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Police Chief asks for Measure A passage

By John Finch
Downey Police Chief

DOWNEY—When *The Patriot* offered me the opportunity to write a column for today's paper, I felt compelled to address two issues on the November ballot that I believe are vitally important to Downey's public safety. Those issues are Los Angeles County Measure A, the "Public Safety and Homeland Security Tax Act," and California State Proposition 66, the "Limitations on Three Strikes Law."

Public Safety and Homeland Security Tax Act

Los Angeles County Measure A would increase sales tax in the county by a half-cent, raising resources to combat criminal activity and gangs. The City of Downey would receive an estimated \$5,000,000 to add personnel and improve police services. Downey is a great place to live and work but we need to do more to protect our community.

I'm very proud of the work accomplished by the men and women of the Downey Police Department; however, I want to make you aware that we struggle to keep up with increasing demands which include:

- *Increases in calls for service
- *Increases in reported violent crime (up to four years in a row totaling 47 percent)
- *Increases in gang graffiti and window etchings
- *Increases in time-consuming, cyber-crime and identity theft
- *Ever-increasing demands to properly prepare for threats of domestic terrorism

Our authorized staffing levels have not kept up to meet these increased demands. With a current staffing rate of slightly over one officer per thousand population, Downey is woefully understaffed. When compared to California cities with their own police departments and a population of 75,000 or more, Downey ranks 67th out of 73 cities. Nationally, when compared to cities with a population of 100,000 or more, Downey's officer staffing ranks 332nd out of 340. Our current staff does a great job but need your help to do more.

To manage our staffing shortages, we have been forced to cancel popular programs to put a maximum number of officers on the streets. Our DARE officers, who taught anti-drug, anti-gang lessons to our community's kids, and our Community Relations Officer, who coordinated our Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch and: Police Citizen's Academy, have all been transferred to supplement our uniformed patrol force.

I have studied Measure A's language to make sure the money raised goes to where it is promised – increased policing. An oversight committee will annually be held accountable to ensure all the monies are spent where promised.

Beyond the increased policing that will be done by city police officers and deputy sheriffs countywide, the act also dedicates dollars to other important elements of the criminal justice system. The District Attorney's Office will receive an additional \$19,000,000 to prosecute criminals, and the Sheriff's Custody division will receive an additional \$50,000,000 to house convicted criminals in county jails. At present, because of county budget cuts, convicted criminals serve only 10 percent of their sentence. The additional funds will ensure that convicted criminals serve the lion's share of their sentence. Victims of crime deserve to have those who victimized them serve their entire sentence.

Measure A has received widespread support from a diverse group, including a majority of the Downey City Council, the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association, the Los Angeles Times, L. A. County Sheriff Lee Baca, and LAPD Chief William Bratton. According to the L.A. Times (Oct. 10, 2004), "There is no organized campaign against the tax."

In Downey, a yes vote on Measure A means more officers on the streets, shorter response times, and a more concentrated effort directed to combating gangs. Please, help us help you! **Vote 'yes' on Measure A.**

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Bridge to independence

By Doris Patterson

DOWNEY—After 77 years of relatively good health my world, as I knew it, came to a screeching halt in July, 2003.

My background: a retired Personnel Director, married for 56 years to a wonderful husband, Pat, and two terrific kids, Mike, living in New York, and Susan, residing in Colorado. I was active as one can be in my community, serving on 7 Boards of Directors; prior president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, Downey Rose Float Association, Downey Coordinating Council, and Foundation of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, and 12 years as president of the Amigos Fund (patient welfare), an auxiliary of the foundation; as well as maintaining active memberships in many more local organizations. I was named Woman of the Year by our California Senator in 1989, Volunteer of the Year by Rancho, and received a host of other honors. My life was full and it couldn't be sweeter.

I am writing not to toot my own horn but to give the reader an idea of how difficult it was to transition from an active, contributing member of our society to someone treated as a non-entity.

For approximately one year I had been experiencing piercing pain radiating down my right leg. My primary doctor felt it was a pinched nerve, and referred me to an orthopedic specialist who gave me a cortisone shot in my knee. This stopped the piercing pain to some degree; however, the pain continued in my right foot and I was unable to sleep. Already plagued with a familiar tremor in my neck, the pain, lack of sleep and lack of appetite seriously hampered my volunteer activities.

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SCENE AT GROUNDBREAKING—Of Downey Landing, the \$65 million retail center at the site of the old 160-acre Boeing property. The project is expected to be completed December 2005. See story on page 8.

Crackdown on conduct at Council meetings

By John Adams

DOWNEY—After consideration, the City Council has approved the City Attorney's suggestions on modifying the rules of conduct for appearances before the Council.

The City Attorney's recommendations were in the form of a memorandum presented to the Council for review at Tuesday's regular meeting.

It included three revisions to City Ordinance 906 which established public conduct rules for appearance before the Council in 1990.

Attention to Brown Act

City Attorney Charles Vose's recommendation included keen attention that the Brown Act on open meetings be observed. Vose suggested that the requirement that speakers before the Council state their name and address for the record be relaxed to "a request" on the grounds the information might be needed in order to respond later.

Vose also suggested that the Mayor's order to remove unruly or out-of-order persons from the meeting be channeled through the City Manager, so as not to conflict with section 608 of the Downey Charter which reads that "neither the Council nor any member thereof shall publicly or privately give orders to any subordinate of the City Manager."

Right to return

And Vose suggested that excluded persons be allowed to return to the meeting after the item presently being contested is finished. This of course is dependent on no repeat of the conduct that merits exclusion.

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DRMC cancels its medical contract

DOWNEY—Today, Friday, Oct. 15 at 10:30 a.m., Downey Regional Medical Center will hold a press conference to announce that after many months of negotiations with the State of California, it will likely be forced to cancel its Medi-Cal contract effective Oct. 15, 2004.

In 2003, DRMC lost nearly \$7 million in providing care to patients with Medi-Cal. Downey Regional receives less than half of the rate that the State pays County hospitals for the same care being provided to the same patients. County hospitals receive \$2,200 per patient per day, while Downey Regional receives just \$850. The State was unwilling to provide Downey Regional with a rate that would cover the hospital's basic costs for Medi-Cal care.

"We can no longer bear substantial losses under the Medi-Cal contract," stated Rob Fuller, Executive Vice President at Downey Regional Medical Center. "Downey Regional did not want to take this step. We want to provide full access to our entire community, but we have a responsibility to survive, be fiscally prudent, and continue to provide excellent patient care through as many healthcare services as we can afford to do so."

Downey Regional Medical Center's Emergency Care Center sees more than 50,000 patients annually and is the fourth busiest ER among private hospitals in the LA County Basin.

The cancellation of the Medi-Cal contract means that as of Oct. 16th Downey Regional will no longer admit patients for elective care or provide outpatient care on an elective basis to Medi-Cal patients. Medi-Cal HMO or senior Medi-Cal HMO patients will still be admitted through contracts with insurance company/HMO payors. As is currently the case, any patients, including Medi-Cal patients, who come to the ER will be examined and stabilized, pursuant to federal law and DRMC's obligations to the community.

More details on the impact to the community and hospital will be available in English and Spanish at the 10:30 am press conference, to be held in front of the hospital's Emergency Care Center.

Rotary/YMCA benefit breakfast tomorrow at Downey High School

A fun event for good cause

DOWNEY—The annual Rotary/YMCA benefit Pancake Breakfast will be offered tomorrow (Saturday, Oct. 16) from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Downey High School.

Tickets are \$4 with all proceeds going to benefit the Downey Family YMCA Scholarship Fund.

You and your family are invited to come out and enjoy a day with your neighbors, as well as a good breakfast for a good cause. Find out which veteran Rotarian has become famous for his "Mickey Mouse" pancakes which he demonstrates each year at this event!

Entertainment

Free entertainment is offered by the YMCA and other youth groups on stage throughout the morning. The breakfast is held each year in the outdoor table area of Downey High School, which is located at Firestone Boulevard and Brookshire Avenue in Downey. It is the product of a partnership between the Downey Rotary and the YMCA which has endured for 57 years. Downey Rotary is the largest service club in Downey.

Information

For information on the breakfast, call George Saikali, Executive Director of the Downey Family YMCA at (562) 862-4201 or Orlandus Waters of the Downey Rotary at (562) 904-4287. For information on the Downey Rotary, call Douglas Baker, President, at (714) 229-2266, or Carol Pearce, President Elect, at (562) 622-1425.

Contract for part of Lakewood Project

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey City Council has approved a contract for \$3,337,790 for a portion of the work on the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement Project.

The action was taken as part of the consent agenda at Tuesday's regular Council meeting.

History

In its meeting of June 22 the Council had approved plans and specifications and granted authority to advertise for bids on Phase 1B of the Lakewood Boulevard Project.

But at its meeting of Sept. 14, the Council rejected all bids and granted authority to re-advertise for bids on Phase 1B.

