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Korneff axed as CEO; Strople takes over

■ Ken Strople takes over as interim CEO. He, along with COO Rob Fuller, are considered strong candidates to take the job permanently.

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – The Allen Korneff era at Downey Regional Medical Center is over.

Korneff was removed as CEO of Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) this week after lawyers representing both sides worked out the details relating to his contract, sources told the *Patriot*.

Korneff, who had been with the hospital for 36 years, was fired when the corporate hospital board voted 5-4 to fire him last week, sources said.

But the termination became complicated because Korneff was under contract with the hospital, sources said.



Ken Strople

Hospital officials wishing to remain anonymous said Korneff's office was cleared out by Tuesday.

Executive Vice President Ken Strople will take over as interim CEO until a permanent replacement is named, the hospital said in a statement.

Strople and Chief Operating Officer Rob Fuller are both expected to interview for the CEO position.

Korneff's replacement will be named in about a month, hospital representatives said.

Yokota to share memories of WWII

■ Downey resident was shipped to a Japanese internment camp at the outset of World War II.

DOWNEY – Retired Los Angeles Unified School District Principal Paul Yokota will be the guest speaker Monday at Downey Adult School's OASIS program, which starts at 3:45 p.m.

Yokota will share his experience as a young Japanese American who, along with 120,000 other people of Japanese ancestry, was transported to internment camps throughout the United States during World War II.



Paul Yokota

Yokota is also the assistant instructor for OASIS. Harriett Paine is the instructor.

The class opens for enrollment at 2:45 p.m. with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment. There is no enrollment fee and no pre-registration. The program will begin at 3:45 and an option full-course dinner will be served at 4:45 for \$3.50.

Downey Dial-a-Ride can provide transportation to the event to people who qualify. For information, call the Adult School at (562) 940-6200.

Time Traveler School named for pioneer Lewis Family

BY JOHN ADAMS, EDITOR EMERITUS

The pioneer Lewis Family have much to be proud of in their years here, including the founding of Golden Gate Ranch, which still stands in the 9000 block of Foster Road.

Ed W. Lewis arrived in Lynwood from Nebraska in 1895, and brought his family with him. They included sons Joe, Bill, Ed C. Lewis and daughters Ceila and Mary.

Ed W. Lewis farmed in Lynwood, growing sugar beets and corn. He also raised cows and did well there.

In 1912, sons Joe and Bill bought 50 acres in Downey at what is now Woodruff Avenue and Foster Road. There they farmed sugar beets and Klondike strawberries. Bill died in 1913 in a farm accident. Joe left in 1926 and went to work for Citrus College. He leased the 50 acres until the housing boom hit years later.

Meanwhile, son Ed C. Lewis bought 25 acres on Foster Road at Ardis in 1915. He named it Golden Gate Ranch. He farmed many crops there including sugar beets, corn, walnuts and alfalfa.

In 1916 Ed C. Lewis married Bertha Rothenberger. They had two children, Ed H. Lewis and Mary E. Lewis. Both were born in the present ranch house that was originally built in 1871, in the 9000 block of Foster Road.

Ed H. and Mary Lewis attended Alameda School and Downey High School.

Ed C. Lewis died in 1942. Son Ed H. Lewis continued to farm the rich Downey soil until 1956. He grew spinach and sweet corn, and grew them well.

The Lewis family farmed or had something to do with land over an area ranging from Imperial Highway to Foster Road and Woodruff Avenue to Clark Street.

Ed H. Lewis married his wife, Emily, in 1957. He raised the old ranch house and put a new foundation beneath it that year. His sister still lives there. Lewis School is named after this pioneer family, and the old ranch house is still in use.

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Gooooooool!

■ Group of kids are traveling to Costa Rica and Canada to play in friendly exhibition soccer games where they will represent not only Downey, but the United States as well.

BY BROOKE KARLI
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY – Gooooooool!

Fans cheer to it – players feed off of it.

It's the one word every soccer player wants to hear when they are battling a team for victory.

And for many kids in our community, they have not only heard it here in America, but will also hear it in Canada and Costa Rica.

This summer, Downey's American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) will be participating in the Cultural Exchange program, sending three teams to Costa Rica and two teams to Canada.

"We want to give the kids in our community a chance to experience life in other areas through the sport of soccer," said Win Powell, Downey AYSO commissioner and coach. "The emphasis is on having fun and meeting new people and not on the final score of the games these teams will play."

Powell has been involved with the organization for 12 years and every year, teams have traveled throughout the country to play soccer, visiting such places as Hawaii and Chicago.

What is different about this year's trips is the fact that they are traveling outside of the United States and playing "friendly games" – games without an official score – instead of competing for tournament titles. The Downey teams are playing school and club teams in both countries, rather than league teams.

"It's not about who wins or loses," said Tina Rodriguez, an AYSO coach for 10 years. "It's about the opportunity these kids have to visit a foreign country and the experience and memories they will come home with."



Players held numerous fundraisers throughout the year to help pay for the trip. Still, if their parents or relatives want to come along, that's an out-of-pocket expense.

And only a few kids get that opportunity.

During the regular Downey AYSO season, approximately 1,800 kids participate in the program, making up over 150 teams.

In the off-season, three to four – in this case, five – teams out of 12 traveling teams, participate in the Cultural Exchange program.

Teams are chosen based off of parent and player participation, considering there is much time and financing involved.

Downey AYSO hosts two annual tournaments – the New Year's Kickoff and the Memorial Day Open Tournament – to help raise

funds for the trips. They also open and operate a fireworks stand as a fundraiser. The funds raised pay for the players' accommodations – airfare, uniforms, food, entertainment, and more. If their parents or additional relatives or friends would like to attend, then it is an out-of-pocket expense.

Coaches interested in the program, in a sense, have to apply for the position.

"We are very careful in choosing coaches to take along," said Powell. "We want coaches that are not only good at coaching, but also respectful in conduct. They are not just representing the organization,

but also our country."

The Costa Rica trip, which will include games in San Jose, San Carlos and Tilajari, will consist of 37 players, 120 people in total. While there, the three teams – Girls Under 10, Boys Under 12 and Boys Under 14 – will enjoy taking tours, visiting the beach, and the biggest attraction – seeing white monkeys (that's all the kids could talk about when interviewed).

"I'm excited to spend time with my teammates and family," said Joslyn Villegas, a player on the Girls Under 10 team. "I can't wait

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COLUMN

Relay the deucey, just as they did in Key Largo

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—Over 100 square and round dancing aficionados from clubs based throughout Southern California came to the luau dance party Saturday night hosted by the Downey Bachelors & Bachelorettes Club and Dyna-Soar Productions held at the First Baptist Church gym.

Clad in Hawaiian garb, the mostly elderly dance partners hopped, stepped and whirled and twirled around to the caller's and cuer's familiar calls and to the karaoke music. I watched, fascinated, a 7-1/2 year old girl whirling around in one corner of the gym near her mom, mimicking the action on the dance floor and apparently enjoying herself.

Square and round dance devotees will know these familiar calls, tuned to appropriate music, some lively, some plaintive: "Load the boat," "tea cup chain," "relay the deucey," "pass the ocean," "fan the top," and "slip the clutch." I noticed a few novel calls, such as "Here's looking at you, kid," "just as they did in Key Largo," and "circle left, we had it all, just like, Bogie and Bacall."

I asked caller Vic Kaaria, who said he also performs overseas, if he ad-libs the calls, and he said, "Yes. Ninety percent of my calls I ad-lib." So there.

The event, to be repeated in September, will next feature "Elvis Lives," which promises to be, according to Downey B&B president John Uveges, "more exciting and better."

Uveges said last Saturday's event's success was due to sponsors Ralph Munguia (R.J. Soda Service), Erubey Herrera (The Queen Mary), Frank Cruz (Dyna-Soar Production), Toni Stewart (The Sweethearts of Hula) and Bill McPhearson (Olive Garden of Downey). He also wants to make sure he credits his wife, Sheri, for her "love and support," and hard work. Special thanks also go to Pastor Rod Layman and Debbie Fox and staff at First Baptist Church for the use of the hall.

B&B's new class starts Sept. 10 at Downey United Methodist Church from 2 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per class; first class is free. For information, contact John at (323) 219-4735.



Wiseguys open summer concert series

DOWNEY – The Wiseguys Big Band will be opening the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert Series this Wednesday, July 11, at 7 p.m.

The Wiseguys Big Band is an 18-piece ensemble that features a horn line, two vocalists and a rhythm section. Their repertoire includes the tunes of Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin and Peggy Lee, as well as favorites from Glenn Miller, Perez Prado and Buddy Rich.

Concerts are every Wednesday night at Furman Park and admission is free. The Downey Museum of Art will be open prior to each performance and the Downey Rose Float Association will be selling snacks.

For information about the Furman Park Twilight Summer Concert, call the City of Downey Community Services Department at (562) 904-7238.

Sixth-grader going to Washington

DOWNEY – Sixth-grader Christopher Almquist has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum, where he will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C. next year to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions.

Almquist attended Creative Beginnings Elementary School from kindergarten through fifth grade where he recently graduated. He has carried a 4.0 grade point average for two years straight and earned the 2007 Presidents Award for Educational Excellence. He will be attending Newcomb Academy in Long Beach for middle school where he has been placed into the GATE program.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institution, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Almquist will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small group discussions and exercises to experience firsthand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Mile-long yard sale on Pangborn Avenue

DOWNEY – The 7th Annual Mile-Long Yard Sale on Pangborn Avenue will be held July 14 from 7 a.m. to noon. The community is invited.

Pangborn Avenue is located in Downey between Florence Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

Ventriloquist to perform at library

DOWNEY – Ventriloquist Joe Gandelman will be presenting, "Get Clued Into Reading," at the Downey City Library on July 11 from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Children ages 5 to 12 will enjoy a show that will feature a cast of puppet characters, music, comedy, ventriloquism and audience participation.

The event is free and is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library. Seating is limited, so it is recommended to arrive early. Show passes will be distributed 30 minutes prior to show time.

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

Authors talk about the history of the wheel

DOWNEY – Authors Claire and Monte Montgomery will discuss their book, "Hubert Invents the Wheel," at the Downey City Library on July 9 from 2 to 2:45 p.m.

Middle school children ages 11 to 13 are invited to the discussion, which will include a demonstration of historic wheels with the use of yo-yo's, juggling rings and a unicycle.

The book is about Hubert, a boy in ancient Sumeria whose adventures lead to one of the greatest inventions of all time – the wheel.

"This humorous book brings ancient history to life," said Gina Orello, children's librarian.

The event is free. For information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 4.

