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George named new Duarte city manager

DOWNEY—Downey Economic Development Director Darrell George, who has been a mainstay in Downey's economic development programs in the last few years, takes up his new post as City Manager of Duarte (pop. 25,000) Oct. 18. His last day in Downey is Oct. 15.

George says it was a difficult decision for him to leave Downey, but appointment as city manager represents "a career pinnacle" for him and he's just thrilled and looks forward to assuming his new duties. "I've loved my time here," he said.

George says he'll bring his economic development ideas and redevelopment skills to Duarte.

DRMC announces Charter Ball honorees

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center began the unofficial countdown towards its annual Charter Ball this week, hosting a kick-off celebration attended by more than 130 guests.

The celebration offered a foretaste of what DRMC officials say is in store for the Oct. 30 black-tie event, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa.

Ron and Kathy Kolar, Downey residents and owners of L'Abri Management, Inc., were named this year's Charter Ball honorees.

"Ron is one of the most dedicated citizens the city of Downey has ever known," said Wendy Doty, Superintendent for Downey Schools. "He has been very generous in his financial support and commitment of time to many important community organizations. He is a good man and a personal friend."

Ron Kolar has dedicated thousands of hours to DRMC. In the 1980s, he joined the Memorial Trust Foundation Board of Trustees and became involved in raising money for a new hospital wing, eventually joining the Founder's Circle with a \$100,000 contribution. Today, Ron is President-elect of the DRMC Corporate Board and member and past president of the MTF and Hospital boards.

He has also served on the hospital's audit, finance, capital and litigation committees.

"I became and stayed involved at the hospital because I feel I can make a difference, and I like the people," said Ron, who is also a 20-year member of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis. "The hospital administration and board have the best motives with respect to the hospital."

Through a lot of work and consternation our board has helped the hospital survive and turn the corner financially. DRMC is an outstanding medical facility that does a number of things as well as anyone in the county, and it is certainly above average for a community hospital of this size."

A University of Southern California alumnus, Ron also has extensive ties to the Downey Family YMCA, where he's served as Board president several times. He has earned the Y's Red Triangle Award for community service and Distinguished Service Award for service to the YMCA. He was also honored by the Los Angeles Metropolitan YMCA with the Golden Book Award.

The Ball will raise funds for the DRMC Capital Campaign/Patient Care Tower. This year's event will include a performance by Creedence Clearwater Revisited.

"I'm humbled to be honored and join the lofty company of past Charter Ball honorees," Ron Kolar said at the celebration this week. "The City of Downey means a great deal to me, and I feel the most important entity in the city is its hospital. It is a privilege for me to serve here in some small way."

I plan to stay involved and work to see that DRMC becomes profitable again and is able to build a new hospital tower, to serve our community for many years to come."



UNIQUE CONCERT EXPERIENCE—Downey's Sebastian Sidi and his band will play tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 18 at 8 p.m., in the Downey Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd., Downey. This unique keyboardist successfully combines rock, classical, jazz and Latin sound and rhythm. For tickets, call 544-7774 or visit the theatre box office.

Sales tax measure would add police

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey City Council, after hearing a staff report from Police Chief John Finch, has decided to hear more before throwing its support to Los Angeles County Measure A on the November ballot, which, if passed, would raise about \$560 million through addition of a half-cent sales tax to be used to expand law enforcement services throughout the county (including Downey).

The vote to bring the matter back for further consideration was by a 4-1 vote with Meredith Perkins opposed. Perkins complimented Finch on a fine report, but said it would take much more to get him to vote for a half-cent sales tax increase.

The measure, which requires a two-thirds majority for passage at the polls, began as an initiative measure and was placed on the ballot by a vote of the L.A. City Council in July.

Downey's share, if passed

If passed, Finch said Downey's share would be \$5,202,864, which would be used to improve police staffing levels here. He said basic response times for emergency and non-emergency services are both tied to staffing, and he added now is the time to assess and hopefully improve staffing levels in Downey. The last formal staffing review conducted in 1990 recommended that 143 sworn police officers (for a then population of 91,444), be maintained. Currently, the Downey Police deploy 114 sworn officers and serve a population of 112,800.

Finch said the most critical staffing priority is in uniformed patrol/enforcement officer positions, the first-responders to emergency and most non-emergency calls. Downey currently has 77 such officer positions (67 percent of the total sworn staff).

The other sworn police positions are plain-clothes investigators who conduct follow-up investigations (31 or 28 percent of the sworn staff); undercover detectives (6 or five percent of sworn staff). All special assignment officer spots have been eliminated through transfer to uniformed patrol jobs.

Workload increases

Finch noted this in an effort to keep up with increased calls for service; increases in violent crime (up four years in a row here); increase in gang graffiti and window etchings; increases in government mandated police action and reporting; increases in high-tech investigation which is time consuming, including cyber-crime and identity theft; demands brought on by science advances such as DNA testing; and ever-increasing demands to properly prepare for domestic terrorism threats.

Finch noted that Downey's authorized number of 114 sworn officers to protect a city of 112,800 calculates to a ratio of 1.01 officers per thousand population. This is near the lowest in the state according to Department of Justice figures, which show Downey ranked 67 out of 73 cities with a population of 75,000 or more in California. Nationally, compared to cities with populations of 100,000 or more, Downey ranks 332 out of 340 cities measured.

Challenges

Finch points out that Downey faces more challenges than many cities, among which are a metropolitan environment which makes enforcement more difficult. He added that while Downey is socio-economically healthy, the southeast L.A. region is one of the poorest in the nation, a disparity that makes Downey and its businesses and residents prime targets, requiring more, not less policing.

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Fireworks, words and tears all at Council meeting

Several reduced to tears

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Verbal fireworks and accusations at the Tuesday City Council meeting as well as word of the turmoil at a recent Project Area Committee (PAC) meeting were enough to spur Mayor Kirk Cartozian to ask staff to prepare some rules for ensuring propriety and good conduct to be considered by the Council at its next session.

Meanwhile at least two lawsuits were threatened by members of the audience at Tuesday's Council meeting. As if this were not enough, the room was packed by advocates and members of the Desert Reign Church who appealed both vocally and by petition for rezoning of the former Stats property for their hoped for religious center. Several speakers burst into tears while speaking.

City Council candidate Gary DeRemer said he had hoped for a clean election race, but said his opponent had made verbal slurs that could not be overlooked. He vowed a lawsuit unless the slurs stopped.

Lenny Whittington told members of the PAC who complained of his conduct and alleged verbal abuse of them at a recent PAC session that he would sue them. Then he said he would sue the Mayor as well, calling Cartozian a liar at one point.

And a group of speakers including the current owner appealed for help in saving the historically significant Rives Mansion at Third Street and Paramount Boulevard, which is currently on the market. Realtor and historian Barbara Briley Beard spoke well in behalf of saving the structure and its stately columns which date to 1912. One solution would be rezoning.

The meeting ended on a sour note when a 2-2 Council vote (with Cartozian abstaining) scuttled the hope of Downey Sister Cities for \$2,500 in city funding for a party welcoming a delegation from Ensenada, Mexico. The future of the gala planned for Sept. 25 is now in doubt. Councilmembers Meridith Perkins and Anne Bayer voted "no."