On Oct. 1 five bids were received. The apparent low bidder was Sialic Contractors Corp, dba Shawnan, with a bid of \$3,337,790, a figure about \$200,000 lower than the previously rejected low bid for the same work.

Difference...

The contract, as awarded, does not include the enhanced concrete work at the intersection of Lakewood and Firestone Boulevards. On availability of the right-of-way in the southwest corner, the city will negotiate a change order to widen and improve Firestone, including a dedicated right turn lane, as well as enhanced concrete work there.

The Council reviewed a detailed cost accounting and funding analysis based on the low bid received before making its decision.

Estimated project cost includes a 15 percent contingency of \$500,000, City-furnished traffic sign poles at a cost of \$123,000, City furnished pedestrian lights and street lights at a cost of \$176,000, engineering inspection and contract administration costs of \$160,000, for a total project cost of \$4,296,790.

The project will be funded by the Lakewood Fund, various grant funds and developer fees amounting to \$4,296,800.

Council hears wide ranging comments

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Comments Tuesday at the City Council meeting ranged from thanks by the City Manager for salary increases approved for City employees not represented by any labor group, to a plea for respect for freedom of speech by a long time community activist, and general good feeling by Council members in the wake of the Council groundbreaking for the Downey Landing Retail project earlier in the day.

The community activist was Lennie Whittington, reacting to toughened rules for conduct at City Council meetings.

Whittington at one point said the Mayor "hates" him.

"A great show!"

Other comments included Councilman Keith McCarthy who wanted all to know that "The Will Rogers Follies" currently at the Downey Theater is a truly great show.

Several councilmembers said they were looking forward to a bus tour Thursday of the ASPIRE after-school program.

And McCarthy also noted a recent report on the 710 Freeway has been completed and applauded Harold Tsklenis for serving on the study group

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EDDIE TAFOYA—(Second from right) Field Representative for Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34th, Los Angeles and Downey), accepted on her behalf in recent meeting high praise from both Gangs Out of Downey (G.O.O.D.) and the Downey Unified School District for her full support of the planned Columbia Space Learning Center at the former NASA property. The Center honors the 7 fallen astronauts in the ill-fated Space Shuttle Columbia and is meant to inspire science achievement in today's youth. The measure authored by the congresswoman giving the Center its formal name was passed Oct. 5 by the U.S. House of Representatives. Others, from left: Downey Community Services Director Bonnie Kehoe, Downey Mayor Kirk Cartozian and DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty.

Arc open house today

DOWNEY—Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County (formerly Association for Retarded Citizens) warmly invites everyone to its annual Open House today, Oct. 15, when it showcases its staff and consumers, along with its many programs and services benefiting people with developmental disabilities, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There will also be an open-air boutique offering a variety of bargains. Arc is located at 12049 Woodruff Ave./Washburn. For more information, call (562) 803-4606.

'Shabbat Noach' tonight at Temple

DOWNEY—The Reform Congregation, Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, is holding their Family Night Service, "Shabbat Noach—Rosh Chodesh," at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Oct. 15) and the community is invited. Following services, an Oneg will be enjoyed, which includes "delicious" refreshments furnished by the Sisterhood. Temple Ner Tamid is located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd. There is ample parking behind the Temple. For more information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Middle school trip to Knott's Oct. 22

DOWNEY—Downey Community Services will be conducting a middle school trip to Knott's Scary Farm Friday night, Oct. 22, from 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Participants will meet at City Hall by the flag poles at 5:45 p.m. and return to the same place by 1 a.m. All parents must pick up their child by 1:15 a.m. Tickets are now on sale at Downey City Hall for \$40 per person, which includes the bus transportation. Fliers and permission slips are available in the office or at City Hall. You must show proof of enrollment in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and a signed parent permission slip at time of purchase. For more information, fliers are available at all Downey Middle school offices and at City Hall, or call Community Services at 904-7238.

'Trick or Treat Storytime' at library

DOWNEY—Preschool children can wear their favorite Halloween costume and enjoy treats at the Downey City Library at its special Trick or Treat Storytime offering Tuesday, Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room. After listening to Halloween stories, the children will go "trick or treating" throughout the library. Parents are invited to bring their cameras, according to Children's librarian Joyce Peacock. For more information, call 904-7360, Ext. 27. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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CareMore cancels flu vaccine clinics

DOWNEY – Officials with CareMore Medical Group are contacting thousands of Downey area seniors to inform them that this flu season they will not be able to provide the vaccine as they have in the past. Production of the flu vaccine has been halted by one of the country's leading suppliers.

Earlier this month Chiron Corp. informed U.S. healthcare officials that it would not be able to provide the flu vaccine due to a 'production problem.' CareMore, like many other healthcare providers and managed care plans, relied on Chiron for its vaccine. Officials with CareMore said that it had ordered the vaccine months ago, as is standard practice.

"We have always invested hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to ensure that our health plan members have access to the flu vaccine," said Sheldon Zinberg, chairman of CareMore Medical Group. "We are deeply disappointed that we cannot continue that safeguard this year."

About 700 flu shot appointments and more than 40 flue shot clinics, including the successful "drive-thru" Saturday events for the community, will be cancelled.

"We share in our members' frustration," said Zinberg. "For many of our senior and frail elderly members, the flu shot is a first line of defense to keep them healthy through the fall and winter periods...Although CareMore will continue to do everything possible to obtain the vaccine, particularly for our senior population, the outlook is less than promising." Zinberg has written a letter that is being sent to all 18,500 seniors in CareMore's network to inform them of the news.

The flu season typically begins in late October and runs through the winter months, peaking in December and January. The flu vaccine is recommended for those over age 65, adults with chronic illnesses or those who are frail or immune compromised.

CareMore said that it would direct its members to community health care resources such as senior centers and pharmacies which may have a limited supply of the vaccine. Officials with CareMore said that it has never charged members for the vaccine and will reimburse its members for any cost associated with receiving the vaccine from another provider.

Zinberg encouraged patients to talk to their doctor about their health care status and their risk of influenza. He said that patients with flu-like symptoms should contact their health care provider immediately.

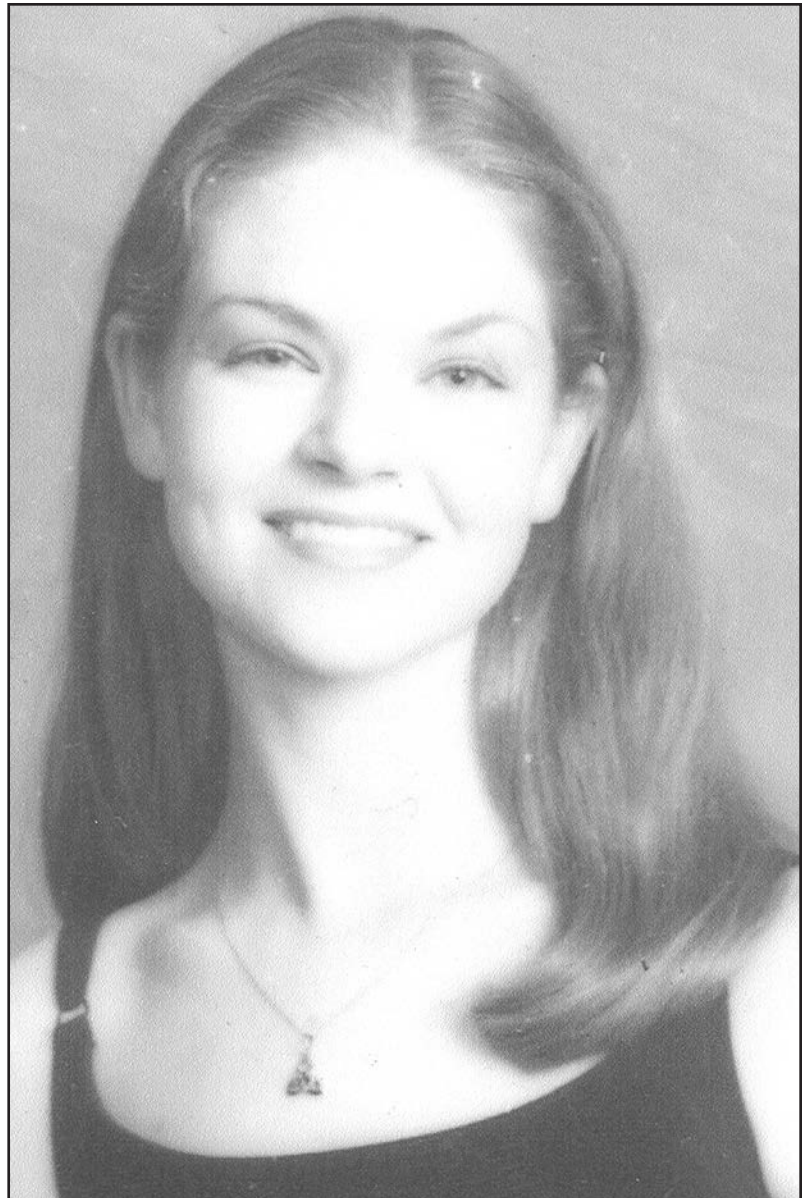
For more information about the flu vaccine cancellations, call (888) 250-5800.

