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A RELIEF AND RECOVERY FUNDRAISER—For Hurricane Katrina victims will be held Sunday at the residence of the Davis family (above) of Downey, in partnership with the UC-Irvine alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. All proceeds go directly to the American Red Cross.

Expert hired over ‘mansionization’

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey City Council has authorized the Mayor to execute an agreement with Downtown Solutions for consultant services to provide a residential code amendment regarding large two-story single family dwellings and authorized the expenditure of \$38,000 in Community Block Grant money for the consulting services.

The action at Tuesday’s regular meeting was by a 4-1 vote with Councilman Meredith Perkins opposed. (He, like many speakers from the audience, asked why the expenditure of \$38,000 was necessary when the City has a skilled staff.)

Overworked staff

The majority of the Council agreed with Councilman Kirk Cartozian who maintained staff is already stretched thin by other projects. About 30 speakers were heard from the packed audience before the issue came to a vote.

A staff report noted that the Council directed staff at its July 12 meeting to revisit the issue of revising the Municipal Code regarding two-story single-family homes in the R-1 zones. A subcommittee consisting of councilmembers Kirk Cartozian and David Gafin was also formed.

After a series of meetings between the staff and Subcommittee it was determined advisable to hire a consultant with experience regarding this type of code amendment.

Mark Brodeur

Mark Brodeur of Downtown Solutions has worked with communities and is well versed in this subject. He included in his proposal two

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North American days at the Downey plant

By John Adams
(Fourth of a series)

Previously in this series we touched on the origins of aerospace at Downey with the purchase of a 73 acre tract of land here by E. M. Smith to be converted to an aircraft plant and small airstrip completed in 1929.

But the Depression stifled sales and a series of manufacturers were less than successful until Jerry Vultee moved his Aviation Manufacturing Corporation here from Glendale in 1936. Vultee’s engineering genius was tragically snuffed out in 1938 when he and his wife died in an air crash. But he was succeeded as president and general manager in 1940 by Richard Palmer, a genius in his own right, and the plant was named for Vultee.

Retooling

Sales had picked up and suddenly constant retooling was needed to meet demand. Vultee bought 34 percent of Consolidated Aircraft in San Diego. Vultee’s ability to retool and increase production made it the envy of the industry during World War II.

The Vultee Division of Convair was awarded a Navy contract for the LARK surface-to-air missile in 1945. A contract to study long-range missile systems followed, and although it was cancelled in 1946 due to economic cuts, much of the research paid off later in 1950 as part of the Atlas Project.

North American

In 1947 North American which had many contracts to fill, leased a portion of the Vultee plant here to produce its AJ-1 Navy bomber and T-28 trainer.

In 1951 North American named the Downey facility the Missile Airframe and Control Equipment (MACE), and in 1953 swapped the site with the Air Force in exchange for Air Force Plant (AFP) 27 in Los Angeles. The Downey plant became known as AFP 16, and remained so until 1964. It was primarily used by North American to develop a new missile concept—the Navaho.

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Scandinavian food, and much more...

By Judy Brunkala

DOWNEY—Have a taste for Swedish meatballs? Want to try Norwegian meatballs? Or maybe you’d like buttermilk pancakes, fish and chips, or chorizo and eggs.

Each of these dishes can be found at one place in Downey: The Nordic Fox, located at 10924 Paramount Blvd. In fact, according to Nordic Fox Manager Joe Becker, it’s the only Scandinavian restaurant in Southern California.

This family-style restaurant, which has stood at the corner of Paramount and Third Street since 1968, has the appearance and atmosphere of a cabin you’d find in the mountains rather than a coffee shop that would be located on a main thoroughfare in a suburb of Los Angeles.

Music on Sundays

Live music is featured on Sunday nights, and the restaurant’s gift shop is stocked with authentic Scandinavian items such as jewelry, cookbooks,

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‘Fill the boot’ raises \$44K for ravaged area

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—In the words of Downey Fire Chief Mark Sauter, the community’s response to last Saturday’s Fire Department-sponsored ‘fill the boot’ fundraising event held at Stonewood Mall for Hurricane Katrina’s victims was “simply overwhelming.”

The fundraiser, manned by firefighters and their families, fire explorers and fire auxiliaries who positioned themselves at the mall’s five entrance driveways, elicited such nonstop outpouring of generosity from shoppers and the public that the fire crew volunteers, told that the event was supposed to be over by 3 p.m., radioed back, “We’re having trouble stopping....The shoppers won’t stop ‘filling the boot.’” The activities finally ceased at half past 3.

Over \$6,000 was collected in the first hour alone. The first person to make an official donation at precisely 10 a.m. wrote a personal check for \$500. Even before that, a man had driven up and asked if it was okay to donate a \$100 bill.

The rate of donations never slowed, keeping the volunteers busy. Children, teenagers, young adults, and seniors all slowed their cars and ‘filled the boot.’ Many stopped mid-street to write a check spontaneously. Huge numbers of shoppers handed over handfuls of cash. Many children appeared to be contributing their allowances and still others emptied their change into the firefighters’ boots. A few drivers originally seen complaining because of the slight traffic delay, were later spotted slowing down and voluntarily plunking down their donations. The countenance of choice was friendly, and smiles permeated the surroundings. The spirit of giving was nothing short of contagious.

Total take was in excess of \$44,000. The amount, which has been turned over to the Red Cross, included over 150 pounds of coins, worth \$1,470.

Aside from the community’s compassionate display, teamwork suffused the scene. Snacks were provided by Third Street Coffee, lunch by Fidal at Marisa’s Mexican Restaurant. The Downey Federal Credit Union volunteered their services and assisted counting the coins. A number of the Miss Downey and Miss Teen Downey princesses showed up and pitched in to help as well.

Fundraising for the disaster relief effort was not confined to

Stonewood Mall. The City Clerk’s Office coordinated the internal contributions over at City Hall. Letters of solicitation were distributed beforehand and Red Cross cans were placed strategically throughout the city.

In the meantime, the six Downey firefighters assigned to the Biloxi, Mississippi area continue their relief work for the residents of the stricken area. Arriving in the Biloxi area on Sept. 5, the three teams of firefighters have been working for FEMA ever since. Their relief work has required them to cover the three hardest-hit Mississippi Gulf Coast counties.

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FILL THE BOOT—A Downey firefighter holds a banner asking drivers to “fill the boot” at a fundraising rally at Stonewood Center in Downey, Saturday, Sept. 10.

Katrina fundraiser at Davis household

DOWNEY—The UC-Irvine alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, in partnership with the Davis family of Downey, is hosting a fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 18 from 5-8:30 p.m., in honor of the victims and to bring continued donations and attention to the recovery effort in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

There is a suggested donation of \$15 to attend the event. All proceeds will go directly to the Red Cross.

Guests at the private residence of Phil and Judy Davis will be treated to live entertainment provided by a few of Orange County’s most talented entertainers. They will also enjoy hors d’oeuvres, desserts, assorted beverages, a silent auction, and a raffle. Emcee Joslyn Davis caps off the evening by discussing the significance of Kappa Alpha Theta fundraisers and where the contributions will make the most impact.

A representative from the Red Cross will be on hand to accept the donations.

To confirm your attendance/contribution to the relief fund, call (949) 981-5080 or (562) 861-6710, or email michelle.jeffries@gmail.com.

Incentive plan to attract police here

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council has approved the use of incentives to attract police officers to bring the number of Downey Police up to mandated levels.

The action at Tuesday’s regular Council meeting includes allowing lateral transfers to carry over accumulated sick-leave from their old jobs, up to 360 hours.

The officers could also carry over such perks as vacation time of up to 80 hours. And once hired, actual rate of vacation time will be based on their years of police tenure.

Recruiting

In addition, policy will now credit Downey officers 40 hours of time off for recruiting a lateral transfer who successfully completes the hiring process. The staff report notes that, compared to other high-dollar perks used by other agencies, this is a reasonable expense, when competing for

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BRENT SHUBIN (Second from right)—Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD) president and East Middle School principal, presents a \$25,000 check to, left to right, Downey City Councilmember **Dave Gafin**, Downey Chief of Police **John Finch** and **DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty**, to support School Safety officers in the high schools. This program is in its seventh year and is considered a national model.

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Nurses invited to RN open house at DRMC

DOWNEY—Nurses are invited to Downey Regional Medical Center's RN Open House on Friday, Sept. 30 from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., to check out opportunities in Critical Care, Emergency, Main Operation Room, Medical-Surgical, Oncology and Labor and Delivery units.