Soil problems key to rebid process

By John Adams

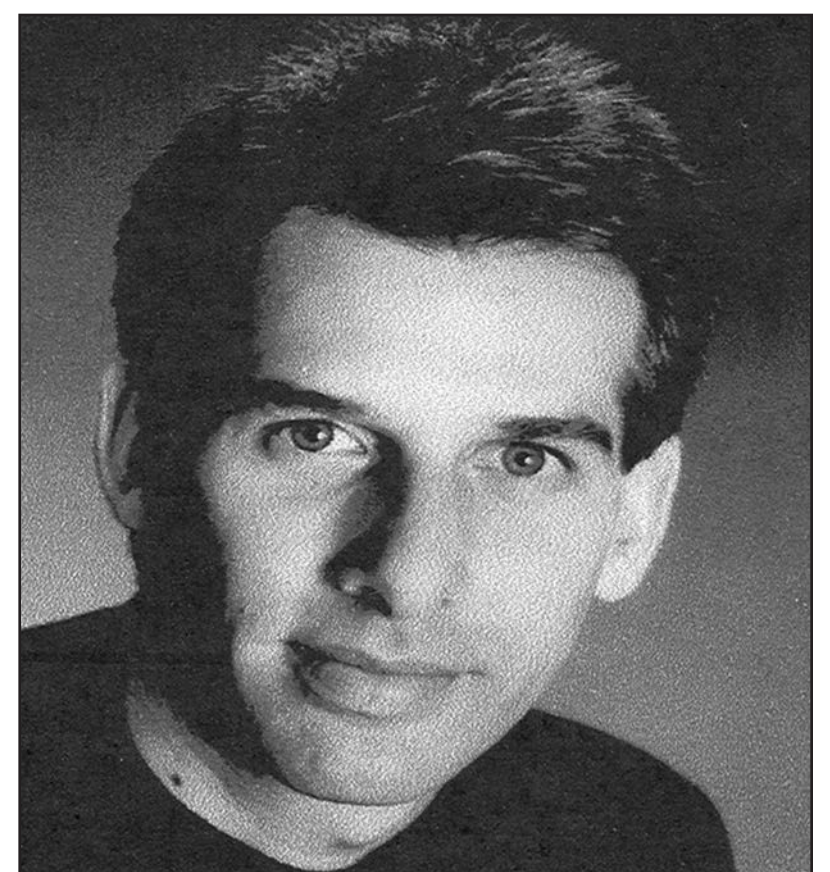
DOWNEY—The City Council has voted to reject all bids and re-advertise a contract for soil remediation and site clearing for a 13 acre portion of the former NASA property at 12400 Clark Ave.

The site is currently being considered for use as a public park, sports complex and the Columbia Memorial Space Learning Center.

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CHARTER BALL 2004 – Mario Guerra, Chairman of the Memorial Trust Foundation Board of Directors, and Mary Lou Schmidt, Chairman of the Downey Regional Medical Center Hospital Board of Directors, flank Kathy and Ron Kolar, the honorees for Charter Ball 2004, presented at the Charter Ball kick-off celebration held Sept. 8.



ROGER CASTELLANO—Will be director/choreographer for the Downey Civic Light Opera production of the "Will Rogers Follies" coming to the Downey Theater Oct. 7-24. Castellano has worked in the mediums of TV, theme park entertainment and special events, working with such stars as Whoopi Goldberg, Tony Bennett, Bill Cosby, Natalie Cole and John Lithgow. For tickets and information call (562) 923-1714.



DONATION TO PTA HELPS FOOD BANK - Steve and Darlene Roberson of Century 21 My Real Estate held a Tailgate Party recently for a food drive to help the organization that works to feed families throughout the year. The event was held on the birthday of Steve Roberson, broker/owner of the local firm which acquired the food with everyone helping with additional good to donate. "It was a great way to celebrate my birthday, to be able to help this outstanding organization," said Roberson.

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DRMC honors its longtime employees

DOWNEY—Eighty-three employees were recently honored for longtime service by Downey Regional Medical Center.

The list was led by Mary Stevens, a nurse in the Infection Control Department, who has 35 years of service.

She has headed Infection Control since 1977. "Mary works locally, but thinks globally," said Chief Nursing Officer Heather Conwell.

Thirty-year honorees included Albert Chow, Lab; and Janice Edlin, Physical Therapy.

The 25-year nominees included Aida Beasley, Dietary; Juan Del Cid, Maintenance; Donald Gesselman, Radiology; Cindy Johnson, Nursing Administration; Louise Levers, Linen Service; Teresa McClure, Dietary; Jane Moore, Dietary, and Janet Strickler, Patient Planning and Review.

Celebrity chefs offered on Nov. 12

NORWALK—The American Red Cross—Rio Hondo Chapter will offer the annual Celebrity Chefs' culinary sampling event which will include delights from 24 local restaurants from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12 in the ballroom of the Norwalk Marriot Hotel.

Tickets are \$40 per person. The evening includes cooking demonstrations by noted chefs, gourmet food sampling, wine tasting, complimentary beverages, silent and live auctions, a commemorative cookbook filled with favorite recipes, a commemorative wine glass and music.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the chapter at (562) 945-3944 or online at www.arcariohondo.org, or at the door for \$45.

Restaurants scheduled to appear as part of the Chefs' evening include Crepes & Grapes Cafe, California Grill, Cafe n' Stuff, Marie Callendar's, Cobblestone Cafe, Geezer's, Martino's, La Taquinza, and Sundried Tomato Cafe.

Sertoma Club yard sale tomorrow

DOWNEY—The Sertoma Club of Downey, a non-profit organization supporting hearing and speech-impaired children and adults as well as other charitable activities in the area, is holding a yard sale tomorrow, Sept. 18 at 12732 Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Sale hours are 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information, call Paul Williamson, (562) 927-5420.



HELEN TUCKER—Celebrates 100th birthday with friends at the Stox.

Helen Tucker celebrates 100th

DOWNEY—Former Downey resident and realtor Helen Tucker, who collected over 25 Million Dollar \$\$\$ Club plaques in a career dating back to 1968, celebrated her 100th birthday in advance Sept. 6 with a small group of friends that call themselves "the Birthday Friends" at Stox Restaurant.

Helen, who now lives in The Palms in La Mirada, was born Sept. 24, 1904 in Weld County, Colorado and was married to Alfred Tucker for 59-1/2 years. They had one son, and the extended family includes 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

The birthday celebration Sept. 6 came complete with banners, balloons, party hats, and a cake provided by Stox. Helen's secret to longevity? "Eating right, exercising, going out to lunch, shopping, and living the good life..."

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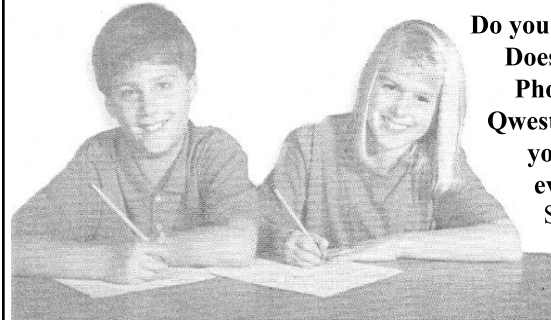
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I-5 improvements to tie up traffic

DOWNEY -- Caltrans has announced that pavement rehabilitation and improvement work along an 11 mile strip of the north and southbound Santa Ana (I-5) Freeway from La Mirada to Commerce, including Downey, will result in overnight freeway lane, ramp and at times full freeway closures now through November of next year.

The project will offer a smoother driving surface, improve public safety, and extend freeway life when completed.

Signs and detours will be posted to assist motorists and media releases will update the public and commuters where work is in progress.