Enterprise announces promotion

DOWNEY – Enterprise Rent-A-Car has announced the promotion of Amy Bearn to Area Manager of five Los Angeles County locations, including Downey, Norwalk, South Gate, Bell and Huntington Park.

As the Area Manager, Bearn will be responsible for marketing, sales, and employee development.

Bearn is a graduate of Penn State University with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. She is also active in the community, having volunteered at the recent Special Olympics held at Cal State Long Beach.



Christopher Almquist has excelled in elementary school and now will travel to Washington, D.C. to study national leadership.



Mariah Montero (center), poses with her teachers and principal from Rio Hondo Elementary School after receiving a Presidential Citation for Outstanding Academic Excellence from President George W. Bush, a Principal's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and a Service Award for Outstanding Service as a Cross Age Tutor. Montero was also Student Council Treasurer and Fifth Grade Representative, and was enrolled in the Gifted and Talented Education program (GATE).

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to go to the beach and see the white monkeys either!"

The teams will also be giving teams in Tilajari, a very poor region in Costa Rica, new uniforms and equipment. Everything being taken to Tilajari has been donated by various sponsors in Downey.

"I think it's really cool that we are giving them new stuff because they've never had it before," said Rebecca Powell, a player on the Girls Under 10 team.

Traveling to Vancouver, Canada are 24 players, 80 people in total. The two teams – Boys Under 10 and Girls Under 12 – will also get to enjoy additional activities.

Both groups leave on July 17 and return July 24.

"We wanted to send a group to each region in order to get a feel for what to do in the future," said Win Powell. "But we are looking forward to the enrichment each country will bring to our lives."

Football clinic at Downey High School

DOWNEY – A football clinic for students in grades 2-8 will be offered at Downey High School's Allen Layne Stadium July 13-15.

The clinic will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Coach Damon Hicklin and Coach Jack Williams, defensive coordinator at Downey High School and receivers coach at Azusa Pacific University, respectively, will lead the clinic. Together, they have more than 30 years experience playing and/or coaching at the high school, college and professional levels.

The first day will be an assessment of football knowledge and practicing of offensive and defensive drills. The second day will focus on speed, strength and agility testing. The final day will be a team competition where parents will be welcome.

A parent must accompany their child to registration. The registration fee is \$75 and checks made out to FST Athletics will be accepted.

For more information, call Jack Williams at (562) 688-6273.

Last chance to sign up for Ponytail

DOWNEY – Downey Ponytail will be having sign-ups for the fall season on July 14 and 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Independence Park.

Registration is open to girls ages 7 to 18 and no previous softball experience is necessary. There is no T-ball division for the fall season.

Registration cost is \$35 per player (\$45 for sister) and includes a uniform jersey, secondary insurance and umpire fees.

The registration dates are the last two days for coaches and players to sign up. Teams will be formed after sign-ups and practices will begin in August. The season runs from Labor Day weekend until the week before Thanksgiving.

Independence Park is located at 12334 Bellflower Blvd. in Downey.

For information, call (562) 904-8000.

Winner announced in park-naming contest

DOWNEY – The City Council will honor Downey resident Carmen Herrera on July 10 as the winner of the park-naming contest, which ended three weeks ago with the selection of "Discovery Sports Complex."

Herrera, a graduate of Warren High School and a kindergarten teacher in the Montebello School District, submitted the name "Discovery."

One other person also submitted "Discovery" but left no contact information.

Herrera said she submitted "Discovery" because she "wants kids to discover the world and discover their surroundings."

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Real estate investor agrees to buy Times

BY JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

Spokesmen for Tribune Co., said last week that three representatives of the Los Angeles Times resigned their seats on the governing board of the huge Tribune conglomerate.

Among the issues was a Tribune announced budget policy which would include more cuts in Times editorial staff and other media sales spinoffs.

Now comes a solution to the board rift and the intervention of wealthy realtor Sam Zell.

The complicated transaction includes substantial funding by real estate-investor Zell.

The sale is said to be for \$34 per share of Tribune stock which Zell has agreed to buy at \$8.2 billion, with the assumption of the Tribune's existing debt, making the deal worth about \$13.2 billion. Thus Zell gains control of one of the storied media giants for very little cash – \$250 million in the initial stock tender plus \$65 million later when the rest of the shares are purchased.

A key to the deal is an Employee Stock Ownership Plan [ESOP] that would initially be 100 percent of the Tribune stock. Zell will have an option to buy 40 percent of Tribune's stock, along with getting two seats on the board and chairmanship of the board of directors.

The ESOP is key as under tax law it allows conversion of Tribune stock to subchapter status.

Since ESOP is a pension it does not pay taxes either so in effect the ESOP will be tax free dollars to finance the acquisition of the Tribune.

John Morton, writing in the American Journalism Review, adds some doubt of ESOP as a sure thing. ESOP employees are required to hold their shares for a certain time—thus if the company does not do well the shareholders can not diversify enough to avoid loss.

Under the plan to go private, the Times is allowed to go its own way with the Chandlers. There will still be a lot of debt, but debt holders of private firms tend to be more patient.



Talk show host Larry Elder was the guest speaker at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School's graduation.

Elder speaks to graduating students

DOWNEY – Nationally syndicated radio talk show host Larry Elder was the guest speaker at graduation ceremonies held earlier this month at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Downey.

Elder told the 34 graduating students and the large audience of parents, friends and relatives that difficult things will happen to them in life but how they handle the difficulty is more important than the event itself.

He went on to chronicle some events in his own youth to show how persistence and parental guidance play vital roles in growing into young adulthood.

Valedictorians Alexandra Gonzalez and Anthony Pimentel spoke about the shared experiences of the class from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Thirty-three of the 34 students will be attending Catholic high schools and one will attend an art magnet school in Orange County.

The class of 2007 is the 56th group of students to graduate from Our Lady School.



Johnny Venegas (left), Downey Optimist Club president, awarded four students with scholarships, including Veronica Bariones (center) and Javier Meier.



Orlandus Waters (right), of Downey Federal Credit Union, presented a \$500 check to essay contest winner Ashley Nikolas (center) and \$100 to contest runner-up Aaron Rademaker, both of Warren High School. Both students submitted essays regarding their future career plans after attending a seminar on financial literacy in their government class.

Redevelopment Committee reschedules

DOWNEY – Due to the July 4 holiday, the Downey Redevelopment Committee did not meet this week and will instead meet July 10. The meeting will be held at the usual time and location of 6:30 p.m. in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library.

Vandalism targeting vehicles' gas tanks

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

DOWNEY – Residents are being warned to keep a closer eye on their vehicles after a recent rash of vandalism cases that are costing their owners hundreds of dollars, the Downey Fire Department said Thursday.

The vandalized vehicles had garden hoses inserted into the fuel tanks and the water turned on, Captain Bruce English with the Downey Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau said. The water displaces the fuel, which then leaks into the driveway and gutter.

The vandalism can cost the vehicle owner anywhere between \$500 to \$1100 in repair costs, English said.

"The discharged fuel also creates environmental concerns and jeopardizes the safety of personnel maintaining our storm drain system," English said. "Any release of a hazardous product into the storm drains is in violation of the law. Our storm drain system discharges the water collected from our streets directly into our waterways and oceans."

To prevent being a victim, residents should move their garden hose to a secure location and replace their gas caps with a locking-style cap, English said.

If you have been a victim of this type of vandalism, call English at (562) 904-7345.

Optimist Club hands out scholarships

DOWNEY – On June 14, the Downey Optimist Club awarded four local students with scholarships.

Jonathan Assas and Javier Meier of Downey High School, as well as Ruben Venegas of Columbus High School and Veronica Bariones of Warren High School, each received \$1,000 scholarships.

The Downey Optimist Club has been in Downey since 1953, conducting positive service projects aimed at providing a helping hand to youth.

For information, or to join, call Johnny Venegas, Downey Optimist Club president, at (562) 904-7033.

Rise 'N Shine hearing two speakers

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group will hear Victoria Martinez of Hometown Buffet and Laura Rodriguez of Arbonne International at its July 10 meeting at Nordic Fox restaurant, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

The cost to attend is an order from the menu.

RSVP by calling (562) 923-2191.

Network while you work out

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a summer mixer at Bally Total Fitness at the Downey Landing on July 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The mixer will include hors d'oeuvres and beverages, raffled prizes, free fitness assessments and an opportunity to work out.

Admission is \$3.

For information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

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D. Mark Morris has spent a quarter of a century on the board of the Downey Unified School District. Dyslexic, he struggled in high school but worked to eventually gain a Juris Doctor degree in law school.

D. Mark Morris's insights on the mark

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—Three things stand out in D. Mark Morris's mind as major highlights punctuating his 25-year service so far on the board of the Downey Unified School District: elevating teachers' salaries to attract the best; adoption of a 'no tolerance' policy for drugs, alcohol, and weapons on campus; and the bond passage to improve the schools in Downey.

Acting on a research finding that the role of the district classroom teacher was supreme, and that therefore the focus should be on improving instruction, the district raised teachers' salaries to a level, according to Morris, without equal in Los Angeles County.

To discourage drug use, alcohol abuse, and violence on campus, the district launched a drug and alcohol awareness campaign (e.g., DARE), and instituted stronger enforcement measures (policing on campus, etc.), and coordinated efforts with G.O.O.D. (Gangs Out of Downey).

The desired bond issue, which is responsible for the renovation and upgrades still going on in the schools, required a two-thirds majority of the voters, and this voter support, says Morris, served to confirm the need for good teachers as well as provide a good learning environment.

To be sure, says Morris, "There will always be problems. Even in the best of circumstances, there is that one percent of the student population that misbehaves. But otherwise, the kids are good and hard-working, and I'm surprised at how committed they are to education. Also, they have part-time jobs, and are very responsible. They help out their families. They just need help in some areas."

In this regard, the success of the Character Counts program here is so heartening, he says, "Character Counts serves to help instill core values. Integrity, good citizenship, honesty, these support family values. And when they are being modeled by administrators, teachers, coaches, and community leaders, the kids can look up to them to model their behavior. This will reinforce the task of parents."

He goes on: "I think we may have to revisit some of the school sites and find some way to help them out. For example, where portables are in use, we may put permanent classrooms in there."

A third area where things might be improved, says Morris, is the school's technology program, including enhanced teacher support in the classrooms, and fine-tuning of the assessment procedures.

Reared and schooled in Downey (Lewis Elementary, Gauldin, Woodruff Jr. High/Columbus, and Downey High), Morris has been working for the city's Community Development Department since 1982, the same year he finished the term vacated by John Shea on the DUSD Board. He has since then won re-election every time, and you can tell he treasures every minute he sits on the board, leaving nothing to chance. He is a practical man, he says, and he enjoys working with people with different backgrounds. He has been Housing Planner for the city for 22 years. His past community development employments were with Norwalk, Paramount and Alhambra.

