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DUSD candidates spell out platforms

Elections Nov. 8

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Each of the candidates present at Tuesday's Citizens for Downey Candidate Forum held at the Rio Hondo Golf Club equally spoke and communicated well, projected themselves with confidence, and left no doubt as to their vision for the Downey Unified School District.

The common threads first. Martha Sodetani, running for the seat in Area 1 vacated by Cheryl Andresen; Luis H. Marquez and Nancy A. Swenson, vying for the Area 5 seat being vacated by Betty Ferraro; and incumbent Barbara Samperi, who is running unopposed in Area 7, are all in agreement about providing quality education to the district despite stinging budget cuts, about zero tolerance for such hard-edged campus aberrations as drugs or weapons, opposition to Prop. 74 (two-year vs. proposed five-year teaching requirement towards permanent status as teachers), and, emphatically, about continued parental involvement as a key ingredient in the educational process.

Marquez, a deputy to State Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach), pointed to his "unique" experience and outlook due to his close association with Lowenthal. He stressed his educational philosophy of the "triangle of success": students + parents + teachers = success. In answer to why a culture of violence seems to have permeated the schools, he said changes have been convulsing society itself, but that in the face of change, he will put "children and community first."

Nancy Swenson, a management systems analyst for Raytheon Systems and with strong local roots, will champion better health for the kids, suggesting parents walk their children to school twice, perhaps three times, a week, for not only the physical but the psychological good this will bring. In addition to touting her experience with budgeting matters in her job, she said: "I'm a good listener, a good talker, and good at going forward."

Martha Sodetani, who underscored her volunteer work, especially her advocacy for foster and kinship care, believes that Downey's teachers are the cream of the crop. While strongly espousing the principle, "Character Counts!", she at the same time zeroed in on the problem of bullying in the schools, and said she'll work towards stopping the scourge.

Incumbent Barbara Samperi, despite lack of opposition, came to the forum anyway, and welcomed the opportunity to outline her program. She said she still relished being part of a very good DUSD team, noted for caring about "our kids and our teachers." While noting declining enrollment in the elementary schools, she said less than ideal race relations might be contributing to the violence that seems to infest the environment, and that this should be addressed, along with "too much documentation" in paperwork.

Candidates Ricardo A. Salazar (Area 5) and Joseph A. Serrano (Area 1) did not attend.

Local resident Bob Verderber, who is running for re-election to the Cerritos College Board of Trustees, spoke briefly. He said products of community colleges who go on to university are as a rule better prepared than students who go straight to university for their undergraduate studies.

Members of the audience included Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Perkins, Councilmembers Kirk Cartozian and Dave Gafin, government official Eddie Tafoya, DUSD board members Betty Ferraro, Tod Corrin and Willie Gutierrez and Superintendent Wendy Doty. Program chair and moderator Terry Lambros kept the pace of the proceedings brisk. Citizens for Downey president and emcee Mike Prokop enlivened the meeting with his quips.

Multi-million loss in blaze on Washburn

DOWNEY—Firefighters battled for hours to control a blaze at a large industrial building of the Auto Chlor System plant in the 9400 block of Washburn Road after the blaze was reported at about 3:29 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9.

The building at more than 10,000 square feet was a total loss, and firefighters estimated it alone amounted to a loss of more than \$1 million. The building's costly contents which included chemicals used in the manufacture of dish washing products, amounted to a loss of several \$ million more, said investigators, who ruled out arson, but were unsure how the fire started.

A multiple fire alarm brought in fire units from, in addition to Downey, Vernon, Santa Fe Springs, Montebello, and L.A. County. In addition, L.A. County brought in an Emergency Hazardous Materials Response Team, as well as a Health Hazardous Materials Technical Team, because of possible leakage from the stored chemicals, according to Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Rowe.

It took about four hours to suppress the conflagration. The fire caused no injury, nor any damage inflicted on neighboring structures.

