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Commentary

Downey's next Chief of Police tells goals

By John Adams

DOWNEY—When Capt. Roy Campos steps up to take command as Downey's Chief of Police on Oct. 29, he has certain goals in mind for the future.

Campos, whose selection was made by the City Manager and confirmed by the City Council Sept. 30, is no revolutionary after 26 years of service in Downey. His goals are in line with the man he replaces, Chief John Finch, who stressed good training, good equipment, and most of all—outstanding recruitment and character. Campos, like Finch, knows Downey is in competition with law enforcement agencies throughout the area for the best of the best. But to aim for anything less would be letting the community and its people down.

Campos wants to fill the three slots for sworn officers in Downey. The department has been understaffed for years.

Community loves police

It should be added the community's love of its police and fire personnel is legendary.

Campos started his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department in 1978, after graduating first in his academy class to earn distinction as the Honor Cadet. He worked for the Sheriff's Department only six months before coming to Downey in 1979.

In 1985 he was promoted to Sergeant, serving details in patrol, special operations, and administration before being promoted to Lieutenant in 1990. In 2002 he was promoted to Captain, serving as Patrol Division Commander.

He is well-liked by his fellow officers, but the key to this man may be the skill and character that won him the distinction of being first in his academy class as Honor Cadet. Behind that amiable face is cold, hard talent for command. When he says he wants nothing but the best of recruits for DPD he means it. Added to the best of equipment and training and you have a winning combination.

I interviewed him Monday morning at the Station. I have known him, informally as well as professionally, for more than a decade. He greets me today, as when we first met, with a firm handshake and direct gaze.

School link a key

He says a key to the Department's success is its good working relationship with the schools and school district. He says the program that places police officers on campus as counselors has proven tremendously successful, and hopes to see more of this.

He takes the threat of gangs and graffiti as quite real, and says it must be combated on every front. One key to this is officers as role models.

He holds a B.S. (1985) in Criminal Justice and a Masters of Public Administration (1989) from CSU-Long Beach.

He grew up in Norwalk, the son of parents Nacho and Lupe Campos, and is the second youngest of nine children (six boys and three girls). All of them attended Norwalk public schools and graduated from Norwalk High School. He credits his parents and siblings for his personal growth.

Family man

He has been married for 22 years to his wife, Jeanie, and they have two children, Marisa, a student at CSU-Fullerton, and Michael, a student at Mt. San Antonio College.

There are no guarantees in this topsy-turvy world of ours, but somehow I felt more secure after a talk with Roy Campos, Downey's new Police Chief.

Carlos Santana visits Stonewood Oct. 14

DOWNEY—Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Carlos Santana—whose latest album *All That I Am* comes out Nov. 1 on Arista Records—will introduce his new signature fragrances, "Carlos Santana For Men" and "Carlos Santana for Women" Oct. 14 at Robinsons-May Stonewood Center in Downey. The appearance is from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The first 300 customers to make a purchase of \$75 or more will have a bottle of fragrance signed by Carlos (limit 1 autograph per customer).

The event will also feature a book signing by Carlos' wife, author Deborah Santana, for her new memoir *Space Between The Stars*.

Man shot dead at home on Bixler Ave.

DOWNEY—A 26-year-old man died of a gunshot wound received when he investigated noises outside his home in the 13300 block of Bixler Avenue, police said.

The shot was fired about 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, in front of the home. The victim, Antonio Barazza, was found inside the home when police were called to the scene. He was rushed to St. Francis Medical Center where he was later pronounced dead.

Police subsequently conducted a search of the neighborhood using canines and a helicopter but failed to find the suspect, described as a Latino man of medium height and weight, wearing dark clothing and a cap.

Persons with information pertaining to the shooting are asked to call Detective Paul Hernandez at (562) 904-2368.



JENNIFER C. MARSHALL—Returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera for her second time. She will play "Connie Lane" in "Good News!" now playing through Oct. 23 at the Downey Theater. Call (562) 923-1714 for ticket information.

DCLO'S 'Good News!' set for opening tonight

DOWNEY — "Good News!" the Downey Civic Light Opera's latest production, opens tonight, Oct. 7, and runs through Oct. 23.

According to Marsha Moode, executive director of DCLO, it's a laugh-filled romance set on a college campus in 1928 New England with a wonderful score — "Button Up Your Overcoat," "Sunny Side Up," "Varsity Drag," "Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries," "The Best Things in Life Are Free," and more 1920s hit songs.

For information or tickets, call 923-1714. The box office is open Tuesday — Friday from 1 — 5 p.m.

All systems go with Downey Studios

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—The Downey City Council at its Sept. 27 regular meeting approved the certificate of required development investment, a condition of the purchase and sale agreement drawn in 2003 between the City and Industrial Realty Group (TRG), which is developing the much-anticipated Downey Studios at the old NASA site.

The amount agreed on was a minimum of \$13 million, a "good faith" investment assuring one and all that IRG had full faith in its capacity and commitment to build a viable movie studio in Downey.

In its capital expenditure report to the council, and as conveyed by acting Economic Development Department director Charles Vose, IRG matched dollar expenditures to major construction/development categories on the site, applicable to buildings 1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 23 and 290 (especially buildings 1 and 290). Some \$3 million has so far, for example, gone towards roof replacement on Building 1, Kaufmann Wing (only 65-plus percent complete), \$2.3 million to installing electric and gas infrastructure, and close to \$1 million towards building "the largest indoor water tank for filming in the world."

What this means, of course, is that work on the Downey Studios is proceeding as planned, despite delays, cost overruns and a reported negative campaign from some quarters about 'safety' matters surrounding the project.

The same report meanwhile described the economic impact of Downey Studios on the local economy, even before its full completion. Case in point: movies, TV programs, and commercials have been using its facilities for some time. Overnight stays for cast and crew at the Embassy Suites while filming goes on affords another example. Most security guards are local hires. Many other products and services are being provided by local suppliers. It is said that some 300 elves and extras for a November Disney production are on the boards.

Movie celebrities such as Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron, Edward Norton, Ben Stiller, Queen Latifah, Ann Margret, Ewan McGregor, Scarlett Johansson, Tim Allen, Jamie Lee Curtis, Meryl Streep, Jim Carrey—the list goes on and on—have been in and out of Downey, unbeknownst and undetected by most of us. Downey is becoming a byword in the movie industry.

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Big Rotary/YMCA breakfast tomorrow

DOWNEY—One of Downey's best attended events, the Annual Rotary/YMCA Benefit Pancake Breakfast, will be held at Downey High School tomorrow (Saturday, Oct. 8) from 7:30 to 11 a.m.

You are invited to join this family event, which brings out all those wishing to benefit the many fine programs offered by the Downey Family YMCA. A donation of \$4 gets you a delicious pancake breakfast served by the Rotary members who volunteer their labor each year to make this event a success.

Andy Cardono will once more serve his delightful "Mickey Mouse" pancakes, flanked by prominent Rotarians from throughout the Downey community.

Entertainment will be offered throughout the morning by the many classes and programs of the Downey "Y" from dancers to martial arts. If you have never attended a Rotary/YMCA Benefit Breakfast come to Downey High tomorrow and see how many of your friends are there. If you have attended before you know how enjoyable the breakfast setting at the school's outdoor quad area can be.

Downey High is located at Firestone Blvd., and Brookshire Avenue. Use the school parking lots. For information call (562) 862-4201.

Stadium dedication at Downey tonight

DOWNEY—You are cordially invited to attend the formal dedication of the new Allen Layne Stadium at Downey High School at 5:45 p.m. tonight (Friday, Oct. 7).

Tribute will be paid to former Downey Principal Allen Layne for his 40 years of dedicated service to the school and community.

The ceremonies will be followed by the football game at which Downey will host Santa Fe at 7 p.m.

Layne, principal at Downey High since 1994, announced his retirement in February after 25 years at the school. His career began in 1964 when he was hired as football coach at Warren High School. He transferred to Downey High in 1970, leaving in 1993 to become principal Columbus High school for one year.

A tireless advocate of education and sports, Layne spearheaded the drive that culminated in the creation of a Downey High School Hall of Fame for graduates who achieve distinction in years following their schooling here. These include science, industry and the arts.

He graduated from Utah State University, with majors in history and political science.

Council to allow Staples opening

By John Adams

DOWNEY—After a special meeting the City Council Wednesday has reconsidered its previous stand and will allow a Grand Opening tomorrow, (Oct. 8), at Staples at the new Downey Landing development.

The Council had earlier decided that because the developer of Downey Landing, the Eclipse Development Group, had fallen behind in terms of its contract with the City which requires that work on Stewart and Gray Road be completed before the stores open, that the terms should be strictly enforced and Staples and a number of other stores should be denied permits to open.

New vote

The new vote was 3-2, with Meredith Perkins and Kirk Cartozian still opposed to allowing the opening.

Pleas by Eclipse had been rejected at last week's Council meeting, which saw a 3-2 vote in favor of not allowing any more stores to open until the road is completed.

But a second written plea by Eclipse and Staples to Mayor Anne Bayer, detailing the situation with Staples, caused a hastily called Special Meeting of the Council to be held at 8 a.m., Wednesday.

It was decided Wednesday that it was unfair to allow openings of Best Buy and Marshalls and deny an opening to Staples, which had scheduled extensive advertising (see page 4).

Undecided

The Council is still undecided on what to do about the remaining stores on the list and scheduled to open in coming weeks, and will discuss the matter further at the regular meeting on Oct. 11.

Those waiting to open include Old Navy and Elephant Bar Restaurant, which had representatives at Wednesday's meeting.

