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'Outstanding Parents of the Year' honored

By Katrin McCarthy

DOWNEY—On July 25, two couples were honored as Outstanding Parents of the Year by Mayor Meredith Perkins at the regular meeting of the Downey City Council. This event coincided with National Parents Day which is celebrated every fourth Sunday of July. "National Parents Day" was established in 1994 by President Clinton and the Congress of the United States.

As a child's first teachers, mentors and role models, parents shape the character of those who will build the future of our nation. On Parents' Day we pay tribute to the hard work and sacrifice of the millions of devoted parents who provide guidance, support and unconditional love for their children.

The honorees for this year were Joseph and Faye Wassenaar, nominated by Downey High School; and Dennis and Sandy Cox, nominated by Warren High School.

According to the principal's office of each respective high school, these parents are not only involved in their own children's lives, they also volunteer their time in committees, activities, and school events to benefit the lives and education and environment of youth in school and community. They are always willing to help in a positive and supportive manner.

Each couple received a floral bouquet and certificates of recognition from Mayor Meredith Perkins, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, State Senator Alan Lowenthal and Assemblyman Hector De La Torre. Each couple will be guests at the next performance of the Downey Civic Light Opera, "Guys and Dolls"; as well as [enjoy] a complimentary dinner at one of Downey's newest restaurants, compliments of "Johnny Carinos."

With parents like these, our community's future looks bright!



'OUTSTANDING PARENTS' HONORED—From left, Joseph and Faye Wassenaar, Mayor Perkins, Sandy Cox, and Katrin McCarthy, who introduced the honorees.

Family escapes injury from wayward SUV

DOWNEY — A woman sleeping in her apartment narrowly escaped injury last week when an SUV possibly driven by a drunk driver careened off a freeway off-ramp and into her apartment, authorities said.

The vehicle flew off the Lakewood Blvd. off-ramp from the northbound Santa Ana (5) Freeway last and crashed into the building last Friday about 1:40 a.m., according to the California Highway Patrol.

The driver fled the scene and, as of press time, was still at large. Firefighters responding to the accident reported finding alcohol inside the vehicle, but that claim could not be verified by police.

The SUV plowed through bushes and trees when it crashed into the apartment building on Lindell Ave. The vehicle came to a stop feet from where the woman was sleeping.

Her two children, who were also inside the apartment, were not hurt. The crash caused an estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 in damage to the building, authorities said.



BIG BUSINESS OF THE YEAR—Kaiser Permanente was awarded this honor by the Downey Chamber of Commerce at last Friday's luncheon at the Rio Hondo Events Center. Pictured (from left) are Joe Matthews, Deputy to Supervisor Don Knabe; Mayor Meredith Perkins; Chamber President Steve Allen of Bank of Orange County; Rhea Frazier and Jaime Garcia of Kaiser Permanente; Councilmen Dave Gafin and Kirk Cartozian; and Immediate Chamber Past President Steve Hoffman.



1934-2006 — Thomas Osborn died Sunday of what is believed to have been a heart attack. Funeral services are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 12.

Downey Regional sells Golden Outlook

■ AppleCare Medical purchases the locally-based insurance company as part of 'growth strategy.'

DOWNEY — AppleCare Medical Management, Inc., a medical service organization (MSO) that owns and manages several large IPAs in southern California, has purchased Golden Outlook Insurance Services, Inc. from Downey Regional Medical Center.

Terms of the purchase were not disclosed. AppleCare officials said the purchase of Golden Outlook, which has operated for more than 15 years as a sales and customer service group of the hospital, contracted health plans and medical groups, will be a key ingredient in its growth strategy.

"By integrating an insurance services component with our network of physicians, we will enhance our ability to provide value-added services to more members and our contracted health plans," said Vinod Jivrajka, M.D., chief executive officer of AppleCare Medical. "Golden Outlook has a rich history of serving the mature population of Downey with unparalleled service and commitment. "It's a perfect fit for our growing network."

No layoffs

Surendra Jain, MD, chief medical officer of AppleCare Medical said the 20-plus staff members will remain with Golden Outlook, most of which are sales and customer service representatives. It will remain based in Downey, and will service the communities in the surrounding areas as well, including Whittier, South Gate, Lynwood, Santa Fe Springs, Montebello and others.

Golden Outlook represents SCAN Health Plan, Secure Horizons, Citizens Choice, Health Net and Blue Shield.

"Golden Outlook has served the community for many years and has played a pivotal role in helping our area's residents obtain the right health plan for them," said Mario Guerra, chairman of the board of Golden Outlook. "By joining with the physicians of AppleCare, we will be able to seamlessly provide better and more services to our members."

General Manager

As part of the purchase announcement, AppleCare Medical Management also appointed Michael Blea as General Manager of Golden Outlook. He will oversee the integration of Golden Outlook into the growing network of AppleCare-affiliated physicians. Blea was formerly Director of Sales for Secure Horizons.

"Michael's combination of exceptional sales and service experience, particularly in Medicare health plans, is a strong addition to our company," said Dr. Jain. "It has become a very competitive market in the Medicare managed care arena and his leadership will help us achieve our business objectives."

AppleCare Medical Management currently operates St. Francis IPA and Downey Select IPA, totaling more than 600 primary care and specialist physicians.

Conductor Osborn dies suddenly

■ Downey Symphony, still shocked by the loss of its longtime leader, will go ahead with concert season.

DOWNEY — Thomas Osborn, the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Downey Symphony at the Downey Theater, is dead. He died suddenly of what is believed to have been a heart attack, Sunday, July 30.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 12, at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills at the Hall of Liberty. He was 72.

Recognizing his enthusiasm in bringing fine orchestral music to the Downey community, the Symphony Board is proceeding with plans to present the Concert in the Park Wednesday, Aug. 9, as well as three regular series programs, under guest conductors, already scheduled for the 2006-07 season in the Civic Theater.

"We are proceeding in the spirit that Tom would want," said symphony board member Harold Tseklenis. "This is a deep loss for us and for the city, but Tom would be appreciative that we are determined to continue the programs he worked with such vitality to bring to this community."

Board treasurer Bill Hare added, "Tom Osborn did a wonderful job developing the Music in the Schools program over the last 10 years. The Quintet and full orchestra performances have touched thousands of our school children, who came to know and love Tom. They were comfortable talking to him, and they learned so much about music because of him.

"He leaves a rich heritage."

A dedicated musician, Osborn had served as a Professor of Music at Pepperdine University in Malibu, as well as Music Director and Conductor of the Pepperdine University Symphony and Musical Director for fall musicals.

During the spring months he performed as clarinetist and narrator with the Music in the Schools program, which ensures students in Downey are exposed to the basics of music and the classical traditions.

Starting with third grade, the youngsters first are visited on their campuses by the Downey Symphony Quintet, and later the full symphony orchestra in concert at the Downey Theater.

From 1970 to 1981 he directed the Valley Youth Orchestra at CSU Northridge. He served on the boards of the American Symphony Orchestra League, the Association of California Symphony Orchestras, and the Conductors Guild.

Osborn's conducting ranged from professional to youth orchestras and from opera to musicals. He has conducted orchestras nationally and also in Hawaii, Italy and Seoul, Korea, and at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.

In lieu of flowers, Osborn's family suggested contributions be made to The Downey Symphony, P.O. Box 763, Downey, CA 90241.

More on Tom Osborn and the symphony can be found on page 4

Patriot honored as small business

DOWNEY—Kaiser Permanente Medical is the winner of the Downey Chamber of Commerce Large Business of the Year Award after presentations at a gala chamber of commerce luncheon, and The Downey Patriot is the surprise winner in the Small Business of the Year category.

The luncheon at the Rio Hondo Event Center Friday, July 28 offered an opportunity to reminisce among past chamber presidents and members of each decade with focus also on the future of the chamber.

Jaime Garcia of Kaiser Permanente gave a brief speech in which he summarized the immense effort Kaiser is putting into construction of a new hospital and medical center on 30 acres adjacent to Downey Landing and the new Downey Studio, all occupying former NASA/Boeing property.

Eric Pierce, editorial production chief for the Patriot, accepted the trophy/plaque for the paper, as Small Business of the Year. Owner and editor John Adams was also present from The Patriot. Pierce said "Thank You," on behalf of himself, the newspaper and Adams.

The community is gratified by the emergence of The Downey Patriot, a weekly, as Downey's main source of community news since its founding by Adams four years ago.



SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR—Honors went to The Downey Patriot at last week's awards ceremony by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Accepting the award from Steve Hoffman, the Chamber Immediate Past President (right) is Eric Pierce of the Downey Patriot staff on behalf of Editor and Publisher John Adams and Advertising Director Jerry Brady.