Retirement housing options OASIS topic

DOWNEY—Former USC professor of international relations and recently retired director of the USC Emeriti Center Paul E. Hadley discusses "Options in Retirement Housing" Monday, Oct. 18 at Downey Adult School's OASIS program.

Dr. Hadley's lecture at 4 p.m. will include: "What are my choices in retirement housing and what would be best for me?" and "What things should I consider when deciding where to live—the family home or a retirement community?"

Call 940-6200 for more details.



COURTNEY BURFEIND—Returns to Downey Civic Light Opera for her 11th production, "The Will Rogers Follies," which opened last week and runs through Oct. 24 at the Downey Theatre. Call 923-1714 for ticket information.

FPCU credit seminar also in Spanish

DOWNEY—Financial Partners Credit Union's seminar on enhancing credit scores scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 26 at YMCA's Annex Building at 11531 Downey Ave. will also be given in Spanish the next day at 6:30 p.m.

The topics at the hour-long presentation will range from what information is used to determine credit scores to achieving, managing and maintaining a high credit score. Other significant information will be available.

In addition, a drawing giveaway for a Family Four Pack of Knott's Berry Farm tickets will be given to one lucky guest.

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Call me 'Undecided'

By John Adams

I was having coffee with several friends recently when the question of the presidential election came up.

I normally try to avoid such topics since many otherwise stable people lose their "cool" politically as election time draws near.

But this was a group of highly educated friends of long-standing. One by one they volunteered the way they intended to vote. Kerry was the name most mentioned. But by now all had spoken but myself. "Undecided," I said. (You could hear several gasps. Was this John Adams, from Berkeley, speaking?)

Yes friends, despite what you may have been led to believe, I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat, but if anything an Independent.

This is a difficult election for me because of the patriotic concerns of support for our troops in a time of war. There is of course, the question of the economy, our world image, individual liberty and the need to maintain it, public health and health insurance, the population shift, indeed the list is long enough to fill several books.

What's more, long experience close to the beast we know as politics has taught me to study and weigh political questions rather than rush to judgment. I really am undecided and will probably remain just that until Election Day. There are many pluses and minuses both for the incumbent and challenger.

A historian at heart, I might add there is a remarkable simile between the President's predicament and the position of Lincoln when he faced a strong election challenge during the Civil War.

Knowing what we know now, who would not have voted for Lincoln?

On the other hand, the challenger has been unfairly attacked for his congressional voting record. Those who would be swayed by such attacks clearly don't know the problems of pork barrel bills weighted down with riders which give them utterly different meanings than the originals.

Yes, there's a lot to consider. Just call me undecided. And I advise each of you to study the issues and reach your own decision, without letting anyone pressure or steamroller you into anything other than your own choice.

House floor statement by Roybal-Allard

(Below is the House floor statement of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-34th—Los Angeles and Downey, upon passage by the House of the Homeland Security Appropriations conference report Oct. 9 by a vote of 368 to 0. In the statement, the congresswoman refers to the successful inclusion of a provision preventing the Department of Homeland Security from privatizing immigration officers. The congresswoman offered a successful House floor amendment on June 18, which passed 242 to 163, and the House-Senate conferees voted to include the language. The president had threatened to veto the bill if the provision was included.)

Mr. Speaker,

I rise in support of the Homeland Security Appropriations conference report.


I would like to begin by commending Homeland Security Subcommittee Chairman Hal Rogers and Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young for their efforts to address our nation's security needs with the unrealistic budget limits that were forced upon them.

I also thank chairmen Rogers and Young for including in the Homeland Security conference report several items I requested to address issues of concern I raised during subcommittee hearings with representatives of the Department of Homeland Security. Included in this final conference report, for example, are the following items:

Security Training – Congress has done much to address the security of our aviation system since the events of September 2001. However, I was concerned that Congress had not adequately addressed the issue of security training for flight attendants, potentially the last line of defense in the aircraft cabin. This bill directs the FAA to issue regulations for basic security training for flight attendants.

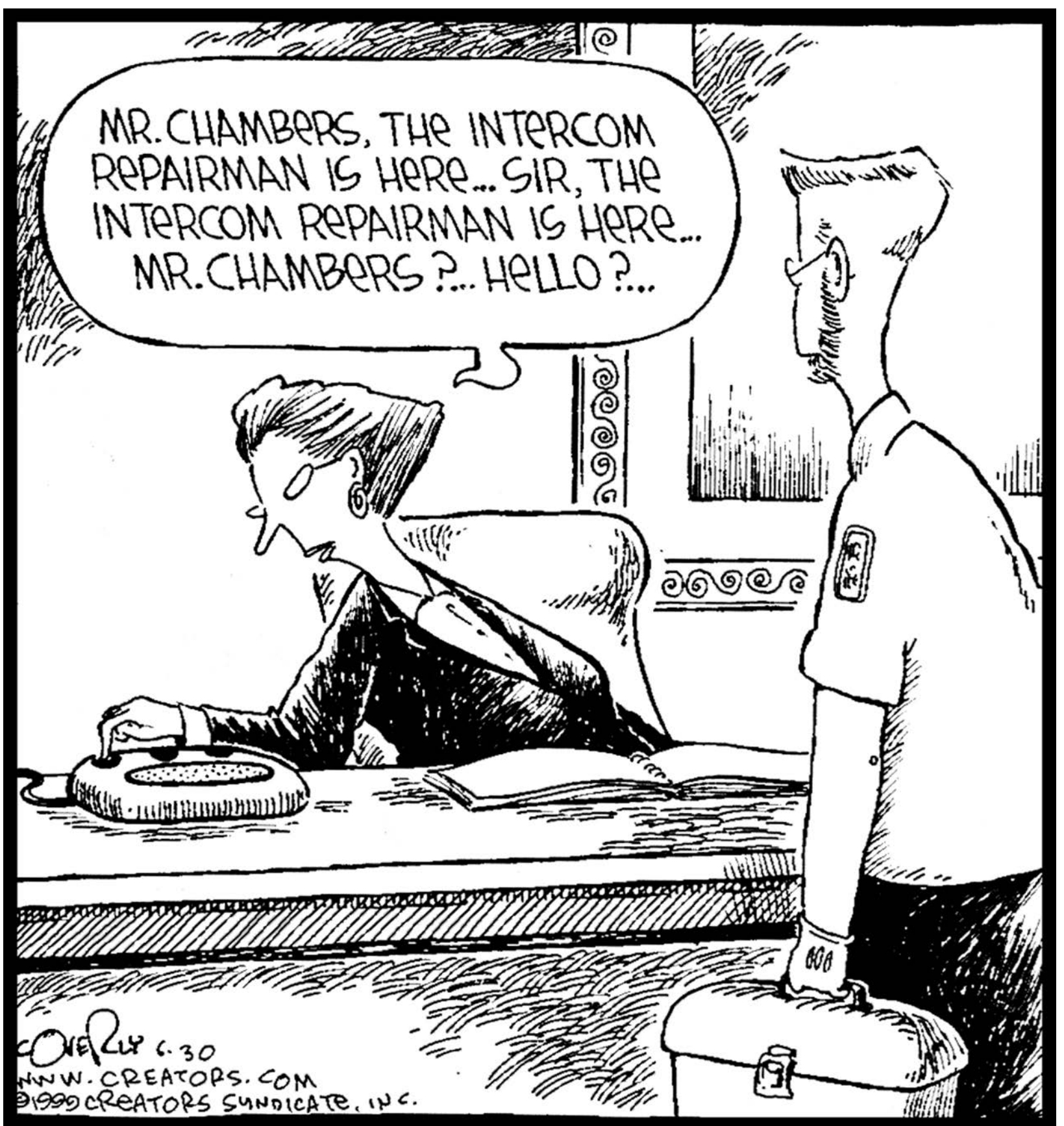
Port Security Grants – Another of my concerns was that resources currently dedicated to port security are too often diverted to private shippers at the ports while the port authority received minimal if any funds. This bill states the committee's belief that port security grants, for the 55 ports of national significance, should be based on findings contained within port vulnerability assessments. This means that limited resources for port

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grants will be used where they are needed most.

Security Assessments – In addition, I was concerned that critical security assessments had not been completed. This bill establishes a deadline for the completion of security assessments for the top 1700 critical infrastructure elements and key assets identified by the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate. This deadline will help ensure security assessments on such items as monuments, landmarks, power plants, highways, and food and water resources will be completed by the Department.