Morris recalls his youth in Downey and seeing "a lot of corn fields, orange groves, and avocado groves." He says back in the '50s, it used to flood in the city: "We had some problem with flood control."

His education and legal expertise (he has a bachelor's from CSU-Fullerton, and a Juris Doctor degree from Western State University College of Law) of course work in many ways in his favor, both in his regular duties as Housing Planner (assisting seniors with city loans, with housing upkeep to maintain property values, etc.), and helping set policy directions for DUSD.

He can read, write and speak Spanish, a facility he gained when he underwent an intensive, three-month language training at BYU for his missionary work early on. A longstanding member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he has served as a Bishop and other leadership positions in the Downey Stake Presidency. He currently serves as First Counselor.

A member of the Boy Scouts of America, he has served as past (Frontier) district chairman. He is past president of the Cerritos College Alumni Association, past member of the Downey Recreation Commission, Downey Water Board, and Redevelopment Area Commission, as well as past coach with the Downey Junior Athletic Association. He currently represents DUSD as a member of the California School Boards Association, Los Angeles School District Trustee Association, and the National School Boards Association.

A past member of the American Planning Association, he is a current member of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.

Awards include: the Silver Beaver Award of Merit of the Boy Scouts of America, and enshrinement in the Downey High School Hall of Fame.

"I value the spirit of volunteerism no matter what the economic stratum volunteers come from," he says. "They can only help the community become a better place. That spirit is very important and is one of the strong points in working and living in Downey. There are a lot of good people here. The city attracts good workers, from management on down, and this is true with the district as well."

Despite his solid educational background, Morris wishes he could turn back the clock and apply himself "a little bit more," especially in high school. "School was hard for me," says he, who was burdened with dyslexia.

He is an only child of Mack and Virginia Morris of Utah. His dad, an engineer for Union Pacific and later a general contractor, died when Mark was in high school. His 91-year old mom, who lives with him, is from Park City, a former mining town some 30 miles from Salt Lake City and now a ski resort. He says he is of English, Scottish, Irish ("a little bit of everything") stock. The "D" stands for David.

He displays a good sense of humor. He delights in playing along with people's perception that he is philanthropist Art Morris' son. "If this turns out to be an advantage or something else, I don't know. We'll see." And: "My wife says I should have married her sooner because we're having so much fun. But if I had done that, I'd have less hair now."

His wife, Pamela, a CSU-Dominguez Hills alum, teaches third grade at Gauldin. The couple has four daughters and two sons: Evelyn, 28, is a CSU-Long Beach grad and teaches at Sussman; Allison Marshall, 26, is married, whose husband is a high school counselor; Sharon Levin is married and attending college in the San Francisco area, while her husband attends UC-Berkeley; Kathryn, Brian and Wayne—who all went on missions to different locations—all attend Cerritos College.

Periodicals and historical novels are favorite reading material. He likes to watch hockey games with his son-in-law and the kids. Morris played varsity basketball in high school (one year), at Cerritos College (two years), and at CSU-Fullerton (one year).

He has this prognosis of Downey. "I think the community of Downey is really lucky. The City Council through the years has done a lot for the city. It has by and large been very farsighted, maintained property values, and able to do what they said they'd do. It has kept eminent domain out of the equation in redevelopment areas. I think we are one of the cities that don't have eminent domain."

The Poets' Corner

Four

Her presence has faded
Left me with the worst feeling inside
I counted the days as I waited for her eyes to meet mine
But she kept her soul at the farthest distance from mine
And still doesn't know how many times I cried
To see those eyes
To see that light.
-- Valerie Osegueda,
Downey

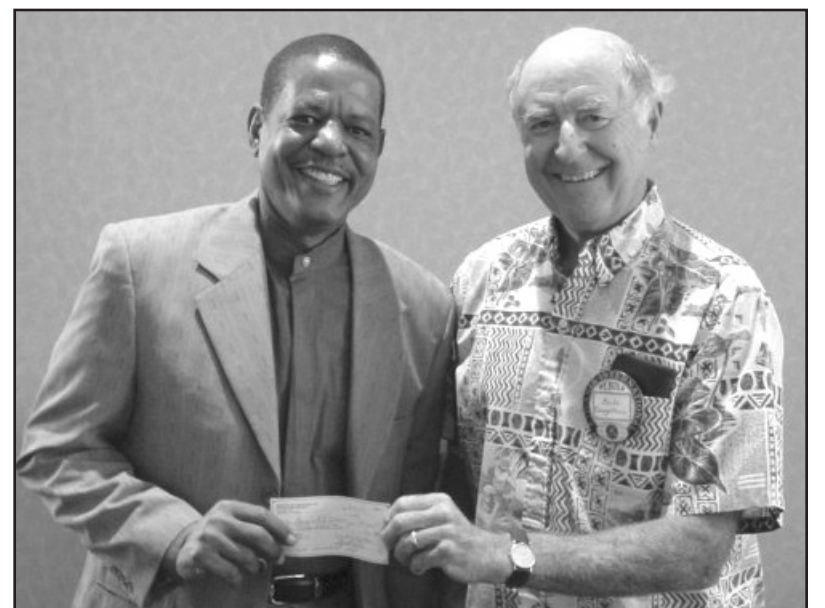
Poems can be submitted to The Downey Patriot at 11525 Downey Ave., Ste. A, Downey, 90241 or downeypatriot@yahoo.com



Jerry and Wilma Anno celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary June 15. They have lived in Downey since 1950 and both their sons, Stephen and Randy, graduated from Downey High School. Jerry worked at Peacock Manufacturing in Norwalk while Wilma is a lifetime member of the Downey Community Hospital Auxiliary. Wilma is also an active member of TOPS CA 63 Downey and was recently honored for 45 years in KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly).



Roby Gallo, 3, met Merry the Alpaca at the Downey City Library's "Barnyard Extravaganza" on June 25. Kickoff day for the library's Summer Reading Program, the event featured farm animals in a petting zoo. More than 1,000 children registered for the program in the first two days, the library reported. The program runs through Aug. 4. Roby, for his part, has been attending the library since he was 18 months old and now regularly attends preschool storytime with his grandmother, Irma.



Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis President Bob Brazelton (right) presented Darrell Jackson of Gangs Out Of Downey with a check to help pay for Downey police officers who patrol local schools.



The Downey Newcomers will honor one of their own this Monday at their monthly luncheon at the Rio Hondo County Club starting at 11:30 a.m. Longtime member Norma Willis has served the club in various capacities, including president, secretary and inspiration chairman. Reservations can be made by calling Dottie Fewell at (562) 928-7694.

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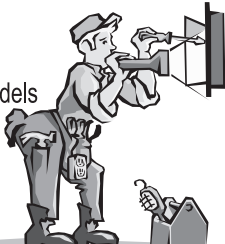
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By Eric Pierce

Ladies and gentlemen, I am finally "in." After years of stalking in the obscurity of a lesser-known carrier, I have finally switched over to Verizon Wireless.

I bought myself a shiny new Razor phone and subscribed to the "America's Choice" calling plan: \$59.99 per month with unlimited nights and weekends and unlimited "in" calling (calls placed to other Verizon Wireless subscribers).

Not a bad deal. Or so I thought.

Somehow, through the complexities of taxes and surcharges, my first bill was upwards of \$200.

My second bill was just a bit lower, somewhere near \$150.

But why? Well let's see. There's a \$20 charge for picture messaging (didn't know I had signed up), \$23.85 for a data plan (mobile Internet - again, didn't know I had ordered it), \$15 for V-CAST (in case I want to...watch TV on my phone?), and various other taxes, including a 9-1-1 fee, lifeline surcharge, California state highway fee, and numerous others.

That \$59.99 sure climbs high awfully fast.

Ringtones are extra, wallpapers are extra, games are extra, and mobile e-mail is extra.

But I don't mind, because I don't need any of those frills anyways. Give me a phone that makes and receives calls and I'm a happy camper.

Apple's new iPhone, in my estimation, is \$500 too expensive.

*Graffiti hotline number

Our future depends on improving the public dialogue

By Lee Hamilton

Wherever I go these days, people want to talk about how much trouble we have talking reasonably to one another about current public policy challenges. The quality of the public dialogue, they say - our ability to reason with one another and to sort through issues - is lamentable.

Al Gore's new book, "The Assault on Reason," decries the decline of public discourse. In my view, he's hit a nerve.

And for a good reason. Our political system is riddled with problems: cynicism and low voter turnout; intense partisanship; the outsized influence of money. But if Americans feel that we can't even set about fixing them because we're incapable of holding a discussion that isn't distorted by spin, misleading studies, media manipulation, 10-second sound bites, and accusations of suspect motives, then we've got a really serious problem.

It doesn't just affect efforts to reform the political system, of course. Woodrow Wilson once said, "I not only use all the brains I have, but all I can borrow." What was true in the early decades of the 20th century is even more true today. The complexity of the problems we confront, from how to handle our role in the world to how to fix our health care system to what to do about public education, demands that Americans of different beliefs and perspectives think together about what to do. No one individual or small group can know all there is to know.

Yet we suffer from a poor and superficial imitation of debate, often the equivalent of playground name-calling, rather than the deep exploration of challenges and their potential solutions that the times call for.

Our electronic media, in particular, is drawn by the quick-and-easy. You are far likelier to learn about a candidate's debate style, mannerisms, attire or expensive haircut than you are his or her ideas about fixing our health care system.

Yet in the end, I believe we have no one to blame but ourselves. Living in a democracy takes work, and if we want to enjoy its fruits, we have to labor a bit to prepare them.

I'm sometimes disappointed by how ready we Americans are to believe polls and studies and the assertions of those in authority, rather than to gather information, think for ourselves, and make discriminating judgments. If we want the quality of public dialogue to improve, then it's up to us to improve it and let our political leaders know we will no longer let them get away with offering inadequate solutions to difficult problems.

We can do this in several ways:

- First, pay attention to reason and fact, not propaganda and half-truths. Don't accept an assertion of fact on its face. Obtain your information from a variety of sources.

- Don't let yourself be diverted by fluff. We love the clutter of celebrity lives, gossip and the extraneous details of politics, but letting them dominate our attention has a real cost.