A structural assessment of what walls remained was being made as of press time.

The fire was clearly visible for miles around due to thick clouds of chemical smoke that towered skyward. A county hazardous materials team was called in to ensure safety in dealing with the many chemicals, which included chlorine.



THE DOWNEY ROTARY'S ANDY CARDONO—Dealt hotcakes accompanied with wry smiles at the Rotary Benefit Pancake Breakfast for the YMCA Saturday, Oct. 8. The event drew more than 3,000 happy breakfasters to the event at Downey High School.

Dispute over cost of undergrounding

DOWNEY—The City Council has authorized the Director of Public Works to issue a letter of financial commitment to Arizona Pipeline for \$214,000 to pay for completion of undergrounding of overhead lines along Lakewood Boulevard between Fifth Avenue and Imperial Highway.

Arizona Pipeline has undertaken the work as Southern California Edison's contractor, and is installing multiple conduits for use by different utilities to reduce construction costs. The city has paid SCE for its fair share of the costs, but other utilities are seeking similar compensation. Comcast and Charter have agreed to absorb their own costs, but Verizon continues to dispute that all costs have historically been borne by local agencies. Verizon does not have an existing franchise with the City.

Meanwhile, Arizona has said it will cease all work involving Verizon conduits should there be no commitment for payment from either the City or Verizon by mid-October. Arizona is about 80 percent done with the work.

At a Sept. 26 meeting Verizon and the City agreed that the work should be completed without stoppage, and Verizon consented to work with the city on cost sharing options. Both agencies are optimistic a solution can be worked out by the end of the month.

If a solution is not worked out, the option is a hearing before the state Public Utilities Commission.

Catalina Island linked with Downey Regional

DOWNEY—Catalina Island Medical Center (CIMC) in Avalon, a 12-bed, nonprofit hospital, may be California's smallest hospital, yet it plays a vital role for the island's 3,500 residents as well as its many visitors. The hospital admits about 100 patients a year and treats about 1,400 people annually in its emergency room. By comparison, Downey Regional is a 199-bed nonprofit hospital treating approximately 48,000 emergency room patients, and 11,500 inpatients each year in an area of 1.3 million residents.

In 2001, CIMC and DRMC forged a relationship that continues to benefit both organizations. "Medicare requires that its critical access hospitals have a relationship with a large medical center. It helps make sure that a small rural hospital is not completely isolated," explains CIMC administrator Bill Greene.

As part of this relationship, DRMC's third year medical residents in its Family Practice Residency Program come to Catalina's only hospital to complete a real family practice rotation. Last year, there were seven DRMC residents who rotated through CIMC. DRMC provided funds to outfit a trailer adjacent to the hospital where the residents stay. The residents treat patients under the supervision of CIMC's two staff physicians. Additionally, DRMC provides CIMC with units of blood for its Blood Bank when needed. "The availability of blood is really important to the

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Council reconsiders Landing opening dates

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The City Council has reconsidered its earlier decision to deny opening dates of stores at Downey Landing before work on Stewart and Gray Road is finished. Stewart and Gray is a major access route to Downey Landing.

First the Council relented at an Oct. 5 Special Meeting, and allowed Staples to open Oct. 8, and had made exceptions for Best Buys and Marshalls as well.

Four others

Now other stores including Old Navy (Oct. 19), PetsMart (Oct. 24), Elephant Bar Restaurant (Nov. 15), and Bed, Bath and Beyond (Nov. 10), will be allowed to open on their early schedule.

Old Navy and Elephant Bar were represented at the Special Council meeting Oct. 5 at which the Council relented to allow the Staples grand opening on Oct. 8.

The Council had earlier decided at the urging of Meredith Perkins to take a hard line and insist 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 store's opening, that those terms should be strictly enforced, and Staples and the others should all be denied permits to open.