"At DRMC, stimulating nursing careers begin with strong support for nurses who join our hospital," says Chief Nursing Officer Heather Conwell. "Through our recently expanded Nursing Education department we have a New Nurse Luncheon Series to help nurses adapt to their new rules, a new Graduate Training: Program and Critical Care Nurse Training program. Leadership, team building and communication classes are provided to support a professional work environment, which will foster nursing autonomy, growth and participation. These educational programs are the building blocks to our nursing excellence and improved patient outcomes."

She adds: "Our RN Open House showcases some excellent career opportunities, including substantial sign-on bonuses. There will be refreshments, door prizes, and nursing managers providing unit tours and answering questions."

To RSVP for this Sept. 30 event or for more information about nursing opportunities, call (562) 904-5033.

Rose Float dinner cruise in Long Beach

DOWNEY—The annual Hawaiian Sunset Dinner Cruise on the Long Beach Harbor sponsored by the Downey Rose Float Association takes place Sunday, Sept. 25 from 4-8 p.m.

Tickets pre-sold for \$35 per person include dinner, music, dancing and raffles. They can be bought from any Rose Float member or by calling (562) 824-7172.

Bocce every Tuesday at Apollo Park

DOWNEY - Downey Bocce Club meets at Apollo Park for games on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Join the group by calling (714) 761-4439.



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COMING SOON - The San Antonio Guild will host a "Night at the Races" fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 24 at Los Alamitos Race Track. From left to right: **Stacy Brabant**, **Christie Cabrajac**, **Dorothy Olsen**, **Katie Hare**, **Vickie Davis** and **Debbie Bell** at June's fashion show luncheon. For tickets, call 400-0799.

Jazz expert is OASIS guest Sept. 19

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School's OASIS class will "jazz it up" Monday, Sept. 19 from 3-6 p.m. as Dr. Thom Mason, professor of jazz studies at USC Thornton School of Music, makes a multi-media presentation on "Jazz—from A to Z" that includes recordings, rare photos, film clips, anecdotal stories and, of course, live jazz demonstrations.

The class opens for enrollment at 3 p.m., with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment; at which time dinner tickets will be available for purchase for \$3.50. There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration.

The program starts at 4 p.m., followed by a full course dinner at 5 p.m.

Downey Dial-a-Ride will provide transportation to attend this class. For information, call 940-6200.

PTA Candidates' Program Oct. 3

DOWNEY—Downey Council PTA will host its annual Back to School & Candidates' Forum Program Monday, Oct. 3 at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, where all will be welcome to submit written questions to be read to the candidates.

The event's formal title is "Meet the School Board Candidates." An optional buffet breakfast for \$20 will be available. For information, call Annie Casey, 633-5275.

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A boat, a moose, and some coconuts...

ALASKA - Our group of merry Moosers recently returned from Alaska. Visiting Denali National Park for four nights, we traveled from Anchorage to Denali by train, totaling a journey of about 8 hours of some of the best scenery anywhere. The train reminded me of one of the elegant rides in Europe, a little like the Orient Express with a clean and well organized dining room. My rendition of "Lovely Bunch of Coconuts", filmed by Edy, was enjoyed by only one person...me - **and killed off half the Moose population!**

The Tundra tour was an all day adventure - lots of trees, fireweed flowers, bears, caribou and one Moose. Arriving in Denali at 4 p.m. gave four of us time to river raft. Dressed like frogmen, we screamed down the Kenanai River. Cold, but fabulous! Cruising south-bound from Seward for seven nights on the Vision of the Seas finished out our Alaska stay.

My plan is to do one or two trips each year in small groups geared for friends and family. In 2006, we'll visit Krueger National Park and Capetown in South Africa and Giraffe Manor in Kenya. New Zealand will soon follow and possibly Antarctica. More on those and other unusual trips later in the Downey Patriot. -Shirley J.

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THE SANCTUARY REFURBISHING COMMITTEE (far right) – Watches a demonstration of the refinishing of the parquet floor at Messiah Lutheran Church. From left to right are committee members Bill Salvage, John Thompson, Jerry Higginbotham and Jean Forsse.

Remodeling underway at Messiah Lutheran

DOWNEY – Messiah Lutheran Church is remodeling its sanctuary. The congregation, which celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2003, is making improvements to brighten its worship area, modernize its décor, and to make it more accessible to people of all ages and comfortable for people with handicaps. The refurbishing includes new skylights, pews and chancel furniture, a lighting system, raised platform for the Praise Band, and fresh paint for the walls and ceiling. The completion date for the remodeling is Sept. 25.

The congregation worshipped in its Parish Hall during the summer. “The refurbishing caused some inconvenience to our members and guests, and we would like to thank them for their patience,” said the Reverend Norman Stoppenhagen. “However, our worshippers experienced a special closeness while we waited for the work to be finished. We hope that the citizens of Downey will stop by the church to see the changes we have made.”

The church, which was last remodeled in 1973, is located at 10711 Paramount Blvd.

Downey High 30-year reunion Oct. 8

DOWNEY—The Downey High School class of 1975 is looking for past classmates for its 30-year reunion, to be held Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Westin South Coast Plaza.

For more information, call Great Reunions at (714) 901-1035; Julie Taslitt Gross at 927-8061 or visit www.downeyhigh1975.com.

Delvers Gem/Mineral show Sept. 24-25

DOWNEY—The Delvers Gem and Mineral Society, founded more than 50 years ago at Downey High School, will present their annual show at the Downey Woman’s Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd. Saturday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 25 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Programs will feature member displays, dealers’ booths and a boutique. Admission is free.

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Community invited to Stroke Awareness Day

DOWNEY—Community members are invited to a “Stroke & Diabetes” seminar Saturday, Sept. 17 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. (near Firestone Blvd.).

The seminar will feature board-certified endocrinologist Dr. David Berger who will speak on “Signs & Symptoms,” and Diabetes Educator Elsa Saucedo, R.N., who will present “Are You at Risk with Diabetes?” Questions are encouraged.

The event is free and includes a continental breakfast. However, seating is limited and registration is required.

The Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation is partnering with DRMC’s Memorial Trust Foundation to empower the community with knowledge of stroke.

For more information about future Stroke Awareness Days, call (562) 904-5162.

Mariachi guitar expert at city library

DOWNEY—A special program at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 7-8 in the Cormack Room will be presented for music lovers, featuring Mariachi expert Michael Archuleta, who will discuss his book, *Mariachi Method for Guitar*, and give tips for the beginning guitar student.

Archuleta’s book is especially designed to teach the beginning player the fundamentals of Mariachi guitar. It contains lessons that introduce the primary chords, followed by easy exercises, new rhythm patterns and songs to put your new Mariachi knowledge to use.

All ages are welcome at the free workshop but reservations are recommended. For information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

North American

The company also did research on atomic energy under a small contract from the AEC, with a low powered-reactor operating in building 108 in 1952.

North American also pioneered chemical milling at Downey, a process conducted in Building 1 with parts testing in Building 41.

Divisions


North American also established three new operating divisions based on this research—the Rocketdyne Division in Canoga Park (along with the nuclear project which was moved there and named the Atomics International Division), and Downey which was named the Missile Division.

By 1954 this flurry of activity had impacted Downey greatly. The corner of Lakewood and Firestone Boulevards handled 70,000 cars per day.

But the Navaho experienced a series of test setbacks and in 1957 the government terminated the program. Of 11,000 employed at the Downey facility, 4,000 were laid off. But within three months North American won a major new contract for the Hound Dog air-to-ground Missile.

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FINANCIAL PARTNERS CREDIT UNION—Donated \$8,000 to sponsor the eight live performances of various artists for the Downey Summer Concerts in the Park. Lori Reeves, SVP of marketing and public relations for FPCU, is seen presenting check to Downey Councilmember Rick Trejo, left, and Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Perkins. Said Reeves: “It’s a privilege to sponsor a great community event like Concerts in the Park.”

Local art groups meet at Progress Park

DOWNEY—The Downey Art League (DAL) and host Traditional Artist’s Guild of Paramount TAG) are holding their joint meeting Sunday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. at Progress Park, 15530 Downey Ave. in Paramount.

Guest artist is landscape/seascape specialist Juan (Magoo) C. Valencia, who will demonstrate his prowess in various artistic media.