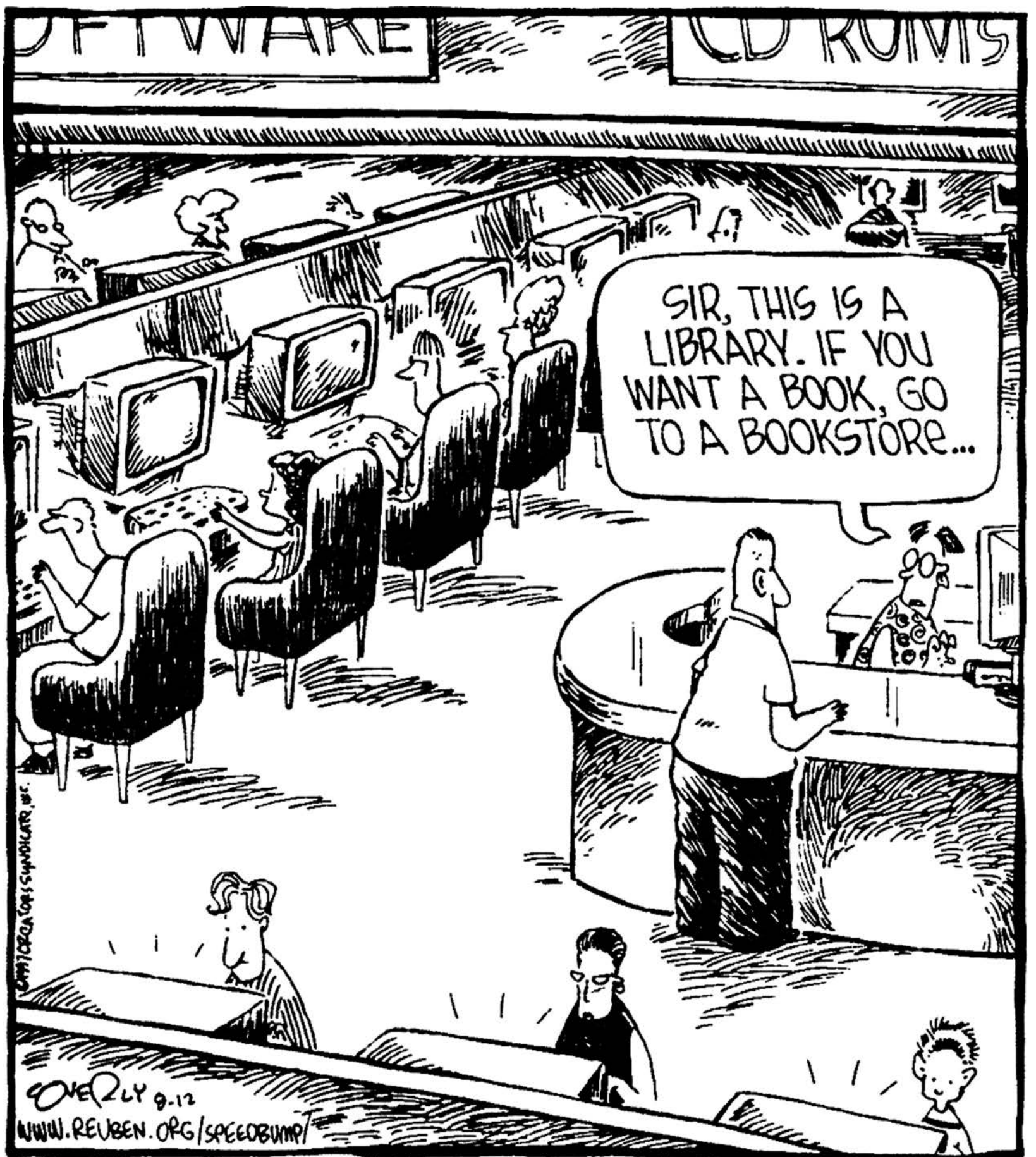
- Listen to the experts, but make up your own mind. As the psalm says, "Put not your trust in princes."

- Do not attack the motivations of adversaries. Give them the respect of speaking to the merits of their arguments.

- Try to take a step back from ideology. Listen carefully to different sides in a debate, be prepared to see the logic in what people of different viewpoints have to say, and above all look for pragmatic approaches that work, not ideologically rigid approaches that don't comport with the real world.

Among the great gifts of living in this country is the right to speak out, but that right carries with it a responsibility. All of us have the responsibility to work to increase the quality of the public dialogue.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



Letters to the Editor:

Proud to have a newspaper

Dear Editor:

I just had to write. I am so pleased with all the letters to the editor. This is one of the reasons Downey remains a very special city. We have a newspaper: The Downey Patriot - and one which deems it valuable to include our commentary. Having a newspaper that is involved in and with our community is a gift.

For a while the paper wasn't being thrown at my home and I'd go around town looking for an edition. It's back again and I'm happy with that. I really look forward to it.

You might notice that communities that do not have the gift of a true hometown paper do not do as well. Don't you just love the variety of points of view. I can't be all over town and sometimes I'll read of an issue that I didn't know was brewing and then there will appear a pro and con...maybe not in the same edition, but next week.

I also enjoy reading the biographies of the outstanding men, women and young people of our city. Otherwise it seems the only way we find out the good stuff about our friends and neighbors is after they had died and we hear their eulogies or read their obituaries. It's also an opportunity to "meet" folks whose paths I might not ordinarily cross. Henry Veneracion - you do a service for us as you collect profiles of the dynamic citizens who make our city one that people really do want to be a part of.

And how privileged we are to have an opportunity to read the "Time Traveler" articles written by John Adams, Editor Emeritus. John Vincent and his historians catalogue our history, but Mr. Adams breathes life into it...I always forget though, which is Crawford Street?

I hope someone told that letter writer that Gangs Out Of Downey has a graffiti hotline and will come out and get rid of it.

If it can be said that we are the culture and character of Downey, then it's good to know we have a hometown paper that reflects that back to us.

—Pauline Hume,
Downey

All wet over new planters

Dear Editor:

I've been hoping to see some mention in your paper regarding the work taking place on Imperial Highway between Paramount and Bellflower Boulevard. It looks to me as though they're installing planters?

Why in all good sense would they put in such a water-eater at this time when citizens are urged to conserve? We don't, at present, need beautification, but we do need decent streets to travel on.

Our cars are being torn apart!
Who are the "powers that be" planning such senseless waste?

—Geraldine Pooler,
Downey

Water representative giving talk

DOWNEY - Water Replenishment District of Southern California representative Adelen Yoong will speak the July 11 meeting of Citizens for Downey.

The discussion will include surface water issues, dependency on imported water and the future demands for water.

The meeting will be at the Rio Hondo Events Center with a buffet breakfast at 7 a.m. and the meeting at 7:15. The community is invited and no reservation is required.

Embryonic stem cell research is ethical

Contributed by the Ayn Rand Institute

President Bush vetoed a measure promoting embryonic stem cell research last week, claiming that "destroying human life in the hopes of saving human life is not ethical." Bush went on to trumpet new research which suggests that scientist will one day be able to create pluripotent stem cells (i.e., cells that can develop into multiple cell types) from non-embryonic skin cells, supposedly making the "unethical" destruction of embryonic cells unnecessary.

"There is nothing unethical about destroying embryos in the course of scientific research," said Dr. Keith Lockitch, resident fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute. "An embryo is a potential, not an actual, human being, just as canvas is a potential, not an actual, work of art. It is a primitive cluster of cells, which is no more unethical to destroy than the cells that make up one's appendix."

"Calling an embryo 'human life' is an evasion of the distinction between a mass of undifferentiated cells in a test tube and an actual, living human being. Only the mystical doctrines of religion, which hold that a human being is not a biological entity with certain natural properties - i.e., an independent organism possessing a rational faculty - but a transcendent soul temporarily trapped in a body, could cloud that distinction."

"Stem cell research has the potential to improve the lives of millions by revolutionizing treatments for a number of afflictions, from Parkinson's disease to spinal cord injuries to cancer. Scientists should pursue every possible avenue in an effort to realize this promising technology. If one day they successfully create pluripotent cells from non-embryonic cells, we should cheer that as an additional avenue for research - not clamor for them to stop investigating the properties of embryonic cells. To do so would only hamstring scientists and prolong the suffering of actual human beings."

"We should praise embryonic stem cell research for the life-enhancing breakthroughs it promises - and condemn the immoral attempt to return us to the Dark Ages, before science was liberated from the chains of religious dogmatism."

Roybal-Allard fights for a better river

WASHINGTON D.C. - Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34, representing Downey) received a congratulatory visit from Los Angeles Councilman Ed Reyes as they celebrated the historic congressional authorization for revitalization efforts along the Los Angeles River, which was included in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) approved by the House.

The WRDA provision for the L.A. River marks the first time the river has received federal authorization for revitalization projects. Specifically, the bill authorized the Army Corps of Engineers to complete a master plan feasibility study for ecosystem restoration projects and also authorizes \$20 million for pilot projects along the river. Congresswoman Roybal-Allard championed this legislation in the last Congress and worked over the years to secure more than \$3 million for the river.

Councilman Reyes, who was the first to propose grand-scale revitalization of the concrete channeled L.A. River, was in town at a National League of Cities conference, which coincided with action on the WRDA bill within the Congressional Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. The WRDA is the main vehicle for authorizing water projects to be studied, planned and developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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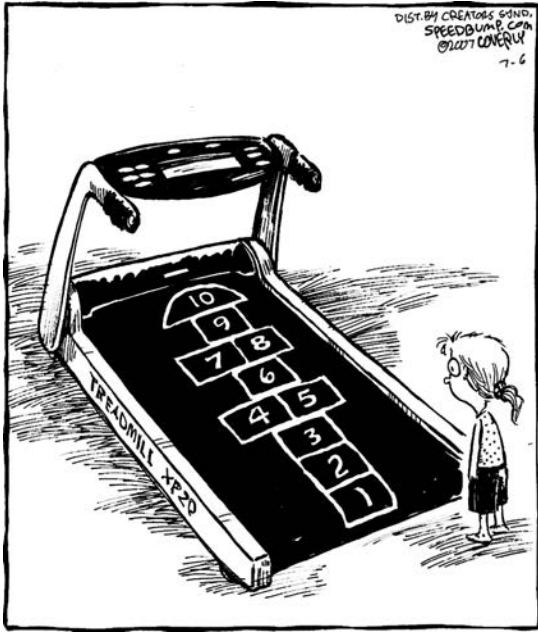
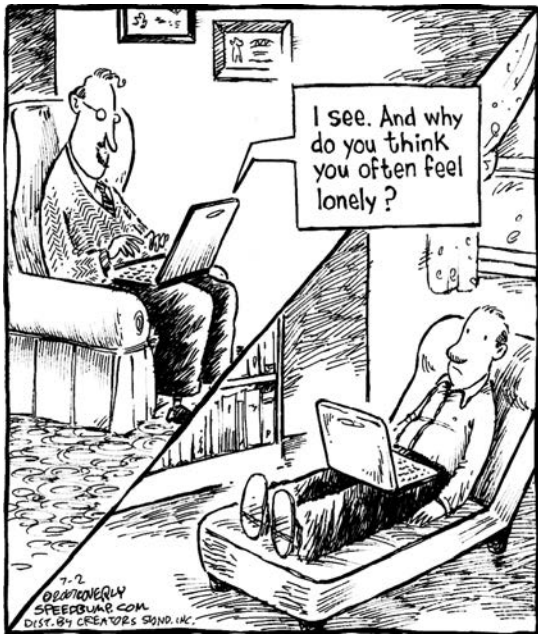
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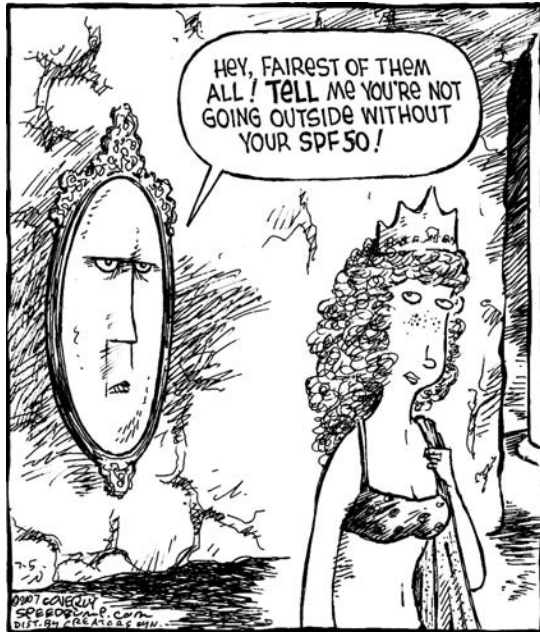
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For July