Traffic delays of up to 30 minutes are expected in some cases. Caltrans is working with the CHP and other law enforcement agencies to assist in traffic management.

Cost of the project, which is state funded, is \$25 million.

For information, call the Caltrans Public Affairs Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (213) 897-3630 or (213) 897-3656.

Bosco hosts 'Casino Night'

BELLFLOWER—St. John Bosco High School will host a "Casino Night" tomorrow, Saturday, Sept. 18 from 7 to 11 p.m., at the school at 13640 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower.

Games will include Black Jack 21, craps, roulette (with a beginner's table available), horse racing, and a Texas Hold-Em tournament.

Admission is free, but you must be age 21 or older. Casino chips, appetizers, adult beverages and breakfast are available for a nominal fee. You may redeem your winning casino chips for a chance at prizes.

Proceeds benefit the school athletic department. For information, call (562) 920-1734, ext. 294.

'40 days of purpose' at First Baptist Sept. 25

DOWNEY—The First Southern Baptist Church of Downey, 12328 Downey Ave., invites the community to attend a Satellite Simulcast originating from the Saddleback Church of Lake Forest, CA at the 4 p.m. service on Saturday, Sept. 25 for "40 Days of Purpose"—40 days in which Rick Warren, author of "The Purpose Driven Life," will lead his own church and speak using his #1 best-selling book as guide to spiritual enrichment. The theme of the special journey of 40 days, which will be highlighted with music and testimony, is "What On Earth Am I Here for?"

More than 12,000 churches from 50 states and 19 foreign countries have already participated in this Special Spiritual Growth campaign, which began in 2002, as Warren completed the writing of his book.

At the very least, the church will welcome those who join with the congregation for Day 1 of the 40 Days at 11 a.m. For more information, call (562) 869-6673.

Free I.D./photo program for children

DOWNEY—Downey's United Masonic Lodge #220 is sponsoring a free I.D. and photo program for all children in attendance with the parents tomorrow, Sept. 18 at the Masonic Lodge, 8244 Third St. from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

There is no cost to the parents in this program initiated by the Masons of California in an attempt to have all parents obtain positive id's of their children.

Hot dogs, coffee and doughnuts will be available at this event.

Downey man killed on 710 Freeway

DOWNEY – An unidentified Downey man, trying to cross the Long Beach (710) Freeway on foot after his car struck the center divider, was struck and killed early Sunday morning.

The 29-year-old man's car became disabled in the southbound fast lane, south of Florence Ave. in the city of Bell. A 1994 Geo struck him as he attempted to cross three lanes of traffic.

The driver of the Geo, a Long Beach resident, was not cited.

Fail-Safe 4 Felines 'casino night' Oct. 1

DOWNEY—Fail-Safe 4 Felines hosts a Casino Night from 6:30-11 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 at the Downey Woman's Club. 9813 Paramount Blvd. In Downey.

Cost is \$30 per person and includes hors d'ouvres, \$100 in script, a silent auction, and a drawing ticket. The proceeds go to benefit the homeless cat and kitten population.

For tickets, call Sherry Jaeger at 928-5731.

Free car wash at All American

DOWNEY—Members of the community are invited to a free car wash Saturday, Sept. 18 offered by Downey First Christian Church from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at All American Home Center, 7201 Firestone Blvd. in Downey.



THE DOWNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—Busy Bee Craft Class is all ready for their Annual Fall Boutique Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The boutique offers 'fabulous' handmade items in "Granny's Attic" which the women worked on all year. Also offered are homemade goodies in the Bake Shop. When you're done shopping, the ladies say, you can join them in the Café for lunch and dessert. Pictured (from left) are: Lucy Bal, Melody Ashley, Gladys Stout, Kathi White, Jack Forbes, Lynda Sader, Avalon Walker, Jocelyn Batres and Diem Chau. The church is located at 10801 Downey Avenue.

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An end to hazing

By John Adams

An article in the CIF Southern Section Bulletin inspires the timely topic for this week's column—it's on hazing.

Southern Section is concerned about hazing in athletic programs, but in fact it can be found all over campuses from the band room to weight room.

Hazing has been loosely defined as any activity that requires new members to show "subservience" to older group members, while lowering the self-esteem of the newcomers.

One school defined hazing as any action or situation which recklessly and intentionally endangers the mental or physical health of a student.

It can include physical brutality, sleep deprivation, exposure to weather, confinement to a restricted area or activities that subject persons to unreasonable risk or harm.

The inherent problem with hazing is that many practices seem harmless. Some coaches see them as "team building" or good for morale.

But just let one prank or initiation go wrong and all the fun and character building evaporates.

The apparent message here is for schools to set up policies to address this issue now and avoid problems later.

Schools have to let students know that hazing is no longer permissible.

TAX

Los Angeles County is also the home of about 90,000 gang members, and the concentration of prison parolees in the county is the highest in the state, and one of the highest in the nation. The recent closures of courthouses in South Gate and Huntington Park has resulted in the addition of the criminal case load to Downey Superior Court, creating a logjam for Downey officers filing criminal cases and testifying in court. This also has resulted in more criminal defendants now being released directly onto Downey streets.

L.A. County's current practice of incarcerating convicted criminals for only 10 percent of their assigned county jail sentences also makes law enforcement more difficult.

The planned emergency room at Kaiser Hospital and its 81 bed capacity will draw cases from throughout the area, and will often require a local police response.

Despite all of the above, Finch noted that to meet budgetary mandates, crime prevention, gang suppression and proactive programs addressing public safety issues have had to be scaled back.

In 2002 an independent survey conducted to examine all levels of non-sworn staffing in California cities with their own municipal police department with populations between 100,000 and 140,000, Downey finished 19th out of 21 cities surveyed.

Finch added the thrust of his report was not meant to alarm listeners, but rather share facts. He said Downey has much to be proud of including an average median home price of \$453,000; the outstanding Downey Unified School District; the Downey Landing project currently underway; and a homicide rate averaging less than four a year, compared to much higher rates in surrounding cities.

He said he is aware these are tight financial times for cities.

The cost of policing is up nationwide, according to a study this year by the U.S. Bureau of Statistics the cost of fighting crime increased from \$36 billion in 1982 to over \$167 billion in 2001, reflecting an increase of 363 percent during a period when the Consumer Price Index increased only 83.5 percent.

Mayor Kirk Cartozian and Councilman Rick Trejo were enthusiastic about the concept of funding to add more police. The matter will be brought back for the Sept. 28 meeting.

Author to speak at library Oct. 11

DOWNEY—California historian and author Ronald Woolsey will speak and sign books at the Downey City Library Monday, Oct. 11 from 7-8 p.m. in the Cormack Room. Woolsey, a teacher and author of the critically acclaimed "Migrants West: Towards the Southern California Frontier," will discuss his latest biography, "Will Thrall and the San Gabriels: a Man to Match the Mountains."

The book documents the life of Will Thrall, who explored the San Gabriel Mountains from the 1880's until the 1960's. Thrall promoted conservation of mountain resources, worked on the Mount Lowe railroad and edited Trails Magazine. A weekly columnist for the Los Angeles Times, Thrall documented tent camps and historic cabins, identified geologic formations and discovered lost pioneer routes and Indian trails.

Author Woolsey says, "To accomplish things that endure beyond a lifetime is what Will Thrall intended in his pursuit of the San Gabriels. I hope that my 8 years of study do justice to Thrall's 7 decades of mountain contributions."