Meanwhile, Downey Art League presents its Open Art Show Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 15-16 at Downey Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 9820 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. Canvas size limit is 30 x 40. Entry fee is \$8 per entry (enter three, get fourth one free).

All paintings must be framed and wired for hanging and awards/prizes will be given.

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The business is owned by Becker's aunt, Jane Hendricks. Both he and Hendricks are Downey residents, and both are of Swedish descent.

"When we bought the restaurant, it was called 'Foxy's'", Becker said, "So one of the problems we had when we took over the restaurant was we had the heritage of Foxy's—we kind of wanted to keep that, but we also wanted to say we were new. So that's when we came up with the name 'Nordic Fox.'"

The addition of Scandinavian foods to the menu soon followed. September 22, 2005, will mark the fourth year Hendricks has owned the business.

Becker wasn't sure exactly how they will celebrate.

"I don't know. We thought we'd have almost like a grand re-opening—we may make some menu changes, and have a party type thing. We're working on those details right now."

That sign...

So why is there a "For Lease" sign facing Paramount Boulevard outside the restaurant?

"That's kind of our ugly story," Becker said. "To help us get a little more extra money, we sold the building about eight months ago, with the idea of doing a lease back on it," he explained.

"Our impression was that the gentleman who bought it just wanted to own the property, and have us, you know, make the mortgage payments for him. Well, apparently he had other ideas because one day they came and put up the For Lease sign, and they said they were gonna build...seven little stores here. And when we asked him about it, he says, 'Well, we're just kind of trying it right now to see what kind of take I get.'"

Becker said there is an option in the three-year lease he and Hendricks have with the building's current owner.

"If he wants to tear it down, he can throw us out with sixty days notice...and it said if we decided to move, we could give sixty days notice. But we didn't really plan on moving anywhere."

So far, the new owner hasn't given Becker and Hendricks a deadline to move.

"No—no kind of notice at all," Becker said. "Not even saying it'll be over a year, or it'll be only sixty-one days."

Becker said there are people making efforts to save the building, and even the Los Angeles Conservancy has gotten involved. But he's unsure if the efforts will be successful.

Still, The Nordic Fox remains a unique restaurant, where diners can enjoy Scandinavian and American food, listen to live music, and purchase authentic Scandinavian gifts.

The sign was taken down this week without explanation.

Mansions

educational workshops and a public hearing before the Planning Commission.

The subcommittee share many concerns mentioned by Brodeur including:

- *Size and bulk of building.
- *Locations of windows as they pertain to privacy.
- *Parking provisions on-site and minimum requirements per lot.
- *Gross buildable area.
- *Proportions to the neighborhood.
- *Encroachment into setback by fireplaces, eaves, etc.
- *Appearance.
- *1st floor side and front setbacks.
- *Maximum floor area.
- *Landscape requirements.
- *Oversight of architecture.
- *Height restrictions.
- *Preservation of architectural character.
- *Consistency with other zones.



MARKIE RUDOLPH – A Warren High School graduate and student at the UC-Santa Barbara, was awarded a \$2000 scholarship from the Rotary Club of Downey. Presenting the award is Carol Pearce, Rotary president, and Mike Prokop, scholarship chairperson.

Day of prayer at Moravian Church

DOWNEY—The Moravian Church of Downey, 10337 Old River School Rd. (1 block south of Florence Ave.), invites the community to participate in a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for victims of Hurricane Katrina today, Sept. 16. A prayer service will be held at the church at 7:30 p.m. in the Voigt Fireside Room.

CERT members return from relief effort

DOWNEY—Lela Rios and Lynn Reynolds, Downey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members, were among the American Red Cross volunteers who went to Houston, Texas to help the evacuees arriving at the Astrodome from the Superdome in New Orleans.

"Victims continue to arrive at Red Cross Service Centers and Shelters across the Gulf looking for assistance," said Rios.

Keep Downey Beautiful phone numbers

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful has provided the following hot-line numbers for the public's use:

Graffiti
562-923-4484
Shopping Carts
800-252-4613
Illegal Dumping
562-904-1161



THE LEGENDARY ROCK GROUP—Three Dog Night features founding members Cory Wells and Danny Hutton on lead vocals, original keyboardist Jimmy Greenspoon and guitarist Michael Allsup, along with Paul Kingery (bass and vocals) and Pat Bantz (drums).

Top entertainers at Charter Ball Oct. 29

DOWNEY—Funnyman Don Rickles and legendary rockers Three Dog Night will perform at the 30th Annual Charter Ball presented by Memorial Trust Foundation (MTF) Saturday night, Oct. 29, at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa. The community is invited to this private, black-tie, fundraising gala.

Rickles' zingers and off-the-cuff wit have generated laughter heard around the world for over 40 years. Behind his barbs is a deep affection for those he lambastes. "If I were to insult people and mean it, that wouldn't be funny," he once said. "There is a difference between an actual insult and just having fun." Native New Yorker Rickles, who performed at President Ronald Reagan's inaugural gala in 1984, is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York.

Three Dog Night's signature sound is expected to thrill all ages at the Charter Ball. The group has had 21 consecutive top 40 hits, crossing all musical genres. Among their most beloved songs are "Shambala," "An Old Fashioned Love Song," "Celebrate," and "Try A Little Tenderness." Their recordings were written by some of the best songwriters of today, including Harry Nilsson, Randy Newman and Elton John.



WASSGREN-MORGAN WEDDING—St. Edward Catholic Church in Dana Point was the setting for the wedding of Sonja Anne Wassgren and Harcourt Alexander Morgan III of Laguna Niguel July 2.

Downey girl weds in Dana Point

DOWNEY—Sonja Anne Wassgren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wassgren of Downey, wed Harcourt Alexander Morgan IV, son of Mrs. Sally Jeisy of San Clemente and Mr. Harcourt Alexander Morgan III of Laguna Niguel, on July 2 at St. Edward Catholic Church in Dana Point.

Family friend Rev. Philip Egan, Ph.D., Dean of Studies at Oscott College in Birmingham, England, officiated.

The bride is a graduate of St. Joseph High School in Lakewood and UCLA. She is a principal public information specialist for the Orange County Sanitation District. The groom is a graduate of San Clemente High School and UC-Irvine, and holds a masters in environmental planning from Arizona State University. He is employed by URS Corporation as a project manager.

After a honeymoon in Grenada, the couple is now settling into their home in San Clemente with son Xander.

Alliance continues probe of 'mansions'

DOWNEY—The Downey Homeowners Alliance, a group of about 40 members bent on resisting the continued proliferation of two-story 'mansionized' homes on single-family lots, met Monday evening.

They say the problem is that city officials try to justify their violations of the code by claiming it is unclear and subjective. A newsletter from Alliance spokesmen states that the written opinion of legal counsel states that the city's non-compliance constitutes a misdemeanor which can be remedied by law since this code is very specific and enforceable.

What is needed is for Downey to enforce the existing code, they said. Alliance Chairman George Redfox was among the speakers at Tuesday's regular City Council meeting.

Comments include Keep Downey Beautiful

DOWNEY—Council comments at Tuesday's regular meeting included a request by Mayor Anne Bayer for volunteers to help out with the Keep Downey Beautiful "day" Saturday (tomorrow).

And Councilman Meredith Perkins, noting the arrival of football season, applauded the beautiful new Stadium at Warren High School.

The poets' corner

Laughter

I love to hear you laugh
when we jump over the wake.

I love to hear you laugh
when we go round and round.

I love to hear you laugh
when we go up and down.

I love to hear you laugh
when we weave in and out.

I love to hear you laugh
when we fly high in the air.

I love to hear you laugh
when we take a splash.

Oh, what fun it is to be at the river.

—Carey Dufton,
Downey

'Every Child Ready to Read' class

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., offers a free class for parents to help their preschool children with early literacy Monday, Sept. 19 from 7 p.m. –8:30 p.m. in the Children's Room.

The class, "Every Child Ready to Read," will be lead by instructor Claudia Dailey, who will give parents techniques for helping young children to read and develop early language skills through picture books.

Register at the Adult desk or call 904-7360, ext. 23, for information.

Cops

the services of experienced police of high character.

A sick-leave carryover will cost about \$20,000 for 360 hours. A vacation pay carryover of 80 hours has a value of about \$4,400. The crediting of 40 hours compensatory time for existing employees is valued at about \$2,200.

This compared to the cost of paying for a new recruit who will cost \$50,000 by the time he or she completes the police academy.