Independent Districts – Many of the districts that operate bridges and highways are independent authorities, and as such, their eligibility to apply for certain homeland security grants had been in question. The bill clarifies the eligibility of independent districts, such as bridge authorities, to compete for homeland security grants.

Immigration Officers – The bill also includes language I drafted to prevent the Department of Homeland Security from moving forward with the unnecessary and potentially dangerous privatization of key immigration officers at the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. These officers are responsible for handling classified information used to prevent fraud and the exploitation of our immigration laws. I am pleased that this inherently governmental work will continue to remain the responsibility of trained and experienced federal employees directly accountable to the Department and not to the bottom line of a private company. And I take the opportunity to thank the ranking member, David Obey, and ranking member Martin Sabo of the Homeland Security Subcommittee for their efforts to keep this language in the bill.

In addition, the bill addresses two issues of importance to urban communities such as my own.

First, funding for the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant program to protect high threat urban areas was more than doubled for a total of \$1.3 billion. These additional resources are critical to our nation's large urban areas which face a higher terrorist threat than other parts of the country.

Second, state and local emergency managers will benefit significantly from an increase of \$56 million for Emergency Management Performance grants. In California, emergency managers use these grants to develop plans to help prepare our residents for disasters such as earthquakes, fires, floods, or terrorist attacks. Although Congress has called this grant program "the backbone of the nation's emergency management system," it has been drastically underfunded for years, and this funding increase is certainly a step in the right direction.

However, Mr. Speaker, despite the fact that this Homeland Security Appropriations conference report resolves several of the issues I raised in hearings and increases funding levels in certain accounts, I remain seriously concerned that this bill as a whole underfunds important homeland security initiatives and programs.

I am disturbed that the measure retains the current formula for state-wide grants that continues to underfund the homeland security needs of my home state, California. Over the past several years, the Department of Homeland Security has distributed 60 percent of these formula grants on a per capita basis that does not consider critical infrastructure, vulnerabilities, or the actual risk of terrorist attacks. For example, although California is the most populous state with the most areas deemed at high-risk of terrorist attack, it actually receives far less funding on a per capita basis than any other state. In a time of heightened national security and limited local resources, we need to ensure that federal resources are targeted where they will be most productive in fighting the war on terror.

I am also concerned by the deep budget cuts this bill makes to the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services. This bureau is charged with processing work authorization and citizenship applications for immigrants in our country. This bill includes only \$160 million to reduce the backlog of these unprocessed documents, a decrease of nearly \$75 million from fiscal year 2004. Funding cuts simply do not make sense given that

during the last three years, the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services has failed far short of meeting its six month goal for processing citizenship applications. In fact, the backlog of these applications has grown from three million to more than six million nationally. These backlogs send the wrong message to our nation's immigrants who are eager to become full participants in our society, but must wait years before their citizenship applications can be reviewed and processed. I am hopeful that next year the President's budget will request enough funds to realistically address the Bureau's huge case backlog.

And lastly, it is disappointing that the bill reduces to 75 percent the federal contribution given to airports to install state-of-the-art-in-line baggage screening equipment. Previously, certain airports had signed letter of intent (LOI) agreements committing the federal government to pay 90 percent of these costs. Reducing the federal contribution creates an additional burden for our communities and their airports. I regret that congress will not honor our original commitment to pay 90 percent of these costs.

Unfortunately, fully addressing these and other critical national security concerns requires resources that Republican congressional leaders simply do not provide in this bill.

Nevertheless, Mr. Speaker, I will support this conference report to provide the resources, although limited, to help make our country safer.

Letters to the Editor:

Oliver's letter 'misleading'

Dear Editor:

As a Downey Regional Medical Center board member and as a member of the Hospital Board's Litigation Subcommittee, I must respond to Steve Oliver's misleading letter last week regarding the Hospital's lawsuits with CareMore.

First, I understand Mr. Oliver is a friend and confidant of Carl Westerhoff, a senior CareMore executive. I believe Mr. Westerhoff feeds Mr. Oliver court documents and the CareMore party-line on the lawsuits. Mr. Oliver's failure to disclose his relationship with CareMore is in and of itself telling.

Second, Mr. Oliver paints court rulings as if CareMore were an overwhelmingly victorious party. Such is not the case. In the so-called "risk share case" of which Mr. Oliver wrote, complicated accounting issues requiring a special master to resolve were raised. CareMore sought over \$8 million in that case, and was awarded only \$3.2 million. The Hospital had been willing to arbitrate and resolve this issue four years ago (and had offered \$2.5 million), but CareMore refused. CareMore has had the consistent ulterior motive in all the cases to cause as much harm and expense to the hospital through the litigation processes as possible, without regard to seeking a businesslike resolution to the underlying issues.

Third, Mr. Oliver is mistaken where he says that "fiduciary duties" and "punitive damages" are available to CareMore in the risk share case. The hospital won 13 of the 17 monetary issues before the court in the risk share, and CareMore's claims for fiduciary duties and punitive damages were eliminated by the court decision, without one penny of recovery for CareMore.

Fourth, Mr. Oliver is ill-informed with respect to the Hospital Board's oversight of the litigation and its willingness to settle with CareMore. The Board's Litigation Subcommittee has been intimately involved in all the lawsuits with CareMore. The court held an all-day settlement conference with the parties last June, in Judges chamber; three hospital board members (including myself) represented the Hospital, while only one CareMore board was in attendance. We saw first-hand how uninterested CareMore is in achieving a businesslike settlement of the issues. CareMore turned down all reasonable resolutions the Hospital proposed. At the end of the day, they simply refused to negotiate any further.

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INDEPENDENCE

On that fateful day in July, I woke up vomiting, with severe pain radiating down my right leg, and when I could not stand, I knew something was radically wrong. My husband, Pat, called the paramedics and I was transferred to a local hospital emergency room. After many hours and tests later, I was admitted to the hospital though they were not in the approved network of my HMO. Though I remember little of the 5 days I was there, I am told the doctors advised my sister and husband to notify the family as I had only a 50/50 chance of surviving. Our kids, siblings, their families, friends and neighbors gathered and prayer services were held all over the hospital. I was finally stabilized and transferred to a highly touted convalescent facility approved by my HMO.

From July 20 to October 1, 2003, my life became unbearable. If you had gray hair you were more than likely called Mama. The administrators and caregivers talked to my family concerning my condition as if I was not there or could not decide for myself. At first I received daily physical therapy for about 20 minutes, otherwise I lay in my bed, unless I was placed in a wheelchair for hours on end without attention. I signed more papers than I can count. I did get attention for my eating disorder since I had slipped to 104 pounds from 146 pounds. I must confess they tried, but when you are served milk in a scratched glass that looked unclean, pureed food that was usually cold, it was not easy.

I would be remiss if I did not report that a number of attendants tried, but were far outweighed by those who never talked to you but rather complained among themselves of problems in their personal lives or of working conditions at the facility, as they went about their duties.

I was fitted for a leg brace which enabled me to use a walker but learned early on not to disturb our caregivers for help. Walkers, wheelchairs and restrooms could be used only with assistance. Then the doctors decided therapy was no longer helpful and they decided custodial care was all that was needed. If you did not suffer from incontinence prior to your stay, you were almost guaranteed to acquire the problem. You have not lived until you have been served breakfast in a bed that cannot be adjusted to a sit-up position, wallowing in your own waste, trying to eat without benefit of being able to sit up or freshen up.

I did not complain. My husband came every evening wheeling me out to a patio where they served my dinner. I tried to be as cheerful as possible. My husband at 83 years of age was in no position to care for me. I was not going to make him feel worse by letting him know how frustrated I felt. My sister came each day and was working tirelessly behind the scenes trying to get my insurances straightened out and hoping to get me transferred to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

One day, in desperation, I decided to take my life back. With my sister's help, I was wheeled to a telephone in the hallway. I called the Director of Social Services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and pleaded for help. A number of patients cheered me on as I told him I felt I had a lot of life left in me and wanted to get the opportunity to again be productive. It was not long before a Rancho doctor and an administrator visited me and determined that if I was willing to make the effort, they could help me.

On Oct. 1, 2003 I was transferred to Rancho. What a wonderful transformation. A team of experts took over. I learned to take care of myself, was taught to exercise, use a walker without aid, to bathe myself, to return to familiar surroundings, wash my clothes and do all the things I used to take for granted. In those 24 days in October I gained 18 pounds. By Oct. 24 I was back in my own home.

Today, though I walk with a cane, I am once again active and serving my community. As I sit here writing my story I wonder how many poor souls are being warehoused because it is considered the most expedient way to go. The doctors and the insurance companies must share the blame for these tragic consequences. Everyone has a right and a need to be helped and treated with dignity.

I thank my sister Betty, my husband Pat and Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center for helping me along that bridge to independence.

