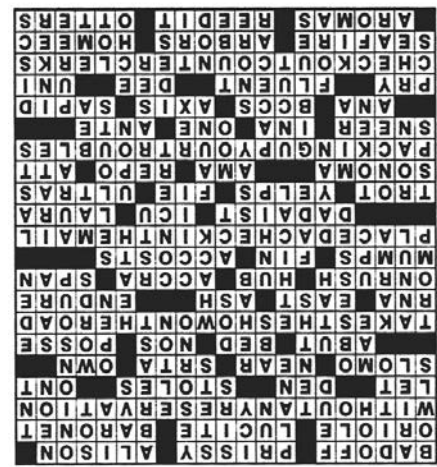
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 - 131 Make a new round of corrections
 - 132 Furry frog-eaters
- DOWN**
- 1 Seeks a strike
 - 2 Shakespearean sprite
 - 3 Word of agreement
 - 4 "That's wonderful!"
 - 5 Mr. Ziegfeld
 - 6 Long-running tiff
 - 7 Two-dimensional
 - 8 Unbroken string
 - 9 Cool and refreshing
 - 10 Gents
 - 11 Undoes a delete
 - 12 "Make up your mind!"
 - 13 Side by side
 - 14 Washrooms, for short
 - 15 Form 1040 acronym
 - 16 Tippler
 - 17 "French" course
 - 18 Storefront light
 - 22 Blaster's buy
 - 24 Odometer increments
 - 25 John of pop music
 - 31 Ginnie ___
 - 32 Consumed (with)
 - 34 Belly muscles
 - 35 Back-to-health process
 - 37 Unwrap
 - 38 Sheet-music credit
 - 40 State with a Carbon and Iron county
 - 42 Permitted things
 - 45 FDR's mother
 - 46 Perfect place
 - 47 Defeat decisively
 - 48 Cancel out
 - 49 Fate
 - 50 Of high integrity
 - 51 Out of ___ (amiss)
 - 52 Shrubby wasteland
 - 58 Bars on a soap box
 - 60 Nerdy
 - 62 Half of CDVI
 - 63 Music event
 - 64 Queue after Q
 - 67 Lose brightness
 - 68 Piece of legislation
 - 69 SRO situations
 - 71 '70s Israeli defense minister
 - 72 Opinion piece
 - 73 Yoga accessory
 - 74 Of sound
 - 75 Raising the roof
 - 76 Holds out
 - 80 Sugar aunts.
 - 81 Sort of horse
 - 82 Like the Rose Bowl game
 - 83 Souvenir
 - 85 Animal life
 - 86 Well acquainted with
 - 88 Actress Sorvino
 - 90 Jersey comment
 - 92 Sketcher's need
 - 95 Elvis film of '60
 - 96 As the director intended
 - 97 Leader at Indy
 - 98 Breed of cat
 - 99 Actress Arthur
 - 106 Night noise
 - 108 Explanation preceder
 - 110 Blender setting
 - 111 Print-shop aide
 - 112 Software holders
 - 113 Software holders
 - 114 Ostrich relative
 - 115 ___ time (temporarily)
 - 116 Straw, essentially
 - 118 Say again
 - 121 Corp. money manager
 - 122 Kipling character
 - 123 Evince agreement
 - 124 Sesqui- times two
 - 125 Developer's buy
 - 126 CPR expert



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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.

Luke Yankee serving up 'diva dish'

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, which is celebrating its 77th year of continuous operation, presents "Diva Dish," a one-man show starring raconteur and son of the late Eileen Heckart, Luke Yankee, July 21-Aug. 26 at the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre, 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach.

During the evening, Luke "dishes" about the major divas in his life and his mother's—Marlene Dietrich, George Cukor, Marilyn Monroe, Ethel Merman, Lyndon B. Johnson, Bette Davis, and Ellen Degeneres—to name a few, accompanied by video clips, photographs and even a rare audiotape of Joan Crawford. Adding to the fun of the evening, the audience shouts out names in the programs as he rattles off hilarious anecdotes about Carol Canning, Paul Newman, Martha Stewart, and others.

Ticket prices are \$20 and \$18 for seniors and students. For tickets/information, call the Box Office at (562) 494-1014, or visit www.lbph.com.