DUSD candidate forum

DOWNEY—All candidates for the Downey Unified School District board have been invited by Citizens for Downey to a candidate forum Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Rio Hondo County Club. The forum starts at 7 a.m. The candidates will have the opportunity to state their vision for the students and the school system.

The candidate forum is open to all and breakfast will be available.

Area 1 candidates are educators Joseph A. Serrano and Martha Sodontani; Area 5: Luis H. Marquez, Ricardo A. Salazar and Nancy A. Swenson; Area 7: incumbent Barbara Samperi (unopposed).



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Joan Warner-Plettinck will be retiring from her post at the Downey Chamber of Commerce in December after serving the local community for many years. A selection committee is currently interviewing possible replacements.

Advance directives overviewed in class

DOWNEY – “Who Speaks for Me When I Can’t?” a two-hour class outlining procedures on how to specify your healthcare wishes in the event you are unable to speak for yourself, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11 at Talbert Medical Group offices, 8311 Florence Ave., at noon.

A second presentation will be held the same day at Downey Regional Medical Center at 5 p.m.

Nancy Goetsch, R.N., will review the Advance Healthcare Directive form and will be available for questions. An “Advance Directive Kit” containing reference materials will be distributed to those in attendance.

Reservations are required and each class is limited to 30 persons. Call Talbert Medical Group at (562) 366-1017 to sign up.

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Studios

Another condition stipulates that IRG must meet a required studio use period for the next 30 months, guaranteeing the effort to use the land in question for a successful movie studio, and that after 30 months IRG can turn to alternative means of development.

Much street and building construction is going on at present in Downey, but none is projected to have a greater impact than a completed Downey Studios. Until then, everybody agrees, “A great deal of work remains.”

Women’s Club goes country Oct. 12

DOWNEY – A silent auction will be the day’s featured event when the Downey Christian Women’s Club meets Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Los Amigos Country Club.

The meeting’s theme will be “Country Fair” and guests are invited to dress country. Ella Mae Rawlings will speak on “The Making of a Dandelion.”

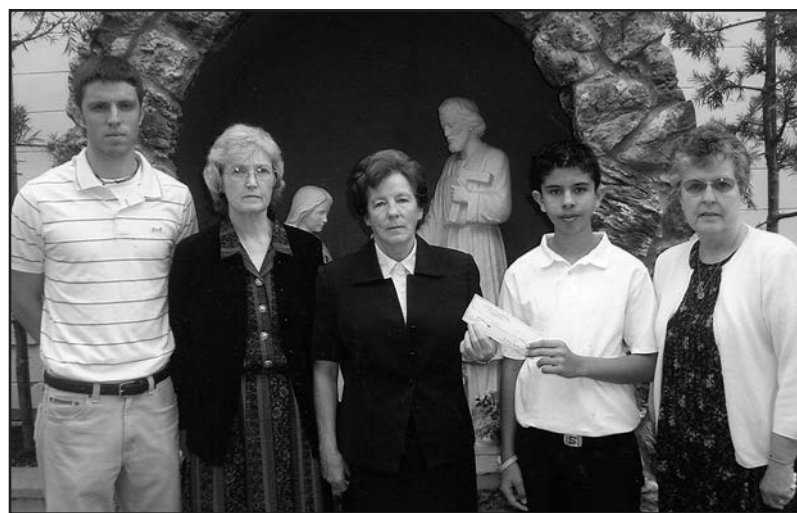
The program begins at 11:45 a.m. and costs \$12 and includes a buffet lunch. For reservations or more information, call Ginnie at 927-8488 or DeLores at 868-7135.

OLPH prays for police, firefighters

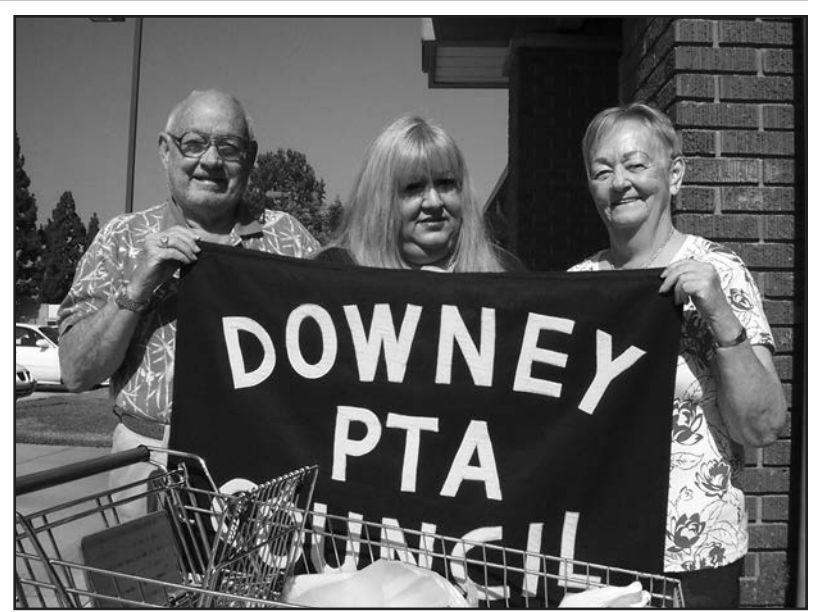
DOWNEY—Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, 10441 S. Downey Ave. in Downey, recently honored Downey firefighters and police officers at a special “Blue Mass,” at which students, faculty staff and OLPH parishioners pledged to pray for their safety throughout the year.

Special prayer cards designed by two students were distributed to all who attended the mass. These included Mayor Anne Bayer and City Councilmembers, Police Chief John Finch, Fire Chief Mark Sauter, other Downey police officers and many OLPH parents who are also firefighters and police officers.

Those interested may pick up a fire or police prayer card at the OLPH office.



A CHECK FOR \$5,356.26—Was presented on Sept. 16 to the Sisters of the Holy Faith who work in the New Orleans area. The amount was collected during the week of Sept. 8-15 by the students of St. Raymond School for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. From left, Outreach Projects Coordinator Matthew Garcia-Prats; Religion Coordinator Sr. Kathleen O’Connor; Sr. Maureen Campbell, Regional Leader of Srs. of the Holy Faith; Salvador Valle, Student Body President; and Sr. Meg Dullaghan, Principal.



FOOD DELIVERY—Denise Macias, center, delivers a basket of food items donated from the Downey Seventh-day Adventist Church to the Downey PTA Helps pantry. She is flanked by Tracy Riley, left, and Bonnie Gauthier.

Non-perishable items needed for PTA Helps

By Bill Aumack, Downey Adventist Church

DOWNEY—The Downey Adventist Church, located at 9820 Lakewood Blvd., is collecting seasonal food items for the Downey PTA Helps during its Art and Craft Fair Sunday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Downey PTA Helps collects food all year long to distribute to needy families in Downey. There is an even bigger need for food donations around the holidays. Please bring non-perishable food items, such as canned or boxed items.

After you drop off your food items, you are invited to stay for the Art and Craft Fair. There will be booths full of hand-made crafts in the courtyard for you to browse and to purchase.

In conjunction with the Craft Fair, the Downey Art League will be hosting an Open Art Show in the fellowship hall. Come and view the beautiful art. If you would like to show your art, there will be awards for professionals and non-professionals. Art will be accepted in the following categories: crafts, sculpture, painting and photography. Prize money will be determined by the number of entries.

The fair and art show are free for everyone. Come and view the crafts and fine art. There will also be food available to purchase, as well as crafts and games for the young and young at heart.

There are a limited number of craft booths still available. Please contact the church for more information on renting a booth.

Contact the church at 869-6013 or www.downeychurch.org for more information regarding the Open Art Show rules.

Road construction to shut down intersection

DOWNEY—The intersection of Lakewood Boulevard and Stewart & Grey Road will be shut down intermittently every weekend through the month of October, according to the City of Downey Public Works Department.

In order to minimize inconveniences to residents and commuters, travel lanes approaching the intersection will only be closed as necessary and only during the time frames specified below:

- Friday Night, Oct. 7, through Monday morning, Oct. 10
- Friday Night, Oct. 14, through Monday morning, Oct. 17
- Friday Night, Oct. 21, through Monday morning, Oct. 24
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Residents are urged to plan their trips around the lane closure area and take alternate routes during the dates of the construction. For more information, contact the Public Works Department, (562) 904-7102.

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CENTURY 21 My Real Estate is happy to pay special tribute to this hard working young man and the great company that stands along his side. Salvador (Sal) Medina is an employee of Sav-On in Downey. Sal is in the Arc’s Supported Employment program where the Arc matches people with disabilities with companies looking for dedicated employees. The Arc also provides a coach for Sal when he needs it. He is one of 35 individuals that the Arc supports in regular employment.

Sal is a dedicated and hard working individual. This year he received Arc’s Supported Employment “Employee of the Year” Award. Sal takes care of the plants, the parking lots and the general upkeep of the interior store at Sav-On.

DOWNEY’S BEHIND THE SCENE SUPERSTARS



REPORTER-TURNED-NOVELIST—Denise Hamilton, Los Angeles-based author of the best-selling *Eve Diamond* mystery series, will speak and sign books from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library. This is a free event.

Library features mystery writer/reporter

DOWNEY—Denise Hamilton, author of the best-selling *Eve Diamond* mystery series, will speak and sign books at the Downey City Library Thursday, Oct. 20 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Cormack Room. This is a free event.

A Los Angeles-based reporter-turned-novelist, Hamilton has created a series of thrillers that explore the Los Angeles crime scene, as well as its history and subcultures. Her latest book, *Savage Garden*, made the Los Angeles times bestseller list and is a finalist for the Southern CA Bookseller's Association "Best Mystery of 2005" award. Hamilton says the book was inspired by her own reporting on the murder of the wife of Los Lobos musician Cesar Rosas. Her previous "Eve Diamond" books include *Last Lullaby*, *Sugar Skull* and *The Jasmine Trade*. The author includes so many rich details about Los Angeles that the city almost becomes a character in her books.