CHIEF

Limitations on Three Strikes Law

The second issue I would like to discuss is Proposition 66. It is a dangerous initiative that would gut the current "Three Strikes" law—flooding counties with dangerous felons and providing hardcore criminals with yet another "legal loophole" to get out of jail.

Don't be fooled into believing that Proposition 66 would protect children and keep petty criminals out of prison. It is simply not true. A wealthy businessman, whose adult son is in prison for killing two people and seriously injuring another, spent \$1.57 million to put Proposition 66 on the ballot. If it passes, his son will receive an early release.

According to the California District Attorneys Association, Proposition 66 would release an estimated 26,000 convicted felons from California prisons and return them to already cash-strapped counties for re-sentencing and likely release. These are not petty criminals and low-level drug offenders, but dangerous hardcore criminals—including sexual predators, child molesters and murderers.

If Proposition 66 passes, felons like Charles Rothenberg—who kidnapped his six year-old son, doused him with kerosene and lit him on fire—would be back on the streets in just over three years. This retroactive initiative would remove his most recent crimes, giving him and other dangerous career criminals a "get out of jail early" card.

Likewise, Kenneth Parnell, who kidnapped and sexually assaulted young Steven Staynor for seven years, and who recently was convicted of trying to buy a four year-old boy for \$500, would be out in a matter of weeks if Proposition 66 were to pass. Proposition 66 would remove six crimes from the serious felony "strike" list, including arson, residential burglary, attempted burglary, criminal threats, felony gang crimes and felonies in which great bodily injury is inflicted, such as drunk driving. Likewise, juvenile sex offenders will no longer receive a strike for seriously injuring an elderly or disabled person during an assault with intent to commit rape. Proponents who want to strip "Three Strikes" would have you believe that current law puts people away for 25 years to life for stealing a VCR or a set of golf clubs. In reality, the existing "Three Strikes" law puts dangerous career criminals like Rothenberg and Parnell away for life; people who cannot be rehabilitated.

Proposition 66 won't save tax money. It will cost taxpayers millions to return thousands of inmates to county jails for re-sentencing and release, and billions more to deal with the cost of higher crime and violence.

Every major public safety, taxpayer and child protection group in California strongly opposes Proposition 66 including:

- Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Atty. General Bill Lockyer
- California Police Chiefs Association
- California District Attorneys Association
- Prevent Child Abuse California

Don't give violent criminals another loophole to get out of prison. **Vote 'NO' on Proposition 66.**

I would like to thank *The Patriot* for the opportunity to share my opinion on these two important measures.



THE DOWNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—Which has been celebrating its 150 years in Downey all year long, concludes special celebration with open house Sunday, Oct. 17 from 2-5 p.m.

United Methodist celebrates Sunday

DOWNEY—The Downey United Methodist Church, which records indicate opened its doors in Downey in 1854 and thus would appear to be the oldest in the area, will celebrate the final event in their year-long celebration of its sesquicentennial year Sunday, Oct. 17 with an open house.

Among the church's special events and activities during the past year: publication of a book put together by local home economist and educator Harriett Paine, featuring current and historic recipes, as well as an illustrated church history done by the church's historian, Richard Daggett. (Among recipes gathered are 4 recipes provided by the First Lady, Laura Bush, and one by Richard Carpenter. Richard and Karen Carpenter attended the church as youths and young adults).

The open house will highlight many of the groups that use the church facility during the year, including Boy Scout Troop 2 (continuously since 1923), the Together for Hope Chapter of the City of Hope, TOPS, Young Olympians, AA, Art of Living Foundation, Paramount Bridge club, and the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 270.

Light refreshments will be served at the open house, scheduled from 2-5 p.m. For information, call the church office at 861-9777.

Council considers ballot measures

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council, at the urging of Councilman Keith McCarthy, considered various statewide initiatives which appear on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting.

The council moved on only three of the eight measures requested by McCarthy.

The measures considered included:

- *Support of Proposition 1A—Protection of Local Government Revenue.
- *Support of Proposition 60A—Surplus Property (Legislative Constitutional Amendment).
- *Support of Prop. 64—Limits on Private Enforcement of Unfair Business Competition Laws (Initiative Statute).
- *Opposition to Prop. 65—Local Government Funds, Revenues, State Mandates (Initiative Constitutional Amendment).
- *Opposition to Prop. 68—Non-tribal Commercial Gambling Expansion (Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute).
- *Support of Prop. 69—DNA Samples, collection, database, Funding (Initiative Statute).
- *Opposition to Prop. 70—Tribal Gaming Compacts, exclusive gambling rights (Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute).
- *Opposition to Prop. 72—Health Care coverage requirements (Referendum).

After lengthy consideration the Council voted to take an official stand for Prop. 1A; against prop. 65; and for Prop. 69.

Disney Grand California Hotel tour Nov. 4

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School offers a tour of the new California Disneyland Thursday, Nov. 4.

It features a guided tour of the highly-touted Grand California Hotel, a trip to the new Downtown Disney (with its shopping and dining amenities), and a visit to Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen, which purportedly boasts the finest Louisiana 3-course luncheon set in a two-story replica of traditional French Quarter architecture and ambiance.

For more information, call Harriett Paine, tour director, 940-6200.

First Christian Church blood drive Oct. 17

DOWNEY—On Sunday, Oct. 17, the American Red Cross will have their Bloodmobile at the Downey First Christian Church, 10909 S. New Street, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

You can make a reservation for the time that is most convenient for you by calling the church office at 862-3438. Walk-ins will be gladly welcomed but those with reservations will be given priority.

Antiques and collectibles in Long Beach

LONG BEACH—The Antique & Collectible Market held Sunday, Oct. 17 at Long Beach Veterans Stadium (Lakewood Blvd. and Conant St. in Long Beach) features over 20 acres of antiques and collectibles.

Information: (323) 655-5703.

The poets' corner

Halloween

Astride their brooms the witches ride
When it is Halloween
And as they sweep the sky they make
A most bewitching scene.

The late October skies are sad
The leaves are crisp and sere
The happy summer months are gone
The cheerless days are here.

Above, the filmy cobwebs float
Across the ghostly moon
The moon seems like a boat at rest
Upon a calm lagoon.

The owl that sits on yonder tree
Sounds forth a mournful cry
His whoo—whoos on the still night air
Resound into the sky.

Hobgoblins lurk behind the trees
Black cats and bats are seen
And by these many signs we know
That it is Halloween.
—Audrey J. Stafford
Downey

Council approves \$46,000 to fix hole

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council has authorized payment of \$46,000 for repair of a giant sinkhole that appeared at the intersection of Firestone and Lakewood Boulevard, endangering motorists and disrupting traffic. The action was as part of the consent agenda at Tuesday's regular meeting.

A staff report by Desi Alvarez, Director of Public Works, noted that the sinkhole, first noticed Wednesday, Sept. 8 at about 5 a.m., soon increased in size to 10 feet wide, 20 feet long and five feet deep.

Downey police quickly closed the intersection in all four directions. Traffic signals were set to flashing red to keep vehicles out of the repair area. One westbound lane of Firestone was restored between Lakewood and Brookshire at about 8:30 a.m.

Water line leak?

Field tests revealed that a leak on a 20-inch water line in the western-most lane of Lakewood was the cause. Large areas of pavement had been undermined. Water line valves were shut down to help isolate the leak's location.

A private engineering crew of Robert G. Castongia in the area was called in to help city crews with the emergency effort. Response was in less than 30 minutes, and included backhoes, dump trucks, shoring equipment and personnel.

Downey DeMolay searches for members

DOWNEY—Downey DeMolay is back and they're looking for new members.

The group is hosting a day at Golf 'N Stuff on Oct. 24 for young men between the ages of 12-21 and their parents to learn what the organization offers. The food and golfing is free.

According to their website, DeMolay is 'an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives.'

The group will meet at the Masonic Lodge at 2:30 p.m. before departing for golf. The night is expected to end at 6 p.m.

RSVP to Mike Yolton at 869-0974 or Spencer Yolton, 928-7976.

Italian Catholic luncheon Oct. 16

LOS ANGELES—The Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) Los Angeles District will be honoring The Most Reverend Edward J. Clark, Auxiliary Bishop of Our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region on Saturday, Oct. 16. Information call Theresa Sabatella Shaw at (626) 441-4064.

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His favorites include the music of James Taylor, Jim Croce, America, The Eagles, Don McClean and Elton John.

Syphax has opened for such well-known acts as Oingo Boingo, The Go Go's and Josie Cotton.

There is no cover but reservations are suggested as seating is limited.

The Nordic Fox is at Third Street and Paramount Boulevard in Downey. Call (562) 869-1414 for reservations and information.

Musical Theatre West announces new season

LONG BEACH – The popular Musical Theatre West has announced the line-up of shows scheduled for its 52nd season at the Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts.

Leading off the season will be the charming and intimate musical, "She Loves Me," with book by Joe Masteroff, music by Jerry Bock and lyrics by Sheldon Harnick. It will play Nov. 6 through 21.