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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WEDNESDAY

- B.B.Q. Beef Ribs
- Roast Turkey
- Teriyaki, Sirloin Strips

SATURDAY

- Meat Loaf Supper
- Sirloin Tips
- B.B.Q. Beef Ribs

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'Man Who Came to Dinner' closes season

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage Theatre, 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach, winds up its 2005-2006 season, its 77th, with its presentation Aug. 4-Sept. 9 of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," a comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman.

The comedy makes fun of the 1938 New York social set. It centers around Sheridan Whiteside, who having dined at the home of the Stanleys, slips on their doorstep and breaks his hip. A tumultuous six weeks of confinement at the Stanleys follow with hilarious complications such as ex-convicts being invited to meals, strange exotic gifts arriving from friends, transatlantic calls reaping \$784 phone bills and the summoning of a glamorous actress to woo away Whiteside's secretary's boyfriend.

The play is considered one of the American stage's endearing classics and a Broadway favorite.

Tickets are \$20, seniors and students with valid ID \$18. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Parking is free.

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Free summer lunches for students

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District will be offering the Seamless Summer Food Service Program (all lunches free) to all students in the community at the following locations this summer. All children (ages 3-18) are invited to participate:

Golden Park	6/26 - 8/3	11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
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Lewis Elementary	6/26 - 7/27	11:30-11:45 a.m.
Rio Hondo Elementary	6/26 - 7/27	11:05-11:20 a.m.
East Middle School	6/26 - 7/27	10:45-11 a.m.
West Middle School	6/26 - 7/27	10:45-11 a.m.
Downey High School	6/26 - 8/3	11-11:15 a.m.
Warren High School	6/26 - 8/3	11-11:15 a.m.

Meal service is on a Monday-Thursday schedule only - no lunches will be available on Fridays.

Any questions, contact the Department of Nutrition Services at (562) 469-6672.

Keep Downey Beautiful seeking street help

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful, an independent community beautification group, is seeking groups and individuals as volunteers to maintain clean roads and thoroughfares in Downey.

The Adopt A Street program allocates streets in the city to groups and individuals who provide the labor and \$225 (\$325 if KDB provides the cleanup crew).

Carol Rowland, director of the program, said a sponsors period runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, during which a designated section must be cleaned and debris picked up and removed at least four times. Street sections range from a half mile to mile in length. After the first pickup KDB will install Adopt A Street signs, one each for each direction, indicating the name of the business or individual.

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Optimist Club has weekly lunches

DOWNEY - The Optimist Club of Downey, headed by Steve Allen, meets at Sambi's Restaurant every Thursday at noon. Call 806-3701 for more information.



HIGH-SCORING FUN - Under the direction of coaches Roosevelt Hernandez, Manuel Lopez, Jose Tirado and Oscar Umana, the Single A Rockies won the 2006 "A" Championship Tournament of Northwest Downey Little League. The Rockies defeated the Dodgers, 24-9; Angels, 22-16; Pirates, 35-19; and Reds, 31-30, to take the championship.

OASIS program open to older men and women

DOWNEY - Downey Adult School's OASIS program (Older Adults Seeking Information and Skills) meets every Monday for a dinner and educational presentation in the campus's cafeteria, with weekly topics ranging from legal and medical news to art appreciation.

Dinner tickets are \$3.50 but visitors can attend the program only at no charge. Programs begin at 4 p.m. but doors open an hour earlier.

Past program topics have included consumer issues, nutrition, cooking tips, financial advice, shopping ideas, travelogues, music programs and safe and fraud protection advice. There is a new speaker every week.

Harriett Paine is the resource instructor for OASIS. Downey Senior Dial-a-Ride provides transportation to the class.

Advance reservations can be made by calling 904-7215.

Downey Emblem Club Barona bus trip

DOWNEY—Downey Emblem Club #309 is making its first "fun, fun, fun!" trip to Barona Casino on Wednesday, July 19. It is the club's summer fundraiser.

Bus leaves the Elks Lodge parking lot at 8 a.m. and returns approximately at 5:30 or 6 p.m. There will be Bingo on the bus. Cost is \$6 for members, \$11 for nonmembers. Mail check to Downey Emblem Club #309, P.O. Box 562, Downey, CA 90241.

For information, call Mary Guzman, (562) 622-1003.

City Affairs committee meets

DOWNEY - The City Affairs Committee of the Downey Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of every month at noon in the boardroom of the Chamber, 11131 Brookshire Ave. For information call 923-2191.