Copies of his book will be available for purchase and signing at this event. For reservations, call the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, Ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.



Letters to the Editor:

Proposes 'senior draft'

Dear Editor:

I have just read that some 1,000 young American soldiers have died in Iraq and elsewhere in the last few months. It saddens me a lot because the future of our country belongs to the young.

An idea has germinated in my mind about how to maintain our international commitments while at the same time protecting our young men and women from the horrors of war.

I propose that Congress pass a law implementing what I call the **Senior Draft**, which simply consists of drafting into military duty our senior citizens over 60 years old. They would take the place of young soldiers in implementing our foreign policy in Iraq or where they are needed.

Most senior people will gladly take up this challenge particularly if it means keeping a son or daughter out of harm's way. I for one would be most willing to take a place in the war effort if I can be assured that my son or my daughter will not be called into military service.

The senior people will probably have had military service or will be able to take the training without fear because of the tremendous benefits to the country and their families.

Since many people over 60 are unemployed and unable to find a new job because of their age this opportunity is tailor-made for them.

An added bonus is that many of the old people will die while servicing the country in foreign lands; this will reduce the number of people who need Social Security and Medicare benefits and will alleviate the financial problems expected to apply to these systems.

I urge you to give this modest proposal your editorial support so those members of our legislative delegation learn about it and introduce in Congress a bill which will give birth to the Senior Draft. I can not think of a nobler calling for my old age than serving the country and protecting our young.

—**Jorge H. Montero, Downey**

An invitation to all

Dear Editor:

In this time of confusion, our community needs to remember the values that have made us great. For 4 years now, the Transformation Values Movement has been using signs, meetings, marches and even services to unite Downey and surrounding areas with values we all hold dear. In an election year, especially, voters want certain values held out to give us guidance. So we have brought together over these years business people, students, workers, church people, politicians, (yep, politicians) in an effort to undergird the family, the city, state, and nation.

Saturday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m., at the City Hall Flagpole, we invite you to come and rally for values. Many of you have seen the signs. They read: Honesty, Integrity, Family, Perseverance, Love, Friendship. These values unite every faith, ethnic group and color. They speak of calmly listening to the other fellow, not lying, making your Yes be Yes and No be No, and telling kids that manners, love, and good morals are not silly, immature or old-fashioned.

This Movement was begun by Pastor Frank Campos, aided by myself, Steve Jordan, many business and political leaders including mayors, educational leaders, and City Council leaders. It is an effort to be positive in a world of negativity. Join us at City Hall on Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. and then afterwards for a free luncheon at Cornerstone Church on Paramount Blvd., just north of Florence Ave. All are welcome.

—**Pastor Glenn Koons, Living Hope Church, Downey**

City Hall struggle

Dear Editor:

Downey is facing the frustration of battling its own bureaucrats, as is shown by the recent attempts to discredit Mayor Cartozian and other Council members that have dared to challenge certain entrenched bureaucrats at City Hall by attempting to get the City Manager to bring various department employees into line. In some departments, citizen abuse and hostility towards the public is the order of the day.

The job of the Mayor and Council is to listen to the citizens of Downey, set policy and direct the City Manager. The City Manager's job is to carry out policy and manage the employees of the City for the betterment of the citizens of the City.

The citizens of Downey had complained to the Mayor and the Council about attitude and poor service provided by the permit process, and the City Manager was given the opportunity to fix the problem, which he repeatedly failed to do, resulting in a portion of the Council's displeasure with the City Manager.

Instead, when faced with Council opposition, the City Manager enlisted the use of a fear campaign amongst the employees and manipulated one of our local "gadflies" (a person who will do anything for attention) to further resist change and get support in the press, including cozy lunches between the two at Lucille's in Long Beach.

The City Manager has given this "gadfly" full access to the City Manager's office, a privilege denied to nearly all citizens, including one of our highest tax revenue contributors, the manager of the Stonewood Shopping Center. Strange behavior when other city managers in which the MaceRich firm manages shopping centers meet regularly with the city managers of Cerritos and Lakewood.

Like many other cities, Downey's City Manager and his minions are attempting to show the City Council and the Mayor that they are the boss. The citizens of Downey do not work for you, Mr. Caton, you work for us. The Mayor and Council are carrying out our wishes for which they receive a tiny stipend. If you don't like the process or your huge salary, perhaps CalPERS would accept your retirement.

—**Ralph Amadio, Downey**

Crows are failing

Dear Editor:

Many crows have existed in my neighborhood in the past 37 years. About one month ago I discovered a dead crow in my front yard. I assumed that it may have gotten careless and the many cats in my neighborhood got to it, and I threw it into my garbage container.

About 10 days ago I noted a number of crow feathers near one of my cars. I didn't see any evidence of another crow at that time.

On Sept. 5, I noted in the Press Telegram an article which stated that "Virus kills 50,000 crows in Calif." I did a more thorough check of the feathers around my car and found another deceased crow underneath the car.

I thought that the City of Downey might be interested in my discoveries and called the administration office. I was told to throw the second crow in the garbage (no hesitation).

My hometown of Globe, Arizona (8,000 population) had a health inspector, who I feel, would have been here in five minutes to help me. I was advised that Downey (population 100,000-plus) has no one in a similar role.

—**George Stanich, Downey**

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SOIL

Arsenic

Previous soil testing indicated concentrations above background levels of arsenic. The soil was considered as hazardous and all soil above the limit was slated to be removed from the site and transported to a disposal site. The amount to be remediated was estimated at 7,500 cubic yards. Past uses include an east-west runway, offices and conservation yard. It is currently being considered for use as a public park, sports complex and a location for the Columbia Memorial Space Learning Center.

During the bidding process potential bidders raised questions on the likelihood of arsenic concentrations at the center of the site as well. A re-examination of the study found it to be limited in terms of testing in the central area. Additional tests found an estimated 1,500 in additional cubic yards need remediation. This will cost an estimated additional \$200,000, and the soil is determined as hazardous on the state rather than federal level.

Further tests

Rebidding strategies are being explored to reduce the cost of the project. Further tests reveal the contaminated areas in the northeast and southwest of the site involves 5,300 cubic yards rather than the original 7,500 cubic yards estimated in the original bid. With 1,500 cubic yards from the center portion of the site, this brings the total remediation figure to 6,800. This plus the difference in disposal costs between state-hazardous material and federal material results in estimate savings of \$450,000.

Recycling of asphalt paving at the site could further reduce costs, using new technology. Savings are estimated at \$200,000.

Talks with the State Department of Toxic Substance Control indicate the project qualifies under a provision of the Health and Safety Code for the waiving of Generator Fees in the sum of about \$122,000.

The project will be rebid next month with an estimated cost of \$850,000, and detail cost estimates will be included.

In other action Tuesday the Council:

- *Rejected all bids and granted authority to re-advertise for bids on Phase 1B of the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement project which runs from Fifth Street/Cecilia to about Bellflower Boulevard just south of the Union Pacific tracks, due to irregularities in the bids submitted. The low bidder appealed the action, but the Council trusted staff. The partial funding through an MTA grant requires that expenditures must be made before April 30, 2005, but staff added MTA indicated this was flexible.

- *Proclaimed September National Literacy Month.

- *Proclaimed Sept. 20-26 Transformation Values Week.

- *Proclaimed Sept. 17-23 U.S. Constitution Week.

- *Approved a cash contract for plans and specifications for the Bellflower Boulevard Water Main Improvement Project.