"She Loves Me," will be followed by the epic musical, "Ragtime," with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, and book by Terrence McNally. Production dates are Feb. 19 through Mar. 6, 2005.

Third on the schedule is the Southern California premiere of an uproarious new comedy, "The Thing About Men," with book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro and music by Jimmy Roberts. It will take the stage Apr. 16 through May 1.

Closing out the season will be the all-time favorite musical, "Guys and Dolls," with music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, and book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows. Based on the characters made famous by Damon Runyon, production dates are July 9 through 21.

For information on season tickets, call 856-1999, extension 4.

'Heidi Chronicles' at L.B. Playhouse

LONG BEACH—Wendy Wasserstein's Pulitzer Prize-winning comic drama, "The Heidi Chronicles," plays Oct. 16-Nov. 17 at the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theatre, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach, across from Recreation Park. The play, comprised of a series of interrelated scenes, traces the coming of age of Heidi Holland, a successful art historian, as she tries to find her bearings in a rapidly changing world.

Phyllis B. Gitlin directs. Tickets are \$20-18, with special discounts available. For tickets/matinee performances/other information, call the box office at (562) 494-1014 (3:30-8 p.m.) Thursday thru Saturday, or visit www.lbph.com.

Woman's Club prepares annual boutique

DOWNEY – Downey Woman's Club is once again making plans for their annual Holiday Boutique, this year scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A variety of homemade items will be for sale, including wood crafts, dolls, aprons, jewelry, purses, candles, collectors plates, floral arrangements and more. Homemade breads and candies will also be available.

Vendor space is available with prices ranging from \$20-\$35. For more information contact Candace at 861-5708. The Woman's Club is located at 9813 Paramount Blvd.

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Greatest hits of Elvis coming to Downey

DOWNEY – "The Wonder of Elvis," a musical production honoring oldies' rock n' roll, will be on stage Saturday, Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd.

The concert is a benefit for the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$30 and available by calling the Chamber at 923-2191.

Headlining the event will be Mark Curran as Elvis Presley backed up by the 7-piece band which includes back-up vocalists, the Memphis Soul Singers. Curran has been performing area concerts for a number of years and is considered one of the top West Coast Elvis impersonators. He has appeared in Las Vegas, Hawaii, Japan and other locales and has been seen in numerous TV shows and commercials. His presentation will cover Presley's career from 1955 to 1977.

The group will play many of Elvis's greatest hits including "Love Me Tender," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Hound Dog," and "All Shook Up."

Opening act for this concert will be a tribute to the Everly Brothers featuring Tom Haney and Goldrush, a popular attraction that creates an actual Everly Brothers presentation. Included in their portion of the event will be such memorable numbers as "Bye, Bye Love," "Wake Up, Little Susie," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," and "Cathy's Clown."

Tickets for the fundraiser can also be picked up at the Chamber office, 11131 Brookshire Ave. Century 21 My Real Estate is co-sponsoring the show.

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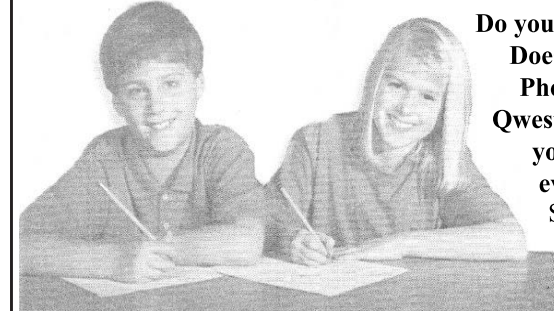
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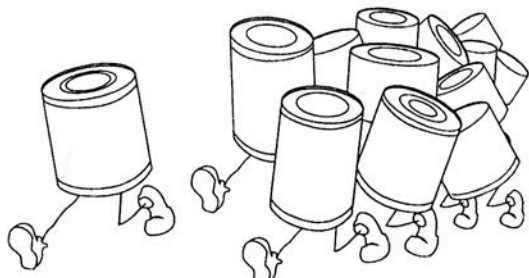
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Chamber Mixer at retirement center

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Mixer at the Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave., Thursday, Oct. 21 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. A \$3 admission includes door prizes and a hosted bar.

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Ground broken for Downey Landing

DOWNEY—Groundbreaking of the 34-acre Downey Landing, Downey's \$64 million retail center which will boast such shops as Best Buy, Staples, Old Navy and Marshall's, a food court and restaurants, and is an integral part of the redevelopment of the old 160-acre Boeing property bordered by Lakewood Blvd., Bellflower Blvd., Imperial Highway and Stewart and Gray Rd., took place last Tuesday marked by a sea of happy faces sported by city officials, architects, developers, community leaders and other well-wishers.

The retail center, which is due for completion December 2005 and is expected to create some 800 jobs, and generate sales and therefore tax revenues for a city facing a budget crunch, is located next to the Downey Studios, the 1 million square-ft. TV and movie production facility that has already been turning out big-ticket movie productions such as "Spider-Man" and the "Terminator" series. Also sitting next to it will be a new Kaiser Permanent facility, and a 13-acre park. The site will also feature the proposed Columbia Space Learning Center.

Doug Gray, president of Downey Landing LLC and was groundbreaking emcee, said, "This pile of rocks you see behind me represents the work before us."

Outgoing Community Development Director Darrell George, who is credited with playing a key role in cobbling the whole package deal together, involving trips to Washington, D.C. and Sacramento as well as private entities, and who takes up his new post as city manager of Duarte Monday, said the whole project is truly monumental and said he was thrilled to see the way the project has evolved. He said he looks forward to the day when the whole project becomes reality.

The retail center will purportedly have an "old look" to it, reminiscent of the '30s and '40s.

Downey student wins scholarship award

DOWNEY—Fouzia Begum, who moved to Downey recently from Fiji to complete her associate's degree at Cerritos College, has won a \$1,000 Habib American Bank award from the Cerritos College Foundation board. Begum plans to attend UCLA to further her studies in business accounting.

The business scholarship was established by Habib American Bank to recognize outstanding business students. Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) or better, must be a full-time student and a declared business major.

Newcomers headed to Santa Anita Park

DOWNEY – The Downey Newcomers Club invites all members and their friends to a "Day at the Races" at Santa Anita Park on Wednesday, Oct. 20. Tickets are \$30, which includes clubhouse admission, valet parking, program and lunch.

Interested people should call Vickie Augimeri at 862-7562.



THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERISTY WOMEN (ABWA)—Presented \$1,000 scholarships to, from left, Debra Shipek, Sara Chavez, Esther Kim and Abir Nabulsi at ABWA's first meeting of the year. These graduates of Cerritos College have all graduated from Cerritos College and are attending a 4-year university to continue their education. Each of them spoke at the luncheon meeting, and their speeches were reportedly inspiring to members.

LETTERS

Fifth, the litigation has nothing to do with access to the Hospital for CareMore doctors. CareMore's doctors are welcomed at the Hospital. We are pleased that many CareMore doctors maintain privileges at Downey Regional and admit patients. I believe the litigation only concerns CareMore business executives' desire to impose a very detrimental contract on the Hospital with terms that no hospital should or could do business under. The Hospital is right in seeking to do business under only fair contracts.

Sixth, in the other lawsuits involving CareMore, the Hospital has achieved rulings in the Hospital's favor, including the court's judgment that directed CareMore's "scorched earth" litigation strategy. The parties did not have to litigate pre-judgment interest in that case because CareMore conceded more than \$600,000 interest that was owed the Hospital under the court's ruling. CareMore's litigation tactics will not prevent the Hospital from protecting itself. While we think very highly of CareMore's fine physicians, we will not permit CareMore to bully DRMC into an unfavorable business relationship through overreaching litigation.

—Mario A. Guerra, Deacon and member, DRMC Board of Directors

Art show and craft fair at church

DOWNEY – Downey Seventh-day Adventist Church, with American International Culture and Art Association, presents an art show and craft fair Oct. 17. Call 869-6013 for information.

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Downey-Warren game rescheduled

DOWNEY—The inauguration of the new Downey High School football stadium will have to wait at least a little while longer. Construction delays have forced officials to move the Downey-Warren football game originally scheduled for Oct. 22 at Downey to Saturday, Oct. 23 at Gahr High School in Cerritos. Game time is still 7 p.m. Additionally, the Nov. 12 contest between Downey and Dominguez will be played at St. John Bosco High School. Date and time remain the same.

CRACKDOWN

The Council instructed the City Attorney to prepare the necessary papers with the revised language to be brought back to the Council for final action. The vote was 5-0. In other action the City Council:

- *Adopted a resolution amending the City's Conflict of Interest Code which incorporates by reference the Fair Political Practices Commission's Standard Code.
- *Established new salary ranges for Assistant Planner, Associate Planner, Senior Planner and Principal Planner.
- *Granted salary increases to specified city employees: executive management, middle management and confidential exempt employees.