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, call (562) 923-0544 or e-mail duhs53@gmail.com.

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.

Crash sets off blaze at Bellflower gas station

BELLFLOWER—A car that had just been refueled at a gas station in the 6500 block of Artesia Boulevard was struck by a woman's car which plowed into the station and pumps about 2 p.m., Saturday, July 29, said police and fire spokesmen.

One of the pumps also caught fire but automatically shut down, avoiding a more serious blaze. The woman told police she lost control of her car after it was struck by another car following an apparent road rage incident.

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.

Downey High '56 class reunion

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.

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OLPH WOMEN'S GUILD—Members hold up newly-arrived copies of their community cookbook, which is expected to be a collectors' item. Extra copies are available for \$10 apiece. From left, front row: Terry Ramirez, Lucy Guastella, and Agnes Donahue; back row: Paula Mayfield and Christine Pohlen.

OLPH community cookbook now here

DOWNEY—The community cookbook bulging with recipes collected from here and abroad and that took almost two years for the Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church to complete has arrived from the printer.

The quality, limited edition cookbook contains 477 (exceeding the original expectation of 450) recipes of gourmet meals and desserts, collected from the local community as well as contributed by family and friends from as far away as England and Ireland.

Although many of the cookbooks have already been pre-ordered and sold, extra cookbooks are available for \$10 each. Guild members anticipate selling out the remaining supply within two months.

If you missed the opportunity to order your cookbooks and wish to order a book or so for yourself or to give as a gift, call Paula Mayfield, (562) 923-3518.

Citizens for Downey welcome travel pro

DOWNEY—Citizens for Downey will host local travel expert Shirley Johnson at their Wednesday, Aug. 9 meeting at the Rio Hondo Country Club.

Emigrating from England, Johnson has 25 years experience in the travel business, holding a teaching credential for travel from UCLA. She owns Best Travel Service and Worldwide Airport Shuttle.

Johnson also recently started a doctor/hospital/clinic transport service that aids persons who might otherwise not be able to afford the service.

The meeting starts at 7:15 a.m. with a buffet breakfast available at 7 a.m. All citizens are invited to attend.

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Thousands of gallons of tar spill onto street

■ Truck reportedly loses control after making improper, and perhaps illegal, lane change and turn.

*By Jacquelinne Mejia,
St. Joseph High School*

DOWNEY — On Tuesday morning, Aug. 1, a truck hauling about 3000-3600 gallons of tar overturned on Imperial Hwy. near Lakewood Blvd., spilling its load onto the street.

The truck driver was heading northbound on Lakewood to meet with clients at Sully-Miller Contracting Co. in South Gate when he made an improper lane change and turn onto Imperial, causing the accident, authorities at the scene said.

The accident occurred at 8:12 a.m. and Downey Fire and Police Department were called on soon after.

About 26 Downey fire personnel, along with the Downey Police Department, people from Downey Public Works, hazardous materials teams from Santa Fe Springs and Vernon, as well as private contractors who were hired to clean up the mess, all responded to the scene.

After sealing off the street, Santa Fe Springs and Vernon Hazardous Materials Teams drilled two holes in the overturned truck's tank, and hoses were used to suck out the remaining tar left in the tank. About 200 gallons of tar and several pounds of concrete encircled the truck, which took hours to remove.

John Miller from Pan Pacific Petroleum was in charge of the cleanup and said the tar was to be picked up and placed in barrels before being disposed of properly at a plant in South Gate.

Wes Owens of Paramount Petroleum, another private contracting company assisting in the cleanup effort, said "[Downey Police and Fire Departments] got here fast, and blocked everything."

Jaime Abrego, also from Paramount Petroleum, agreed, saying the Downey Fire Department did "an outstanding job."

Emergency preparedness on hiatus

DOWNEY—The Emergency Preparedness Committee for the city of Downey will not be meeting in 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 904-7344.

Library hours cut due to staff training

DOWNEY—A half-day staff development workshop for full and part-time library staff is scheduled for the morning hours of Friday, Aug. 11, thus the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., will be open only from 1-5 p.m.

When the library is closed, the public may return library materials in the two bookdrops located near the entrance doors. Materials may be renewed via the library's automated Customer Service line at (562) 869-5723.

During the staff training session, Dr. Gail Schaper-Gordon will present "Understanding Generations at Work" and "Finding Win-Win Solutions for a Positive Workplace." For additional details, contact the Adult information desk, 904-7360, ext. 32.



TIGER CUBS—Jaleel Jackson, left, and Yannick Kabamba, take time out from their round of activities at the "Wild, Wild West" Cub Scout Day Camp held June 26-30 at Shoshon Park in Norwalk. The two Cub Scouts belong to Pack 2. Some 100 Cub Scouts participated in the day camp. They were tutored and guided by members of Downey's oldest Boy Scout troops—Troops 2 and 441.

'Shabbat Under The Stars' Aug. 18

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is having a "Bar B Que" outdoors at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug 18, followed by "Shabbat Under The Stars" at 7:30 p.m. The community is welcome; dress is casual.

Hamburgers, or hot dogs, or chicken will be available. David Saltzman will once again be chef, and wife, Cheryl, will assist. Donations are \$10 per person—reservations are a must.

Shabbat 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 Sisterhood of the Temple.

For more information, call the Temple office, 861-9276. Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., is a Reform congregation.

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Thomas Osborn remembered Osborn was a keeper, right from the start

By Lorine Parks

Twenty years ago, the Search Committee was meeting to interview candidates for the position of new musical director for Downey Symphony.

It was a hot summer night, and we had already seen our quota of four applicants, but that night there was a fifth. At 10 p.m., we opened the door one more time, and in bounded Tom Osborn.

He exuded the same enthusiasm and knowledgeability that he came to show at all our concert previews and our Music in the Schools programs. From that moment on, my mind was made up. And after a season of guest conductors, with evaluations from audience and orchestra members, we unanimously made the right choice — Tom Osborn.

He made a great contribution to the status of the Downey Symphony among regional orchestras in Southern California, and we will miss him.

Symphony will play on at Furman Park concert

■ Tom Osborn's daughter, Carolyn, will take late father's place as concertmaster at concert in the park.

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Imagine yourself settled into your favorite lawn chair under Furman Park's canopy of shade trees and the band's playing "Chicken Reel." Does it get much better than this?

And that's just the opener for the program next Wednesday evening, Aug. 9, when the Downey Symphony strikes up at 7 p.m. for its performance of "Southwest Favorites." You'll hear film music from Star Wars and Harry Potter, the Mexican folksong "La Bamba," "Pops Hoe Down" and the William Tell Overture with its "Lone Ranger" theme, forever a crowd-pleaser.

Rousing marches

As always, the grand finale will be a rousing series of marches conducted by our community's school kids, kindergarten through 8th grade. Conductor Carolyn Osborn will don a silly, though becoming, hat for the traditional conclusion to the concert and invites every student in the audience who has a dream of leading a full symphony orchestra to come on up and try it out. As each youngster conducts, a Polaroid picture will be taken and given to the participant for the memory book.

So whether you load up the picnic hamper or succumb to the fragrance of those chili hot dogs for sale by the Rose Float Association, whether you come early to check out what's on view at the Art Museum or slip in just at downbeat time, whether you have conductor kids in your family or just like to see that line of shining children waiting for their moment—it all adds up to a delightful evening, free to all and fun for all.

Furman Park is at 10419 Rives Avenue, between Florence and Firestone.

The orchestra's performance is underwritten by a generous grant from the Downey Kiwanis Foundation.

To share your thoughts on Tom Osborn, visit the Downey Patriot's website at www.thedowneypatriot.com and click on the Blog section.



CHURCH LEADER HONORED — Pastor Norman Stoppenhagen (pictured with wife Cathy) will be honored for his 21 years of service to the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church of Downey at a special retirement banquet tonight (Friday), Aug. 4 at the Los Amigos Country Club. Rev. Stoppenhagen will deliver his farewell sermon on Sunday, Aug. 13 at both the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services at the church, 10711 Paramount Blvd. The Stoppenhagens will be relocating to Austin, Texas for their retirement years. For information call the church office at 923-1215.

Book club makes new selection

DOWNEY—This month's featured selection of the Downey City Library Book Lover's Club which meets Thursday, Aug. 10 in the Cormack Room from noon-1 p.m. is Fanny Flagg's "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Café."

Set in a small Alabama town during the 1930s, the book depicts an array of colorful characters dealing with friendship, love, racism and loss during the Depression era. The book by the author and humorist Flagg includes the cafe's recipes for grits, collard greens and, of course, fried green tomatoes.