Most lateral recruits will not have accrued the maximum levels listed here. Should a lateral come to retirement, a sick-leave payout need not occur unless the officer has 10 years tenure here. This will be assured by a written agreement.

In other action, the City Council Tuesday:

*Accepted a presentation from the Downey Sister Cities and heard a report on the status of Sister Cities Ensenada and Guadalajara, Mexico.

*Proclaimed National Missing in Action/Prisoner of War Day Sept. 20.

*At the request of the company, delayed action on an agreement with BP West Coast Products, LLC for a pipeline through Downey to Nov. 8.

*Held a public hearing on a proposed zone change from R-3 to C-P on properties located at 10723-10751 Lakewood Blvd, and introduced an ordinance amending the zoning and declaring a negative declaration of environmental impact.

*Held a public hearing on a proposed zone change amending the City's Comprehensive Map, and changing the zoning of property at 13238-13250 Cabell Avenue and 9815-9849 Foster Road, from R-1-5000 to R-2, and adopted a negative declaration of environmental impact. Staff was told to review the issue for future study.

*Accepted improvements and maintenance responsibility for the completed work on the Firestone Boulevard Traffic Safety Improvements. The work was by Sequel Contractors for traffic sign improvement between Dolan Avenue and Patton Road, and came in under bid at \$238,216.

*Accepted and approved plans and specifications and granted authority to advertise for bids on a cash contract for the Paramount Boulevard Traffic Safety plan.

*Approved the use of incentives to attract qualified lateral police officer recruitment to bring staffing up to authorized levels.

Campus policing

*Approved the agreement with the Downey Unified School District for the School Safety Police Program. Total funding is \$100,000 of which the city pays \$25,000.

*Approved an agreement with Delphi Production in the sum of \$636,000 for fabrication of exhibits for the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.

*Appropriated \$250,000 from the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy for the new park at the former NASA site.

Downey Landing

*Approved the right of first refusal for the ground lease portion of the Downey Landing Project. The vote was 3-2 with Cartozian and Perkins opposed to the measure.

*As part of property acquisition for a new public works facility, agreed to purchase property at 1911 Woodruff Ave., for \$1,650,000; and approved a lease agreement for the property with Great Earth LLC for a monthly rental of \$5,600; and allocated Proposition A funds for that purpose.

*Approved a resolution for board, commission and committee appointments for Council District 2, including Mario Guerra to Emergency Preparedness, and Henry Leyve to the Water Board and Water facilities corp.

*Approved a resolution for boards, commission and committee appointments for Council District 3, including Theresa Ford to the Library Advisory Board.

*Amended a section of the City Code relating to speed limits on Wiley Burke Ave. There will be no change.

*Adopted an ordinance amending a section of the Downey Municipal Code relating to nonconforming uses of lots and structures.

*Approved an amendment to a subdivision improvements agreement of the NASA plant site with Kaiser Medical Center at 9300-9314 Imperial Highway.

CalMet

*Awarded CalMet a service contract to provide solid waste services for seven years; and authorized the execution of a franchise agreement between the City and CalMet.

*Heard a status update from the Ad Hoc City Council Subcommittee on the building of mansionized two-story homes on single-family lots, and authorized the expenditure of \$38,000 in Community Block Grant funding for further study. The vote was 4-1 with Perkins opposed.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 27 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Motorists feeling the back-to-school blues

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – They say Lakewood and Firestone Boulevards, what with Lakewood once having been a major thoroughfare between Pasadena and the Port of Long Beach, was once one of the busiest intersections in the world.

This was in the olden days, when Johnie's Broiler sold hamburgers, not hatchbacks, and the term 'mansions' wasn't even a real word.

Years later Downey is still, in my opinion, home to one of the busiest intersections in the world: Firestone and Brookshire Avenue. At 3 p.m. On a school day. Grrr!

Firestone and Brookshire at that time is chaos; think the Running of the Bulls in Spain or a million Japanese fleeing Godzilla.

What the children are fleeing, of course, is school. And in doing so they collide head-on with traffic running east and west on Firestone, already stalled thanks to ongoing construction now in its 10th year of operation.

And for teenagers, full of youth and invigoration, they sure do take their sweet time crossing the street.

Further south on Brookshire lays Downey Regional Medical Center, across the street from a pharmacy, around the corner from Downey Retirement Center. And that means old people. Old people with vision problems. Old people with vision problems in big Cadillacs.

For an onlooker, Firestone and Brookshire is a curious sight: 90-year-old ladies with oversized, old-person sunglasses sitting alongside teenagers with oversized, young-person sunglasses, collectively waiting for the light to turn green.

A viable alternative to the mess is dusty Stewart and Gray, disorganized in its own right with laborers scurrying to complete Downey Landing, but if Downey is a heart, Firestone is its artery, and right now it's clogged.

Of course, traffic problems are sure to ease up when construction dies down and lanes reopen. But until then, 'minimum day' won't be just a break for students, but for motorists as well.

Fill the boot

As a result of the fire department's quick response to the request for disaster aid and because of their familiarity with the command structure at major emergencies, a number of the Downey firefighters have been placed in leadership positions for the specialized response teams. The teams are presently working out of the Stennis NASA Space Center, which is halfway between New Orleans and Bay St. Louis. The base housed over 3,500 local residents who chose to ride out Hurricane Katrina rather than evacuate the area. Besides managing the other teams, the Downey firefighters have been assisting in the operation of the recently built Disaster Assistance Center at the base.

The firefighters report they seem to have touched a responsive chord among the residents as well, especially when they learn how far the teams have traveled to render aid (some 1,200 miles). They acknowledge being part of the overall disaster response has been "very rewarding."

The reason for their being there in the first place: FEMA considered the urgency of the delivery of disaster services and the abilities of the nation's firefighters when they chose to utilize firefighters for the 1,000 two-person disaster relief teams.

Mixer/Business Expo moved to Oct. 20

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's upcoming Mixer/Business Expo with its "Fall Celebration" theme has been moved up to Thursday, Oct. 20 instead of Oct. 13 as originally announced.

The Mixer/Expo is sponsored by Downey Regional Medical Center and will be held from 5-8 p.m. at DRMC's new building at 11480 Brookshire Ave.

The public is invited to attend. Cost is \$3 and includes refreshments. Tables are available for those wishing to avail of a good networking opportunity. Cost of table space is \$60 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their tables in accord with the expo's "Fall Celebration" theme. The booth adjudged the best will be awarded \$100, provided by the Membership Events Committee, which is coordinating the expo. There will as well be several opportunities to win door prizes, in addition to the wealth of free samples from the vendors. Those who have already signed up for the Mixer/Expo include: CalMet Services, Inc., CareMore Medical Group, Downey Dental Center, Gallatin Dental Group, Jafra International, Laurie's Personal Pet and House Sitting, Southeast Los Angeles County Work Investment Board (SELACO WIB), and StormForce Marketing Co.

For information/to sign up, call the Chamber office, 923-2191.

Candidate not happy with governor

SACRAMENTO – California State Controller and 2006 Democratic gubernatorial candidate Steve Westly reacted strongly Wednesday to news that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger plans to seek reelection.

"When Arnold Schwarzenegger took office he promised real change," said Westly. "I didn't vote for him, but like most Californians I hoped that he would be bipartisan and try to solve problems. That didn't last long."

"He has taken a hard right turn. The Governor is attacking nurses, firefighters and teachers [and] it is clear he is taking the state in the wrong direction. California can't afford four more years of his politics or his policies."

"Californians deserve a governor who can solve our tough problems, someone with a with a proven track record of innovation and new solutions."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

'We shall overcome'

Dear Editor:

I offer a few reflections on 9/11 and Katrina, entitled "We Shall Overcome":

When British tyranny oppressed our colonies, many died but we overcame with the American Revolution

When the country was torn apart over slavery in the bloody Civil War between the North and the South, we overcame

When workers did not have the right to vote, we overcame with women's suffrage

When workers were denied the right to organize, we overcame with the labor movement

When Afro-Americans were segregated, we overcame with the civil rights movement and equal opportunity legislation

When Michael Harrington's book, "The Other America," documented the disparity between the rich & the poor, we overcame with Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty

When immigrants were denied access to our country, we overcame with the welcome inscription at Ellis Island, "Give me your tired and your poor."

When our farm workers were mistreated, we overcame with the leadership of Cesar Chavez and the Farm Workers Union

And while we still have a long ways to go in overcoming poverty, war, injustice and our illusions of separation from our fellow human beings

We take hope in the words of Martin Luther King, "I have a dream that someday the sons of slaves and the sons of slave owners will sit down together at the banquet of brotherhood."