Staples success

The Special Meeting of the Council and the successful opening of Staples apparently encouraged David Gafin to propose the limits be lifted for the remaining stores which had early openings scheduled. The vote was 4-1 with Perkins abstaining.

It was accompanied by a provision that terms for completion of the road work be agreed to by the time of the next Council meeting Oct. 25.

In other action the City Council:

*Presented certificates of appointment to Theresa Ford, of the Library Advisory Board for Council District 3.

*Proclaimed Breast Cancer Awareness Month for October, and End Domestic Violence Month for November.

*Proclaimed the 125th anniversary of USC.

*Introduced an ordinance approving an amendment to the City's Comprehensive Zoning Map, changing property at 11610 Lakewood Blvd., (formerly Stats Floral Supply), from General Commercial (G-2) and Parking Buffer (PB) to Professional Office (C-P).

*Approved a request to change zoning from R-1 to R-2 for property at 8121-23 Conrad Street and 8118-32 Orange Street, and introduced an ordinance approving a change in the City's Comprehensive Zoning Map accordingly. The plan replaces 14 units on four properties with a 20-unit planned development.

*Heard an appeal of denial of a zone change from C-1 and P-B to R-3 and C-2 for property at 8553-57 Firestone Blvd, and adopted a resolution denying the appeal and denying the request for change of zoning.

*Appropriated \$305,000 from the general fund for the acquisition of property at 8255 Imperial Highway, "Spartan Lacquer."

*Authorized the Public Works Director to issue a letter of financial commitment to Arizona Pipeline for \$214,000 for underground utility dis-

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Council exchanges kind and otherwise

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Comments at Downey's Council meeting Tuesday ranged from kind words for Chief John Finch who is stepping down as Police Chief, and who was lauded for fine service to the City by John Lacey, a local realtor, to Lenny Whittington who warned the Council that a new law just signed by the governor means the Council will soon have to report details of convention and travel expenses they here-to-for often ignored (according to Whittington).

Councilman Rick Trejo noted the successful start of the DJAA Football season. And Councilman Kirk Cartozian invited all to a meeting on mansionization to be led by the city's paid advisors on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Barbara Riley Senior/Community Center. There will be a similar meeting in November.

All-Russian show by symphony Oct. 29

DOWNEY—With an all-Russian program, the Downey Symphony opens its 48th season on Saturday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. in the Civic Theater, performing works of Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky, Reinhold Gliere and Sergei Prokofiev. Thomas Osborn, Artistic Director and Conductor, will give a pre-concert talk at 7:15 p.m.

The evening of music will include Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4, a wonderful virtuoso concerto for French horn by Gliere, with soloist Richard Todd, and the "Troika" by Prokofiev from the satirical film Lieutenant Kijij.

Reserved seat tickets from \$10 to \$25 are available by phoning (562) 403-2944, or in person at the Theater box office on Wednesday, Oct. 26, between noon and 4 p.m., and before performance time.

The Downey Civic Theater is at 8435 Firestone Blvd. (at the corner of Brookshire), and there is ample free parking.



OLPH STUDENTS AND GUESTS—At recent special "Blue Mass" celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, honoring Downey police and firefighters. Seen at center, back row, is Police Chief John Finch.

Downey Sertoma garage sale tomorrow

DOWNEY—Downey Sertoma is holding its annual garage sale tomorrow, Oct. 15 starting at 7:30 a.m., at 11921 Downey Ave. (just south of Stewart & Gray).

All proceeds will benefit Family YMCA, which runs Fantasy Baseball for hearing-impaired kids, Bell Gardens Manor for the mentally challenged, HELPS food pantry, and the Heritage Essay Contest for 5th graders.

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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, call Shirley Johnson at 862-2378.

Woman's Club supports relief efforts

DOWNEY—The Woman's Club of Downey presented \$1000 to the American Red Cross last week to aid in hurricane relief efforts.

The money was raised through donations made during the month of September at the bingo games, from friends and Woman's Club members.