Actual and potential book club members are asked to call in their reservations by calling 904-7360, ext. 3. The monthly book discussion club meeting is free. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Group to discuss Middle East events

DOWNEY—Presenter and discussion leader when EZRA Center for Mature Adults meets again Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will be Jerry Silverman, who is certainly no stranger to EZRA Center: he has been providing concise overviews of ongoing happenings in politics, with particular emphasis on the Middle East. The community is invited.

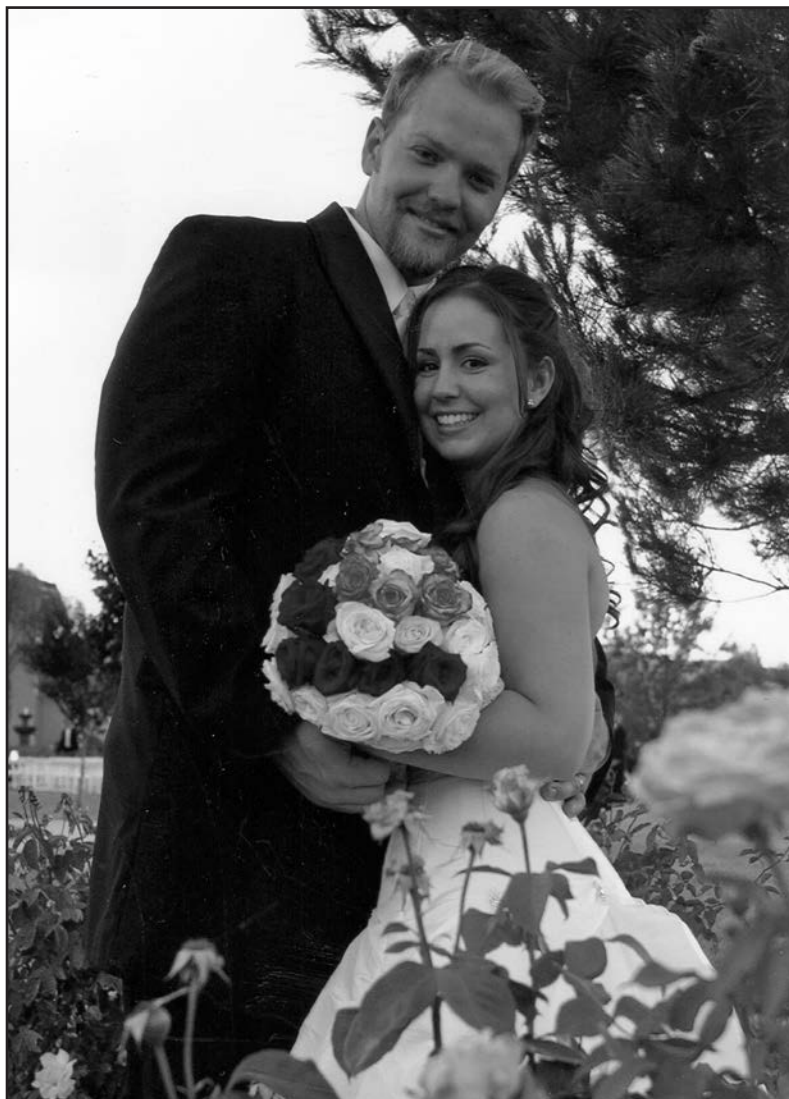
The program from 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 15 will be "Understanding Middle East Events—It's Easy?" Silverman will discuss the Israel/Arab conflict, the Iraq War, the Iran nuclear situation, Afghanistan and Taliban resurgence, and mini-uprisings in Syria and Egypt.

A catered Kosher luncheon will be served after the program. Lunch is \$6 for Ezra members, \$7 for non-members. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Downey AARP seeks new members

DOWNEY—Downey AARP Chapter #262 invites residents to its meetings held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month to "enjoy interesting speakers and entertainers." Meetings are held at the Community/Senior Center at 7810 Quill Drive in Downey at 11:30 a.m. Bingo follows the meeting.

For more detailed information, call Sally Jones at (562) 927-2201 or Dorothy Wilson at (562) 928-6935.



LINSCOTT CROWELL-LOWRY WEDDING — Julianne Linscott Crowell, daughter of Bob and Kelly Crowell, was wed to Michael Lowry on June 16. The outdoor wedding took place lakeside at the Canyon Lake Lodge in Canyon Lake just before sunset. A reception followed for 200 friends and family with dancing by DJ Tristan Fuenmayor, also of Downey. Julianne is a 2004 graduate of Downey High School and plans to pursue a career training guide dogs for the blind. Michael is from Menifee, Calif. and is a student at Cal-Baptist College majoring in psychology. The couple plan to make their home temporarily in Menifee and eventually relocate to Colorado.

The Poets' Corner

An inkling may not seem much at first,
So insignificant and minute—
Yet one thing—no matter what the range
Can create a world of change.

A pen, common and simple,
Can weave a story that leaps off the page.
One smart remark, one joke misguided,
Can turn an argument into a rage.

A ray of light, or a gleam of hope,
Can brighten up a shadowy room.
A smile, a grin—if you may,
Can spread throughout the gloom.

A new turn for the better,
a change—whether weak or potent;
Whether a blessing or a burden,
A little thing can change it all in a minute.
—Shaina Sta. Cruz,
Downey

Behr's absence hurts progress on museum

DOWNEY—Loren Behr, who was hired by the City Council two 1/2 years ago to help to manage, create and design Downey's tribute to more than 70 years of aerospace heritage, has left his Downey job for a museum position in Northern California.

City employees told The Patriot Thursday Behr had said he had another job opening in Northern California—also running a museum.

He then left town after a brief employee farewell party.

Scott Pomrehn, Assistant to the City Manager, must now shoulder the main load of overseeing the center's construction in coordination with various City officials.

The City and Behr had appealed to the public in the form of a letter which ran in part in the Patriot edition of July 21.

Behr wrote movingly of the 70 years of living history in which the former NASA/Boeing property was on the cutting edge of aviation and space science.

"Over the course of that history, Downey was at one time, the most prolific producer of war planes in the country, was at the forefront of missile development and testing, and made a unique and enduring contribution to the nation's space exploration program.

Developed by the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center—part of the City of Downey—the Downey Aviation History Archive is a way to gather memories, stories, anecdotes, history of the site and preserve Downey's heritage as a site of aeronautic and space innovation.

On the Internet

The archive can be found on the Internet at <http://aviationhistoryarchive.org/>. There, former NASA or employees of any company who worked at or near the site during the great years can log on and record their thoughts for posterity. The general public is also welcome to read the stories.

Allotment of land

Today, the former NASA property is in the process of development by the plan which includes a 30 acre Kaiser Permanente Medical Center which will include a huge emergency ward, a large commercial retail development (called Downey Landing) including Best Buy, Old Navy and Elephant Bar and Restaurant, plus many more, a large motion picture filming facility Downey Studios, plus space for mixed retail and home development, and an "out-back" lot adjacent to the studio of about 78 acres. Labor problems have shaken the local film industry.

Behr's salary was paid until recently by funding allocated by Congress for the learning center and museum. But that \$3.5 million grant was nearly exhausted.

The Learning Center and Museum plans were nearly complete. The two story center was meant for three acres in a 13.5 acre public park near the southwest corner of the facility's main gate. But city spokesmen have consistently said that completion of the structure itself will require contributions from the private sector.

Actor Steve Carell joins theater students on stage

By Kristen Habbestad,
Cerritos College

■ '40-Year-Old Virgin' star pays surprise visit to Cerritos College theater class.

NORWALK—It isn't every day that the star of NBC's "The Office," shows up at your "Improvisation for Theatre" class.

But that's just what happened for several surprised and delighted Cerritos College students last spring when actor Steve Carell—star of NBC's "The Office"—stepped onto the stage in the midst of a class improvisational performance and proceeded to act along with the other improvisational actors.

"I saw this guy come out of the back and come out from behind the curtain," explained Barbara Lopez, a Cerritos College student who had the opportunity to meet Carell.

"I thought, 'who is this guy? Who does he think he is coming on stage like that?' and...it was Steve."

Carell, who in addition to portraying Michael Scott, an "unctuous" regional manager, on "The Office," provides the voice of "Hammy" in "Over the Hedge" and appears in "Little Miss Sunshine," two features that hit theatres this summer. Carell has also starred in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and appeared in "Anchorman: the Legend of Ron Burgundy." Meantime, he's also wrapping up "Evan Almighty," the sequel to "Bruce Almighty" (starring Jim Carrey), and will have the tile role in the upcoming "Get Smart" movie.