And, as today, we remember the suffering and victims of 9/11 and Katrina,

Let us work & hope & pray for the day in which we can all say "I pledge allegiance to the earth, and to all the species for which it stands, one world, interdependent, with peace, justice & sustenance for all."

—Charlie Ara,
President emeritus,
Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club

Glad for Patriot site

Dear Editor:

I used to read the Eagle online, and am happy to discover the Patriot is now online, too. The site looks great.

—J. Swalve,
Downey

Legislative committee meets

DOWNEY – The Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Downey Chamber of Commerce meets the third Thursday of every month at 12noon in the boardroom of the Chamber, 11131 Brookshire Ave. For information call 923-2191.

Submit your own letter to the editor by writing to: Downey Patriot, 11525 Downey Ave., Suite A, Downey CA 90241. Letters may be edited for style, space and/or content and need to be signed.

Large homes a need for some

Dear Editor:

We are saddened by the fight and the direction that Downey may take in regards to new houses being built in Downey. We are a family of four with two young children. Both of us are professionals (not real estate-related), one with a doctorate. We have a small home, which we hope to build into a dream home that some may consider a mansion. We'd like for each of the children to have their own bedrooms with their own bathrooms. We think a library/study room is very important especially if the children decide to stay home while attending college. In order for a house to be complete, it must also have a playroom, an exercise room, and a guestroom. As you can see, it appears that our dream house has seven bedrooms. People keep using the excuse that these big homes are being bought by multi-families. I think we should also accept the fact that our lifestyle has changed and many financially successful professionals find a need to have large homes. One of the letters stated that doctors are moving out of Downey. That is not true. However, if Downey limits its people from improving their old homes and stops the building of large homes, Downey will drive doctors away.

Regarding houses that are "not in character" with the neighborhood, as we all know, "Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder." We like Downey for its variety, in which one house is different from its neighbors, where you see an old style home next to a modern home. I have always believed that areas with different custom-built homes look better than the communities with homes that are all alike, as is the case with the new developments.

We have hoped to raise our children here. However, if Downey stops us from building our dream home, we may consider moving away from Downey to another city that will allow us to make our dream come true.

—Cam To,
Downey

For renaming theater

Dear Editor:

Yesterday I started a daunting task—I was finally getting around to transferring phone numbers and addresses by hand from my old phone book to a new one, and realized there was a mistake—I was writing "Downey Theatre" under the "D's" when, by now, it should be filed under "H" for the John Hume Theater of Downey) or should it be under "J"?). Whichever, it's been two years since Mr. John Hume passed away—the man who built the theater and ran the Downey Children's Theater and Civic Light Opera and its satellite programs for over 25 years. Isn't it high time the City of Downey recognize and remember him with gratitude, and rename the Downey Theater to reflect his contributions?

There has been talk—for two years—of renaming the theater to honor the man who made it possible, but it hasn't happened yet. This is sad. Where is the appreciation for history? Where is the reverence? All forgotten? Does today's City Council care? John Hume provided exciting theatrical opportunities for the City of Downey and its neighbors in a nationally recognized program. He designed and built the state-of-the-art theater (using no taxpayer dollars). He led countless children and teens and adults in putting on plays and musicals, entertaining the community, and helped build character in every person who participated.

It's time for the City Council to decide that this man should be memorialized, and to do so, I'll happily Wite-Out my "D" entry and place the renamed theater in its appropriate alphabetical listing—whether "H" or "J"—as long as Mr. Hume's role is notably celebrated.

—Linden Waddell,
Actress/Singer/Producer,
Los Angeles

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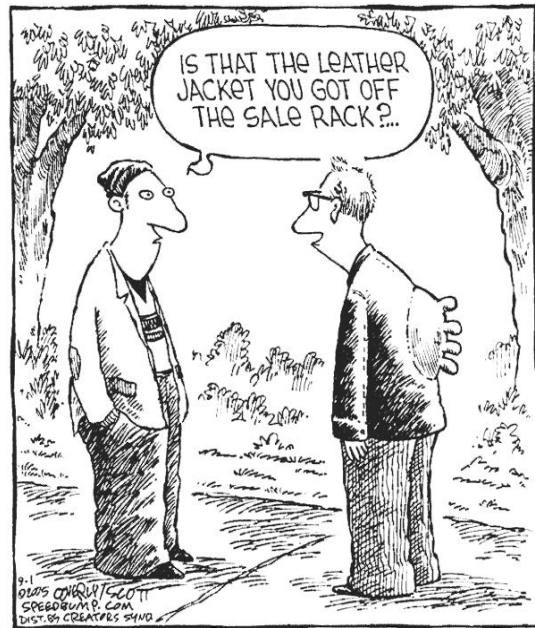
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For September

Sat. Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m.: **Stroke and Diabetes Seminar** at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. Free, but registration is required. For information call 904-5162.
 Sat. Sept. 17, 9:00 a.m.: **Fall Boutique and Bake Sale** at Downey United Methodist Church, 10811 Downey Ave. The public is welcome. For information call 869-6976.

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 Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Riley Center. Call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.
 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 Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner**, mtg., for information call 426-6786.
 6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
 1st Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
 2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
 2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Dorothy Parizek at 927-5437.
 9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church Call 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Doug Baker at (714) 229-2266.
 12:00 p.m.: **Exchange Club**, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
 7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
 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 Denny's Restaurant. 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

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
 6 p.m.: **Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513**, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
 1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
 1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
 2nd Weds., 7 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 862-7197.
 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 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at 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 776-3388.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

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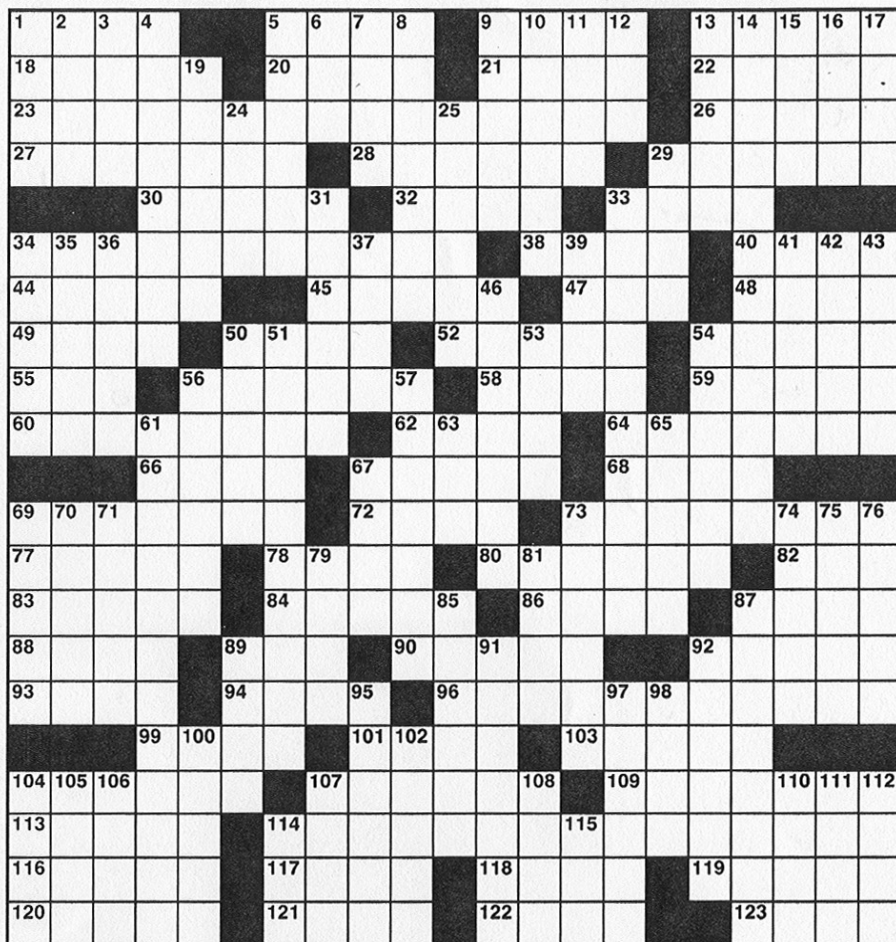
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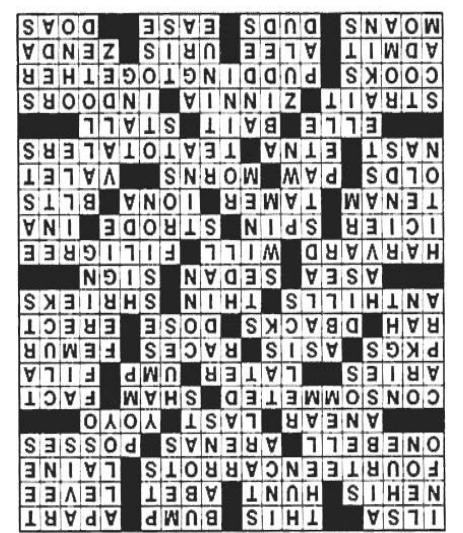
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The reference at 22 Across is to the song "Waiting for the Robert E. Lee," W.E.B. Du Bois (69 Across) was the first African-American to receive a doctoral degree from HARVARD. THE ZINNIA (107 Across) is named for German botanist Johann Gottfried Zinn.