"We are extremely proud of the generosity of our bingo guests who gather each Thursday to play," said spokeswoman Doris Patterson, whose club frequently donates to several causes. "They have helped with the Woman's Club 'Pennies for Pines' program donating enough to seed three acres in the San Bernardino mountains this year alone. Though we have a small bingo game, our players have big hearts with many of them contributing part of their winnings to improve the quality of life for patients at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center."

Friends' 'holiday marketplace' Nov. 5

DOWNEY—The Friends of the Downey City Library will hold their Holiday Open House and Marketplace from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the library Cormack Room Saturday, Nov. 5, offering unique handcrafted items, Fall and Christmas decorations, baked goods, first edition books, Walt Disney videos and quality recycled gift items.

A one-day only raffle for filled gift baskets will be held. All proceeds will support library programs and services.

For information, contact 904-7360, ext. 30. The library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Downey Art League meets Oct. 25

DOWNEY—Guest demonstrator at the Downey Art League's general meeting in Furman Park, Bldg. #1 Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. is Dory Grade, who has been a professional artist for more than 30 years.

Grade is said to be extremely versatile, equally comfortable with drawing, watercolor, oil, acrylic, silkscreen, etching or lithographic printmaking. She works out of Eagle Rock. She will be demonstrating a seascape in acrylic.



TOP AWARD—Lacey Dietlin, a Downey High School sophomore, won the top award for the Adelante Leadership Program for high school students. She is shown with instructor Angel G. Obregon. Students from Downey Calvary Chapel participated as well.

Downey High student snags leadership award

DOWNEY—Downey High School sophomore Lacey Dietlin, one of 28 high school students who took part in the 2005 Adelante Leadership Program, designed to further enhance student self-esteem, personal growth, career options and college readiness, won the program's top award.

Other local students who graduated from the program are all from Downey Calvary Chapel: Elaina Gomez, Stephanie Mejias, Brian Garcia, Omar Herreea, Diego Nava and Brandon Watson.

The students undertook extensive leadership training, listened to key leaders and heard rigorous public policy analyses of global issues such as world hunger, HIV/AIDS, terrorism, narcotics trafficking, the global economy, global warming, global energy and nuclear proliferation every Saturday from May 14 to Aug. 27. They engaged in a spirited Model United Nations debate on these issues.

Speakers

Program speakers included Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis, Supervisor Gloria Molina and Sheriff Lee Baca. Certificates of Recognition from U.S. senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and L.A. School Board Member Jose Huizar were awarded each student.

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Word of MOUTH
by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

If you are scheduled to undergo gum surgery, a recent study suggests that you stop taking ibuprofen. According to researchers at Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, blood loss during gum surgery is two times greater for people using ibuprofen than for those not taking the over-the-counter drug. Ibuprofen is one of a family of pain relievers called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), which also includes the prescription drug Celebrex and such over-the-counter medications as aspirin and naproxen (Aleve). Researchers found that the difference between patients using ibuprofen versus non-users was an increase of about 15 milliliters of blood loss, which was approximately double the amount of blood loss seen in patients not using ibuprofen.

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Catalina

patients involved, and it's an important part of our relationship with Downey Regional," Greene stated.

On Sept. 26, DRMC CEO Allen Korneff paid a visit to Greene and toured the hospital. "It's been a real pleasure to have this connection with Catalina Island Medical Center. They may be a small operation, but staff members are friendly and professional, and their facilities are very well maintained. I'm proud to have Downey Regional associate with them," he said.

Disaster preparedness is OASIS theme

DOWNEY—Susan Paine, a member of the Downey Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) along with Harriett Paine, former consultant and instructor of the city of Downey Family Disaster Preparedness Program, will be the speakers at Downey Adult School's OASIS class Monday, Oct. 17.

Participants will learn the importance and necessity of preparing to take care of themselves, their families and their pets in case of a disaster. The speakers will demonstrate how to prepare a personal kit. An overall perspective on the state of preparedness of the city of Downey will be presented.