"L.A. is my hometown and I love it for all of its pulsating life, diversity and dangers," says Hamilton. "I like to write a well-crafted whodunit, but within that framework I include large issues about race, class, culture and corruption."

Copies of her books will be available for purchase and signing at the event through Waldenbooks of Downey. For reservations, call the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Library offering new class for seniors

DOWNEY—A new class for senior adults this fall, "Internet Resources for Seniors," will be offered by the Downey City Library. Participants will discover the resources on the Web that provide legal, consumer and health questions, as well as some fun and recreational sites of interest. The free class is on Tuesday, Oct. 18 in the Cormack Room, from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon.

Those attending should be familiar with using a computer mouse. Reservations are recommended by calling the Downey City Library at 904-7360, ext. 32.

Cancer support group at DRMC

DOWNEY — Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a free cancer support group each Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. The hospital is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. For more information call 806-2790.

Two-mile walk to raise child abuse awareness

DOWNEY — The second annual "Walk the Talk Against Child Abuse" will be held next Saturday, Oct. 15, beginning at 8 a.m. at Downey First Baptist Church, where residents will march more than two miles in an attempt to raise child abuse awareness.

Joining the walkers this year will be the Downey High School marching band and the jazz trio, "The Generations Band," in addition to a group of small girls dancing Mexican folk dances.

A \$15 donation gets walkers a T-shirt, goodie bag and lunch provided by Granata's.

To join the walkers, or for more information, call Shirley Johnson at 862-2378.

Downey Theater plans triop to Sony Studios

CULVER CITY—A limited number of tickets are still available for the Downey Theater's excursion to the Sony Studios Tour and "Jeopardy!" taping on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

The tour affords a behind-the-scenes two-hour walking tour of Sony Studios (formerly the famous home of MGM Studios) at 9 a.m., lunch (on your own) in the famous Studio Commissary at 11 a.m., and a taping of "Jeopardy!" at 12 noon.

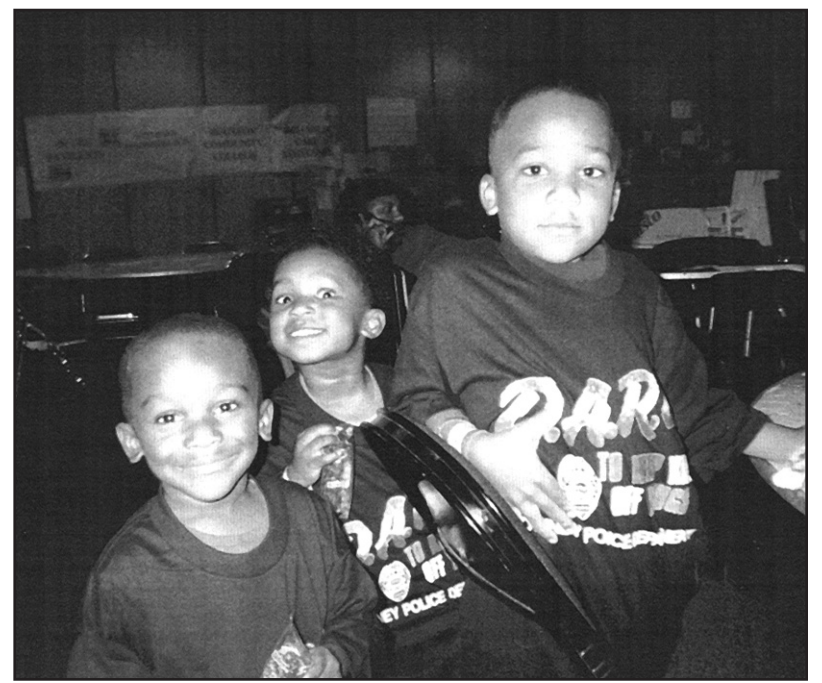
This excursion involves extensive walking and a government-issued photo ID is required. Minimum age requirement is 12 years old.

The excursion will depart Downey City Hall at 7:30 a.m. The \$45 per person ticket includes roundtrip bus transportation, the Sony Studios walking tour, and the "Jeopardy!" taping. Return to Downey City Hall will be approximately 4:30 p.m.

For information, call the Theater Box Office, 12 noon-4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (562) 861-8211.

Free bread at Vineyard Fellowship

DOWNEY—Tomorrow, Oct. 8, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Vineyard Family Christian Fellowship, at 10335 Paramount Blvd (near Florence Ave.), will be giving out free loaves of bread to the first 100 households. Information: (562) 928-0034.



ALL THREE DOWNEY POLICE CHAPLAINS—Representing their congregations, went down to Louisiana to assist those in need in response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster. This shot was taken by Chaplain Mario Guerra at one of the shelters and shows 3 kids relishing their donated D.A.R.E T-shirts. Chaplain Guerra had collected 40 D.A.R.E. Program T-shirts beforehand for distribution in the stricken area.

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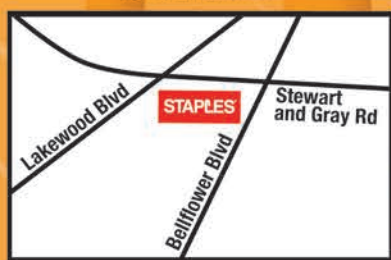
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Knabe endorses Bob Hughlett for board

CERRITOS—Dr. Bob Hughlett, a candidate for the Cerritos College Board of Trustees on Nov. 8, has received the endorsement of L.A. County 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe.

In a letter dated Sept. 12, Knabe wrote: "I have known Bob for 30 years. After working as a teacher at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in the Downey Unified School District for three years, Bob moved to Cerritos College in 1973 until his retirement last July. During his years at the college, his many roles included that of faculty member, director of Disabled Student Programs and twice interim vice president of Student Services. Since 1987, Bob also was twice elected to the Board of Education for the ABC Unified School District and has most recently served on the Cerritos City Council for two terms. He was the president of ABC Unified and was twice mayor of Cerritos."

Knabe writes on: "I feel that Bob's thirty six years in education and sixteen years of elected public service have given him the experience, background and network to be an outstanding member of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. Bob has the unique benefit of dealing with the needs and interests of the college as a local elected official and the first-hand knowledge of the inner workings of the institution as a long-term employee.

"You know how proud I am of our community and, by extension, of Cerritos College and the great educational opportunities that the college offers. Maintaining the excellent programs and services in the face of fiscal challenges in these uncertain times, as well as the implementation of the construction plan funded by the recent bond issue, are but two of the reasons calling for experienced, innovative and receptive Trustees. Bob Hughlett is my choice for this important position."

New law puts HOA elections in check

SACRAMENTO—Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law this week legislation requiring secret ballots and set fairness guidelines during Home Owner Association elections.

At least 60 percent of new housing in California is located in common interest developments and governed by elected boards, said Senator Jim Battin (R-La Quinta), who sponsored the bill. The developments have elected boards that have the power to levy and spend assessments collected from homeowners, regulate behavior and make decisions that impact the entire community.

However, California law made almost no mention on how these governing bodies should behave when holding elections.

"This new law is going to have immediate and positive impact on how HOAs are run in this state," said Battin. "Now homeowners will be able to cast votes on important issues affecting themselves and their families without the fear of intimidation or scare tactics."

The new law prohibits a person from counting votes in an election in which he is a candidate and establishes additional procedures for notification of elections and storage and review of results.

Community invited to DNC Mini-Faire

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club is getting ready for their annual fundraiser Monday, Oct. 10 at Los Amigos Country Club on Quill Drive. The Mini-Faire will have a bake sale table, hand-made goods, jewelry, books, and a raffle. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. for browsing; lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

After lunch, selection of officers for the DNC board will be attended to.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Corrections needed...

Dear Editor:

Yesterday (Monday, Sept. 26) I wasted time because the Citation Processing is not available to answer questions – no one answers their phone. Today it took two trips to the City Manager's office to try to get answers out of the Citation Processing Center. The clerk in the office could not get a functional phone number. That was the reason for my second trip there. She wasted quite a bit of city time trying to get through to them. We needed to talk to a live person. I guess they do not have live people working there. She left a message to call me – so far it has not happened! They seem only to be accountable to themselves. Maybe this should be brought up to the management of the Citation Processing Center to get a needed correction.

The City Engineer seems to be a bit of a twit. He has closed off all the East and West streets in Downey at the same time in the same area. Traffic has been inconvenienced by a great deal due to a lack of planning on his part. He first came to my attention when he remarked the parking at the Post Office. With the cost of commercial real estate in Downey, he took three parking spaces near the Post Office entrance and reduced them to one space! I had to go to the Parking Commission because he would not put the spaces he eliminated back. The Parking Commission was appalled at this waste of space. When it came up in the City Council, he was willing to put the spaces back! He has since done it for a number of years.