Cerritos College drama instructor Kevin Hoggard was the one behind the Steve Carell visit—Carell is Hoggard's former student from Denison University in Ohio.

Hoggard invited Carell to participate in an alumni reunion-type improv performance at Cerritos College last spring in the Burnight Center's Little Theatre. The collaboration included Hoggard's former students from his 20-year teaching career at Cerritos College.

Carell is currently in the midst of filming "Evan Almighty."



SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF DOWNEY—Inducted two new members, Patricia Kotze and Karina Madariaga, at a recent meeting at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Kotze is president of Diversified Risk Management on Second Street and was sponsored by Dorothy Pemberton. Madariaga, Job Developer at Downey Adult School, was sponsored by Jan Scott. From left, Pemberton, Kotze, Madariaga, and Scott.

YMCA plans September events

DOWNEY—After giving two lectures in August for all staff and members, new Downey Family YMCA nutritionist Magnolia Hurtado is scheduled to conduct a six-week nutritional program in September for 25 families from the membership base, preschool, after school and Downey staff.

Also in September, the YMCA will start a pilot Youth Program—a combination of YMCA activities and lectures about nutrition from Hurtado—geared to grade 4-5 children. The program encourages them to change their eating habits as well, to working out at the Y through different activities. It is being finalized by the Healthy Lifestyles Committee.

In another development, the YMCA launches its "healthy kitchen" in a couple of months to "provide members and staff with healthy foods."

New programs, mainly for Downey's youth, have been added to the YMCA schedule, after an evaluation of members' needs. The programs started in July. These include: Tumble Bugs and Gym Adventures for 3-5 year olds, ballet for 3-4 year olds and 5-6 year olds; Sports Aerobics and Cardio Kickboxing for 6-12 year olds; and Family Bounce for entire families.

Social Security: 71 years strong

■ Social Security a great American success story, but Republican proposals threaten to dismantle it.

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Seventy-one years ago, Democrats created Social Security to provide retirement security for all Americans. In 1935, bank failures and a stock market crash wiped out the savings of millions of Americans. Old age meant poverty and dependence. When President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the historic measure into law in August of that year, he envisioned that Social Security would provide benefits to workers that they had earned during their working years, which in turn would allow them to retire with dignity and independence. Today, it is clear that Social Security has succeeded in meeting President Roosevelt's grand goal.

Social Security is a great American success story that safeguards Americans' economic security when they get older. Social Security has provided more than 70 years of rock solid, guaranteed benefits – providing financial security to millions of seniors, surviving spouses, and people with disabilities. Right now, one out of every four households receives monthly benefits from Social Security – 33 million Americans receive retirement benefits, and another 15 million receive survivors and disability benefits. More than 4.4 million of these Social Security beneficiaries live in California.

Democrats have fought to strengthen Social Security to better help America's families. In the 1950s, we added disability benefits. In the 1960s, we created Medicare to guarantee health care for our seniors. In 1983, Democrats worked with President Reagan in a bipartisan way to come up with a plan to make sure that Social Security would be there for generations to come. In the 1990s, Democrats fought to restore fiscal responsibility, and we saved every penny of the Social Security surplus for several years in order to strengthen Social Security.

However, as many in Congress have fought to strengthen Social Security, risky proposals to privatize Social Security threaten to undermine its very existence. Last year, President Bush's top priority was a Social Security plan that would dismantle Social Security and cut its guaranteed benefits. And further, it would increase our national debt by \$5 trillion over 20 years, passing the bill onto our children and grandchildren. Overall, it would drain trillions from Social Security and make it harder to pay guaranteed benefits.

Despite opposition by the American public that forced Republicans to temporarily put aside their plan, the Bush Administration and Congressional Republicans quietly persist with efforts to privatize Social Security. This year's budget sets aside \$712 billion over the next 10 years for Social Security privatization. In July, when the President updated his budget, it contained Social Security private accounts. Further, top Administration officials and Republican congressional leaders have said several times that they plan to try again to privatize Social Security after the 2006 election.

On its 71st anniversary, American families can truly celebrate the success of Social Security. After all, Social Security has never failed to pay promised benefits. It has never been a day late or a dollar short, and I along with my Democratic colleagues will continue to fight to make sure its great success continues for generations to come.

Letters to the Editor:

What happened to Comcast?

Dear Editor:

What a surprise when I turned on my cable TV on August 1 to find out that Comcast was no longer my cable provider but it was now Time Warner. No notification at all: just a message that had to be pulled up from their message system mentioning they were our new provider. No notice in the Patriot or even mention in the City Council meeting minutes.


I am no lawyer but as I have seen with all the other cable takeovers in the last 15 years there was supposed to be a 30 or 60 day notice of the change that was a mandate of the FCC or the California Utilities commission. And the city itself had to vote on if they would allow the change to take place. All this seemed to be overlooked this time as Comcast sold its interest in Time Warner with something that had to do with bankrupt Adelphia cable.

After looking at the once plentiful On Demand Channel 1, it seems that the change wasn't so transparent as promised with 50 percent of the free content now missing. Then of course what about my Comcast Internet Service? After calling the Time Warner customer service center and talking to a human being, I found that they would be changing ISP's soon to RoadRunner. Hmm, seems we had them before with one of the previous providers and it went bankrupt. Oh well, another new email name to register with all my critical websites. Just little sites like my banks, my investment companies that handle my retirement financial affairs, my mortgage company... Just little things, you know.

Look, I love technology, but I think there were a few rules broken on this one in so far as notification so that I could make alternate decisions before I got trapped in something else that I possibly didn't want. I would sure like to know how this one got past all the consumer protections.

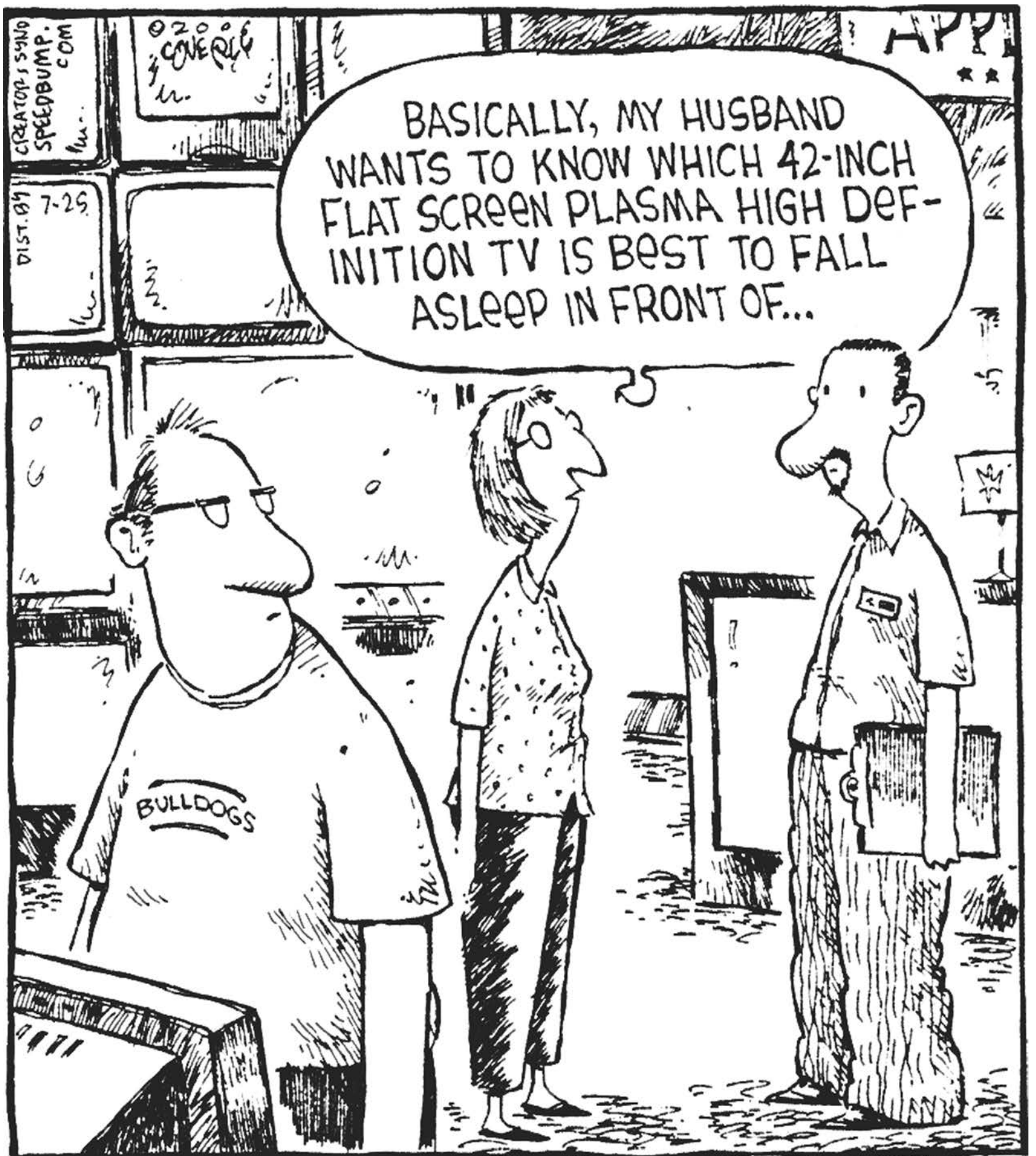
— S. Cunningham,
Downey

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Letters to the Editor:

'No' to Medi-Cal funding cut proposal

Dear Editor:

The federal government's recent proposal to cut funding to the Medicaid program (Medi-Cal in California) by \$12.2 billion over the next five years would drastically impact health services in Los Angeles County. Low-income children, elderly and disabled residents would be particularly short-changed by those cutbacks, but the quality of care for all citizens would be undermined as well.