Class enrollment begins at 3 p.m. with Dr. Robert Flynn's piano entertainment; you may purchase a dinner ticket for \$3.50 at this time. There is no enrollment fee and no preregistration. The program proper starts at 4 p.m. The full-course dinner is served at 5 p.m.

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

Luncheon to salute country's veterans

DOWNEY—The Woman's Club of Downey and American Legion Post 723 are joining to present the "A Salute to Veterans" program and luncheon to be held Saturday, Nov. 12 at 9813 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

American Legion Post 723's Wade T. Murdoch, Capt., will lead an Honor Guard at 11 a.m. in front of the Veterans Memorial, followed by the luncheon and the program, a trip down memory lane with The Sentimental Sisters, and Jay C. Munn's at the piano. These talented ladies and Jay recreate the Big Band sounds, especially the songs of the Andrews Sisters.

"The event promises to be a memorable day," says Doris Patterson. "We have lots of prizes and fun in store. A great way to salute our veterans. John Vincent of the Downey Historical Society will provide displays of our rich heritage."

Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets/information, contact Patterson at (562) 869-0377.

50th anniversary display in Norwalk

NORWALK—Cerritos College has brought its 50th anniversary celebration to the residents of Norwalk through "Building Futures," a free exhibit of college memorabilia, historical photos and collectors' items now on display at the Norwalk City Hall Complex. It is a stop in the college's 50th Anniversary Traveling Display program.

Norwalk is one of eight local cities that are located within Cerritos College's district boundaries and, throughout the years, CC faculty members and administrators have had prominent ties with the city.

For information, call (562) 860-2451, or contact the city of Norwalk, (562) 929-5773.

Traffic delays expected at intersection

DOWNEY—The intersection of Lakewood Boulevard and Stewart and Gray Road will be intermittently closed this weekend as road construction continues along the busy corridor.

For more information, call 904-7102.

Arc set to celebrate its golden anniversary

DOWNEY—Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County (formerly Association for Retarded Citizens), 12049 Woodruff Ave., invites the public to its Open House Friday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., featuring tours of its 24 programs and services throughout the day, an open air boutique and refreshments. Arc associates will be ready to show the public how Arc's services benefit people with developmental disabilities.

A grand kick-off of Arc's Golden Jubilee Anniversary will start at 11 a.m., with entertainment provided by the colorful Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc.

The variety of services Arc provides to over 400 people with developmental disabilities at any given time includes: Adult Special Classes with Downey Adult School, Southeast Industries Packaging and Assembly Plant, Southeast Employment Center, Food Service Training program, and many more.

For information, call (562) 803-4606.

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.

Reservations are recommended by calling 904-7360, ext. 32.



THREE WELL-KNOWN FACES—From left, Downey Unified School Board President Barbara Samperi, Downey Regional Medical Center President and CEO Allen Korneff, and School District Administrator Stan Hanstad enjoyed a brief moment at the Rotary Benefit Pancake Breakfast for the YMCA last Saturday at Downey High School.



ARC'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY—Arc's Ronnie Vandemark and Jose Rodriguez are ready to welcome everyone to its Open House Friday, Oct. 21 in celebration of its 50th year of service.