—John B. McDonald,

Downey

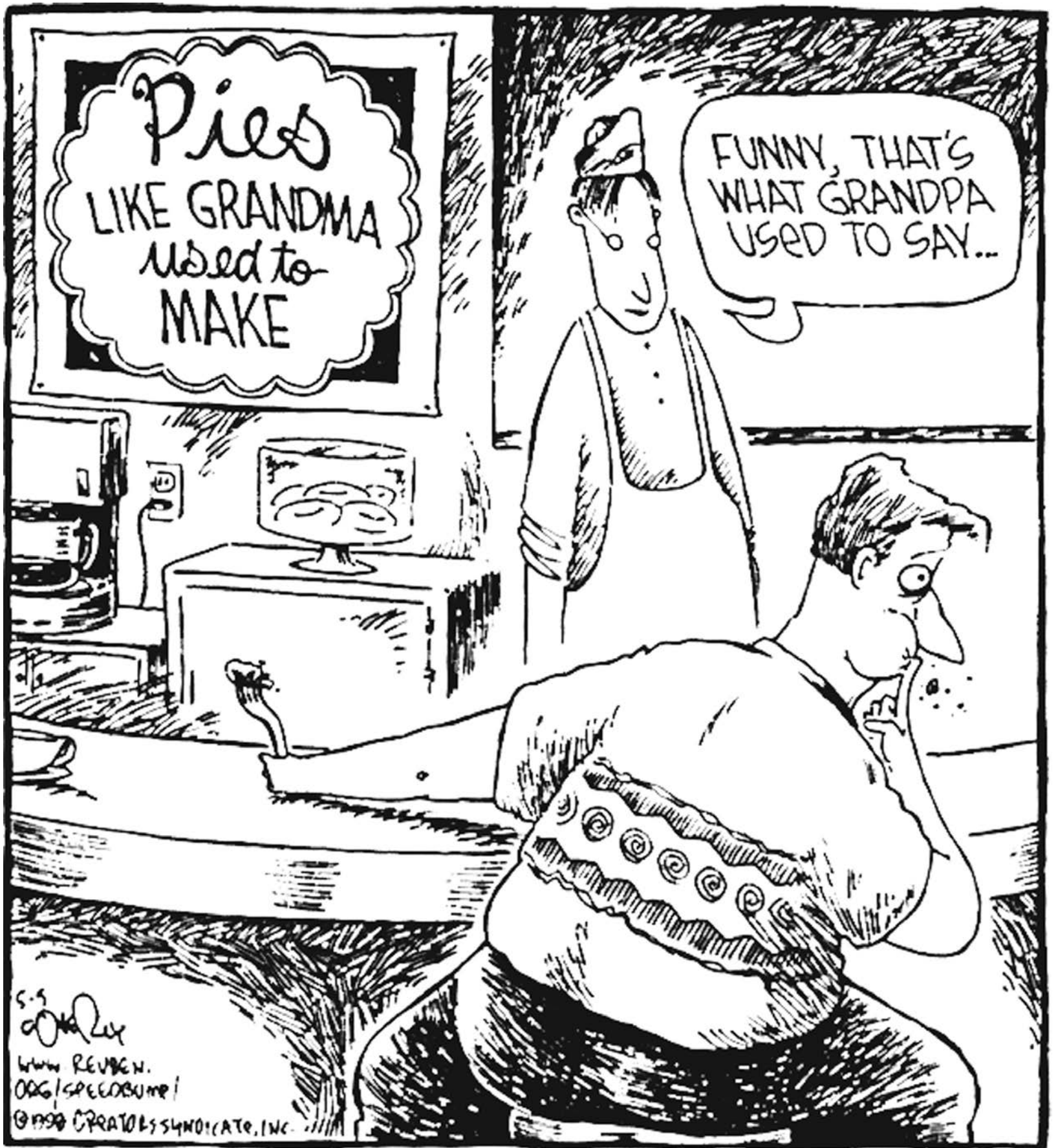
'Times have changed...'

Dear Editor:

Should the government protect or provide? Both when necessary? Neither? I grew up with "God helps those that help themselves." Sounds very good but I never found it in the Bible.

The following is a forwarded message.

--Mary Stauffer,
Downey



"In 1927, a major unnamed hurricane struck the city of New Orleans. It was actually more powerful than Katrina. The scope of damage was much more severe because this particular hurricane actually hit the city. Katrina missed it by 25 miles.

The interesting difference is the response the government gave in 1927 to those hurricane refugees, compared to the refugees of Katrina, er. I meant "survivors" – (sorry, Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson).

How much aid did the government dispense at that time? Zero, nada, not one dime. And you know how much aid the army offered? The only aid from the army came in the form of loaning the city of New Orleans tents and camp stoves. Ironically, later, the army sued the city for reimbursement. So what was the big difference here?

It was the attitude the people had towards the government at that time, compared to the attitude that Katrina's victims have. The 1927 "survivors" expected nothing from the government. Eighty years ago, people understood that the government was there to "protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Today, Americans expect the government to "provide life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." That's a major difference. And now, a week later, when the government failed on all three levels of local, state, and federal to provide for their needs, Americans were sorely disappointed.

Reverend Jackson and Reverend Sharpton spend their opportunities arguing about semantics. "They shouldn't be called refugees, they should be called survivors." Unfortunately, they missed the boat. It was a perfect

opportunity to deliver a very basic message to their people.

Fact, if you are poor and uneducated in America, this is what happens. Fact, if you depend on the government, you will be sorely disappointed. Fact, if you are poor in America, there is no reason for you to be uneducated. It's free! 12 grades. And if you really apply yourself, there are enough grants and assistance out there for higher education, which will raise you above the poverty level. And no longer will you depend on the government and be disappointed. It's unfortunate that this lesson will be missed by most of the "survivors."

A couple of other points should be brought to light. G.W. has asked the Congress for 50 billion dollars worth of aid for the "survivors and clean up!" of the city. Interesting, isn't it? One million people displaced and out of work in that city, sitting all day in shelters, waiting for the next handout. Of course, the thought never occurred to anyone that just maybe, "Hey, we should give all these folks jobs filling sand bags to plug the levees and clearing trees." (Wonder how many of them would want government aid if they had to work for it?)

And finally, they have hardly begun the task of picking up dead bodies, and already the finger pointing has started. The congressional hearings and probes will go on forever. Millions will be spent on a wasted diatribe of a bipartisan "witch hunting expedition" – all of which will be nonsense.

If you're a democrat, you are going to blame the president. If you are a republican, you are going to blame the mayor and governor.

The dangers of underage drinking

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—MADD's accomplishments over 25 years are commendable, and I deeply appreciate its support of an issue I have worked on for years: the crisis of underage drinking in our country. Joining us in this bipartisan effort are my colleagues Frank Wolf, Zach Wamp, Rosa DeLauro and Tom Osborne and Senators Dodd and DeWine. Our partnership has had some important successes in our fight against underage drinking.



The Institute of Medicine, for example, conducted a landmark study that highlighted the crisis of underage drinking in our country. As a result of this study, we were able to secure funding for a national media campaign aimed at parents. The media campaign conducted by the Ad Council is scheduled to begin airing in November.

Hopefully, these ads will help reverse the outcome of a study by HHS, which found there has been no reduction in underage drinking. In the past month, nearly 11 million kids reported drinking alcohol, with over seven million being binge drinkers, and over two million being heavy drinkers – and tragically, by today's end, 7,000 kids under the age of 16 will take their first drink. These statistics are essentially unchanged from 2002 and 2003.

The urgency of our health crisis is amplified when one considers that young people who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to become alcoholics than those who drink after age 21, twenty-two times more likely to use marijuana, and 50 times more likely to try cocaine than kids who do not drink. Add to that the many problems associated with underage drinking such as increased car accidents, suicides and violent behavior, and one begins to sense the enormity of the problem. As new information is uncovered about the effects of underage drinking, the urgency of prevention is even greater – a fact made clear this year, when the National Institute of Drug Abuse testified that alcohol may affect adolescent brain development until age 25.

With such compelling information, the question is why haven't we been able to do more to prevent the crisis of underage drinking? The answer is: the alcohol industry. This powerful adversary benefits from the fact that teenage drinking is nearly 20 percent of alcohol consumption in the United States – or \$22.5 billion dollars annually. If one talks to the alcohol industry, however, they would tell you it does not encourage underage drinking, a statement that is hard to believe when you consider that in 2002, the alcohol industry spent \$990 million on ads promoting alcohol use, and only \$10 million on responsible drinking ads. The result of this lopsided spending is that an American youngster, on average, saw one ad discouraging underage drinking to 609 ads promoting alcohol consumption. There is little wonder that underage drinking is a national health crisis. MADD, and my congressional colleagues and you, must continue to fight for the passage of the STOP Underage Drinking bill. The STOP Underage Drinking bill is designed to address the Institute of Medicine's findings that parents underestimate the use of alcohol by their children. To help parents understand the consequences of underage drinking, the STOP Underage Drinking Act makes permanent the national media campaign. In addition, it makes permanent the interagency council, mandates extensive reporting requirements by HHS, and establishes a report card to track the efforts of states. The bill also makes grants available to communities to help them address this problem, and for research to develop more effective strategies to curb underage drinking.

The passage of the STOP Underage Drinking bill is a critical step to address our national health crisis facing our youth. MADD's successes, and the firsthand stories you bring to your representatives and senators are exactly what we need to take this issue out of the shadows and make the fight against underage drinking the national priority it must be. Therefore, I sincerely thank you for coming to Washington to carry our message to Congress. By working together, we can and will successfully confront this health crisis and reduce the terrible toll it is taking on our youth and on our nation's future for generations to come.