- *Approved allocation of \$25,000 from the Gas Tax Fund for the Gateway Cities I-710 Study.

- *Approved an assignment and assumption agreement with KLR Properties and 3637 Tweedy, LLC, for 8350 Firestone Blvd. (Public "Parking Lot 4). Councilman Meredith Perkins was displeased by the fact rental on the lot lease is \$1 a year.

- *Renewed the service agreement with Santa Fe Springs for Library Automation.

- *Approved accepting \$10,000 in a Federal Library Services and Technology Grant through the Global Language Material Program.

School police funding

- *Approved the joint funding of the Safety School Police program with the Downey Unified School District.

- *Approved the city's five year Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- *Approved facsimile signatures use by Lee Powell and John Michicoff in the City's Bank of the West account.

- *Approved vacation of an alleyway adjoining 10933 and 10939 Lakewood Blvd., north of Third Street, zoned C-P.

- *Approved minor speed limit changes for Clark Avenue and Studebaker Road, introduced Aug. 24.

- *Voiced support and continued review of L.A. County Measure A, Pulic Safety and Homeland Securities Sales Tax Increase, on the November ballot.

- *By a 2-2 vote failed to approve the allocation of \$2,500 to host Downey's newest Sister City, Ensenada, Mexico on Sept. 25. The Mayor abstained and Bayer and Perkins voted no.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire.

Parking agreement at Denny's transferred

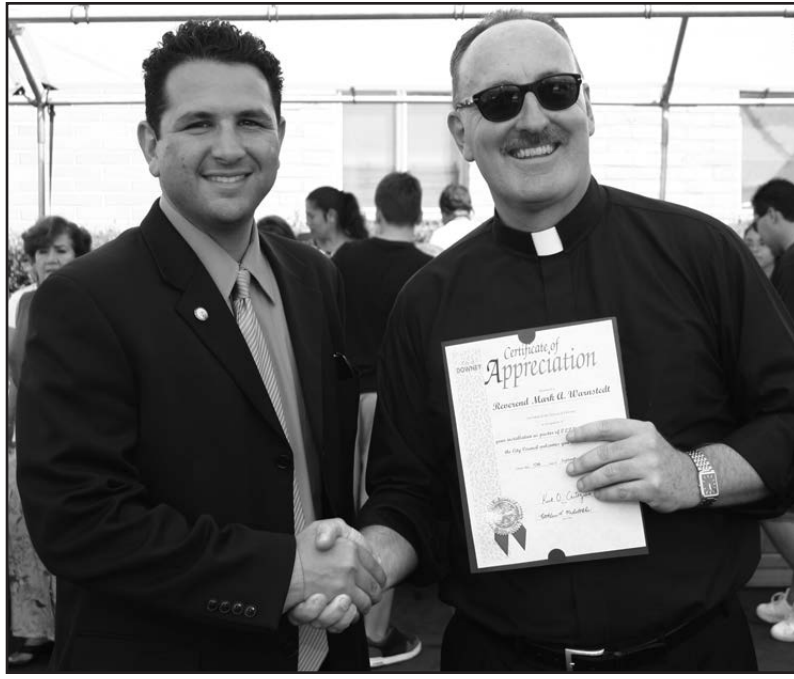
DOWNEY—The Downey City Council has approved an agreement with KLR Properties and 3637 Tweedy, LLC concerning Parking Lot 4 at 8350 Firestone Blvd.

The assignment and assumption agreement reassigns a parking lease agreement from KLR to Tweedy, LLC.

On Feb. 5, 1969 the City entered into a lease agreement with King's Restaurants, Inc. The lot, located at the southwest corner of Firestone and Dolan Avenue offers off-street parking for Denny's Restaurant. King's subsequently reassigned the lease to KLR. On or about Aug. 9, 2004 Tweedy, LLC informed the City that they will be the new owners of the restaurant and that the site is currently in escrow.

In order for the City to assist in closing this escrow between KLR and Tweedy, LLC, the City agreed to an assumption agreement.

There is no fiscal impact for the City.



DOWNEY MAYOR KIRK CARTOZIAN—Presents a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Downey to Rev. Mark Warnstendt, who was installed as Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Sept. 12 by Bishop Joseph M Sartoris.

'Transformation' walk readied for Sept. 25

DOWNEY—The Transformation Values Movement will hold a walk at 10 a.m. Sept. 25 starting at the Downey Civic Center Flag Pole.

The walk will be followed by a picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Cornerstone Christian Worship Center, 9001 Paramount Blvd. (at Gallatin) in Downey.

Downey woman to be honored in NYC

DOWNEY – Glenda Meraz, a spokeswoman for domestic violence and gun safety groups, will be honored at Redbook Magazine's "Mothers & Shakers" awards ceremony in New York City Sept. 20. The annual event recognizes women who have championed a cause while positively impacting their community. John Kerry will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony.

Meraz, a Downey resident, will be one of several grassroots honorees recognized for her efforts.

Meraz channeled her grief into action for others, becoming spokesperson for Women Against Gun Violence and Americans for Gun Safety. She now tours the country lecturing on gun safety at community centers and domestic violence shelters, giving other potential victims the resources and courage to fight back against their abusers, while stripping them of their weapons.

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and have no place to go,
Will I sit for long, long hours
and dream of things I know?

Will thoughts come to me quickly
in pictures plain and clear,
Or will the passing of so much time
dim what I hold dear?

Will I find myself in purple—
the color old ladies wear,
And work all day in the garden
with a bonnet in my hair?

Will I still chase tomorrow
and the dreams that got away,
Or will there be contentment
with the life I live today?

Will old friends be there for me
seated at my side,
Each of us with stories
to keep the past alive?

But what if all my friends
are gone and I'm the only one,
Can I alone sing the song
of what's been said and done?
—Phyliss Shepherd,
Downey

Council agendas available online

DOWNEY – Complete City Council and Community Development Commission agendas and minutes can be accessed on the city of Downey website at www.downeyca.org.

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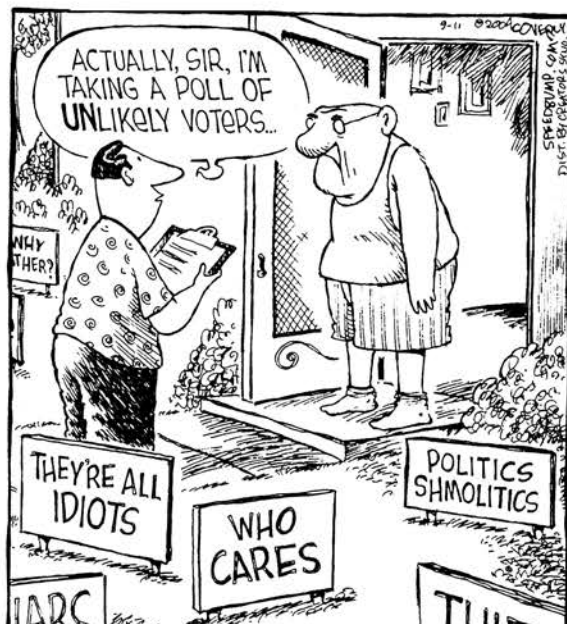
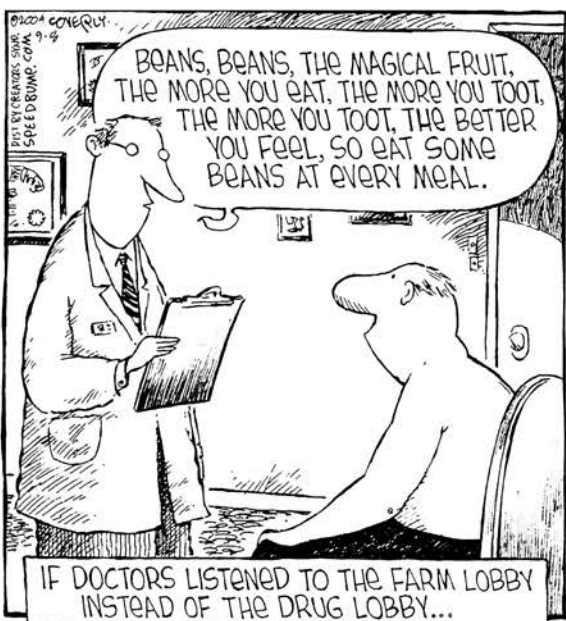
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