The Drifters making their way to Downey

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce and Gold Sponsors Century 21 My Real Estate and Downey Regional Medical Center, as well as Silver Sponsors Century 21 Escrow and Fidelity National Title, are promising a great evening of nostalgic music when the Chamber presents its second "Back to Oldies Night" Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Downey Theater.

The upcoming show features The Drifters and headlining it is the original Drifter, Bobby Hendricks. Formed in 1953, the group recorded numerous hits that have gone on to become classics, including "There Goes My Baby," "Up on the Roof," "Under the Boardwalk," "This Magic Moment," "On Broadway," "Save the Last Dance For Me," and many others. The Drifters appear worldwide and tour constantly, keeping the great classics of the "oldies" alive. Sept. 24's audience can expect to hear them play all of their greatest hits, delivered with their signature dance moves and choreography.

The opening act will be the "Lost in the 50's Review Show" with special guest singer and comedian Mark W. Curran as Master of Ceremonies. Some may remember Mark from last year's show and his impersonation of Elvis Presley.

Refreshments (brownies, Rice Krispie treats, Swedish cookies, colas, water) will be provided during intermission by Hometown Buffet, Nordic Fox, Jennie Wood, Downey Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, and Luis Meat Market.

Tickets are \$30 per person and may be obtained at the Chamber office at 11131 Brookshire Ave., Downey, by calling with your VISA or MasterCard handy, or by mail to the Brookshire address. Call for more information, 923-2191.

The concert committee is composed of chairman Myra Valdez of Budget Blinds, and members Steve Roberson and Laurie Mac Isaac of Century 21 My Real Estate, Jerry Bradly of the Downey Patriot, Jeannie Wood, Gwynn Gustafson of Co-op Cache Consulting, and Kathy Gorman, Downey Adult School.

'The Diary of Anne Frank' opens Oct. 7

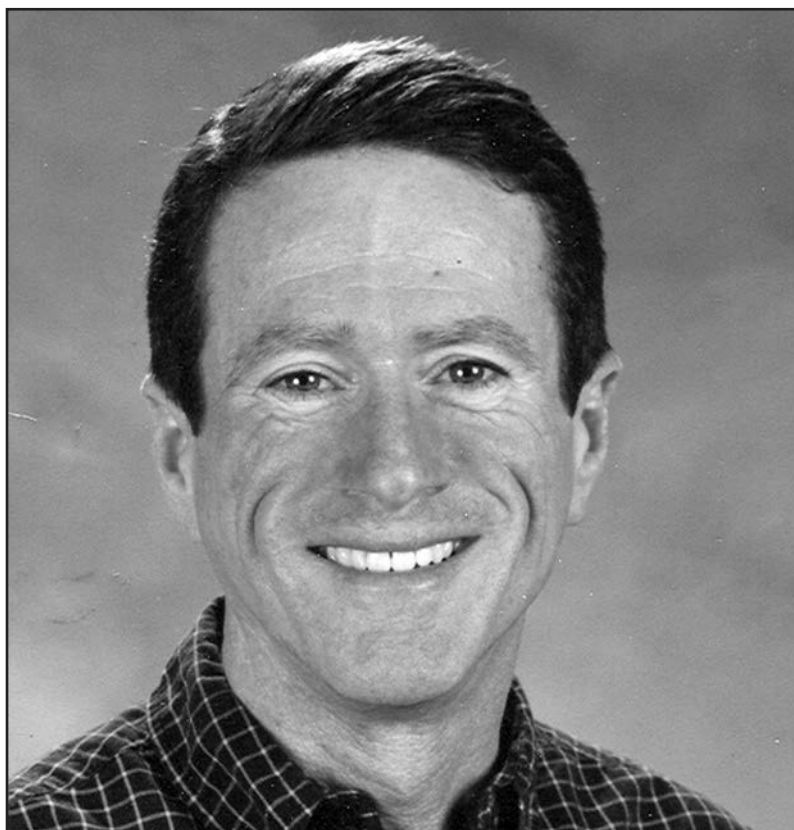
NORWALK – The Cerritos College Department of Theater and the Associated Students will present "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, October 7-16 at the Burnight Studio Theater, 11110 Alondra Blvd., Cerritos.

The play, which celebrates its 50th anniversary on Broadway this year, is a reenactment of events from the diary of a Jewish girl who hid with her family from the Nazis in Amsterdam.

In celebration of Cerritos College's 50th anniversary, all shows during the 2005-06 theater season will feature returning alumni in prominent roles. In "The Diary of Anne Frank," Renee Duron, who has recently completed training at the prestigious South Coast Repertory and is working on a master's degree in theater at CSU-Fullerton, and alum Joseph Wise will return to the Burnight stage to star as Anne and Mr. Frank, respectively. Duron and Wise were handpicked and pre-cast by director Kevin Hoggard.

General admission tickets are \$12; students and senior citizens pay \$10.

For more information, call 467-5058.



EDDY CLEMENT—Returns for the third time as Musical Director and Conductor for Downey Civic Light Opera's production of "Good News!" Oct. 6-23. Previously, he conducted "Bye Bye Birdie" and "Fiddler on the Roof." For ticket information, call (562) 923-1714.

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Bellflower Chorus sings this weekend

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus will present their annual Encore Concert 2005, "Sentimental Journey," at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, in three concerts Sept. 16-18.

Admission for seating at each of the three concerts is \$5, with times Friday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m.

An exciting variety of music is planned, drawing from favorites of both the chorus members and input from past audiences. The chorus will pay tribute to beloved and prolific composers including Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, Lerner and Loewes, and Rogers and Hammerstein.

Solos and duets will add to the show, plus a lively quartet singing "Lida Rose" from "The Music Man," and a sextet of lovely ladies belting out "Big Spender" by Cy Coleman.

Also featured will be the dance ensemble, "The Headliners," doing "New York, New York," and "Elmer's Tune." The concerts close with Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," and "I saw the Light" by Hank Williams.

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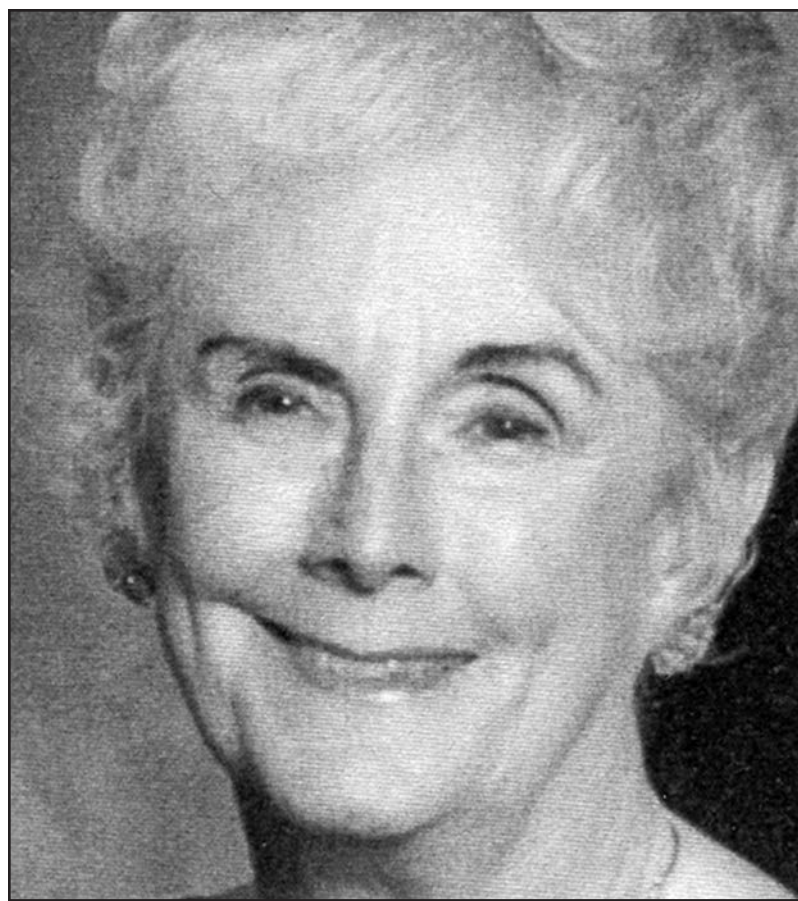
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BEVERLY JONES KUNKEL - Belonged to the Woman's Club and was a Charter Member of the Assistance League of Downey. She died Aug. 29.