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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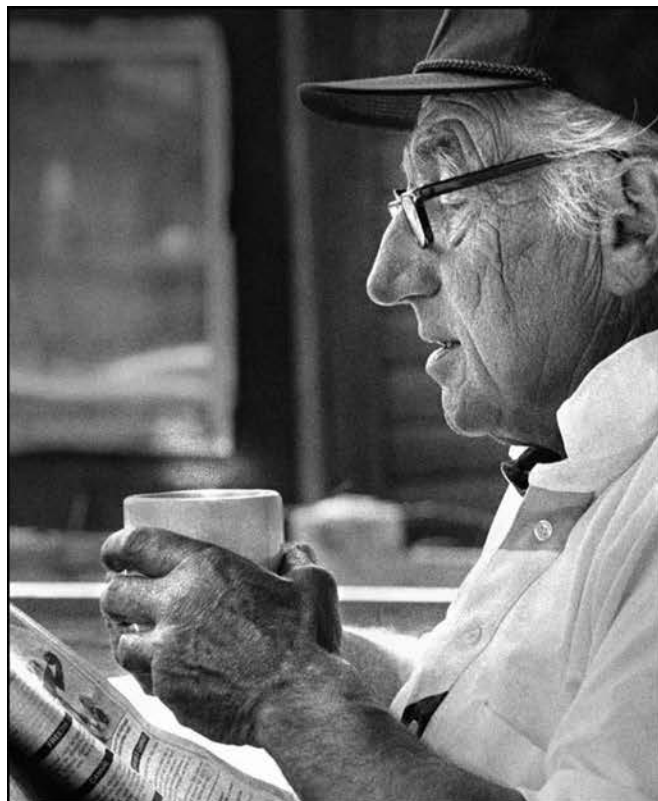
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*Approved an agreement with APA Engineering for preparation of plans, specifications and estimates for Stewart and Gray Road pavement in the sum of \$59,942.

*Approved third amendment to Interstate 5 Consortium Cities Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

*At the advice of the City Attorney pulled an item from the consent agenda on leasing City-owned property at 9066 Firestone for a Christmas tree lot to the YMCA. It will be handled by the City Manager.

*Appropriated \$12,200 for replacement of air conditioning compressor for the City Theater.

*Approved erection of a monument sign and directed the City Attorney to issue an encroachment permit with appropriate conditions for the Firestone/Brookshire Commercial Center at 8532 Firestone Boulevard.

*Approved a resolution granting an easement to Southern California Edison to underground and maintain electrical utilities at 12408 Lakewood Blvd.

*Adopted an ordinance amending the City's Comprehensive Zoning Map for property at 13238-13242 Cavell Avenue from R-1-5000 to R-2 and adopted a declaration of negative environmental impact.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.



YOUNGSTERS PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT—From a stage at the Pancake Breakfast Benefit for the YMCA last Saturday at Downey High School.

YMCA has volunteer opportunities

DOWNEY—The Downey YMCA is in need of volunteers for both morning and evening hours. Duties may range from answering phones to coaching sports.

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NEW MEMBERS—Of the Assistance League of Downey are, left to right: Jean Johnson, Chapter Orientation Chairman; Charlene McCluskey; Raquel Gluck; Adele Burger; Diane Jowett and Ceci Allen. Not pictured is Dee Barick-Oliver.

Mansionization is topic of meeting

DOWNEY—Mansionization and how to control it will be the topic of a meeting chaired by a team of experts hired by the City which is set for Thursday, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive (in Apollo Park).

The community workshop is intended to spur discussion of issues raised by the growing problems of R-1 single family neighborhoods which residents feel are being bought up by unscrupulous builders who then add a second floor with no or little attention to sight-lines or frontage or open space requirements.

The workshop will include a panel discussion of the City Planning Commission, and provide a format by which questions may be asked of these planning experts. Residents will also have a chance to air their frustration over the apparent inability to come to grips with this problem.

Hired by the City to cope with the problem, Mark Brodeur, who is director of Urban Revitalization for Downtown Solutions will also answer questions.

This free community workshop is offered and sponsored by the City of Downey. For information, call the City Development Services Department at (562) 904-7152.

Downey theater history live and in film Oct. 16

DOWNEY—Downey residents Bill Turner and Larry Dusich, as well as former Downey resident Linden Waddell, all representing the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, Inc., and whose theatrical careers were shaped by the late John Hume, will narrate "Once Upon a Stage: An Entertaining History of Theater in Downey" Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2:30 p.m. at the Downey Regional Medical Center, Conference Rooms A & B.