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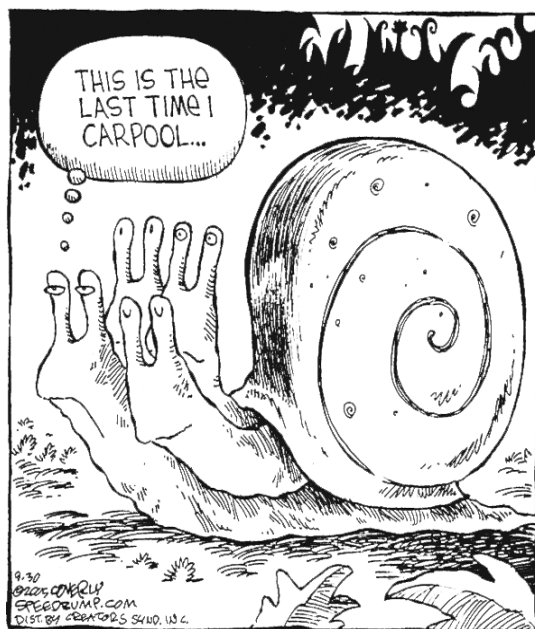
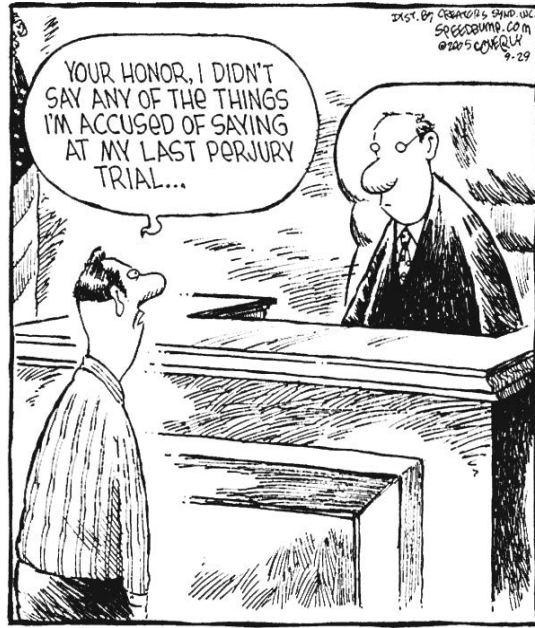
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For October

Sat. Oct. 8, 7:30 a.m.: **Rotary/YMCA Pancake Breakfast** at Downey High School, Firestone at Brookshire. \$4.00 donation for 57th annual event. For information call 862-4201.
 Sat. Oct. 8, 9:00 a.m.: **Fall Craft Fair** at Downey High School Gym, Firestone at Brookshire, for Downey Unified School District's TLC Family Resource Center. Crafts, raffles and snacks available. For information call 469-6890.

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, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call 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 Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
 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 Samb'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.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

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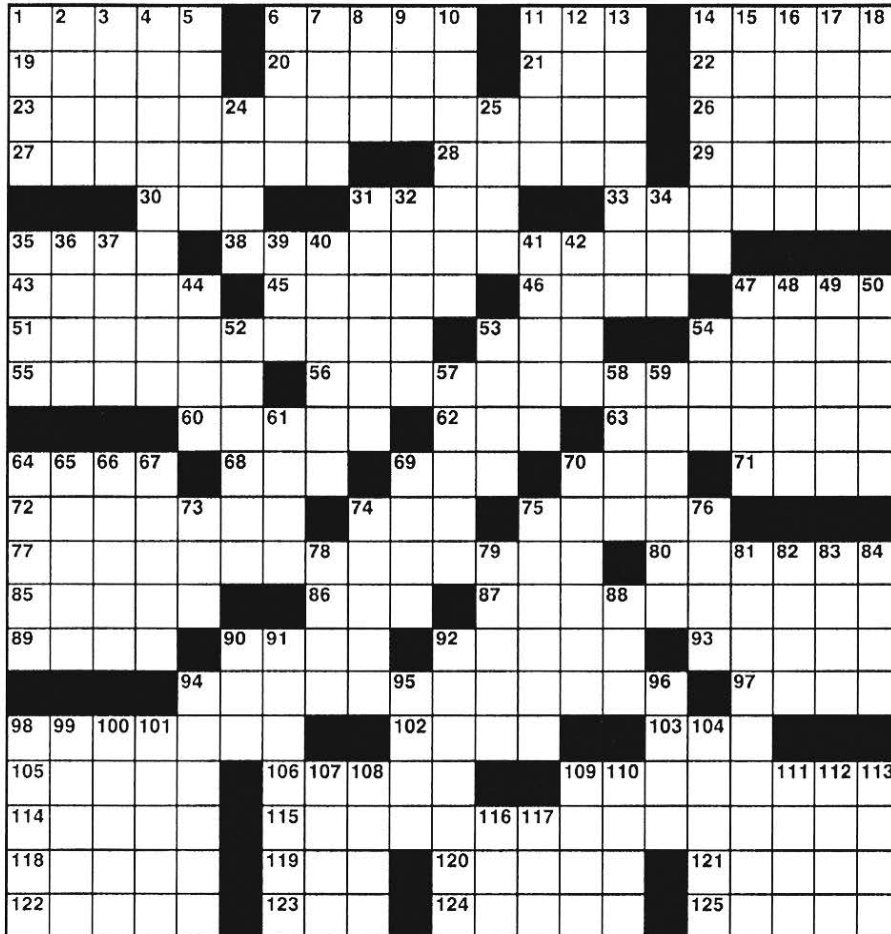
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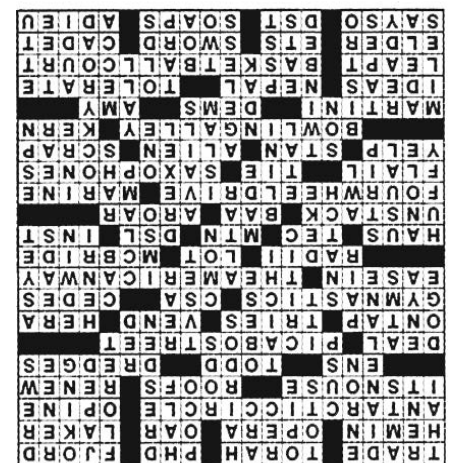
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Top entertainers at Charter Ball Oct. 29

DOWNEY—Funnymen 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.

Funds raised at Charter Ball 2005 will go towards new cardiac monitors at Downey Regional Medical Center.

For ticket information, call 904-5055.

L.B. Playhouse celebrates 76 years

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse, where stars like Robert Mitchum, Laraine Day and Dwight Yoakam once performed, is hosting their second annual fundraiser, "Taste of the Playhouse," Sunday, Oct. 16, to commemorate 76 years of entertainment.

Held at the Playhouse's Mainstage Theater, the benefit will begin with dinner from the finest local restaurants and end with entertainment from celebrities including Beverly Garland, star of 41 feature films and nearly 700 TV programs, and Lee Meriwether, who co-starred with Buddy Ebsen in "Barnaby Jones" for 8 years and played Catwoman in the original "Batman" movie.

For tickets/information, call the Box Office at (562) 494-1014, or visit www.lbph.com.

Broadway comedy hits Studio Theater

LONG BEACH — "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," a Broadway hit by legendary author Neil Simon, will be presented at the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theater beginning Oct. 22.

Robert Craig directs the comedy.

The play pays homage to Simon's early days in show business, when he worked as a junior comic for Sid Caesar's Your Show of Shows. While stuck in a room with other comedy writers, each try to top each other with gags while competing for the attention of head madman Max Prince. Meanwhile, Simon contends with NBC brass who fear his humor is too sophisticated for middle America.

Performances run through Nov. 26 and ticket prices begin at \$10. For more information, call (562) 494-1014.

Actress to be honored for volunteerism

LONG BEACH — Award-winning actress and director Darlene Chaffee will be honored with the Playhouse Lifetime Achievement Award when the Long Beach Playhouse presents its second annual Taste of the Playhouse on Oct. 16.

Chaffee will be recognized for her creative contributions and volunteer work for the Playhouse over the past 50 years.

Tickets for the event are \$100 and are available through the Playhouse box office at (562) 494-1014.



ON STAGE IN DOWNEY — Susan Hoffman returns to Downey Civic Light Opera in the musical, "Good News," now playing at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire, through Oct. 23. She previously was seen as Meg in "Damn Yankees." For ticket information, call 923-1714.

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Skirball presents new fall concert series

LOS ANGELES—The Skirball Cultural Center begins two new concert series this fall—*Fretloose*, which will explore the work of exceptional guitarists from a diversity of cultures and styles, and *A World of Songs*, showcasing the singer/songwriter tradition from different parts of the world.

Legendary Malian blues guitarist/storyteller Boubacar "Kar Kar" Traore opened *Fretloose* on Thursday, Oct. 6., performing songs about life, love, politics and solidarity reminiscent of the Mississippi blues. Italian singer/songwriter/guitarist Gianmaria Testa launches *A World of Songs* on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m., taking the stage with richly melodic songs tinted with accents of tango, bossa nova, habanera and jazz.

The *Fretloose* guitar series continues in the spring, with two concerts featuring Adrian Legg, Peppino D'Agostino and Stef Burns (Jan. 22) as well as Pierre Bensusan (March 30). Together these performances celebrate the guitar whose history dates back to ancient Babylonia. Over the course of time, the guitar has evolved both in sound and design and is now one of the most important instruments to cross cultures.

A World of Songs also continues in the spring, with four concerts starring Marta Topferova (Feb. 8), Bonga (April 21), Keren Anna (May 11) and Rhiannon (June 15).

Taken together both the *Fretloose* and *A World of Songs* concert series fulfill the Skirball's mission to explore connections across cultures and to educate people of every ethnic and cultural identity about the similarities they share.

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Fashion show tomorrow at Elks Lodge

DOWNEY—Downey Emblem Club #309 is holding a "Fashion Show" Saturday, Oct. 8 at Elks Lodge #2020, 11233 Woodruff Ave., featuring fashions (dresses, casual, after 5, accessories) by Dress Barn of Cerritos Towne Center.

Tickets are \$20 (includes luncheon at 12 noon and the fashion show at 1 p.m.). There is a no host bar at 11 a.m.