Our five hospitals, outpatient clinics and public/private clinic partners serve more than 715,000 individuals per year. Our hospitals provided 551,000 days of hospital care, 276,000 emergency room visits and 1,880,000 outpatient visits last year. County hospitals operate trauma centers used by all Los Angeles County residents. We operate one of four burn treatment centers in Southern California, and train physicians, nurses, and other health professionals through 162 teaching affiliation agreements.

As the major provider of safety net services in Los Angeles County, we depend on Medi-Cal funding to maintain these programs for all patients, not just Medi-Cal patients. In the 2006-2007 budget year, we expect to receive \$814 million in State and Federal Medi-Cal funds to support the care we provide. Any reduction in these amounts will reduce access to services in a county where 33 percent of residents are uninsured.

Gov. Schwarzenegger and our California senators and representatives have written to Health and Human Services Secretary Michael O. Leavitt, asking him to not move forward with administrative policies to reduce Medicaid (Medi-Cal) payments that have been rejected previously by Congress. The governor points out in his letter that cuts would impact services for 6.5 million Californians and could impact billions of dollars in services to children, nursing homes, and hospitals.

I urge your readers to write to Secretary Leavitt, President Bush and their congressional representatives to oppose these proposals.

—Bruce A. Chernoff, M.D.,
 Director and Chief Medical Officer,
 L.A. County Department of Health Services

At the movies

Dear Editor:

When in Rome! Wow! So, hot sex is taking place at Krikorian Movie Theater -- and it's not on the screen! (The Downey Patriot, 7/28/06) Makes me curious to go and "take in a movie!"

Teens, shame on you! Why can't you keep your heavy petting exclusive to the back seat of your car? If the back seat was good enough for us (old-timers) it's good enough for you! I remember getting my first kiss at the old Avenue Theater on Downey Avenue. Ah, thanks for the memories, sigh.

Maybe Jackie Bernal should be a little more proactive, next time she sees some (skin) and just turn around to the offenders and tell the lascivious duo, "Looks like fun... Can I join?" At least she would get a good laugh.

"When in Rome," I always say!

Have a nice day.

—Mary Kemp,
 30 year resident of Downey

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'Mansionization' revisited

Dear Editor:

I was under the impression that there was a moratorium on building mini-mansions in Downey. I guess I was wrong. Look at what is going up at the corner of Lexington and Brookshire.

Just a couple of months ago there was a small house on that lot – now it has been demolished and they are filling the entire lot with a home. I watched the 5 p.m. news on Channel 7 last night (July 28) and Hacienda Heights seems to have the same problem – almost every house on each block is a mansion.

Since statistics show we are having smaller families, why the bigger houses? Now that our children are gone, why would I need a giant to keep clean?

—Doris Hannon,
 Downey

City's road priorities questioned

Dear Editor:

First, the city removed the ability to go south on Clark Avenue from Lakewood Blvd., and now they extend the median planters on Paramount clear to Florence. What the heck is the city thinking? Or are they? I was in the Auto Zone store a week or so ago and a customer there was livid that he couldn't make a left turn into their parking lot anymore. The employee was also mad that he couldn't either and had to make a U turn or drive further south and back up again to get to his place of work. Just what was the purpose of this median? Oh, and let's not forget that in south Downey this was done as well, blocking many customers getting into the businesses there.

It appears that in their zeal to make Downey "prettier," the city forgot that customers need easy access to businesses, or those businesses may just fail. Is that the message the Chamber of Commerce wants to get out? I think not.

Unfortunately it's most likely that once median planters are in place, chances of modifying them or removing them entirely would reflect poorly on city planners and doing so would admit an error on their part, and the last thing administrators want to do is to admit they make a mistake. That's the reason "Downtown Downey" is still so impractical and odd-looking. It seems that their philosophy is that once the concrete has been poured, that's it.

Personally, I feel the city should stop wasting funds on medians, purple lamp posts, left turn lanes into pretend "studios," etc., and start spending money on the miles of poor roadways in the city. I also feel that more citizens need to get involved and write to their city council persons on a regular basis. Let's hear from you, Downey!

—John Powell,
 Downey

Blood drive volunteers wanted

DOWNEY—The American Red Cross is in immediate need of volunteers to assist with their blood drives in Downey and surrounding cities.

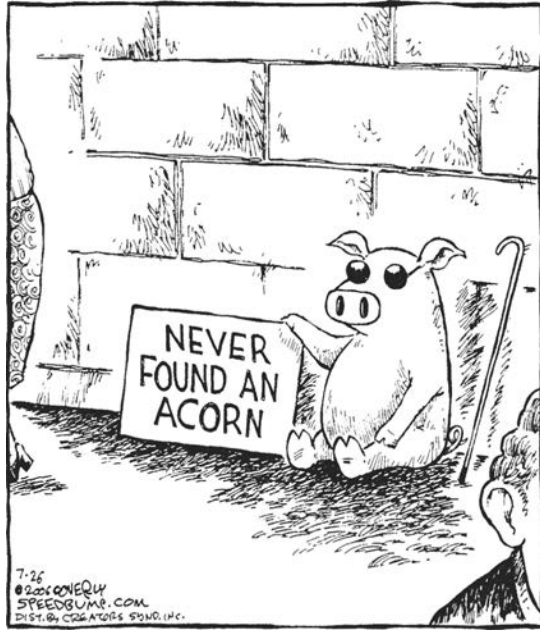
Volunteers assist the nursing staff by greeting and registering donors, instructing donors to read necessary paperwork, providing refreshments, monitoring for donor reactions and promoting public relations.

Training is provided, and no experience is necessary. Bilingual volunteers are highly encouraged to apply. For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera, Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross Blood Services, 1-800-498-9910, ext. 7.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For August

Mon. Aug 7, 7:00 a.m.: **10th Annual Golf Classic** for the Downey Chamber of Commerce. \$140 covers green fees, carts, luncheon, dinner, awards and prizes. At Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. For information call 923-2191.
Wed. Aug. 9, 7:00 p.m.: **The Downey Symphony Orchestra** plays 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 Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.
6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 923-9464.
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.
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 622-7655.
12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