Red Cross seeks volunteers for local area

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

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

Carol Ann Wheeler was lifetime resident

DOWNEY - Carol Ann Heitman-Wheeler, a lifetime resident of Downey, passed away Sept. 3.

She was born Aug. 11, 1937 and was a member of the 1955 graduating class of Downey High School.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Jerry; son Gerald (Debbie) Wheeler of Huntington Beach; daughters Vicky Perosi of Enid, Okla.; Kim (Sam) Dorio, Downey; and Carla (Matt) Rindfleisch, Downey. She is also survived by nine grandchildren (Shane, Erica, Cassidy, Bryana, Joshua, Jacob, Robert, Michelle and Mike) and two great-grandchildren (Breanna and Tracy).

Services were held Sept. 7 at Rose Hills Mortuary.

Beverly Jones Kunkel survived by family

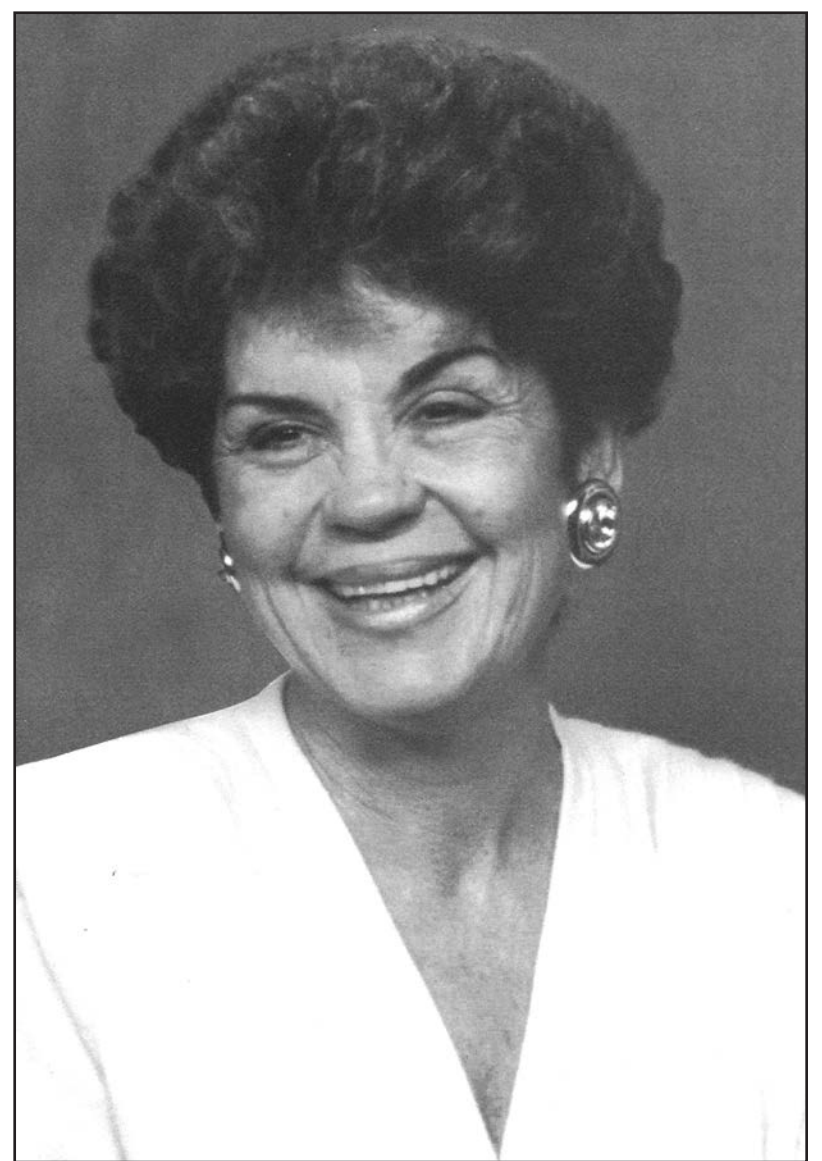
DOWNEY - Longtime resident Beverly Jones Kunkel, a Charter Member of the Assistance League of Downey and member of the Women's Club of Downey, died Aug. 29 at her home in Laguna Niguel. She was 91.

Her husband, Homer Jones, was vice president of Planett Manufacturing Co. in Downey. He died in 1971 and Beverly married Scott Kunkel several years later.

She is survived by daughter Jacquelynne (Joe) Jones Thomas, Irvine; son Michael (Trudy) Jones, Chula Vista; brother Harry Boand, Newport Beach; sister CaroLynne Mattision, Newport Beach; stepson Dudley Kunkel; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Diabetes support group at DRMC

DOWNEY - Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a diabetes support group the third Wednesday of every month. Information: 622-2088.



CAROL ANN WHEELER - Graduated from Downey High School in 1955. A lifetime Downey resident, she died Sept. 3.

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RUNNING BEARS - Warren officially opened their new stadium when they hosted Long Beach Millikan last week. The Bears lost 27-19, but can bounce back with a win over Tustin tonight. Photo by Rick Pianelli.



TOE-TO-TOE - Downey lines up against La Habra in their season opener last week. The Vikings led through three quarters, but eventually lost 15-7. Schurr of Montebello visits Downey tonight at 7 p.m. in a nonleague contest.

Downey loses late lead, drops season opener

DOWNEY - Downey made no secret what their game plan versus La Habra was: run the ball and run the ball often.

The plan worked for about three quarters. La Habra scored all of their points in the final quarter to rally for a 15-7 victory over Downey. It was the season opener for both teams.

The Vikings made only nine pass attempts in the game, one of which was a 19-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.

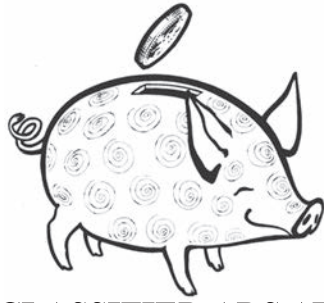
Downey hosts Schurr tonight at 7 p.m. Warren didn't fare any better in their home opener versus Long Beach Millikan, dropping that game 27-19. The offense did awaken, though, after scoring only seven points at Northwood the week before.

The Bears host Tustin tonight, also at 7 p.m., in the second game of a five-game homestand. Warren doesn't travel until Oct. 21 when they visit Lakewood.

Downey and Warren play each other Oct. 28.

Fly Fishers invite residents to join club

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



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A catered kosher luncheon will be served after the program. Cost of lunch is \$6 for EZRA members, and \$7 for non-members. The community is welcome.

The Temple also announced plans for Yom Kippur services on Thursday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. Afternoon service is at 3 p.m., the Memorial/Yizkor service at 5 p.m., and the N'eilah service at 6 p.m.