Sat. Sept. 18, 8:00 p.m.: **Sebastian Sidi and his Band** playing in concert at the Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd. For tickets and information call 544-7774.
 Thurs. Sept. 23, 5:30 p.m.: **Western Style Mixer and Business Expo** by the Downey Chamber of Commerce held at Bank of the West, 10230 Paramount Blvd. For information call 923-2191.

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 Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, Barbara Riley Senior Center.
 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6 p.m.: **Downey Elk's bingo games**, at the Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Ave., for information call 803-3636.
 6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Med. Center Conf. Room A, for information call 426-6786.
 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
 1st and 3rd Mons., 7 p.m.: **Downey Post 270**, American Legion, for information call 861-8082.
 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.

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.
 12 p.m.: **Downey Exchange Club**, for information call Don at 927-5871.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Embassy Suites, for information call Dan Fox at 862-0744.
 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.
 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.
 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.
 2nd Tues., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's Agape**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for information call (562) 622-3785.
 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 the Nordic Fox. 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.
 3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: **Huff and Puff Respiratory**, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.
 Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

12:10 p.m.: **Downey Lions Club**, at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Cafe, for information call 861-2899.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
 6 p.m.: **Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513**, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
 2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: **Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce**, for information call 867-1087.
 2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 869-5444.
 2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
 3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: **Diabetes Support Group**, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
 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.
 9 a.m.: **Senior Californians of Downey**, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.
 12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call Norm Sipple at 927-1431.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
 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 803-4571.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
 10 a.m.: **Compulsive Eaters Anonymous H.O.W.**, at 1st Christian Church. Call 884-5799.

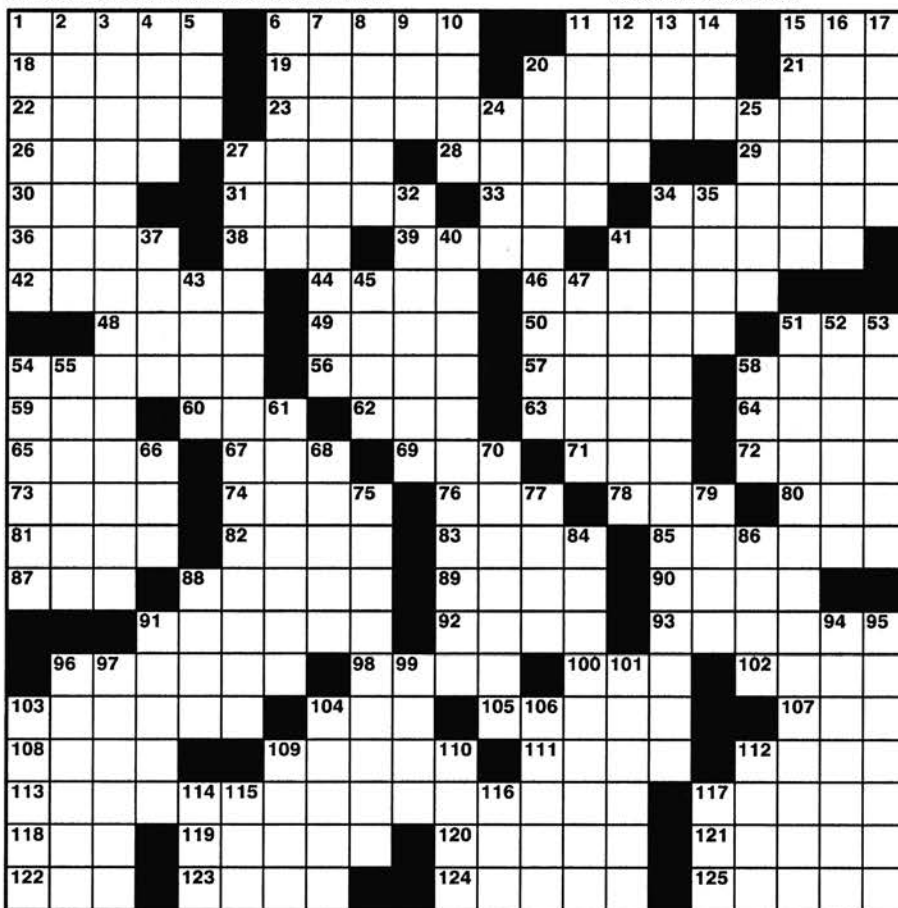
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Having Ngor won an Academy Award for his portrayal of King Pran (48 across) in "The Killing Fields." The word STEN (81 across) is derived from the initials of the gun's inventors, Shepard and Turpin, plus the "en" of England. General Thomas GAGE (43 down) was military governor of Massachusetts at the start of the American Revolution.

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Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call George Saikali, Executive Director of the YMCA, at 862-4201 or Orlandus Waters, Rotary Club of Downey, 904-4287.

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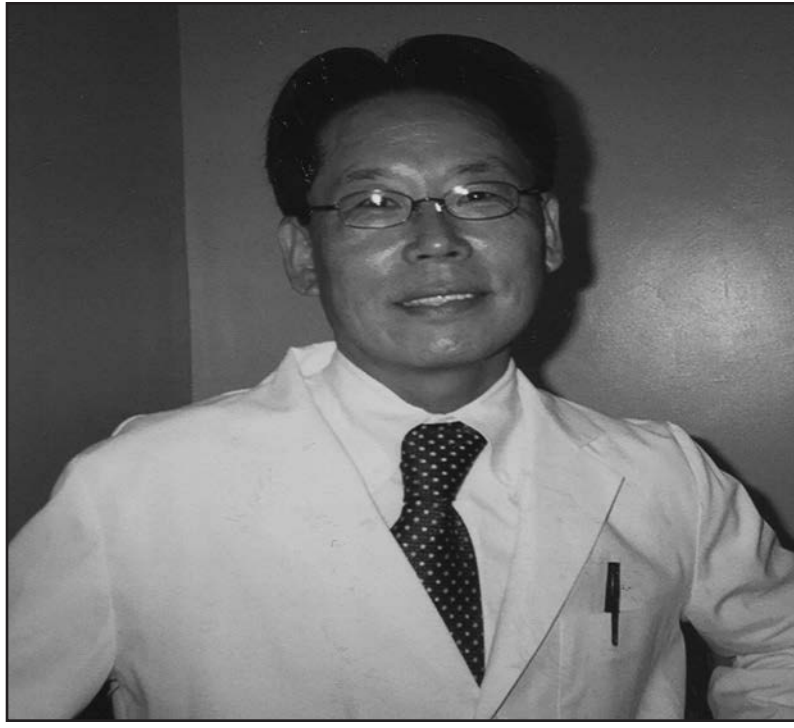
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Fashion-savvy Charlotte Russe new at Stonewood

DOWNEY – Charlotte Russe, a nationally branded retailer targeted towards teenagers seeking hot trends and hip career-wear, has announced the opening of its 6,700 square foot store inside the Stonewood Center. Charlotte Russe appeals to a wide customer age range, with a core emphasis on the fashion and lifestyle needs of young women in their teens and twenties.