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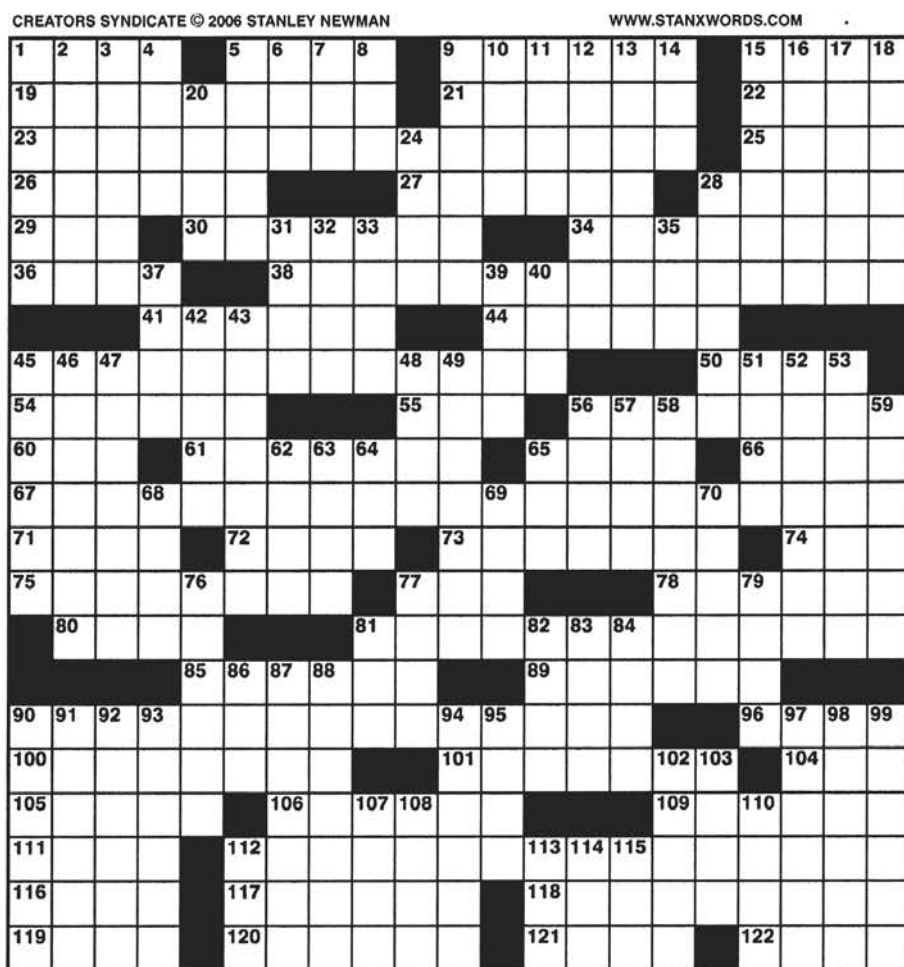
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414
3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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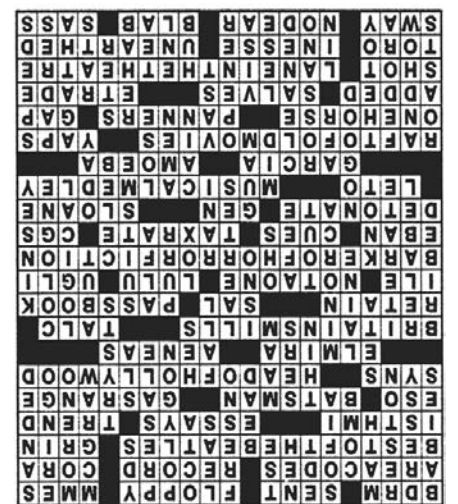
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Captain Cardiac will perform on Downey stage

DOWNEY – Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries have been one of the premiere 50's and 60's rock-and-roll bands for over three decades. Their high-voltage performances have been seen worldwide from the United States to Europe, Canada, Mexico and Hawaii.

The group has been booked to headline the Downey Chamber of Commerce 3rd annual "Oldies" concert to take place on stage at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire, on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

They have been featured performers at such world-class venues as Disneyland, Universal Studios, and Magic Mountain in addition appearances at three Super Bowls and the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. The band has also distinguished themselves with their work on both the Norwegian and Carnival Cruise Lines for over 12 years.

In addition, Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries were honored to perform at the inaugural events for the Governor of the State of California and the Mayor of Los Angeles.

According to Chamber Executive Director Sue Nordin, they have been leaving crowds screaming for more from Las Vegas to New York and from the Caribbean to Aspen.

"Fasten your seat belts and get ready for a take-off to a blast into the past," stated Nordin.

Tickets at \$25 each are now on sale at the Chamber office, 11131 Brookshire Ave. For information call 923-2191.

Bellflower Chorus show Sept. 15-17

BELFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus holds its annual fall concert/show Friday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16 at 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m., at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16660 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower.

The chorus will pay tribute to a few of country's great songwriters and the people who nurtured them. Classic favorites will include: Bob Nolan's "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" and "Cool Water," Jim Reeves' "He'll have to Go," Patsy Cline's "Crazy," John Denver's "Country Roads" and more. Also in the program will be specialty numbers presented by chorus members, as well as comedy routines.

The chorus accompanist, Chris Squires, will be joined by Jan Pospisil on drums and Rick Bemis on bass. As an added attraction, the Dancing Headliners will perform a few numbers, including a line dance.

The entire production will be under the direction of longtime chorus director and Downey resident Bill Jones.

For more information/membership/tickets, call (562) 866-4664, or (323) 569-5930. Admission for all seating is \$5.

Home remodeling show Aug. 25-27

PASADENA—The 30th annual Home Remodeling & Decorating Show, featuring "do-it-yourself" workshops focusing on kitchens, floors, windows, doors, and everything from roofs to rose gardens, will be presented by National Exhibitions & Communications Group Aug. 25-27 at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena.



WORLD WIDE PERFORMERS – Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries bring their high energy show to the Downey Theater on Sept. 16.

'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.

For tickets/information, call (562) 494-1014 or go online to www.LBPH.com.

Kathy Bee entertains at Elks Lodge tomorrow

DOWNEY—Singer, entertainer, talk show host and musical playwright Kathy Bee hosts a "Touching Lives/KBEETV" celebration tomorrow, Aug. 5 at the Elks Lodge in Downey, 11233 Woodruff Ave., from noon to 4 p.m.

KBEETV and Touching Lives are local Comcast Cable TV (Channel 26) shows that promote the theme, "People Helping People." KBEETV is a new one-hour show that airs at 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday nights. Tomorrow's event features live entertainment, food, models, former NFL players, a fashion show, on-location taping of the KBEETV show, and a special tribute to The Red Hat Ladies Organization, who will be asked to participate in the making of Kathy Bee's new music video, "Red Hat Mamas."

General admission is \$10. "Red Hats" get in for \$5. All proceeds go to Goals for Life, the organization that mentors "at-risk" kids. For information, call P.R. Productions, (562) 803-8835.

'Opal and gem show' Nov. 11-12

GARDEN GROVE—The Garden Grove-based American Opal Society (AOS) holds its 39th annual Opal & Gem Show on the weekend of Nov. 11 and 12 at the Clarion Hotel Anaheim Resort, 616 Convention Way in Anaheim (714-750-3131), one block south of Katella Ave. on Harbor Blvd. The show is open to the public.

Dozens of opal and gem dealers are congregating under one roof, allowing an opal/gem lover, says AOS, to find all the rough opal, cut opal, black opal, boulder opal, etc., that he needs. In addition, symposiums by gem experts will be presented, as well as free lapidary arts demonstrations. Many prizes, including opals and a grand prize, will be raffled off.

Show hours are Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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ARRIVEDERCI – Anna Picarelli, who got her start playing soccer with Downey AYSO at age 5, signed a one-year contract to play professionally in Italy.

Local athlete getting her kicks in overseas

By Scott Cobos

DOWNEY – Starting at the tender age of five years old, this Downey resident made her mark and made it to the top. Anna Maria Picarelli recently signed a one year professional contract sending her to Verona, Italy where she will play for CF Bardolino, a top ranked women's professional soccer team in the very controversial Serie A league.

The contract she said is almost like going to college. The team is to pay for her housing, food, travel to the country and around with the team, and an undisclosed amount of spending money for the 21-year-old goaltender.

Before reaching the pros, Picarelli ran the gauntlet of levels in the soccer hierarchy beginning at home.

Playing soccer at a very young age, Picarelli started her career in the Downey AYSO league. During her young start, she played for the "Good and Plenty" where she originally was a forward for the team. She says that before she was old enough to play for AYSO, she would go to her brother's game and want to play so badly that she would run on to the field and try and play.

It was then that she begged her parents to be put on a team. Her parents told her not yet because she was too young. Soon enough, she found herself running up and down the field trying to kick soccer balls into defenders' hands inside the goal box so she could kick penalty shots.

From AYSO she went on to play club soccer in the Cerritos Regional Soccer Club where she participated with one of the top youth female teams in Southern California, "Infinity." Just before she joined the team, she learned how to play goaltender. While playing on another team, their goaltender was injured. The coach looked around for an athletic body to put in front of the goal. By chance, that body was her. Ever since, she has been "stuck in the goal" as she says, but makes sure to say she enjoys every minute.

During the school year, she played four years of varsity ball for Saint Joseph High School in Lakewood. After a very successful club and high school career, Picarelli continued her playing days at Pepperdine University in Malibu. Her time in college was spent starting as the team's goalkeeper where she helped the team reach the NCAA tournament every year she was there.

Her team, during her freshman year, was successful enough to reach the Sweet 16 in the tournament, that being the first time in the school's women's soccer team history.

She reiterates stories of going to Wisconsin and Michigan for matches during the tournament.

"We were sent half way across the country to play in the snow," she said. "Keep in mind the whole team is from Southern California. During halftime, the tents had fires. Some of the team burned their socks and jackets because we got too close."