Landfill

- *Adopted a resolution supporting a conditional use permit for Sunshine Canyon Landfill to expand operations.
- *Approved a final subdivision map and agreement with subdivider and accepted a cash deposit as surety for property at 7930 and 7936 Stewart and Gray Road. The vote was 4-1 with Anne Bayer dissenting over what she termed increasing density.
- *Approved a contract with Art Rangel for Interim Department Head Community Development services. He will put in about 20 hours a week until a full-time replacement is found for Darrell George.
- *Authorized payment of \$46,000 for emergency services to repair a sinkhole at the intersection of Lakewood and Firestone.
- *Authorized grant application under Mobile Resource Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee's local government match program for Florence Avenue Traffic Signal improvements.
- *Approved an agreement with Castaneda & Associates for Community Development Block Grant Five Year Consolidated Plan and Fair Housing Analysis of Impediments for \$22,450.
- *Approved a cash contract for \$3,337,790 for Phase 1B work on the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement Project.
- *Adopted a resolution and approved the advertising for bids for pavement rehabilitation at Paramount Boulevard and Gallatin Road, along with a supplement to the City/State Master Agreement.

Downey Avenue sidewalks

- *Approved the advertising for bids on a cash contract for Downey Avenue Sidewalk System project work.
- *Approved a cash contract for Firestone Boulevard Traffic Safety improvements, including a program supplement to the City/State Master Agreement.
- *Considered and then granted a request from the YMCA for use of property owned by the City at 9066 Firestone Boulevard for Christmas tree sales.

ASPIRE honored

- *Presented a proclamation on the Lights On After School program and honored a group of children from the ASPIRE after school program; proclaimed National Health Education Week Oct. 17-24; and proclaimed Oct. 23 Make a Difference day honoring volunteers.
- *At the urgings of Mayor Pro Tempore Keith McCarthy discussed statewide initiatives on the November ballot. They agreed to support Prop. 1A, oppose Prop. 65, and support Prop. 69.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.



TENNIS AT INDEPENDENCE — Shown are a few of the players, including President Michael Murray, front-center, who participated in Downey Tennis Club's October Social. The group gets together for tennis the second Saturday of every month at Independence Park.

DTC serving up new tennis season

DOWNEY — Tennis Socials are just one of the many activities scheduled for the 2004-05 Downey Tennis Club (DTC) season, which meets the second Saturday of every month at Independence Park. InterClub Team Tennis (the first Saturday of every month) got under way last month; participating clubs currently include tennis clubs from Cerritos, Cypress, La Mirada, La Habra, North Orange County/Fullerton and Tennis Friends of Orange County. A mixed doubles tournament is scheduled for Oct. 30 and will serve as the first tournament of the tennis year.

Men's and women's doubles are scheduled for December and February, respectively.

Club activities—other than tennis—are also regularly held. The group will hold a holiday party at the recently opened Rio Hondo Country Club on Dec. 10.

The non-profit group welcomes new members of all levels of play, including junior players. For more information call 927-4820 or visit www.downeytennisclub.com.

New Downey volleyball club for girls

DOWNEY — Downey Volleyball Club, a new girls volleyball organization serving the Southeast area, is now holding tryouts in the Downey High School gym.

All girls ages 10-18 are invited to tryout, even beginners. For more information call Bob Crowell at 927-6144 or visit www.downeyvolleyball.com.

Varsity Football Schedule

Warren High School (3-2)

Coach Joe Biagioni				
September	9	@ Long Beach Millikan	34-27	WIN
	17	@ Tustin	51-0	LOSS
	24	@ Beverly Hills	25-18	WIN
October	1	@ Los Altos	31-13	LOSS
	8	@ Bell	23-18	WIN
	15	Lakewood	7:00 p.m.	
	23	@ Downey (Gahr)	7:00 p.m.	
	29	Dominguez	7:00 p.m.	
November	5	@ Lynwood	7:00 p.m.	
	11	@ Paramount	7:00 p.m.	

Downey High School (2-2-1)

Coach Grant Warhurst				
September	10	La Habra	25-4	LOSS
	17	Schurr	20-13	LOSS
	24	@ Long Beach Millikan	14-7	WIN
October	1	@ Cypress	14-6	WIN
	8	@ Santa Fe	10-10	TIE
	15	@ Lynwood	7:00 p.m.	
	23	Warren (Gahr)	7:00 p.m.	
	29	@ Long Beach Wilson	7:00 p.m.	
November	5	@ Paramount	7:00 p.m.	
	12	Dominguez (St. John Bosco)	7:00 p.m.	

San Gabriel Valley League Standings

School	Wins	Losses	Ties	Pct.
Dominguez	4	1	0	.800
Warren	3	2	0	.600
Paramount	3	2	0	.600
Downey	2	2	1	.500
Lynwood	1	4	0	.200

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Eddie De Leon (Warren) 226	Marvin Johnson (Dominguez) 333

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Marlon Jennings (Downey) 439	Adam Meza (Downey) 38
Marvin Johnson (Dominguez) 366	Gavril Gabriel (Downey) 26

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—Stacey Bonasoro, daughter of Jim and Nancy Bonasoro who are formerly from Downey and Norwalk, has gotten engaged to Jimmy Johnson, son of Dennis and Julie Johnson of Whittier. The engagement took place Sept. 17 on the beach in Waikiki. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Sharon Doderio of Mesquite, Nev. and Pete and Priscilla Bonasoro of Downey. A Sept. 2005 wedding is planned.

Friends of Library needs volunteers

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library needs volunteers to work in their shop located inside the library. The shop is open during library hours.

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Mando L. Sevillano; taught at DUSD

DOWNEY—A Memorial Service was held Oct. 6 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Norwalk for Mando L. Sevillano, who was born in Kaiser, Arkansas Dec. 26, 1939 and died in Bellflower Oct. 2. He was 64.

He was the son of a sharecropper farmer, received his B.A. degree from Long Beach State Teaching College in 1964 and his masters in music in 1968. He began a 40-year teaching career in the Whittier Union High School District, and had teaching stints in the Downey Unified School District where he was named "Teacher of the Year" in 1991, as well as Biola College, Phoenix University, Tuba City Indian Reservation, and Trinity Christian School.

A 35-year resident of Santa Fe Springs, he was a published author of several books on Hopi Native Americans Folklore and Christianity.

Sevillano is survived by sons Paul and Steve; sisters Judy and Shirley; brother-in-law Jolly; daughters-in-law Karen and Leslie; grandchildren Lauren, Michael, Rachel, Nicole, Ruben and Steven; and granddaughter Jewel. Predeceasing him was his sister Jean.

Funeral mass held for Mary Marcella Maginn

DOWNEY—A funeral mass was held Oct. 7 at St. Peters Catholic Church in Fallbrook for Mary Marcella Maginn, who was formerly a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey and an elementary school teacher for 25 years in the Downey Unified School District. She retired in 1970.

Officiating at the mass were the Reverends Edward "Bud" Kaicher and Bernard Rapp.

She was born Oct. 8, 1911 in St. Paul, Minnesota and died Oct. 3 in Fallbrook, her residence the past 9 years.

She was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Community in Fallbrook; and a member of Immaculate Heart college Alumnae Assn., Hollywood, and Ladies of Charity, Los Angeles.

She had no surviving family but had many close friends.

Interment was on Oct. 7 at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City, with Rev. Thomas McCormick, S.J. officiating.

Memorial donations were directed to the St. Peter's Catholic Church Building Fund, 450 S. Stage Coach Ln., Fallbrook, CA 92028. Arrangements were handled by Berry-Bell & Hall Fallbrook Mortuary.

Halloween program at library Oct. 28

DOWNEY—A "frightfully funny" Halloween treat, called "Halloween Giggles and Screams," is offered by the Downey City Library Thursday, Oct. 28 from 7-7:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room. The free program will afford children ages 3-12 and their parents a fun-filled way to spend time leading up to the spooky holiday season. Active audience participation will be encouraged.

For information, call 904-7360, Ext. 27. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.



DOWNEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER—Transported its first patient through its new DRMC Ambulance Service on Oct. 4, a first in L.A. county. Above, one of the hospital's 3 ambulances which carry basic life support equipment. DRMC's ambulance services will initially be limited to internal-referral transports only – the transport of DRMC inpatients to home or to other medical facilities – but will eventually expand over time. DRMC is a 199-bed, nonprofit, independent, acute-care hospital located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. near Firestone Blvd. in Downey.

Downey news every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

DOWNEY – "Downey Outlook and Community Concerns" may be seen Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. on Channel 36 via AT&T Broadband.

COMMENT

committee.

Richard Pridham, speaking from the audience, told the gathering he is just returned from a vacation in Europe, and our system is still the best. He then pointed out that attention to detail could make things even better, such as vacant tree wells he noticed at Brookshire and Firestone.