- Mon. July 9: **Author Discussion**, Downey City Library, 2 p.m.
- Wed. July 11: **Wiseguys Big Band**, Furman Park Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m.
- Thurs. July 12: **Downey Chamber of Commerce Mixer**, Bally Total Fitness, 5:30 p.m.
- Thurs. July 12: **Football Clinic**, Downey High School, 9 a.m.

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

- 6:30 p.m.: **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner**, mtg., for information call 426-6786.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
- 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
- 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
- 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 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.
- 12 p.m.: **Exchange Club of Downey**, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.
- 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 928-2658.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
- 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
- 7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
- 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
- Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Compañeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

- 7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
- 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, 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 Sambis, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
- 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
- 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
- 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

- 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Harry Sacks at 319-1063
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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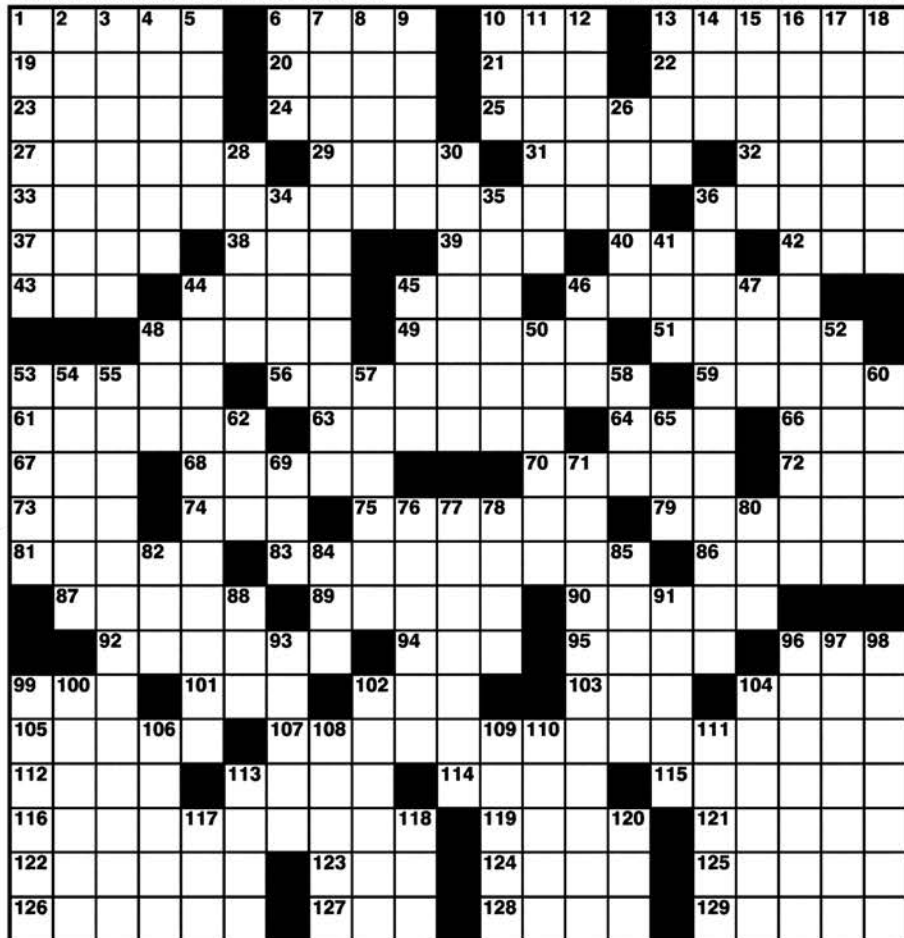
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- 1946: The bikini is invented!
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- 1957: John Lennon and Paul McCartney meet for the first time.
- 1998: Cowboy actor Roy Rogers dies at age 86.

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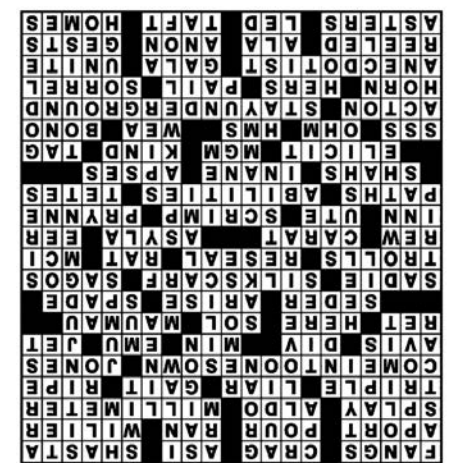
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The U.S. Geological Survey considers Mt. Shasta (13 Across) to be a dormant volcano that will erupt again sometime in the future. The quote at 103 Across is the opening of the Stephen Sondheim tune "Send in the Clowns." When South Vietnam was incorporated into Vietnam in 1975, the capital city of Ho Chi Minh City.



Columbus High School vice principal retires

By MARY FORNEY
CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – After 34 years of guiding at-risk students at Columbus High School, Vice Principal Garland Baker retired June 29.

Diagnosed with cancer in April, the faculty and staff rallied around Baker by erecting walls of remembrance and love, wearing buttons of support and participating in the Relay for Life held on the Downey Adult School grounds June 9.

More than 150 students and staff members raised \$4,000 and walked 400 miles during the rally to honor Baker and his contributions to the school. Many of the walkers were former students who returned to the school grounds to thank Baker for his impact in their lives.

“He’s like a foundational piece of Columbus High School,” said teacher Virginia Rooney. “He’s from a different generation – the way he thinks and his values – he has that old school approach.”

Serving as vice principal and counselor for the past eight years, Baker developed an increased evaluation system for the school to keep a one-on-one approach with the students.

“Each student is assessed individually, academically, and we try to match the personality of the student with the teacher. It’s not the traditional method where class rolls are generated by a computer,” Baker said.

Once an at-risk youth himself, Baker used his experiences to motivate and guide.

“I was hanging out with the wrong crowd and told I would never

succeed. I was told I needed to find a vocational school because I was ditching school,” Baker said.

Baker began taking carpentry classes and thought he would pursue a career teaching industrial education. Instead, his life led him to teaching a variety of subjects – from math to art – and building character in others.

“I’d look for what I wanted for them and guide them towards it,” Baker said. “You teach them life skills and how to cope with real-life problems. I never cared what they thought about me – I just did what I had to do to make them wake up and take responsibility for themselves.”

The Columbus High School faculty and staff helped 102 students get their high school diploma this year.

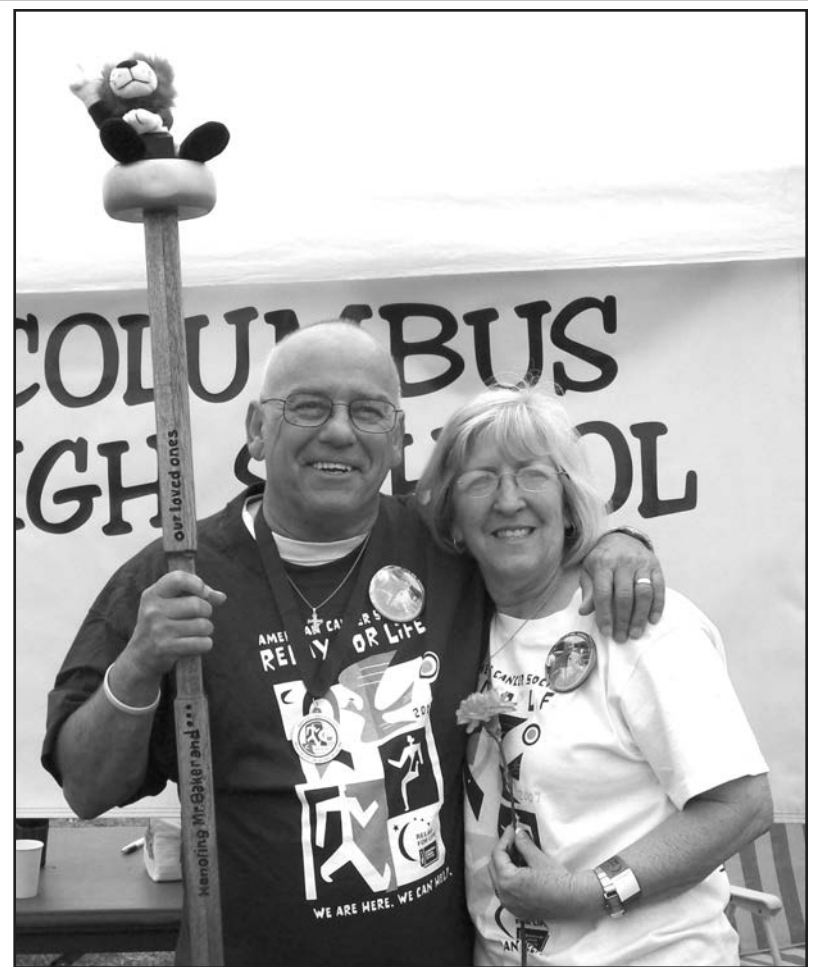
“I love this school and I’m going to miss it,” Baker said. “It has the greatest program in the world and saves a lot of kids. It gives them a chance – if it weren’t for us, they’d be dropouts.”