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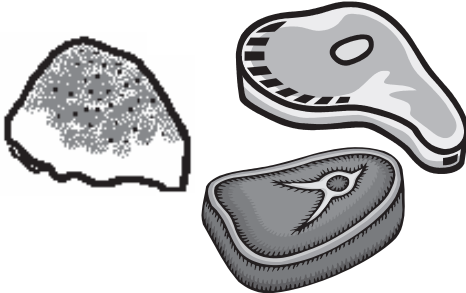
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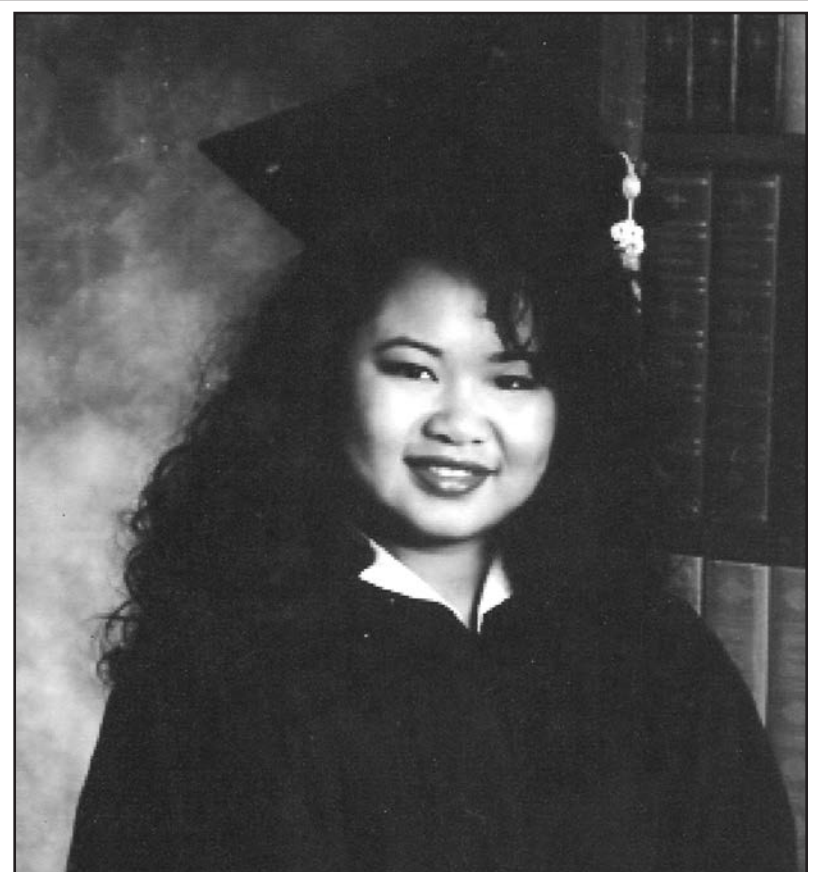
Downey resident Porfirio "Joe" Hernandez died June 3, 2005 at the age of 69 after a long struggle with cancer. Services were held June 10th.

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LAURA ESGUERRA ADAMS - Designed the Web site of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer.

Laura Esguerra Adams succumbs to cancer

DOWNEY - Laura Esguerra Adams, Director of Internet Communications for U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, died at her home Sept. 3 after a long battle against cancer. She was 36.

Esguerra Adams, who designed the Senator's web site, joined the Boxer office in 2001 as a web designer and became director one year later.

Boxer, in a tribute to Esguerra Adams delivered Sept. 6 on the Senate floor, said of her, "Laura was a highly skilled and devoted public servant who believed that technology can and should add to our understanding of government and give more people the opportunity to participate in our democracy. I deeply appreciate her service to the Senate and the people of California."

Born in Manila, Philippines, Esguerra Adams moved to Downey in 1976 and graduated from Warren High School, where she was a member of the song and dance team and a cheerleader. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from CSU-Los Angeles.

She married James Adams on May 7, 2005 in downtown Los Angeles.

A writer, artist, film buff and chef, she also played the guitar and used to play flute with the first Downey Youth Band. She also authored the widely read blog "Kevin's Dead Cat," which chronicled her battle with cancer.

Esguerra Adams is survived by her husband, James; parents Del and Angie Esguerra; brother Angel; and sister Celia.

'Walk the Talk Against Child Abuse' Oct. 8

DOWNEY - The second annual 'Walk the Talk Against Child Abuse,' a two-mile march through city streets to help raise awareness of child abuse, will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, beginning at 8 a.m. at Downey First Baptist Church.

Joining the group this year will be the Downey High School marching band, who will entertain while walking the entire 2.05 miles. Also walking will be the jazz trio, The Generations, and a group of young girls dancing Mexican folk dances.

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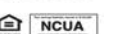
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Teens presented with financial advice

DOWNEY—College Bound, in partnership with Financial Partners Credit Union, presented life financial skills recently to over twenty teens heading to college, as part of Cerritos College's summer College for Youth Program.

The class material was taken directly from the free NEFE (National Endowment for Financial Education) booklets. College Bound instructor Jia Wang took a hands-on approach with the students by having them research actual job salaries and then subtracting rent, utilities and other monthly expenses.

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The shop is open during library hours and all proceeds go to support library programs and services. For information and volunteer application, contact Josephine de la Dingo at 904-7360, ext. 30.

Casting call for 'The Santa Clause 3'

DOWNEY – An open casting call for children ages 6-12 years old will be held this weekend in the Downey High School gym for the film, "The Santa Clause 3," starring Tim Allen.

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Fall boutique and bake sale Sept. 17

DOWNEY—The Downey United Methodist Women are holding their annual Fall Boutique Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave.

The ladies have worked hard this year making new creations (all handmade) for the boutique. They also have "Granny's Attic" and a wide array of baked goods in the "Bake Shop."

They invite everyone, once they're done with their shopping, to join them in the Cafe for lunch and dessert. Information: Marilyn Boss, (562) 869-6976.

Walking class offered at Stonewood

DOWNEY – The Stonewood Strollers, a walking class led by Kathy Gorman, former principal of Downey Adult School, meets every Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. at Stonewood Center in Downey.

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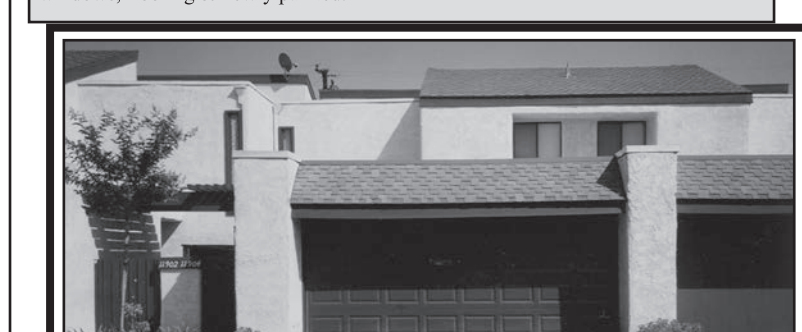
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By Colin Clarke
Inspection Misconceptions!

Inspections are a part of most residential real estate transactions, but because they are so common, their role is often taken for granted or misunderstood. There are some important points you should think about before ordering an inspection on a home you've offered to purchase. Remember that a home inspection is not a witch-hunt! It's not a tool for finding flaws to allow you to renegotiate your offer. An inspection is an educational exercise that allows buyers and sellers to better understand the home's condition. An inspection can alleviate the buyer's anxiety while also providing a basis for repair suggestions. Don't think that you won't need an inspection for construction! Nobody wants any surprises when purchasing an older home, but imagine what could happen in a brand new one that hasn't even been lived in yet! If you're considering the purchase of a home under construction, ask about "phase inspections," which are completed at various stages in construction for your peace of mind. Finally, don't assume that inspections are exclusively the responsibility of the buyer. Many sellers have benefited from pre-listing inspections that identify potential problems before the home is listed and the defects are discovered. Both sides can use the inspection to make smart decisions and feel more confident about the transaction. If you're still uncertain, contact a local real estate professional with your question.

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3 bedroom- currently being used as oversized 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bathroom home features a dining room and 2 car detached garage. Great North Downey-Orange Estates Custom home! Priced to sell at \$625,000.
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3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home in North Downey with remodeled kitchen, large family room with fireplace and bar, Pergo floors in living room, and master bedroom with private bath and sauna room. Also features central air and heat and a 2 car attached garage with automatic garage door opener. Price: \$660,000
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Bonus Points With This One!
3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 car detached garage, storage room, & detached bonus room. Home also features new windows, freshly painted interior, copper plumbing, and fireplace in living room. The large backyard has room for a pool. Price: \$649,000.
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Immaculate 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home on a 8980 sq. ft. lot. The home has refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior and exterior, & inside laundry. The enormous yard includes plenty of grass, a covered patio, and a 2 car detached garage. Price: \$625,000
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You won't want to miss this newly remodeled home near Rio San Gabriel Park. The brand new kitchen has granite counter tops, new cabinets, new built in appliances, and plenty of storage space. Both bathrooms, including the master bathroom, have been recently remodeled. The home features a living room, dining area, and large family room. Price: \$679,900.
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