Meanwhile, the club's fall fundraiser – the Pechanga Bus Trip – takes place Wednesday, Oct. 19. The trip starts at 8:30 a.m. from the Downey Elks Lodge parking lot, with the bus returning at approximately 5:30-6 p.m.

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Lecture on history of theater in Downey

By Linden Waddell

DOWNEY—The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. (JHPAF) has been invited to give a lecture, "Once Upon a Stage: An Entertaining History of Theater in Downey," as part of the Downey Symphony Guild's community outreach activities. The lecture is free and will be held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16 at 2:30 at the Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey, in Conference Rooms A and B.

JHPAF board members and speakers Larry Dusich, Bill Turner, and Linden Waddell will enlighten listeners with a media-based 45-minute presentation which will chronicle the history of live theaters and movie theaters in the city of Downey, beginning in 1920 when El Teatro Bonito presented professional dramas on Crawford Street, now known as Downey Avenue.

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Downey Symphony Guild vice president and program chair Pauline Hume said, "We're so fortunate to have Larry, Bill, and Linden give a talk about the history of theater in Downey. They all grew up in Downey and went on to become professional performers. Larry was an international champion ice skater, a dancer in the film, "Grease," a performer, choreographer and director for the Downey Children's Theater and Civic Light Opera, and is currently producer of theatrical events throughout the world. Bill was an actor for many years, a television producer, and a figure skating instructor to Larry, as well as to Ken Shelley and JoJo Starbuck. Linden started as a child performer with the Downey Children's Theater, grew before our eyes joining the Teen Theater and Civic Light Opera, then went on to perform lead roles in "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Ahmanson Theater and in "Cats" at the Shubert Theater. The Guild is looking forward to what we think will be a highlight of our community outreach activities." Refreshments will be served.

Turner and Dusich appeared together in a 1958 production of Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" at the Encore Playhouse on Downey Avenue. Turner played the lead role of Brick and Dusich portrayed a child in the play. It was the founder of the Encore Playhouse, John R. Williams, who hired John Hume to star in three of its professional productions. Hume stayed in Downey and founded and led the Downey Children's Theater, Inc. for 25 years.

The nonprofit JHPAF seeks to honor the memory of John Hume by continuing his vision that the performing arts can be an invaluable tool to teach children values and responsibility, inspire creativity, and promote friendship and fun.

To attend the Symphony Guild's lecture, RSVP to DSG vice president Pauline Hume at (562) 869-0422.

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—Lorine Parks,
Downey



HISTORIC 1958 PHOTO—Downey's Encore Playhouse located on Downey Avenue, in the shadow of the Avenue Movie Theater.

Students treated to Downey Orchestra

DOWNEY—All third graders in the Downey Unified School District will be treated to a performance by the Downey Symphony Orchestra at the Downey Theater on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Downey Savings Bank will donate funds to the Downey Symphonic Society's "Music in the Schools" program to make the concert possible.

Thomas Osborn, Artistic Director and Conductor for the orchestra, will explain musica terms and concepts before each piece of music and teachers will prepare students for the performance using study materials provided by the Downey Symphonic Society.

Art and craft show at Adventist Church

DOWNEY—Downey Adventist Church will host the 2nd Annual Art and Craft Fair Sunday, Oct. 16 on its campus beginning at 9 a.m.

The church is working in conjunction with Downey Art League, which is producing an Open Art Show in the fellowship hall.

The art show schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 13 - Take-in, 3-8 p.m.
- Oct. 14 - Hanging and judging
- Oct. 15 - Open to the public, 12-4 p.m.
- Oct. 16 - Open to the public, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., awards ceremony, 4 p.m.

The fair and art show are free and some art will be available for purchase. Call the church for booth rentals and Open Art Show rules.

Firefighters featured at library storytime

DOWNEY—Preschool children ages 3-5 who've often wondered what it's like to be a firefighter in Downey will find answers Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 10:30-11 a.m. when they attend "A Visit with the Downey Fire Department."

The free event will begin in the Downey City Library's Cormack Room. Downey Fire Department members will be on hand to read stories, meet the children and show a Department fire engine.

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DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District's TLC Family Resource Center presents its Fall Craft Fair Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Downey High Gym, 11040 Brookshire Ave. The Fair will feature handcrafted items, decorations, ceramics, jewelry, scrap booking, and cosmetics. Coffee, soft drinks and snacks will be available.

Proceeds will go toward supporting the TCL Family Resource Center, which provides free health care and vision care, after-school tutoring programs for children, crisis intervention, parent education programs, counseling services, enrollments in Medi-Cal., and numerous other free services for families in need.

Raffle items include: a DVD Player, compliments of Target, as well as a \$100 gift certificate to Target, a \$50 gift certificate to the Hornblower (dinner, dance cruises in Newport Beach) and a \$25 gift certificate to All American Home Center. Also to be raffled off are four tickets to the Gene Autry Museum, four tickets to the Downey Theatre, and four passes to the Comedy Club in Redondo Beach.

Blood drive Oct. 9 at First Christian

DOWNEY—The American Red Cross will have their Bloodmobile at the Downey First Christian Church, 10909 S. New St., Sunday, Oct. 9, to accept blood donations from the community due to a severe blood shortage caused by the recent natural disasters.

Reservations are recommended by calling the church office at (562) 862-2438 for the time that is most convenient for you between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Walk-ins will be welcomed but those with reservations will be given priority.

Healthy heart nutrition class Oct. 12

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. in Downey, has scheduled another Healthy Heart nutrition class Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The class is taught by a registered dietitian and focuses on diet changes that help reduce the risk of heart disease.

People who have high cholesterol and/or triglycerides or high blood pressure are encouraged to attend. The class is free but space is limited, and registration is required by calling the DRMC Department of Education, (562) 904-5580.

Doctor discusses strokes at free seminar

DOWNEY—Residents are invited to a free seminar on "Stroke and Migraine Headaches" and "Stroke and Contraceptives" Saturday, Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center. Neurologist Khalifa Mansour, M.D., will speak at the event.

The seminar includes a continental breakfast and blood pressure screening. Stroke screening reservations are full but appointments will be taken for future dates.

Seating is limited for the seminar and reservations are required by calling 904-5162. The event is a partnership between the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation and DRMC's Memorial Trust Foundation.



SERVICE MILESTONE—Harriet Avecilla, RN, has been with Downey Regional Medical Center for 30 years. She was honored Sept. 29, along with 60 others, for their reaching 5, 10, 20, 25 and 30-year service milestones.

Course on how to boost earnings offered

NORWALK—A course offered Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 6:30-9 p.m. in Rm. 31/Liberal Arts Bldg. by the Cerritos College Community Education Department is titled, "Skyrocket Your Earnings: The Secrets to Unleashing Your Earning Potential."

It explores the question, "How much are you worth?" Experts say most people are earning far less than they're really worth. According to presenter Pearl Georgen, a professional court-approved mediator and member of the L.A. Superior Court Panel of Mediators, you can learn how to get your fair share; and that earning more is not a matter of luck or circumstances or the breaks you get or who you know.

Cost is \$35 (plus \$15 material fee, payable to presenter for textbook). To register for the course/for information, call (562) 467-5050, ext. 2521.

Video conference tours judicial project

NORWALK—Cerritos College's Court Reporting Department is hosting a virtual tour via video conference Oct. 18 of the Courtroom 21 Project, an ongoing international demonstration model that studies how technology can be used to improve all aspects of the judicial system and serves as an educational setting for the public, lawyers, student lawyers, paralegals, court reporters and court administrators. Call 860-2451, ext. 2792 for more information.

Long-term hospital employees honored

DOWNEY—On Sept. 19, Downey Regional Medical Center honored 61 of its employees for service milestones of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years.

Among them was Harriet Avecilla, RN, who has cared for thousands of patents at DRMC during the past 30 years. She was an Intensive Care Unit nurse for 20 years, and has been a discharge planner in the last 10 years. She currently focuses on 4th floor Medical/Surgical patients.

Originally from the Philippines, Avecilla completed her nurse's training there before moving to the U.S. and working in a Minnesota hospital for two years. Seeking warmer weather, she moved to Downey in 1971 where she and her husband, Victor, still live. In addition to raising two children here and now enjoying four grandsons, Avecilla enjoys raising orchids.

Hospital CEO Allen Korneff, along with several hospital Board members, joined the service awardees at a hospital luncheon in their honor. Georgina Murphy, RN, was also honored for 30 years of service, all in the hospital's Family Birth Center. Employees reaching 25-year milestones were Greg Luther and Marjorie Parsons, Radiology; Jo Ann Price, Patient Planning and Review; Rita Saiza, Linen Service; Teresa Tinnerman, RN, Home Health; Josephina Velarde, RN, Intensive Care Unit; and Bonnie Noland, RN, Medical/Surgical Unit.