After college, still feeling the passion for the game, she was invited to play on AJAX America, a semi-pro team of the Women's Premier Soccer League based in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

The team was invited to play in an international women's club tournament in Seoul, South Korea where they placed second behind international powerhouse China.

This month, AJAX America will be competing for the US National Title in Utah against the best teams from each region of the United States.

It was on this team that she met a player who knew the coach to CF Bardolino. She said that making the pro team was an interesting adventure.

"It totally took me off guard because the way I got there was really strange," Picarelli said. "We called the coach and said 'We know a girl that plays with you guys,' and told him that I was a goalkeeper. He said to come try out."

Picarelli then flew out to Verona where she met someone to pick her up and take her to the team's facilities. The team ran her through an hour's worth of drills and exercises then made their decision.

"The coach came up and talked to me and said 'Welcome to the club! How much do you want to get paid?'"

The confused goalkeeper said that she really shouldn't talk to him about it and that they should contact her father. The confusion came from the team not even blinking about the decision to make her an addition.

"Once we worked out the contract, I finally realized this would be really cool because I get to go live in Italy and play soccer over there."

Also according to her mom, Picarelli is excited about playing professionally in Italy and hopes to earn a starting spot.

She plans to play in Italy until the reinstatement of the US women's professional league and return home to play once again in front of her close friends and family.

The Serie A league has been in the news as of late due to the success of Italy in the 2006 World Cup where the men took the title over France in a shootout.

Much controversy shrouded the game as French player Zinedine Zidane head butted an Italian player.

The Serie A league has also been noted as having some teams wrapped up in a match-fixing scandal. Juventus FC, AC Milan, SS Lazio, and ACF Fiorentina were put under trial, along with the referee designators and league managers.

The trial took away the last two titles from Juventus, put Milan out of European cups, and sent Juventus, Lazio and Fiorentina to Serie B.

After appeals, Lazio and Fiorentina were reinstated back into Serie A.

Former Downey QB signs with Buccaneers

DOWNEY – Justin Phinisee, a former football standout at Downey High School, has come to terms on a contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

He is expected to play cornerback and some special teams.

Phinisee rushed for 866 yards and 18 touchdowns and passed for 738 yards and six TDs as a senior at Downey, on his way to being named the San Gabriel Valley League MVP. He was also a two-time All-CIF Division II selection.

He went on to play at Oregon, where he recorded 183 tackles, three sacks and seven interceptions. He started 29 games at different positions and was named the Gordon E. Wilson Award winner for most outstanding special teams player.

He also earned first-team All-Pac 10 honors as a cornerback last year. Phinisee was drafted in the seventh round.

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WARM WELCOME – Rabbi Len Muroff will be welcomed to Temple Ner Tamid with a catered dinner Aug. 25. The rabbi is a native of Toronto.

Still time to sign up for summer day camps

Contributed by the City of Downey

DOWNEY—The city of Downey is sponsoring several Day Camps for area youth throughout the remainder of the summer, with Community Services staff providing leadership, fun activities, and excursions.

The Day Camps start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m., but also have an optional extended care component for families that need supervision between 7 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. Registration is inside City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Weekly Day Camp costs are \$75 for the first family member and \$70 for each additional family member. Little Buddies Club (designed for 4-5 year-olds) is only \$40 per week and the hours are 9 a.m.-noon. Field trip costs are included in the weekly registration fee.

The huge water slide that was assembled in Apollo Park the first week of Summer Day Camp was a huge hit with campers. The rumor is that the water slide will return for another day near the end of the summer. Each camp, by the way, also makes a trek to the local swimming pool at least one day each week. This is a welcome relief for campers and leaders ship staff, what with the hot weather.

Field trips through the end of the summer include:

Adventure Camp (headquartered at Independence Park)— Aug. 4, Big Bear; Aug. 11, Knott's Berry Farm; Aug. 18, Skate Zone; Aug. 25, Leeway Sailing; Sept. 1, All-Camp BBQ

Sports Camp (headquartered at McCaughan Gymnasium)—Aug. 4, Adventure Playground at Huntington Beach; Aug. 11, Knott's Berry Farm; Aug. 18, Skate Zone; Aug. 24, Nickel Nickel; Sept. 1, All-Camp BBQ;

Wilderness Camp (headquartered at Wilderness Park)—Aug. 4, Adventure Playground at Huntington Beach; Aug. 11, Knott's Berry Farm; Aug. 18, Skate Zone; Aug. 24, Nickel Nickel; Sept. 1, All-Camp BBQ

Little Buddies (headquartered at McCaughan Gymnasium)— Aug. 4, Golf N Stuff; Aug. 11, Downey Library; Aug. 18, Wilderness Park

For information, call Dan Belling, 904-7242, or e-mail dbelling@downeyca.com.

Older adults invited to OASIS program

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.

Advance reservations can be made by calling 904-7215.

Women's Golf Club seeking members

DOWNEY – The Los Amigos Women's Golf Club is looking for more women golfers to join their club. Tee time for the group is 8 a.m. every Friday at Los Amigos Golf Course, 7295 Quill Dr.

For more information on joining the club, call 634-2816.

Fly Fishers invite residents to join club

DOWNEY – Downey Fly Fishers, a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, invites new members to their monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Apollo Park. For information, call 943-3904.

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Temple to celebrate Rabbi and Cantor

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd., is having a special Shabbat Catered Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25 to celebrate the certification of Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill, who has been the Cantorial Intern for the past year, and the welcoming of Rabbi Len Muroff.

Rabbi Muroff is a native of Toronto, Canada, and graduated from the Joint Bachelor's Degree program at Columbia University, where he majored in political science, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he focused on Biblical Studies. After earning a Master of Arts in Education at the University of Judaism in 1987 and ordination in 1992, he served congregations in Georgia and Boston before returning to California in 1998 with his family.

Besides serving at Valley Beth Shalom in Encino he has also served as the Assistant Dean of the Rabbinical School at the University of Judaism.

The catered dinner will consist of either brisket or poached salmon plus salad, red potatoes, vegetables, coffee or tea, fruit and cookies for dessert. Donation is \$16 for adults, and reservations are a must. Deadline for paid reservations is Monday, Aug. 21.

For information, call the Temple office, (562) 861-9276.

Keep Downey Beautiful seeks 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.

If KDB recruits the volunteer such as a local church group, school or civic club, their names will be listed. For information, call (562) 904-7159.

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.



CELEBRATION – The celebration of Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill will be observed Aug. 25 with a catered dinner at Temple Ner Tamid. Reservations are due by Monday, Aug. 21.

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Local business named 'Franchisee of the Year'

DOWNEY – PIP Printing and Document Services has named Bruce and Linda Pansky, owners of PIP in Downey, Franchisee of the Year. This is the franchisor's most prestigious award and was presented during the PIP Annual Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, July 12-16. Bruce and Linda were honored for their leadership among nearly 250 PIP centers worldwide for sales performance and customer service.

This distinguished award recognizes the very best qualities among our franchisees both professionally and personally, said Catherine Monson, president of PIP. "Bruce and Linda have shown leadership within the PIP network, the quick printing industry and their community for more than 25 years. This type of excellence is an inspiration and tribute to PIP as an organization."

In addition to being named Franchisee of the Year, PIP of Downey received two sales achievement awards: a VIP (Volume Increase Percentage) Award and a Top 10 Award. The VIP award recognizes a PIP owner for the largest year over year sales increase percentage in one of three sales volume categories. The Top 10 Award is a sales volume ranking among the entire PIP network.

PIP of Downey ranked #9.

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PASTA FOR PENNIES—Olive Garden's 12th annual Pasta for Pennies Program, which this year raised a record \$4.2 million in pocket change nationwide—\$1 million more than last year—to help cure blood cancers, is recognized during a segment on "The Tony Danza show." Top fundraising school in the nation was Downey High, with \$50,036.30. Students at Rio San Gabriel Elementary raised \$8,489.41. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society was founded in 1949 and is headquartered in White Plains, NY. Since its inception in 1994, Olive Garden's Pasta for Pennies program has raised more than \$31 million to fight leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, and to provide a wide range of services to patients and their families.

Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

DOWNEY – Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 8244 3rd St for their dinner and meeting. For more information call 869-3521.

Kids wanted to join Navy cadet group

LONG BEACH—The Cadet Training Ship (CTS) Arthur Beaumont, the feeder unit for the Long Beach Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC), is looking for youths between the ages of 10 and 14 to join the Navy League Cadet Corps, the junior organization to the USNSCC. The Cadet Corp is an organization that teaches members about the United States Navy and the United States' military structure, and gives them grounding in teamwork, leadership, and self-discipline.