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EVELYN 'JOYCE' YENO—A longtime resident of Downey, passed away July 4. Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Services today for Evelyn 'Joyce' Yeno

DOWNEY—Services will be held at 11 a.m. today, July 14, at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes for longtime Downey resident Evelyn "Joyce" Yeno, who passed away at home on July 4 after a short illness.

She was born March 20, 1928 in Baskin, Louisiana and came to California in 1946 where she met and married Joseph in 1948. She and Joe have lived and raised their family in Downey since 1950.

She is survived by Joe, her husband of 58 years; six children; eight grandchildren; sister Patricia Hammer of Milwaukee, Oregon; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Daisy and Roy Andrews, and a brother, Wesley.

July 17 service for Karl Henry Grow

DOWNEY—Karl Henry Grow, a 50-year resident of Downey, died July 10 in Camarillo at age 91.

A service will be held for him Monday, July 17 at the Downey 1st Ward with interment to follow at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Visitation will be at the church prior to services.

He was born June 20, 1915 in Rock Springs, Wyoming to Walter Veach Grow and Isabella Bryson. He had been employed for 46 years in the banking business as a Federal Bank Examiner until his retirement. He had been a member for the Downey 1st and 2nd Wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, DaRue, in 1991. He is survived by daughter Karleen Hamilton of Colorado; sons Kenneth and Dennis Grow, both of California, 24 grandchildren; and 29 great grandchildren. Assisting the family is Allen-English & Estrada Funeral Service.

Viewing today for Frances H. Morris

DOWNEY—A viewing will be held today, July 14, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary for Frances H. Morris, who died suddenly July 8.

Services, also at Miller-Mies, will be held Saturday, July 15, at 11 a.m.

She was born the fourth of five children to Roy D. and Geneva L. Hill on January 28, 1917 in Kentucky. Morris resided in and around Central City, Kentucky until she married Guy F. Morris, Jr. on April 12, 1947 and moved to California in 1949. They settled in Downey in 1953 and had resided here ever since.

She was wife to Guy and mother to their only child, Patricia Anne, and was a Past Worthy Matron of Downey Chapter #160, O.E.S. and actively supported Guy in his Masonic interests.

Pre-deceased by her husband in February of this year, she is survived by their daughter Patricia Anne Morris-Denes, son-in-law Larry Denes, grandchildren Catherine Elizabeth, Wesley Guy, and Alexis Leigh of Downey, and leaves behind her younger sister Virginia Lee Dike and many nieces and nephews.

Services held July 6 for Margaret K. Brooks

DOWNEY—Longtime Downey resident Margaret K. Brooks, who was born in Beloit, Kansas, passed away June 29. She was 96. She lived for over 60 years in Southern California, 55 years as a resident of Downey.

Services were performed by Downey Zrelak Mortuary. Friend Rev. Fr. Philip Egan, Ph. D., Dean of Studies of Oscott College in Birmingham, England, presided over the funeral mass held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on July 6. Interment was at All Souls Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, and a son, Fred. Survivors include brother Giles J. Spellman, a nephew, and several nieces in Kansas. She also leaves behind many friends, including those from OLP Church and Guild.

Genealogical society meets in Whittier

WHITTIER—Jean Wilcox Hibben, M.S., will be the presenter at the Saturday, July 15 meeting at 1 p.m. of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier.

Her topic is "Nathan Wilcox: The Story of a Union Soldier and His Family." The Civil War made a significant impact on people's ancestors and the nation. His story will be followed by an examination of how the family's migration was tracked, including a reminder about verifying family folklore with document examination and an emphasis on the value of on-site research.

Visitors are always welcome at these meetings. For information, call (562) 941-0818 or (562) 695-5431, or see www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags.



FRANCES H. MORRIS—A Downey resident since 1953, Morris passed away July 8.

Keep Downey Beautiful hotline numbers

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful, a functional arm of the City of Downey Public Works Department, has provided the following Hotline Numbers for the public's use:

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The Department of Public Works has also made the street sweeping parking permit system available online. Within ten days of submitting an application, residents will be informed, via e-mail, whether or not an application was approved. Upon approval residents need to come to City Hall to pay the permit fee and pick up the permit. The Street Sweeping Parking Permit fee is \$16.00 per year and is prorated quarterly.