Another speaker from the audience played what he described as crowded aisles blocked by merchandise displays at the 99-Cent Store.

Boggs' help

And former councilwoman Diane Boggs helped the Council work out its inability to come to grips with McCarthy's request for approval of a suggested public position on eight ballot items on the November ballot. The Council finally took a position on just three.

And the Council expressed sadness in bidding farewell to Economic Development Director Darrell George, who has accepted the job as City Manager in Duarte.

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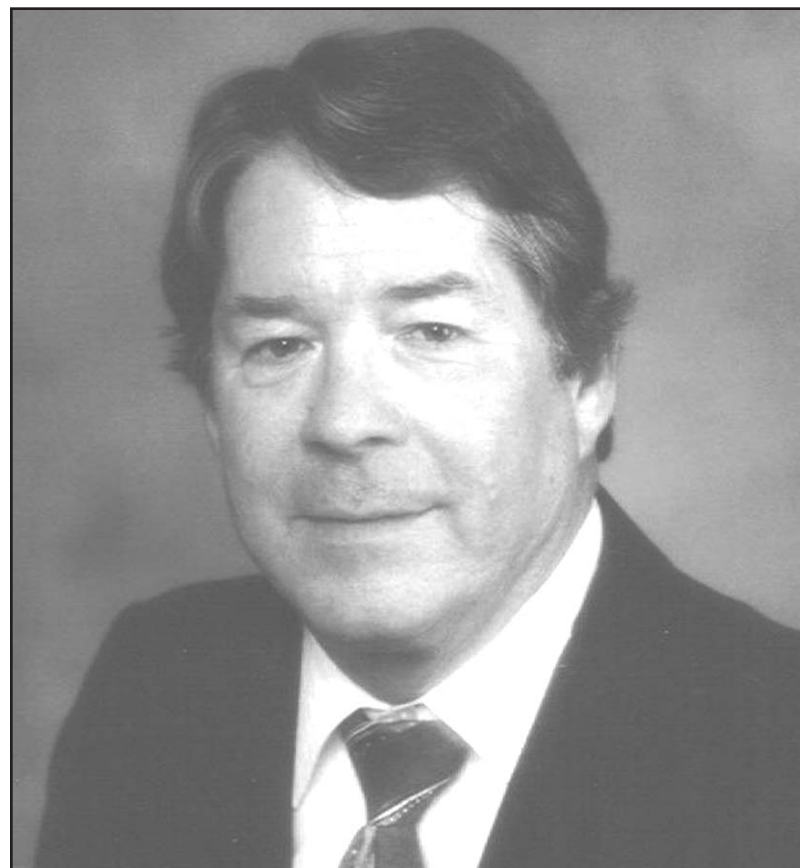
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AILEEN HAUER – Of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, was recently designated as a Senior Real Estate Specialist, recognizing her more than 25 years of real estate experience. Now a senior herself, Hauer says she has a special interest in the needs of the senior community. To reach her, call 861-7257.



FRED HERNDON—Of Downey has recently joined Century 21 My Real Estate Company. He formerly worked for Quotron for 22 years. In 1996 he joined Reuters America LLC as a Project Manager until 2004 and is now looking forward to a new direction working with Century 21 My Real Estate in his home community of Downey. "Fred is going to be an excellent agent. He brings fresh ideas and a wealth of business skills to the table," stated Steve Roberson. Herndon can be reached at 927-2626.

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Target donates \$2K to TLC

DOWNEY—For the third year in a row, Target of Norwalk was instrumental in helping Rose Boland, DUSD Special Programs Nurse, and Luz Perez, TLC (True Lasting Connections) Coordinator, receive a \$2000 grant award from Target Stores recently.

The funding will be used to improve and expand the many programs at the Downey Unified School District-run TLC Family Resource Center, such as health care services, family advocacy, parent education programs, counseling services, State Health Insurance program enrollment for low-income families, and after-school tutoring programs for children needing extra help.

The Norwalk Store's Community Relations Staff, located on Firestone Blvd. near the 605 Freeway, recommended the TLC Center for the grant. Meanwhile, TLC invites all those in the community who wish to support its services and programs to join them for lunch Friday, Oct. 29 at Southern California Gas Company SDGE Center, 9240 Firestone Blvd. in Downey. The \$25 fundraiser luncheon is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

For information/to reserve space, call TLC at 904-3577 or Rose Boland at 469-6890.

SCRS adds new person to staff

DOWNEY – Judy Logan, former Director of Development at the YMCA of Glendale, joined Southern California Rehabilitation Services (SCRS) as their new Development Coordinator, where she will be responsible for writing private foundation grants and developing other fundraising plans.

"Judy's enthusiasm is contagious and we look forward to working with her in order to grow as an agency," Tim Whittier of SCRS said.

Logan may be reached by calling 862-6531, ext. 15.

SCRS hosting cell phone drive

DOWNEY – Donate old and inactive cell phones to Southern California Rehabilitation Services and help raise money to improve the quality of life of disabled people in Southeast Los Angeles County.

Phones may be turned in to 7830 Quill Drive, Suite D, in Downey. SCRS can also help individual businesses launch their own phone drives. For more information, call Judy Logan, Development Coordinator, at 862-6531, ext. 15.



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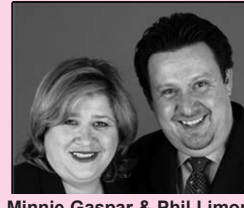
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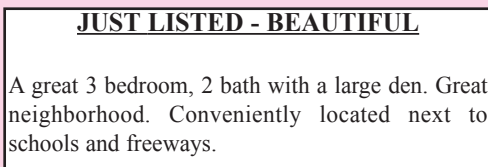
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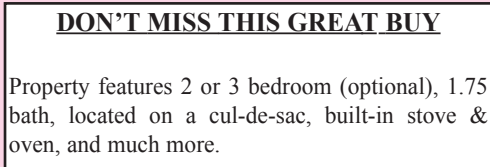
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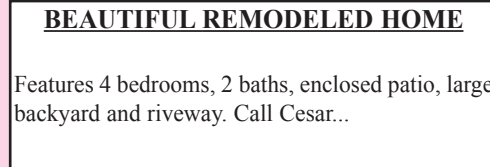


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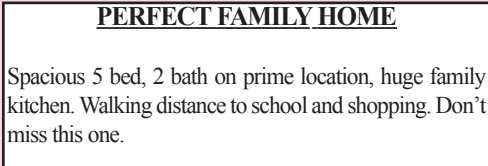
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 Cape Cod style complex w/pool & spa. Two bed condo has new laminated wood floors, new paint, & ceramic tile in kitchen & baths. Living room has fireplace & balcony. Large den/office area has nice patio! Great starter property! Only \$329,000.
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PRIME DOWNEY LOCATION!
 Great home for entertaining, featuring sparkling pool with serene back yard and gazebo. Dual pane windows, fireplace in living room, inside laundry room. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 1458 sq. ft. of living space. "Meet the Facklers!"
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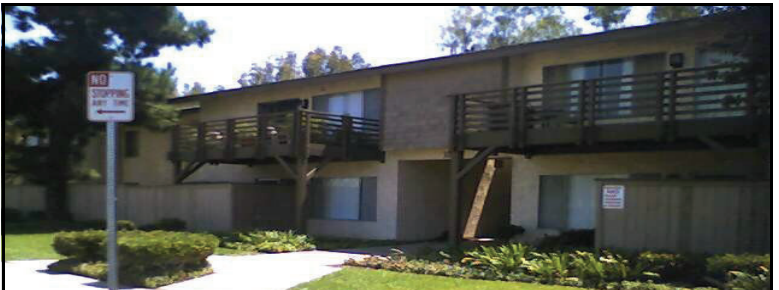
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HOME SWEET HOME
 3 bedroom, 2 bath North Downey home with new wood flooring, new carpet, remodeled bathroom, spacious living room & dining room, kitchen with bar area overlooking large family room and two private offices. Also, features central air/heat, large laundry room, a large lot and a 2-car garage. Priced to sell at \$575,000
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CHEAP! CHEAP!
 1 bedroom condo with spacious living room, dining room, & clean kitchen. Community also has pools & parking for residents. Price: \$225,000.
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NICE & CLEAN!
 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with 2 fireplaces (living room & bedroom), covered patio & well-manicured yard. Owner has kept the home in very good condition. Price: \$382,500.
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LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION!
 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in North Downey (just south of Florence). Home features living room, family room, formal dining room, 1,924 sq. ft., and 2 car detached garage, all on a 7,626 sq. ft. lot. Price: \$599,000.
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SPLISH, SPLASH!
 5 bedroom home near Furman Park with large yard that features gated pool & separate grass area. Includes large master bedroom with remodeled bath, formal dining room, living room & den with fireplace & family room. Home has hardwood floors & owners recently installed central air & heat. Price: \$699,000.
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