Given the hardest cases, Baker often referred to the crying towel which hung on his office wall. He said the towel was given to him when he first started teaching.

“These kids have been called losers all their life,” Baker said. “They know this is their last chance for an education, so I’d tell them to get their crying out now and move forward.”

Baker is amazed at the former students who showed up at the Relay for Life and who have contacted him since his cancer diagnosis.

“I hope I am remembered at Columbus High School for caring,” Baker said. “Kids are worth the work – they need to know they are loved and shown it even when they don’t believe it.”



Garland Baker recently retired after 34 years at Columbus High School, where he worked with students others had long ago lost hope on. Baker is shown above with his wife.

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Family theatre presents 'Robin Hood'

LONG BEACH – The International City Theatre at the Long Beach Performing Arts Center presents "Robin Hood" on July 21 at 11 a.m. as part of the free "Saturday Family Theatre Series."

Admission is free but parking is \$8. The Long Beach Performing Arts Center is located at 300 East Ocean Blvd. in Long Beach.

For information, call (562) 495-4595, ext. 12, or visit www.ictlong-beach.org.

Theatre to host annual fundraiser

LA HABRA – The La Habra Depot Theatre will be hosting their annual silent/live auction fundraiser on July 14 at 6 p.m.

Prizes to be auctioned off include weekend getaways to Laughlin, tickets to local sporting events, admissions to amusement parks, gift certificates to restaurants, gift baskets, \$500 worth of wills and trusts drafted by an estates lawyer, and more.

Cocktails will be served throughout the night and live entertainers will preview the theatre's upcoming season, singing tunes from "Honk!," "Cabaret," "Nunsense," and "Jesus Christ Superstar."

Tickets are \$25 and include dinner. All proceeds will benefit the La Habra Depot Theatre.

The fundraiser will be held at 1666 El Travesia Ave. in La Habra Heights.

For information, or to purchase tickets, call (562) 905-9625, or visit www.lhdepottheatre.org.

Playhouse's full upcoming season

LONG BEACH – The Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre has announced its 2007-08 season, which includes:

"Dead Wrong"	Sept. 21 – Oct. 27, 2007
"Good Night Mrs. Puffin"	Nov. 2 – Dec. 15
"The Deadly Game"	Jan. 4 – Feb. 9, 2008
"The Constant Wife"	Feb. 15 – March 22
"Picnic"	March 28 – May 3
"Gift of Murder"	May 9 – June 21
"Of Mice and Men"	June 27 – Aug. 2
"Romeo and Juliet"	Aug. 8 – Sept. 13

Performances on Fridays and Saturdays are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m.

Season tickets are available for \$150 and includes exchanges and lost ticket insurance. Single tickets are \$22; student tickets are \$12 with valid identification on Fridays and Saturdays; and senior tickets are \$20. Parking is free.

The Long Beach Playhouse is located at 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach.

For information, call the Playhouse box office at (562) 494-1014.

'Beau Jest' opens tonight at Playhouse

LONG BEACH – Tonight, a preview of "Beau Jest" will be shown at the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre.

"Beau Jest" is a story about Sarah, a nice Jewish girl with a problem: her parents want her married to a nice Jewish boy. They have never met her boyfriend, a WASP executive named Chris Kringle. She tells them she is dating a Jewish doctor and they insist on meeting him. She plans a dinner party and, over the heated protests of Chris, employs an escort service to send her a Jewish date to be Dr. Steinberg. Instead, they send Bob Schroeder, an aspiring actor who agrees to perform the impersonation. Happily, he is extremely convincing in the role and Sarah's parents are enraptured. Soon, even Sarah falls for Bob.

Tickets for this evening are \$12 each or two for \$20. Tonight's performance will be followed by a champagne reception with director, cast, crew and Playhouse staff. Tickets for tomorrow, opening night, are \$25.

Regular admission prices are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$12 for students with valid identification.

Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are on July 22, Aug. 5 and 12 at 2 p.m.

For information, or tickets, call (562) 494-1014.



Sertoma Club of Downey is about 30 members strong and provides help and support to Downey's needy.

Providing service to mankind and Downey

BY MARY FORNEY
CONTRIBUTOR

DOWNEY – The group is small – about 30 people – yet, the impact it makes in Downey is significant.

Raising funds to refurbish used hearing aids for the deaf and hearing impaired is the primary focus of Sertoma International. Founded in 1912, the club's name is derived from the phrase "service to mankind." After another year of life-changing assistance to local needy residents, the Sertoma Club of Downey celebrated during an awards banquet held June 19 at Sambi's Japanese Restaurant.

"There's a lot of love in what we do," said Sertoma member Britt Rivers. "It's rewarding when someone hears a voice for the first time or even the sound of their own footsteps in the hallway."

Rivers, a board certified hearing specialist, holds the position of vice president and public relations for Sertoma. Rivers has been donating free testing, fittings and follow-up services for Sertoma of Downey since 1998. He first joined Sertoma in 1960 after he started a job dispensing hearing aids in Huntington Park.

In addition to supplying hearing apparatus to people in need, the Sertoma Club of Downey helps provide speech therapy, sponsors Fantasy Baseball Camp for deaf and hearing impaired children, hosts a yearly Christmas party at Bell Gardens Manor, donates food to local food pantries, offers a yearly middle-school American Heritage essay contest and awards college scholarships.

At this year's awards banquet, Dee Vasquez received the Service to Mankind distinction and Thomas Little was named Sertoman of the Year.

"Little is a no cost handyman to the community," said member John McKinsey. "Sometimes, he is a human Timex because he keeps on ticking and a human Energizer Bunny because he keeps on going."

Incoming officers inducted were: Maurie Thomas, president; Pat McCool, vice president and president elect; Britt Rivers, vice president and public relations; John McKinsey, treasurer; Martha Morrissy, secretary; Pat Hoferer, sergeant at arms; David Bilawa, chairman of the board.

The Sertoma Club of Downey meets 6 p.m. at Baker's Square on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Sun safety information for kids going to camp

Contributed by The Skin Cancer Foundation

Sports and outdoor activities are daily events for children attending Scamp. If children are not properly protected, the time they spend outdoors lead to painful sunburns, premature aging and skin cancer.

"Just one blistering sunburn in childhood can double the risk of getting melanoma later in life," said Perry Robins, MD, president of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "That risk can be avoided by following some simple sun safety guidelines."

To find out if a camp is sun safe, the Foundation recommends asking the following five questions:

Are counselors trained in sun safety?

UV protection should be a regular part of the training counselors receive. They should be well versed about the dangers of the sun and how to protect against them.

When are outdoor activities scheduled?

Ideally, most should be scheduled for early morning or late afternoon since UV is most intense from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Does the camp have adequate shade structures?

While large shade trees provide some protection, a truly sun-safe camp should have structures such as pavilions where campers can seek shade during outdoor activities.

Are campers directed to apply sunscreen before going outside?

An SPF 15+ sunscreen (water-resistant formulas are especially good) needs to be used regularly. Campers and staff should be instructed to bring it from home, apply it 30 minutes before outdoor activities, and reapply every two hours and right after swimming or sweating. The camp should also have a supply.

Are campers urged to wear protective clothing?

Historically, campers wore only a t-shirt, shorts, and perhaps a baseball cap. We now know that's not enough. Children should wear sun-protective clothing including long pants (or at least shorts), long-sleeved shirts, UV-protective sunglasses and a wide-brimmed hat to protect their face, neck and ears.

For information, call (800) SKIN-490, or visit www.skincancer.org.

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CD Releases

Smashing Pumpkins - *Tarantula*
Velvet Revolver - *Libertad*
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Kelly Rowland - *Ms Kelly*
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Sara Bareilles - *Little Voice*
Marvin Sapp - *Thirsty*
Andre 3000 - *Class of 3000: Music Volume One*
Pastor Troy - *Tool Muziq*
Source: Amazon.com

Concerts

FRIDAY, JULY 6
Project 88 - HOB Anaheim
Rocco DeLuca - Henry Fonda Th.
SATURDAY
Blues Traveler - HOB Anaheim
Chicago - Greek Theatre
Los Angeles Philharmonic - Hollywood Bowl
Social Distortion - Oak Canyon Ranch Irvine
New Edition - Gibson Amphitheatre
Page McConnell - HOB Hollywood
Busta Rhymes, Young Jeezy, Omarion - Los Angeles Coliseum
Wings Band - Coach House
SUNDAY
Cubensis - HOB Anaheim
Hugh Cornwell - Galaxy Concert Th.
Pat Benetar - Pechanga
MONDAY
Powerman 5000 - Galaxy Concert
TUESDAY
Incubus - Greek Theatre
Disco Biscuits - HOB Hollywood
Brett Dennen - Henry Fonda Theatre
Klazons - El Rey Theatre
WEDNESDAY
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Video Game Releases

Project Sylpheed: Arc of Deception - X360
Source: ebgames.com

Book Releases

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"Evil, Inc." by Glenn Kaplan
"Killer Weekend" by Ridley Pearson
"Quiet Strength" by Tony Dungy
"Dear G-Spot" by Zane
"Dark River: Book Two of the Fourth Realm" by John Twelve Hawks
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DiMario keeps busy even in retirement

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—Happily retired and remarried, ebullient, irrepressible Dominick DiMario says he has a formula for living: keep busy, work hard, eat well, and laugh a lot. As for human relationships, he follows a variant of the Golden Rule: "Treat people the way you want to be treated."

The formula has obviously worked well for him. Born in Bell and moving to Downey in 1967 to be closer to his business, he enjoyed a 43-year successful run as owner of DiMario's Building Supplies here in Downey, until his retirement seven years ago. (He has also built houses). During this time, he held numerous leadership positions in the community: president of the Rotary Club in 2000, and president of the Rotary Foundation prior to that; president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1998-99; 10 years on the Cerritos College Foundation Board ('85-'95); president of UNICO in 1985. He was honored as Downey Small Businessman of the Year in 1994. He served four years on the Downey Redevelopment Commission. Foreshadowing all this was his presidency in his senior year of the Bell High School Student Association.

He served also in 1996-97 as two-time president of the Downey Toastmasters Club, an experience he says that boosted his self-confidence in public speaking. He was "Table Topics" speech contest winner, he says, on three occasions. He has likewise chaired many golf tournaments "in years past."

"I was the largest supplier in the U.S. of athletic field (striping) chalk," he says. "I was the distributor for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. I sold 60,000 bags a year. My clients included people in the community, the city, the school district, AYSO, and the like."