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Cold Tofu improv comedy show July 22

LOS ANGELES—Cold Tofu, deemed the nation's premier Asian American improv comedy group, has been presenting monthly comedy shows since January at the Maryknoll Japanese Catholic Center, 222 S. Hewitt St. in Los Angeles (outside of downtown L.A.'s Little Tokyo District). All performances are at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays. The group is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.

This month's improv comedy show is on July 22. Admission is, as usual, Pay-What-You-Can.

Dedicated to promoting diverse images of Asian Pacific Americans through comedy and developing multiethnic talent through education and performance, Cold Tofu was founded in 1981 by Los Angeles-based artists Irma Escamilla, Denice Kumagai, Judi Momii and Marilyn Tokuda.

"Having our comedy improv shows in Little Tokyo has been a win-win situation for the Little Tokyo community and Cold Tofu. Little Tokyo has been such a great supporter of Cold Tofu, [and this] has enabled us to provide more shows every year. Not only are our cast members able to perform improv comedy regularly, we have been able to bring in a diverse audience to Little Tokyo, introducing them to a community that has an important history and is a vital part of Southern California," said artistic director Helen Ota.

Future Cold Tofu improv shows are scheduled, all on Saturdays, on Aug. 19, Sept. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16. For more information, e-mail H. Ota at coldtofu@hotmail.com or visit www.coldtofu.com.

Embroiderers' guild to meet July 23

LONG BEACH—The meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 23 of the Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St. in Long Beach, will feature the "Americana Tassel," designed and taught by Kristy Todd. The tassel is done in "specialty fibers in patriot colors."

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10 YEARS AND COUNTING – The students, parents, faculty and staff at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School congratulated Reverend Mark Warnstedt on the 10th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood recently. Fr. Warnstedt joined the OLPH parish in 2002 and was named pastor in 2004. This year, Fr. Warnstedt introduced a student scholarship campaign for the school, with money raised being used to provide financial assistance to deserving students. The Reverend Mark Warnstedt Student Scholarship Fund was unveiled by Student Council President Lauren Vivanco at the mass celebrated Warnstedt's 10th anniversary.

Cerritos board fills 4 management posts

NORWALK—The Cerritos Board of Trustees approved the hire of four managers to fill open positions at the college during its regular board meeting on July 5.

The board appointed Linda Rose as dean of the Cerritos College Liberal Arts Division, Renee DeLong Chomiak as dean of Counseling Services, both effective July 6; Dr. Lucinda Aborn as dean of Disabled Students Programs and Services, effective July 31; and Kimberly Westby as interim dean of Student Support Services effective Sept. 1, for a period not to exceed June 30, 2007.

Rose earned her bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies and her master's degree in English at CSU-Dominguez Hills, and expects to complete her doctoral degree in educational leadership at UCLA in June 2007.

Chomiak holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in psychology from CSU-Los Angeles and is currently completing a doctorate at UC-Irvine and CSU-Long Beach. Aborn holds a doctorate in rehabilitation from the University of Northern Colorado and a master's degree in educational administration. Westby holds a bachelor's from CSU-Dominguez Hills and a master's in educational counseling from the University of La Verne.

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Summer diet tips for the swimsuit season

■ Getting adequate water and sleep still key to a healthy lifestyle.

Contributed by Lindora Medical Clinic

LOS ANGELES—While the attempt to lose weight in general can be no picnic, the warmer months hold some unique challenges that can make the process even more difficult, especially if one tries to fit into that bathing suit or favorite shorts. Higher temperatures often lead to greater emotional instability, sleeplessness, loss of desire to maintain one's exercise routine and other unhealthy behaviors.

Lindora's director of clinical research, Joseph Risser, M.D., says, however, that "Although some obstacles may stand in the way, looking slimmer in your bikini or shorts is manageable. He has outlined a few tips that when implemented can have you looking your best on the beach or at the pool in no time:

•**Monitor your emotions:** When temperatures rise, so does one's emotional state. Tempers flare, people become more irritable and to pacify themselves, they oftentimes turn to eating. Do not fall prey to your emotional "ups and downs."

•**Get a good night's sleep:** Heat can cause one to toss and turn or continually wake up in the middle of the night. Unfortunately for dieters, those who are sleep-deprived tend to compensate for their exhaustion by eating. Be aware of this phenomenon and take steps to get adequate rest.