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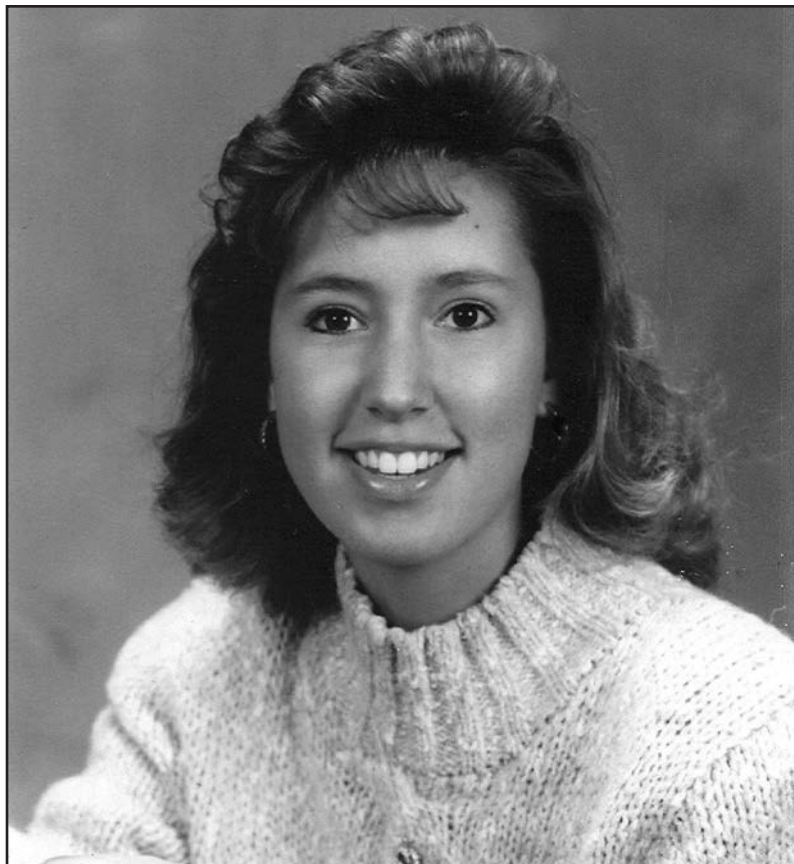


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FORMER DOWNEY RESIDENT—And a Downey High School graduate, Lisa Janel Hanlon-Macey, passed away March 18 in Georgia. She was 33.

Lisa Hanlon-Macey, 33, grew up in Downey

DOWNEY—Lisa Janel Hanlon-Macey, formerly of Downey, passed away March 18 in Woodstock, GA. Cause of death has not been determined. She was 33.

She was born May 15, 1971 in Lancaster to Janet Sue Hall-Balogh and George Ernest Beltz. She grew up in Downey, attended Alameda Elementary and South Middle School, and graduated from Downey High School in 1989. She continued her education at Butte Community College in Paradise, CA, graduated from the Fire Academy, and was employed for a season by the CDF and served as a lieutenant in the Paradise Volunteer Fire Department. Receiving a Leadership Scholarship to attend Brigham Young University, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1998.

She is survived by her husband Darrell and daughter Lauren of Woodstock, GA; mother Janet S. Balogh of Eugene, OR; brothers Sean Hanlon of Hermosa Beach and Tony Wagner of Hemet; sisters Andrea Balogh and Ann Balogh of Eugene, OR; and maternal grandparents Catherine and Lee Stucke of Magalia, CA.

At her request her ashes were released over the cliffs at Mendocino, CA on April 23.

Services held for Julio Huitrado, 90

DOWNEY—Julio Huitrado of Downey, who was born April 12, 1915 in Mexico City, Mexico, died on Sept. 20 at Southland Care Center in Norwalk. He was 90.

His family moved to California when he was 11 years old. He served in World War II with the 147th Engineers Combat Battalion in the European Theater, and landed on Omaha beach on D-Day. He was a member of I.A.T.S.E. Local 33 and worked at the studios for 27 years.

His daughter and son-in-law, Dee and Larry De Young of Downey, and his daughter Gloria Huitrado of Glendale, survive him. His wife Teresa preceded him death in 1998.

Services were held on Sept. 24 at the Church of the Recessional in Forest Lawn Memorial-Park, Glendale.

Maria Cascio was longtime resident

DOWNEY—Maria Cascio, who was born on Feb. 23, 1913 in Corleone, Sicily, Italy, and had been a resident of Downey for 49 years, has died.

She was one of nine children and the only one surviving among her siblings.

She and her husband left Italy when in their early forties and moved their family to California to start a new life. She is survived by three children; six grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

She was a parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and was a member of the Altar Society.

CareMore explores health plan options

DOWNEY – CareMore Medical Group, in conjunction with Blue Shield of California, is hosting a free seminar today, Oct. 7, at Szechwan restaurant where they will discuss their Blue Shield 65 Plus Value Plan.

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ASSEMBLYMEMBER HECTOR DE LA TORRE—At the unveiling of Mexican cultural heritage exhibit at the Downey City Library.

Cultural heritage exhibit unveiled

DOWNEY—In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, Assemblymember Hector De La Torre (D-South Gate) recently unveiled a Mexican cultural heritage exhibit at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. One of eight public library exhibits throughout the 50th Assembly district, the display highlights ceramics, costume, books and art from the Mexican state of Michoacan. The library lobby exhibit runs through Oct. 28.

Items on display in the libraries were donated by local hometown associations of the representative states of Durango, Jalisco, Michoacan, Nayarit and Yucatan. Representatives from these associations joined De La Torre at the Downy City Library on Sept. 22 to unveil the exhibit.

For information, call the Adult desk, (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

‘Simchat Torah’ celebration at Temple

DOWNEY—Reform Congregation Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, will have a *Simchat Torah Celebration (Shemini Atzeret)* Monday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. It will be conducted by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill.

In this service, the congregation will sing and roll out the Torah (the law) and celebrate its gift.

The service will include an Oneg (refreshments provided by the Temple Sisterhood). The community is welcome. Information: (562) 861-9276.

Genealogical society meets Oct. 15

WHITTIER—The monthly meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) Saturday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m. at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier will feature Colleen Fitzpatrick. She will show that people often ignore clues available from common sources, because they are unaware of how to extract them. She will explain how to use multiple sources to provide synergistic clues that would remain hidden when viewed alone.

For information, call (562) 695-5431 or (626) 919-5431, or see www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags.

DRMC partner in breast cancer awareness drive

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave., joins the American Cancer Society in reminding women that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Screening mammograms will be offered at DRMC for \$71 by appointment when scheduled through October and November. The discount is available for all women ages 40 and older without a prior history of breast abnormalities or surgeries.

Most women know that getting a mammogram is an important step they can take to protect their health. Two new studies demonstrate why this breast cancer screening tool is critical. The journal *Cancer* shows that, on average, women are being diagnosed with smaller tumors now than in past decades. This is in large part due to earlier detection by mammograms. Another study, published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute (JNCI)*, finds that women whose breast cancer is first spotted with a mammogram tend to live longer than those who find their breast cancer some other way (such as by feeling a lump).

Breast cancer remains the second leading cancer in women. With early detection through mammograms, 97 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer survive, according to the American Cancer Society (ACS). The National Cancer Institute, along with ACS, the American College of Radiology, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the American Medical Association and many other national medical and women’s groups, support mammography for women beginning in their 40s. Women at high risk may want to start screening before 40.

“Screening mammography is crucial for early detection because a mammogram will detect breast cancer before it can be felt,” stated Ivan R. Barrett, M.D., Downey Regional Medical Center medical director of Radiology Services. “We hope that by offering discounted mammograms in conjunction with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month we will increase awareness about early detection and prompt more women to make screening appointments.”

To schedule a discounted mammogram, call (562) 904-5555 for a discount coupon and appointment.



PROBLEM OF UNDERAGE DRINKING—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) speaks on Sept. 29 at a press conference in the nation’s capital about the dangers of underage drinking and her measure to address the problem called “The STOP (Sober Truth on Preventing) Underage Drinking Act” (HR 864). Attended by hundreds of supporters from around the country including law enforcement, youth advocates and community leaders, the event marked MADD’s (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) 25th anniversary. The full text of her speech appears on page 5.

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6TH ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT – Hosted by Century 21 My Real Estate and the Easter Seals of Southern California, welcomed over 500 people dressed in western duds on The Riverboat Queen. The event raised \$57,000 to give to Easter Seals. “Having an event that people love and raising money to help others makes this one of our favorite events,” stated Laurie Mac Isaac-Federico Event Chair. Pictured are (left to right) costume winners Mark and Katie Elizalde and committee members Gene Federico, Laurie Mac Isaac-Federico and Steve Roberson. Justin and Cammy Hamlin were the costume winners.

Holiday Lane Parade sponsors lining up

DOWNEY—Response to the Holiday Lane Parade Committee’s invitation to the business community to show its support to the Chamber-sponsored event has been gratifying, according to Parade Committee Chair Maria Larkin.

Sponsors to date include: Major Parade Sponsor (\$5,000), Downey Regional Medical Center; Santa Claus sponsor (\$3,000), Financial Partners Credit Union; Celebrity Sponsor (\$2,500), Downey Acura; Luncheon Sponsor; (\$1,500) Andrews Rancho Del Norte; Banner Carrier Sponsor (\$1,000), REMAX Online; \$500 Major Band/Drill team Sponsors, Bank of America Downey; Hoag Property Management; and Knights of Columbus; \$300 Band/Drill Team Sponsors: All American Home Center; Downey Eye Care Center; Don Dixon & Associates Insurance; Downey Association of Realtors; Downey Escrow; Norm’s Family Restaurant – Downey; Penske Toyota; and Qwest Homework.

The Parade Committee is still looking, as of press time, for a Parade Marshal Sponsor (under the Major Sponsor category), for more Band and Drill Team Sponsors, as well as \$100 Trophy Sponsors. To participate in this annual holiday event, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 923-2191, or chairman Maria Larkin, 244-3718.

Halloween Dance for middle schoolers

DOWNEY—Downey Community Services will be conducting a “Spook-rageous” All-City Halloween Dance for middle schoolers from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 at the Apollo Park Gymnasium, featuring a DJ, snack bar, and more.

Tickets are now on sale at Downey City Hall for \$5 per person.