With stores averaging 6,500 square feet, located in highly visible, center court locations, Charlotte Russe is one of the largest women’s fashion retailers in Stonewood. And because their stores encompass nearly twice the space of its competitors, Charlotte Russe says, the broad product mix facilitates one-stop shopping.

Currently operating 250 stores nationwide – and growing at an average rate of approximately 30 percent each year – Charlotte Russe offers trendy apparel and accessories, including dresses, shoes and lingerie.

Charlotte Russe launched in 1975 and grew into a 35-store regional chain during its initial 20 years. In 1996 the chain was sold to a private investment firm that promised to expand the store across the country.

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Symphonic Society's 2004-05 schedule

DOWNEY—The Downey Symphonic Society's 3-part 2004-2005 Subscription Concert Series featuring the Downey Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Thomas Osborn opens Sunday, Nov. 14 with "The Four B's"—Barber, Borodin, Beethoven and Bernstein.

To be performed are Barber's *Essay No. 2 for Orchestra*, Borodin's *Symphony No. 2 in B Minor*, Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 3* and Bernstein's *West Side Story Overture*. Soloist is pianist Norman Krieger. Concert No. 2 is Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, featuring Bartok's *Romanian Folk Dances*, *Hayden's Symphony No. 104 in D Major*, *Dvorak's Violin Concerto in A Minor* and *Rimsky-Korsakov's Flight of the Bumblebee*. Martin Chalifour, Concertmaster of the L.A. Philharmonic, is violin soloist.

The third and last concert in the series is "Symphonic Dances" Saturday, April 2, 2005 featuring Brahms' *Symphony No. 2 in D Major*, Morton Gould's *Tap Dance Concerto*, and Strauss' *Tales from the Vienna Woods*. Jon Engstrom, Director/Choreographer for the Downey Civic Light Opera, is the featured dancer. The 2005 Baton Winner's selection will also be performed.

The Society also emphasized the importance of maintaining its major educational outreach program, Music in the Schools, which brings music and music appreciation to Downey's schools.

In addition to these projects, the Society provides two partial scholarships to graduating senior music students from Downey and Warren High Schools. As in past years, all of these activities are funded by matching grants from the Helen and Larry Hoag Foundation and the Norbert and Ruth Hillecke Foundation, as well as donations from individuals, businesses and civic organizations.

Symphony guild holding concert preview

WHITTIER—The Rio Hondo Symphony Guild, now in its 31st year of promoting, and fundraising for, musical projects in the community, will hold its 1st free Concert Preview of the season Friday, Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. at the First Friends Church, 13205 Philadelphia St. in Whittier. The public is welcome to attend.

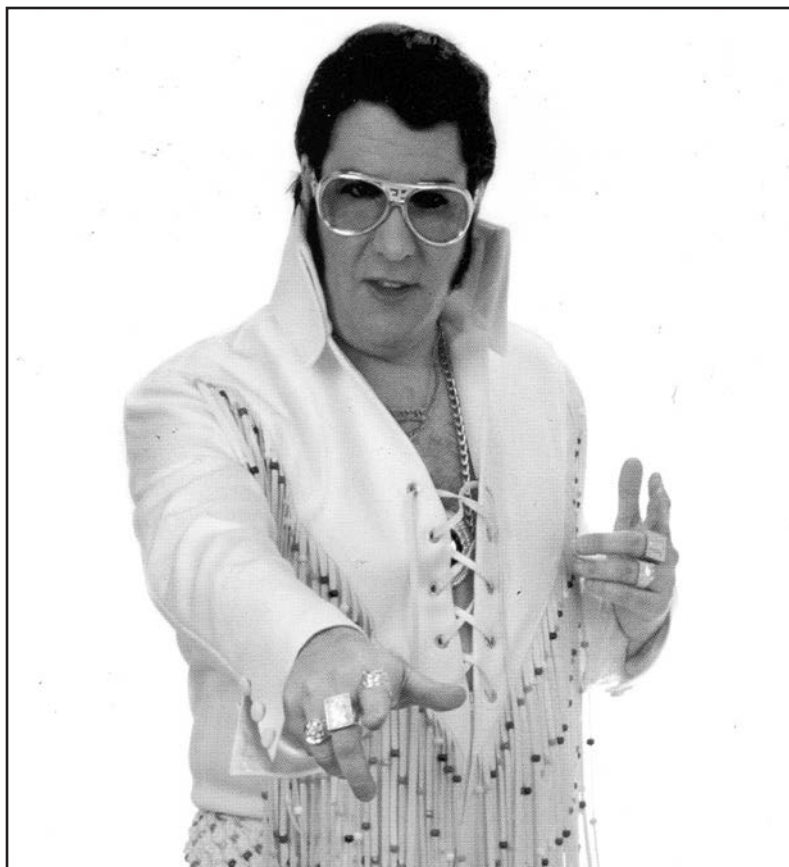
Meanwhile, Dr. Donald Ambrosio, violinist/Cal Poly Pomona professor, will preview the concert Sunday afternoon Oct. 10, featuring the music of *Scheherazade* by Rimsky-Korsakov, the *Piano Concerto in A Minor* by Edvard Grieg and the *Emperor Waltz* by J. Strauss Jr.

For more information, call (562) 695-5431 or (562) 693-5516.

Curry to perform at CSULB Oct. 9

LONG BEACH—Soprano Sally Curry will perform works by Henry Purcell, Vincenzo Bellini, Richard Strauss, Ernest Chausson, Joaquin Rodrigo and Roger Quilter Saturday, Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. at CSU-Long Beach's Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall in a CSULB "Visit Artist" concert. Also featured is tenor Christopher Stuessy who will join her in a duet of Gaetano Donizetti's *L'Elisir D'Amore* to conclude the program. Brian Farrell will be at the piano.

Tickets are \$10 adults, and \$7 seniors and those with valid student IDs. For tickets/information, call (562) 985-7000, or visit www.csulb.edu/music.



"WONDER OF ELVIS" — Mark W. Curran brings his tribute to Elvis Presley to the stage of the Downey Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. A musical tribute to the Everly Brothers is also part of the benefit concert for the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Admission is \$30 and tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office, 11131 Brookshire Ave. For information call 923-2191.

New theatre season at Long Beach

LONG BEACH — The Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage kicks off its 76th season with "The Solid Gold Cadillac," a comedy by Howard Teichmann and George S. Kaufman that runs from Sept. 24 thru Nov. 6. Playhouse Managing Director Gigi Fusco Meese directs the production that features Mark Aguire, Skip Bls, Meredith Bronner, Jennifer Chan, Brian Emerick, Jules Fleming, Geraldine Fuentes, Matt Landig, Lewis P. Leighton and Jeanine Zabo.

The preview performance on Friday, Sept. 24 will be followed by a champagne reception with the director, cast, crew and Playhouse staff. Tickets are available for \$12 each or two for \$20.

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For information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 923-2191.