•**Drink more water:** Keep a water bottle with you at all times and make it a point to consume more water since it greatly helps you reduce your appetite as well as feeling of fatigue. A side benefit is that drinking water is good for your skin and helps give you a more youthful appearance.

•**Don't abandon your exercise program:** While many people reduce their level of activity because of the heat, it is best to take your exercise routine indoors to an air-conditioned environment. If you must exercise outdoors, do so in the early morning or evening hours so that you do not fall victim to heat stroke.

•**Maintain salt in your diet:** With the heat you tend to perspire more, which can decrease essential salts in your body resulting in fatigue, dizziness and headaches.

•**Beware of calorie-laden beverages:** Stay away from liquid calories hidden in iced mocha blended drinks, fruit smoothies, milk shakes and pina colodas. Popular spring and summer beverages such as these contain extra calories that are sure to throw your diet off track.

"Keep in mind that we're all human and vulnerable to making mistakes, so don't beat yourself up if you fall victim to your cravings," Risser added. "As long as you are aware that the...swimsuit season holds unique challenges for losing weight or maintaining your weight loss, you can take charge of the situation and not fall prey to the usual pitfalls."

Western-style cat show Aug. 19-20

PASADENA—The Los Colores Cat Club presents its 25th annual "A Country Fair: All Breed and HHP Cat Show," which has a country western theme, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 19-20 at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena.

Los Colores enjoys a reputation as one of the best and largest shows on the West Coast, with judges coming from all around the country so exhibitors have a chance to meet new and interesting judges with national reputations.

Show hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To submit entries for the show, contact Karen White-Campbell, (714) 892-9852. For ticket/other information, contact Mark Campbell, show manager, (714) 892-9852, or go to www.loscolorescatshow.com.

The cat show is open to felines of all breeds, with over 41 types represented.

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Cooling systems need care in hot summers

■ A little work now can save you big money later.

Contributed by Contractors State License Board

SACRAMENTO—The arrival of summer's hottest temperatures have a lot of folks spending time indoors, relaxing with the fresh, cool breeze of an air-conditioning unit. With July 3-Aug. 15 being designated as national "Air-Conditioning Appreciation Days," consumers are reminded to take this time to give their air-conditioning units a little tender loving care to be sure they aren't left scorched during these dog days of summer.

Proper and routine maintenance for air-conditioning units include frequent filter replacement, checks for debris, such as foliage, blocking the outside unit, and making sure the coils of the unit are kept clean at all times. The best care for your air conditioning unit can be when you hire air-conditioning technicians to inspect and service your air-conditioning equipment on a regular basis.

The Contractors State License Board (CSLB) wants to remind all consumers to be sure to hire only ventilation and air-conditioning contractors who have a valid license to repair or replace their heating and cooling units. Whether you are looking for a contractor to make repairs or simply to perform the necessary annual maintenance on your air-conditioning unit, make sure that your contractor is licensed by the state.

"We can't stress strongly enough the importance of this step," said CSLB Registrar Steve Sands. "Many consumers fail to take this necessary precaution and end up being taken by someone who does shoddy work or even no work at all."

The CSLB urges consumers to take the following steps should they need to repair or replace their air-conditioning units this summer:

- Hire only licensed air-conditioning and ventilation contractors;
- Contact the CSLB at www.cslb.ca.gov to verify the contractor's license;
- If you're only having repairs done, don't pay until the job is finished to your satisfaction;
- If your system is being replaced, don't make down payment of more than 10 percent or \$1,000, whichever is less;
- Don't pay cash;
- Don't make the final payment until you are satisfied with the job; and
- Don't rush into repairs or be pressured into making an immediate decision.

Be sure to take care of your air-conditioning unit so that you can beat the heat all summer long. For more information on hiring and managing a licensed air-conditioning contractor and other consumer-related information, visit the CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov.

16-unit apartment complex sold

DOWNEY—The Beau Rivage Apartments, a 16-unit apartment complex located at 11502-11506 Adco Ave., Downey, has been sold to Daniel and Graciella Flores of Whittier for \$1,325,000. The property was previously owned by Beverly Jones of Laguna Niguel.

Morgan Skenderian Investment Real Estate Group, a real estate firm specializing in the sale of apartment complexes throughout Southern California, handled the sale, with Doug Rodermund of the firm's Newport Beach office representing the seller and buyer in the transaction.