He continues: "I really enjoyed business and membership in the service clubs (he still cuts a figure at Rotary meetings). I've really enjoyed being around people."

At age 19, as first cook at a U.S. Air Force base in Oklahoma City, DiMario cooked for 790 "huge" guys three times a day. He says the base had 55 cooks, but he was the only one allowed to cook something outside the usual menu. Learning culinary skills from his mama, he says he loves to cook and have company for dinner: "I cooked everything for 142 people on my 70th birthday." His cooking skills run the gamut of Italian dishes.

He has also been making his own wine for 30 years. He gets his grapes from Temecula. "Right now, I'm making 65 gallons of Cabernet," he says. "Mike Pohlen and Johnny Croshaw are my bottling crew. We'll be capping 325 bottles. Then I'll make 50 gallons of White Zinfandel this summer."

He'll be best man at Johnny Croshaw's upcoming wedding. DiMario grows his own fruits and vegetables. "I've got 17 fruit trees," he says, "apricots, pears, apples, tangerines, lemons, Asian pears, and so on."

He was a baseball player in high school, getting "Player of the Year" honors one time as catcher. He became "All-Los Angeles City Catcher" that year, he says.

"My doctor says 'just keep on doing whatever you've been doing.' Which means good wine, and good food."

Now 77, he has a 57-year old and 53-year old daughter, and a 55-year old son by his first wife. Out of six siblings, two brothers who live in Los Angeles, John and Joe, are left, along with a sister, Mary, who resides in Seal Beach. He has six grandkids and five great grandkids; and one grandson that's 3. Divorced for a while, DiMario remarried, this time to the former Carolyn Castillo of Pasadena. She worked for the Southern California Alcohol Rehabilitation Center here in Downey. He says they went out for a glass of wine "to talk" after a meeting sometime ago—and they're up to



Dominick DiMario concocts his own wine and is an accomplished Italian cook.

now "still talking."

Another good friend is Joe DiLoreto, Long Beach Superior Court judge and son of the late Ed DiLoreto. "My parents came from Abruzzi, Italy," DiMario says, "the same place where the DiLoreto's come from. I go there every two years. I've got 17 cousins (that are friendly) over there."

When pressed about his school credentials, DiMario draws on his old building materials business routine and insists he has a Ph. D. from Bell High School: "I can pile it high and deep."

Keeping him *really* occupied these days is the construction of his "Italian Villa" in La Habra Hills, on his one-acre property. Two and a half years in the making, it's all but done now, he says. "All we have is the landscaping and the planting [of shrubs and trees]."

Another of DiMario's favorite lines is, "You only get out of life what you put into it." He says: "I expect to get a lot from life because I put a lot into life."

CSULB has concerts this summer on terrace

LONG BEACH – Cal State Long Beach will present the 31st season of its Concerts in the Grove series with four Saturday night performances at the Hollywood Bowl-type atmosphere of the campus' Soroptimist House terrace.

Admission for each of the concerts is \$30. The gates open at 6 p.m. for concert-goers who wish to bring a picnic dinner prior to the 7:30 show.

This year's dates and bands are:

July 21 – The Elm Street Band performs vintage Top 40 and popular tunes from the 1940s through the 1970s. Fans of Elvis, the Beatles and the Eagles will particularly enjoy this band.

July 28 – Ramfunkshus is a seven-piece group that gets down with dance favorites covering Motown, classic rock and disco. The band displays funky takes on favorites of the '80s and today.

Aug. 18 – Tommy Tassi and the Authentics performs many of the popular hits from the 1950s, '60s and '70s.

Aug. 25 – Knyght Ryder, a group "from the mean streets of Long Beach," is an 80's tribute band playing Rick Springfield, Huey Lewis, AC/DC and more.

For tickets or more information, call the CSULB Alumni Relations office at (562) 985-5252.

Menopause is a laughing matter

LOS ANGELES – Menopause The Musical, the international comedy production about women and "the change," will return to the Coronet Theatre in Los Angeles this September.

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Faith in Downey: Buddhism

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The Buddha taught, "Cling to nothing as I or mine." Any time we cling to or identify with any aspect of our experience, our possessions, our world, or our personal characteristics, we create the causes and conditions for suffering. This is so because everything in our conditioned world, including our selves, is impermanent and subject to causes and conditions. Anything we cling to is bound to slip through our fingers like sand that we try to grasp.

What are the causes of clinging and identification? Ultimately, as noted above, we cling out of confusion. We fail to recognize the three characteristics of existence-impermanence, unsatisfactoriness, and selflessness. We also cling as a means of creating for ourselves a sense of certainty and predictability. Even when we know that there is nothing we can cling to, clinging creates a sense that we know who we are, and how the world is.

So, what are some of things we cling to? At the most basic level, we cling to parts of our social identity, the things that A.H. Almaas refers to as "driver's license" information. So, we cling to our names, addresses, occupations, appearances, and status as married or single. We take for granted that we *are* a certain height, or that we are a mother or father, son or daughter. And there is nothing wrong with noting that these things are true-it is just the practice of viewing ourselves as essentially these things that causes suffering.

To see any characteristic as *essentially* us means that we take that characteristic to define ourselves. And, with that definition, we often assign a certain value to having that particular identity. So, we may define being a certain marital status, or having a certain profession, as imbuing ourselves with value. And, it is in that process of valuing that suffering starts. For, if we cease to be these things, we fear that we lose our worth. Because most of the things we take to be our self are themselves fleeting and subject to causes and conditions, we then are always on the edge of fear that we are about to lose something of value about ourselves. And then we place great amounts of energy into defending those things we value about ourselves. And that defense often alienates us from the rest of the world.

At more subtle levels, we identify ourselves not only as having certain roles and a certain appearance, but also having more subtle personal characteristics. We see ourselves as strong, or compassionate, or in control, or virtuous, or smart, or hard working. Again, nothing is wrong with those characteristics. But, we can never be these things with absolute reliability, to the exclusion of their opposites. So, we may be strong in one circumstance, but incapable of strength in another. Going from one circumstance to the other, we then fear loss of what we value.

We also identify with more abstract ideas. How many of us identify ourselves as Buddhists? Or spiritual seekers? Or as having a certain set of beliefs and values? Arguably, these characteristics are ones we cling to even more tenaciously than our height and weight.

We also identify with and cling to views of the world. Do we see the world as a hostile place? Or a benign place? Do we have judgments about the actions of others? Is there suffering as a result of these ideas? With respect to the beliefs we hold onto with tenacity, do they limit our ability to see the world with fresh eyes? In this area, Mathew Flickstein has said that there is nothing wrong with having beliefs as long as we don't believe them!

Ajahn Sumedho in one of his dharma talks notes that one of the characteristics we form an identity around is enlightenment. He notes that most of us do not identify ourselves as enlightened (or don't dare to express it if we do!) But he notes that most of us *do* identify with the notion that we are *not* enlightened. Note the limitation that this identification of ourselves as unenlightened places on us. What implications does this have for our practice? For the effort we put into the practice?

Related to this, it is important to note that not all of the things we form an identity around serve to bolster our sense of self-esteem. We can identify ourselves as anxious, or unable to connect with others, or as dependent, or as a victim, or as in recovery. Paradoxically, people sometimes hold to these identifications with great tenacity, because even though they cause the person pain, they provide a sense of consistency and certainty in how the person views him or herself.

Now, with respect to identification with personal frailties, this is not to say that we ought not recognize these characteristics if they are present. It is to say, however, that when we identify ourselves with them, we begin to tell ourselves that we are them. And that sets limits on how we view ourselves and what we see as possible for ourselves.

The Buddha spoke of identification as clinging (upadana). He noted that there are four things people typically cling to. First, they cling to sense pleasure, wanting to experience pleasant things and avoid pain. We crave for things to be pleasant, and fear when they are painful. Second, we cling to views. Some of the things we discussed before-views of the self, views of the world, philosophies, politics — all of these come under the rubric of views to which we cling. Thirdly, people cling to rites and rituals. This is the belief that there are certain rituals that will in and of themselves create spiritual progress, leading to enlightenment. Now, this is not to say that we should avoid having a daily meditation practice. In the Buddha's time, reliance on rites and rituals referred to such things as animal sacrifices designed to curry favor with the gods. In our day, it may have to do with



The Fa-Kwang Temple will be celebrating its 30th anniversary next year. Partially hidden in a residential neighborhood near Los Amigos Country Club, the temple was originally located in Alhambra but relocated to Downey in 1981. That building was eventually torn down in 1996 and a new Buddha Hall, the one that stands today, was built. Photos by Eric Pierce

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our insistence in our daily lives that things have to be done a certain way. We then become willing to create misery in others and in ourselves by insisting things are carried out the way we think they have to be carried out.

Fourth, and perhaps most important, the Buddha noted that people cling to views of the self. In this, we identify our self with one or several of the five aggregates-physical form, feeling, perception, mental formations, and consciousness. We might see our self as being the body. Another view might be of the self as being in the body, or as being the witness of what goes on in the body. Or, the self might be viewed as being separate from the body. With respect to feeling, some people identify themselves with their experience of feeling as pleasant, unpleasant, or neutral, and then become quite upset when they do not feel good. Those who take pride in their ability to recognize patterns in life may be identifying with perception that function where we classify our experiences based on our memory. Some cling to a view of the self as being their volition — for them, if they are unable to change themselves or the world based on their intentions, they feel out of control and distressed. Finally, people can identify with consciousness. In this we identify our self with our awareness.

The Buddha historically did not answer questions related to the truth or falsity of views. He did this in part because he did not want to give energy to speculations that he felt would get the questioner nowhere. So, he refused to answer questions such as the following: Does the self or the world exist or not? Does the self exist after death or cease to exist after death? Is the self that performs an action the same self that reaps the consequences of that action or does a different self reap those consequences? These questions he saw as only getting the questioner entangled in a thick-net of views that would confuse and hinder the person's efforts to end suffering.

So, this is the condition we find ourselves in with respect to our tendency toward clinging. How do we most effectively practice with this reality? The teachings offer several recommendations as to practice. First, the very act of becoming aware of the places in our lives where identification is happening is a first step in disentangling ourselves. Often, the power of an identification comes from the fact that we are unaware of its action in our lives. Secondly, we can ask ourselves how accurate it is to stand on that particular belief. Does that particular stance speak truth, or is truth a bit more ephemeral (as it often is). Third, we can practice mindfulness with our identifications. We can notice where a particular belief or self-identification is experienced in the body, or the texture of the mental states that accompany having that identity. Once we recognize that we are identified, we can begin to question that identification. When we note that we view ourselves in a particular way, we can remind ourselves not to form an identity around that view.