Adult School offers trip to Branson

DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School is offering a Happy Holiday Adventure to Branson, Missouri the week of Nov. 28 to enjoy 6 entertaining shows and the *Branson Festival of Lights*. The trip includes a city tour of Branson and the College of the Ozarks, as well as a visit to Carthage for a tour of the Precious Moments facility.

The 6 "fantastic" performances: The Osmond Show, Welk Champagne Theater, Yakov Smirnoff Morning Show, Shoji Tabuchi Evening Show, Daniel O'Donnell Matinee Show and the Andy Williams Show.

The package tour includes roundtrip air to Kansas City where a deluxe motor coach will provide transport to the Fairfield Inn in Branson for 4 nights accommodations and 8 meals. All sightseeing, admissions, tax and baggage handling expenses are included.

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HEATHER PHILLIPS—Of Downey, shown above with her mom, the late Sue Phillips, is participating for the third year in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk (60 miles, 20 miles a day for 3 days) Oct. 8 held in Huntington Beach and Santa Monica. To raise over \$2,000 Heather is holding a Golf Tournament in her mom's honor Oct. 2 at the Hartwell Golf Course starting at 10 a.m. Price to join is \$50, which includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and some "cool" prizes (45 percent goes to her walk). She can be reached at (562) 861-4165, or email sueupdate@hotmail.com, or visit www.geocities.com/sueupdatepage for more details.



ERIC ADAMSON—A senior at Warren High and son of Mark and Julie Adamson of Downey, received the "Gold Medal of Achievement," which is equivalent to the Boy Scout "Eagle Scout" with similar merit and service requirements, in a ceremony Aug. 22 at Desert Reign Assembly of God. He is the 5,030th recipient since the Royal Rangers instituted the award in 1963. Eric's many letters of congratulations on his achievement included one from Downey Mayor Kirk Cartozian and another from California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Memorial service held for Martin E. Hale Jr.

DOWNEY—A Memorial Service was held Sept. 10 at Miller-Mies Mortuary with Pastor John Rose officiating for Martin E. Hale Jr., who was born June 21, 1958 in Asheville, North Carolina and died at home in Downey Sept. 6. He was 46.

A resident of Downey for 24 years, he was employed at CSU-Dominguez Hills.

He is survived by his wife Karen Hare; son Alex; daughter Kristin Hare; mother Barbara S. Hare of Asheville, North Carolina; father Martin (Betty) E. Hare Sr. of Weaverville, North Carolina; brother Michael J. Hare of Arden, North Carolina; and sister Marcie H. Pruitt of Savanna, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to: Corona Avenue Elementary School, Attn: Grace Horn, c/o Dr. Martin Hare Memorial Fund, 3825 Bell Ave., Bell, Ca 90201. Checks are to be made out to "Corona Avenue Donation."

Funeral Mass for Giuseppe Ioffrida

DOWNEY—A Funeral Mass was held Sept. 10 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for Giuseppe Ioffrida, a 31-year resident of Downey who died of natural causes at Downey Regional Medical Center Sept. 6 at the age of 79.

He was born Jan. 11, 1925 to parents Domenico and Filomena Ioffrida in Roggiano Gravina, Cosenza, Italy and was employed as a Handyman.

Ioffrida is survived by his wife Maria and daughters Antonietta and Emilia.

Interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Los Angeles. Arrangements were by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

Vicente Gilberto Perez passes away at age 75

DOWNEY — Vicente Gilberto Perez, a 33-year Downey resident born in Camaguey, Cuba, died Sept. 14 at USC University Hospital. He was 75. Visitation will be held Monday, Sept. 20 from 4-7 p.m. with a Rosary following at 8 p.m. at Miller Mies Mortuary. Funeral services will take place the following day at 10 a.m. at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Born on Oct. 2, 1928, Perez belonged to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Perez is survived by his wife, Josefa, son Vicente (Amy), daughter Connie (Michael) Sliwoski and four grandchildren. Also surviving him is his mother, Avelina Perez.

Open casting call at Stonewood

DOWNEY — Stonewood Center is looking for children between ages 4-10 to become the official model for their upcoming Food Court advertising campaign.

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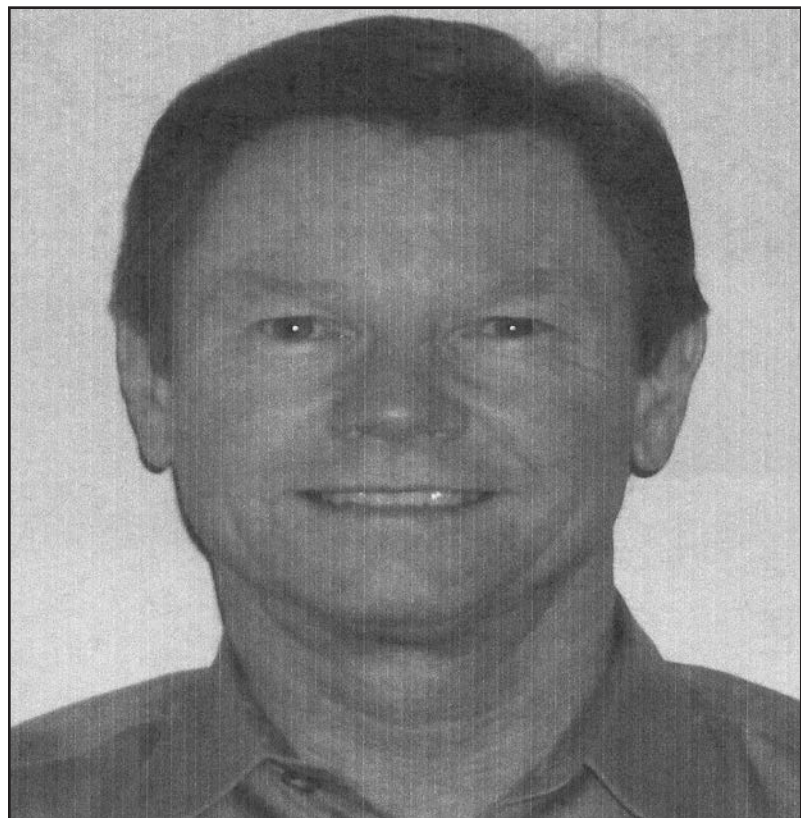
Real estate agent honored for senior work

DOWNEY – Aileen Hauer, a realtor with Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, was recently awarded the Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES) professional designation by the Senior Advantage Real Estate Council.

In the real estate business since 1977, Hauer's varied business career includes 11 years of corporate sales and management at Revlon Corporation and service in the counsel's office in the White House during the Reagan Administration.

Senior Real Estate Specialists help seniors make wise decisions about selling the family home, managing the capital gains and estate tax implication of owning real estate, obtaining reverse mortgages, moving to a senior community and other issues.

Now a senior herself, Hauer says she is especially interested in serving the needs of the senior community. To reach her, call 861-7257.



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DOWNEY—TOPS Downey Chapter #63 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is inviting everyone who's looking for a way to lose excess pounds to their meetings which are held "in a fun and loving environment."

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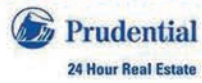
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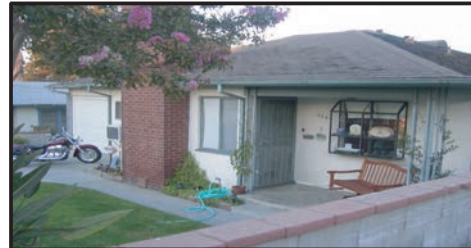
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