Bustamante antique show/sale Aug. 4-6

PASADENA—The Bustamante Antique Show & Sale takes place Aug. 4-6 at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena. It will feature antiques and collectibles ranging from 18th century tapestries to art nouveau, deco accessories and jewelry.

Over 190 quality antique dealers are expected to fill the Pasadena Conference Center with every type of antique imaginable, making the show arguably the largest and most prestigious event of its kind in Southern California.

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MISSION STATEMENT – The fourth grade class of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School ended the school year with a visit to Mission La Purisima in Lompoc, which was hosting students from California for "Student Learning History Days." The students took part in many hands on activities, including soap, candle and tortilla making, and Chumash (Native American) games. OLPH students were the only students from Southern California. "Our visit to Mission La Purisima was well worth the long bus ride. The students enjoyed exploring the most restored California Mission in the mission chain," said fourth grade teacher Victoria Neal, who, along with Principal Steffani McMains and parents chaperones, accompanied the students on the trip.

Pro Networkers meets Fridays

DOWNEY – Pro Networkers, a Downey-based professional business networking group, meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Mimi's Cafe, Firestone at Brookshire. For information call Harry Sacks at 319-1063.

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Attendees will learn how to purchase, with "little or no money down," property without having to qualify for a loan, get money for closing costs, fix-up expenses and even get money back at the closing. Students will be shown how to find the deals, negotiate and write contracts. The workshop is designed for the beginner to intermediate real estate investor.

Fee for the course is \$49 for one student, or \$79 for a couple. For more information/to register, call 904-7238.

Downey High '53 class reunion Sept. 30

DOWNEY—The Downey Union High School class of 1953 will hold a 53rd anniversary picnic at the La Mirada Regional Park Saturday, Sept. 30. It will be a Bring-Your-Own no-host event.

Anyone interested from nearby classes is also invited to attend. For more information/location specifics, call (562) 923-0544 or e-mail duhs53@gmail.com.

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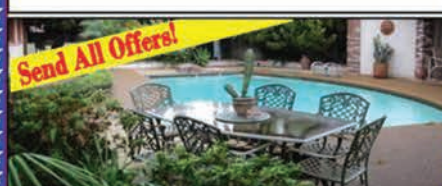
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Quality & Elegance
Beautiful 5 bedroom 4 bath newly constructed home in the NE section of Downey. With marble flooring & granite counter tops in kitchen & baths, the seller spared no expense in delivering this lavish home. The floor plan has 1 bedroom down & 4 bedrooms upstairs & has a wonderful vaulted ceiling entry that will take your buyers breath away. This home combines modern features with a very traditional floor plan. \$1,375,000
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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 tile floors, 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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The Party is Here!
Spectacular 3 bed, 2 bath North Downey pool home with a great floorplan including formal living room, family room with fireplace off kitchen, master bedroom with private bath, and inside laundry room. Other amenities: hardwood floors, central airheat, and copper plumbing. Entertain guests in the backyard with a built-in BBQ, private grass area, and large pool. Bonus room with private bath is perfect for that overnight guest, mother-in-law, or just some extra storage! \$819,950
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3 bed, 2 bath North Downey charming home near Furman Park and Rio Hondo Country Club. Lovely living room with fireplace, kitchen with newer cabinets, and a large family room with crown molding. The home has a master bedroom with private 3/4 bathroom and forced air heat, and the large backyard has a patio area as well. Priced to sell @ \$715,000.
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Beautiful Estate Near Rio Hondo Country Club
This immaculate 5 bedroom, 4 bath, 4700 sq.ft home sits on an impressive 19,888 sq.ft lot, nestled in North Downey. This home has it all, featuring a 1250 bonus room or 6 car garage, pool, sport court, outdoor BBQ & covered patio. Interior amenities include travertine flooring, plush carpet, granite counter tops, built in Kitchen Aid appliances in the kitchen, large master suite w/ retreat, downstairs bedroom & office. A MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE. \$1,899,900
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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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A-1 Neighborhood!
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath NE Downey home with spacious bedrooms, living room with fireplace, light & bright kitchen with eating area, and inside laundry room. The property has a heated pool & spa with a separate sauna room in the backyard. Other features include newer roof, central air & heat, and alarm system. Owner says sell it!! Priced to sell at \$889,950.
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Charming Townhome in a gated complex in Norwalk.
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