The CTS Arthur Beaumont's primary role is to train cadets in order to prepare them for either High School ROTC, or to continue on in the USNSCC (for youths between the ages of 13 and 18—when cadets reach their 13th birthday, they can choose to move up to the Sea Cadets. When they reach 14, they must either transfer to the Sea Cadets, or leave the program).

Cadets wear the Navy uniform and are subject to U.S. Naval discipline and military-style training. Cadets also participate in community service activities and public parades. The U.S. Navy provides training facilities and other support such as the weeklong Summer Boot Camp, Flagship Competition, and the Navy League Olympics.

CTS Arthur Beaumont, part of the Pacific Southwest Region 11 of the USNSCC (the largest Sea Cadet region in the United States), meets two Saturdays a month (usually every first and third Saturday) from 9 a.m. (0900) to 3 p.m. (1500). Meeting locations are (first Saturday) the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Center on Navy Way, Terminal Island, and (third Saturday) the United States Coast Guard Base in San Pedro.

Constant participation in Region activities has given CTS Arthur Beaumont "a proud record of achievement."

Any youth (boy or girl) interested in joining the program should contact Commanding Officer Lt. Dean Thomas (of Downey), USNSCC, (562) 619-3998 or email KiwiDean@aol.com.

For adults interested in helping out, you may join the Sea Cadets and be an instructor, and later on, an officer. Contact LCDR Fred Estano, USNSCC, Regional Director for Region 11-4, Festano@aol.com, for more information.

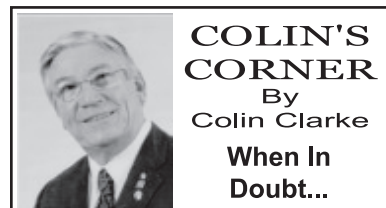
'A Day with Dr. Wayne Dyer'

PASADENA—"A Day with Dr. Wayne Dyer and Byron Katie" is a presentation by the Pasadena Conference Center, 3200 E. Green St. in Pasadena, to "improve [one's] relationships, renew clarity and create openness to life."

Dr. Dyer will show participants "how to restore balance in their lives by offering nine principles for realigning their thoughts so that they correspond to their highest desires." Byron Katie will guide attendees in "locating underlying beliefs that shape their perception of reality which can cause fear, pain, depression, and internal violence."

Hay House, a publishing company helping sponsor the event, is also conducting a Sylvia Brown tour that continues through November.

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By Colin Clarke
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GRACE BOWEN—Of Downey plays the lead role in *Annie Get Your Gun*, a production of La Habra Depot Theatre that lasts till Aug. 20. Grace enters 3rd grade this year at Rio Hondo Elementary.

Downey 3rd grader gets lead in musical

DOWNEY—Downey resident Grace Bowen, who will be a 3rd grader this year at Rio Hondo Elementary, has been cast in the lead role of Nellie in the La Habra Depot Theatre's production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, which runs through Aug. 20 Fri./Sat. nights at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. A sibling, 6-year old Clare, also has a part in the show, as a "telegrammer."

One of 900 children selected recently for a summer scholarship from Cerritos College, Grace was inducted into the Kidsday Hall of Fame this year. Her mother, Elizabeth, earned an Emmy in costuming for her work in 2000 on the AMC original series, "The Lot." She now works on the Dr. Phil Show.

Tickets for *Annie Get Your Gun* are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children/students/seniors. Reservations are strongly recommended, by phoning (562) 905-9625, or visiting www.lhdepottheatre.org. La Habra Depot Theatre is located at 311 S. Euclid St. in La Habra.

Tennis club serves up fun at anniversary party

DOWNEY — Downey Tennis Club recently hosted a celebration at Independence Park to celebrate their 40th anniversary. The event included a visit from Dick Van Matre, the club's first ever president.

Former club member Lillian Riley traveled all the way from Maui for the event, which attracted many former and current members. Tennis was played and a carne asada lunch was enjoyed.

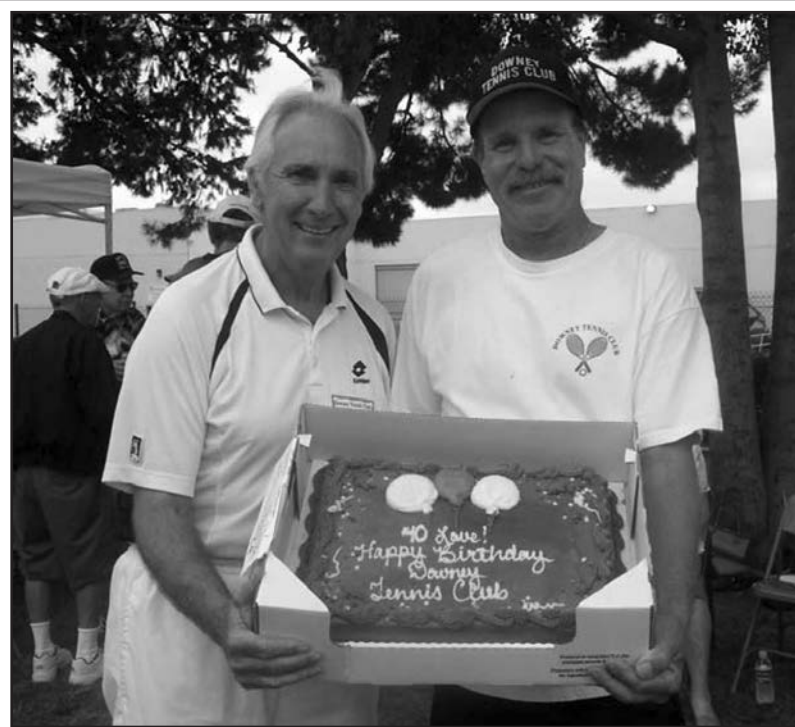
The Van Matres, both Dick and wife Donna, shared many memories of when the club first began in 1966. Some the history is now available online at www.downeytennisclub.com.

The club also thanked the City of Downey Parks & Recreation Department for their efforts in upgrading Independence Park's tennis courts in time for the celebration.

Club membership is \$25 per year and the new tennis year is currently underway. For information, call Jean Jones, membership chairperson, at (562) 927-4820.

'Connections' meets Thursdays

DOWNEY — Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call Nick Smith at 861-5222.



40 YEARS AND STILL GOING—Dick Van Matre (left), first president of Downey Tennis Club, and Michael Murray, current president, recently celebrated the club's 40th anniversary. For information on joining Downey Tennis Club, call Jean Jones at (562) 927-4820.

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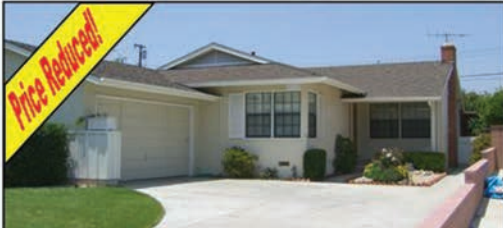
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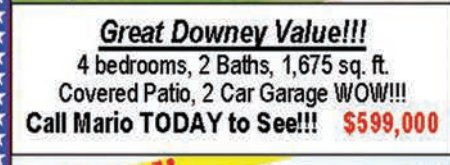
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La Mirada home w/ 3 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, living room w/ fireplace, dining room, family room, central air/heat, patio, 1,610 sq. ft. of house on a 6,530 sq. ft. lot
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Like To Entertain!
Charming Downey Home with 4 bedroom, 4 bath, Large formal dining room, living room, family room, bonus room upstairs, super large balcony overlooking backyard. 2,781 Sq. Ft. of house on a 9,515 Sq. Ft. lot
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OPEN HOUSE
Summer Delight!
5 bedroom, 4 bath remodeled like new in 05 POOL home. This 3700 Sq.ft home has a living room w/vaulted ceilings, family room with wet bar, and kitchen with granite counter tops and island. Home includes travertine flooring throughout, 1 bedroom down, 4 bedrooms upstairs including a spectacular master bedroom w/ fireplace, balcony, & a master bath with jetted tub & separate shower. In these hot summer months the backyard is perfect, with a built in bbq & newer gated pool/spa. \$1,349,900.
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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 air/heat, 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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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. \$1,349,900.
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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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COMING SOON
Remodeled Home Near Furman Park!
5 bedroom, 4 bath, 4100 sq ft pool home that has been remodeled throughout on the inside with granite countertops and newer appliances in the kitchen, large family room with wet bar, and a remodeled master bathroom with travertine flooring, granite countertops, and large jetted tub. Too many upgrades to mention! Price: \$1,349,900
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