THE FATHER-DAUGHTER TEAM—Ben and Stephanie Banuelos of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate are participating in Red Ribbon Week at Gauldin Elementary School, warning kids of the perils of illegal drugs. “This is a really great cause and we are both really excited about doing it again this year,” said Ben. “We both feel like it is important to let the students at Downey know that their community supports them and a drug-free environment.” Red Ribbon Week is a community involvement program that Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate participates in every year. As a company, the agents help create awareness about problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs through poster and essay contests throughout the Downey Unified School District.

Fall Festival of ‘Sukkot’ celebrated

DOWNEY—The Fall Festival of Sukkot will be celebrated Monday evening, Oct. 17 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. Everyone is invited to bring a *Dairy/Parev Potluck Dinner* to eat in the Sukkah, which is outdoors in the Courtyard and will be covered with palm fronds.

Following dinner at 6 p.m., Erev Sukkot Service will be held at 7:30 p.m., conducted by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.

The celebration of Sukkot is a time of joy, coming just after the Days of Awe—the period from Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement). Sukkot is considered the most important festival of the agricultural and spiritual year, for it is the true end of the judgment period and the chance for a new beginning.

At 10 a.m. the following morning, Tuesday, Oct. 18, there will be a Sukkot Service, to which the community is welcome. There is ample parking in the back of the Temple. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

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1. Friday Night October 7 through Monday Morning October 10, 2005,
2. Friday Night October 14 through Monday Morning October 17, 2005,
3. Friday Night October 21 through Monday Morning October 24, 2005 and
4. Friday Night October 28 through Monday Morning October 31, 2005.

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“A Safe Place to Play” is a free program held Monday to Friday from 3-6 p.m. at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel Parks.

There are activities offered each day. Monday through Thursday is Homework Help; Thursdays is a craft activity. Other activities include lanyards, soccer skills and dodgeball.

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Curves hosting free health screenings

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*Tuesday, Oct. 11: 7-9 a.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. – Cosmetic, surgical and general dermatology treatment of conditions of skin, hair and nails – The Office of Gerard Nat, M.D.

*Thursday, Oct. 13: 9-11 a.m. – Bone density testing (Osteoporosis screening) – Pioneer Medical Group

*Monday, Oct. 17: 3-5 p.m. – Bone density testing (Osteoporosis screening) – CareMore Medical Group

*Tuesday, Oct. 18: 8-11 a.m. – Glucose screening and blood pressure screening – Downey Select I.P.A.;

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*Wednesday, Oct. 19: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. – Hearing screening – Sears Hearing Aid Center

*Wednesday, Oct. 26: 9-11 a.m. – Blood pressure screening – Talbert Medical Group.

For information, call 803-3630.

OASIS set to celebrate Columbus Day

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School’s OASIS Program, which is celebrating its 30th year of offering a class intended for Older Adults Seeking Information & Skills, released its October schedule:

Oct. 10 – “Celebrating Our Columbus Day” with Barbara Leigh, songstress and historian; Oct. 17 – “Be ready and Get Ready...It’s Easy and Important” with Harriett Paine, co-author of “Home and Family Preparedness” and consultant, City of Downey, and Susan Paine, SRES, member of CERT; Oct. 24 – TBA; and Oct. 31 – “Halloween Happy Hour” with Bob Flynn and Friends.

The class is open enrollment; start any Monday at 3 p.m. with Dr. Robert Flynn’s piano entertainment (a dinner ticket may be purchased for \$3.50). The program proper starts at 4 p.m., and dinner is served at 5 p.m. For information, call (562) 940-6200.

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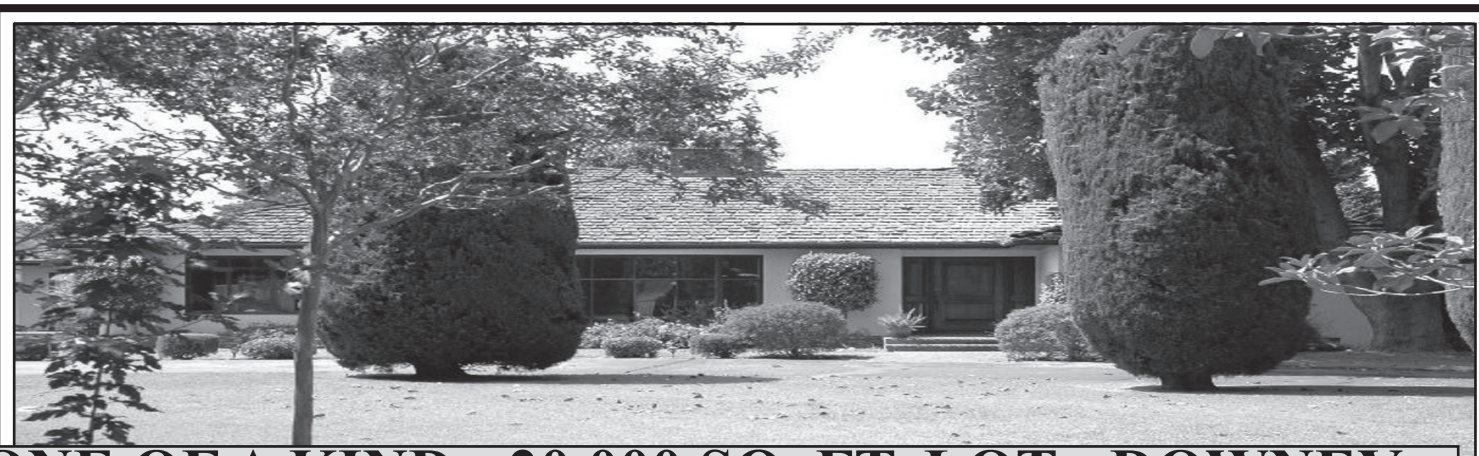
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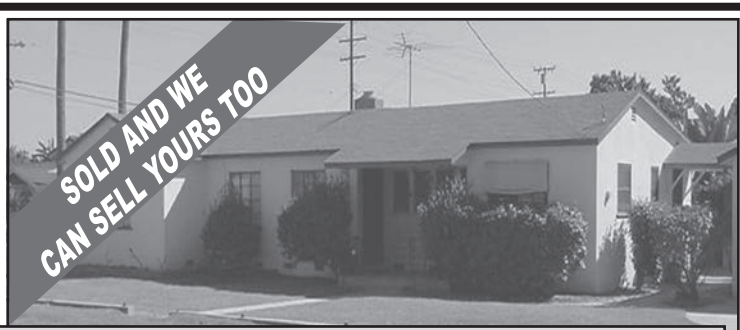
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Prime Property - \$1,099,000

Immaculate Downey home - 4,000 sq. ft. on a 10,000 sq. ft. lot. 5 Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths, recently remodeled kitchen w/granite counter tops and new appliances. Hardwood floors throughout the first floor. 3 master bedroom suites, large walk-in closets, formal dining room, family room and game room. Large interior laundry room w/separate sink. Large private backyard - great for entertaining.
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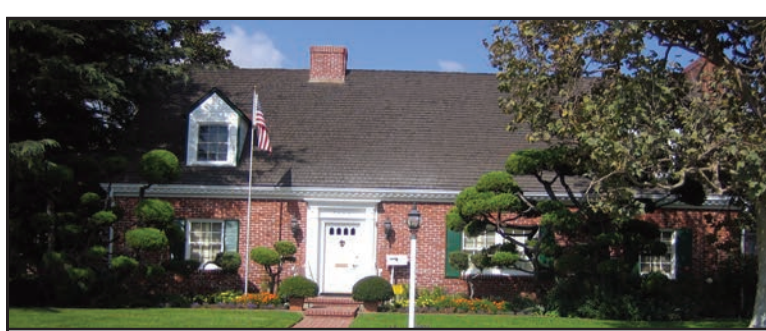
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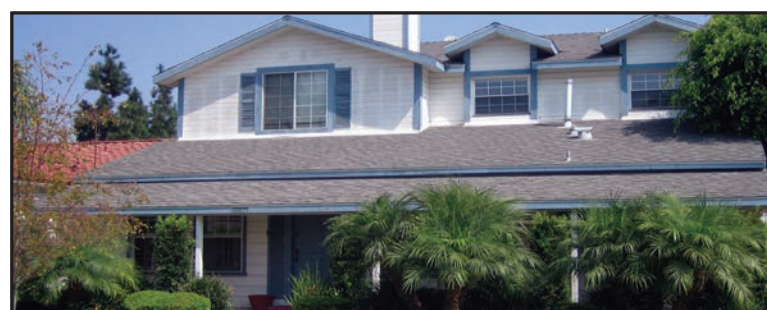
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This magnificent, colonial-style home includes a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath main house, large guest house, 3-car garage, and huge backyard with pool & spa on an impressive 11,625 sq. ft. lot. The home features an elegant formal living room with crown molding & fireplace, spacious formal dining room, large family room with wet bar & fireplace, sunny kitchen with newer appliances & large pantry, spacious bedrooms, a playroom, and a solarium. You'll love the private master suite with its cedar-lined walk-in closet, large bathroom, retreat area, and fireplace. The pool & spa, with its automatic cover, can be used year round. During those weekend parties or when you have visitors staying over, the guest house with a bathroom & kitchen is perfect. Call for a viewing of this unique home priced to sell at \$1,275,000.
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CHARMING HOME IN ORANGE ESTATES!
This traditional-style 4 bedroom, 3 bath home has been upgraded on the inside with remodeled bathrooms and kitchen. The large upstairs master bedroom has an elegant bathroom with separate tub and shower. The home features a formal dining room, living room, and large family room with a view of the spacious backyard. Home includes 1 downstairs bedroom and 3 bedrooms upstairs. Price: \$925,000
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ROOM TO GROW!
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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