As we practice with our patterns of clinging and identification, we become more attuned to the ways in which we limit ourselves with our beliefs, and views, and stances about ourselves and about the world. We may discover a hidden power and wisdom in recognizing that we *don't* know. Also, as we expand our ability to be comfortable with the fear and uneasiness of not knowing, our hearts connect to the hearts of all the other beings in the world who are similarly uncertain. And this can be the start of true compassion for ourselves and others.



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Raymond P. Bradford was a Downey accountant

DOWNEY – Raymond P. Bradford, a 30-year resident of Downey, passed away on June 26 at the age of 86.

Bradford received his accounting degree from the University of Southern California, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He later became an alumni advisor and district president.

Bradford was a Certified Public Accountant in Downey for 22 years and previously in Walnut Park for 37 years.

He served in the Army Air Force as a P-61 pilot from 1942-45. He was also a 50-year member of the National Smooth Dancers, where he served as president, music chairman and finance chairman.

He is survived by wife Elizabeth; daughters June Kuhn Hubbard (Ron) and Bonnie Fuscoe (Pat); and grandchildren Brad Kuhn (Nicole), Patrick Fuscoe and Sally Fuscoe.

He was buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park with military honors. The family was assisted by Miller-Mies Mortuary.



Elma Anna Gallo was a local baker

DOWNEY – Elma Anna Gallo, Downey resident since 1955, passed away on June 18 at the age of 75.

Gallo raised six children, all of which attended Downey schools. She was also a group leader for the Camp Fire Girls organization for several years and participated in Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS).

Gallo was a professional cake decorator and worked many years at The Bake Shoppe on Imperial Highway in Downey. One of her most famous customers was Karen Carpenter.

In 1990, Gallo and her daughter opened their own bakery called Lil' House of Cakes. She also baked rolls for local businesses including the Country Butcher Shop.

After closing her bakery, she started her own craft business, E&J Crafters, selling hand-made crafts at craft and holiday boutiques.

Gallo was preceded in death by son John Henry and Joseph Gallo, Jr. She is survived by daughters Maria Gallo, Joanne Gallo and Debbie Chacon; sons Joseph and Michael; daughter-in-law Donna; son-in-law Steve Chacon; and grandchildren Nicholas Gallo, Nicole Gallo, Kailyn Chacon, Jordan Chacon and Jonathan Chacon.

Services were held at All Souls Catholic Mortuary and Cemetery on June 26 at 11 a.m.



Robert Norman Dalgeish funeral in Anaheim

DOWNEY – Robert Norman Dalgeish passed away June 29 at his Fullerton home. He was 78.

He was retired as co-owner of American Chain and Gear Company.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 52 years, Carolyn; daughters, Dana Bosek (a teacher at Unsworth Elementary), Diane Hatcher, Debbie Bonnett, and Denise Logan; brother, Ray Dalgeish; 11 grandchildren, and one great grandson.

A funeral will be held July 10 at 10 a.m. at The Rock Church, 101 E. Orangethorpe Ave., in Anaheim. Interment will follow at Loma Vista Memorial Park, 701 E. Bastanchury Rd., Fullerton.



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard accepts the "Championing Hispanic Success in Higher Education Award" for her advocacy on behalf of Hispanic-Serving Institutions from Dr. Antonio Flores, president and CEO of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). Roybal-Allard spoke to more than 100 college representatives from throughout the country at HACU's annual Capitol Hill forum about the federal appropriations process in Congress.

'The Secret' to be shown for free

DOWNEY – The community is invited to see "The Secret," the controversial film discussed on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," at the Downey Church for Spiritual Enrichment.

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The Downey Church for Spiritual Enrichment is at 10000 Paramount Blvd., across from Vons supermarket.

Marie Antoinette Anton was longtime resident

DOWNEY – Marie Antoinette Anton, 44-year Downey resident, passed away on June 22 at the age of 61.

Anton was born on April 13, 1946 in Buffalo, New York to Paul and Antoinette Anton. She was a registered nurse by profession, teaching at St. Marty's Medical Center. She spent her free time volunteering at her church.

She is survived by brothers Paul (Iris), John (Emma) and Jim (Faye); niece Theresa (Jarred); and nephews Mark and Andrew.

Vigil services will be held tonight at 7 p.m. at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary. Funeral Mass will be tomorrow at 10 a.m. and entombment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles.

'America' the theme of next luncheon

DOWNEY – The Downey Women's Christian Club will be hosting "America the Beautiful," their next luncheon, on July 11 at 11:45 a.m. at the Los Amigos Country Club.

The event will include a summer fashion show by ARC and music by Evelyn Cormack. Speaker Maria Cuenioursa will be presenting, "Life is a Puzzle Until you Find the Missing Pieces."

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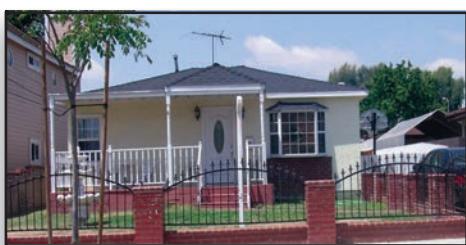
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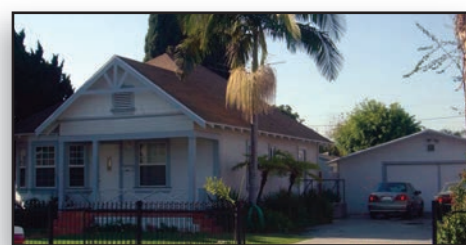
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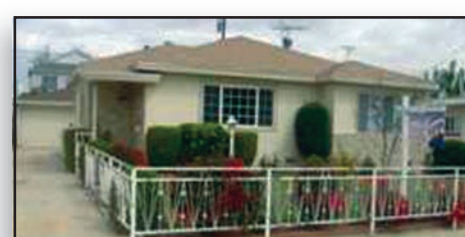
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Cleo Latimer (left) of the Friends of the Downey Library received a check for \$1,000 from Rich Molinaro of the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis. Kiwanis donates \$1,000 to the Friends of the Downey Library every year.

'Save a Life Sunday,' July 8

DOWNEY – Downey First Christian Church will be hosting the American Red Cross and their Bloodmobile on July 8, designated by the Red Cross as "Save a Life Sunday."

The Bloodmobile will be at the church, located at 10909 S. New St., from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are always welcomed. For information or appointments, call the church office at (562) 862-2438.

Real estate school granted approval

DOWNEY – Century 21 My Real Estate School has been approved and qualified by the Department of Real Estate to offer three residential real estate courses titled: Real Estate Principles, Real Estate Practice and Legal Aspects of Real Estate.

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Steve Roberson, broker/owner of Century 21 My Real Estate, has been qualified to instruct all three classes. Roberson is a graduate of Cal State Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

He also obtained his teaching credential, brokers license and has been practicing real estate for 22 years.

The classes are also offered through Downey Adult School. For more information on the classes, call Darlene Roberson at (562) 927-2626, ext. 119.

Day-trip to San Manuel Casino

DOWNEY – The Downey Emblem Club #309 will be taking a day-trip to San Manuel Casino on July 24.

The bus will be departing at 8 a.m. from the Downey Elks Lodge parking lot and returning at approximately 5 p.m.

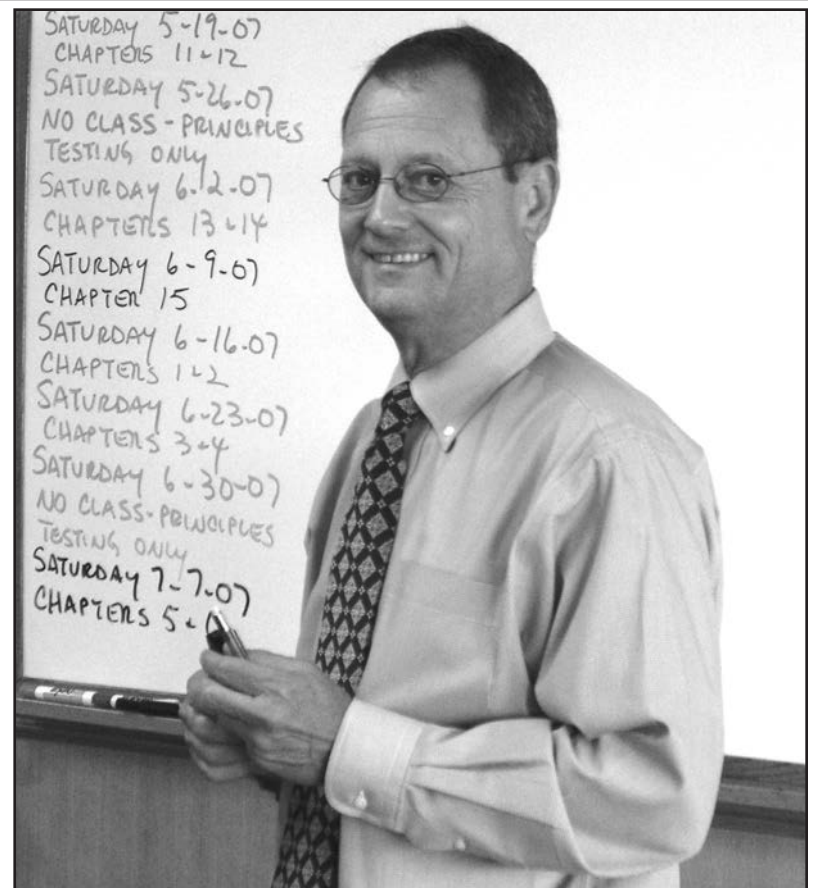
Cost is \$6 for members and \$11 for non-members. For information, call Mary Guzman at (562) 622-1003 or Nancy Watson at (562) 413-6414.

Credit union employees give back

DOWNEY – Southland Credit Union, headquartered in Los Alamitos with branch offices in Downey and Los Angeles, has announced a partnership with the Downey City Library's Adult Literacy Reading Program, which teaches adults how to read.

As part of their contribution, Southland Credit Union employees will be allowed to volunteer their time during work hours.

"We are committed to giving back to the communities that we serve, and our associates are happy to help and participate in these efforts," said Michelle Hunter, Vice President/Chief Communications Officer for Southland Credit Union.



Century 21 My Real Estate broker/owner Steve Roberson will instruct three real estate courses, offered through his office and Downey Adult School.

Cimino selected for Mortar Board

DOWNEY – Downey native Elise Cimino, a University of San Diego student, was selected for Mortar Board, a national honor society recognizing students for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and service.

Cimino, who will be a senior this fall, is majoring in communications. Her long-range goal is to become a news reporter.

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