Featured will be photos, and colorful insights into the "wonderful world of theatrical performance" both live and film found in Downey since about 1919.

This is an activity of the Downey Symphony Guild and there is no charge.

Also taking part in the "one-of-a-kind" event is the Downey Historical Society, represented by John Vincent. The Society will, along with various personal histories, provide accounts of the many theaters, theatrical groups and movie houses that have entertained Downey and surrounding areas through the years.

A historical tidbit: Will Rogers once visited Downey.

For information, call Downey Symphony Guild vice president Pauline Hume, 869-0422.

Food donations accepted at craft fair

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. Non-perishable food items, such as canned or boxed items, will be accepted.

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, where 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. There will also be food available to purchase, as well as crafts and games.

There are a limited number of craft booths still available; 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.

Downey Theater to sit in on 'Jeopardy!'

DOWNEY—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; no large bags or packages may be taken on the tour, into the Studio Commissary, or into the "Jeopardy!" soundstage. 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. A limit of two (2) tickets per person will apply; cash or check accepted for payment.

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

The poets' corner

Roberta's Fall

I Love the fall
with the trees standing so tall

As they shed their leaves
tossing them at us as they please

The birds fly south
As if in a pout

Our seasons are so neat
As they repeat and repeat

God made them that way
Just as he made Night and Day!

—Roberta Spell,
Downey

Mayor's Breakfast of Prayer is next

DOWNEY—The Annual Prayer Breakfast hosted annually by Downey's Mayor is the Downey community version of the National Prayer Breakfast held this time each year in our nation's capital. The event's purpose is to encourage prayer by our leaders, both community, state and national.

This year's speaker for the event, which will be offered from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Road, is Jim Horeeley, whose presentations are based on his "Lessons from the Edge."

He flew more than 200 missions as a highly decorated Navy combat pilot in Vietnam, more than 160 air shows with the world famous Blue Angels, had a successful career with commercial real estate sales development, and 10 years of major gift-fund-raising.

In a wider humanitarian endeavor he made more than a dozen donor trips to Africa, Latin America and North Vietnam. He has also authored a book entitled "A Different Kind of Courage."

He has kept in touch with aviation in recent years as a 737 flight simulator instructor with FlightSafetyBoeing. He is a Rotarian, a member of Seattle's Seafair Board of Directors, and has been married to wife Sonya for 32 years. They are the proud parents of two grown children.

The public is invited to attend the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast by buying tickets at \$15 each. For information, call (562) 923-9616.

Middle school trip to Knott's Oct. 21

DOWNEY—Downey Community Services will conduct a Middle School trip to Knott's Scary Farm Friday, Oct. 21. The event will be from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Participants will meet at City Hall by the flagpoles at 5:45 p.m. and will return to City Hall by 1 a.m. Parents must pick up their child by 1:15 a.m.

Tickets are now on sale at Downey City Hall for \$42 per person, which includes the bus transportation. Fliers and permission slips are available at all Downey Middle School offices and at City Hall. You must show proof of enrollment in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and have a signed parent permission slip at time of purchase.

For information, call 904-7238.



LILLIAN HUMBERT—Moved to Downey in 1963, finding work as a bilingual teacher's aide at Imperial Elementary.

Lillian Humbert was teachers aide at Imperial

DOWNEY—Lillian Humbert, a longtime teachers aide at Imperial Elementary, died Oct. 10 from complications of a liver and kidney transplant. She was 68.

She was born in Winslow, AZ on October 22, 1936. Her family moved to Barstow, CA where she was the prom queen of her alma mater, Barstow Union High School. She met husband, U.S. Marine Bill Humbert, while working at the Marine base in Barstow. They married January 26, 1957 and eventually settled in Downey in 1963, where they raised their family.

Humbert was a longtime bilingual teacher's aide at Imperial Elementary School.

She is survived by her husband Bill; sons Will and Tony; daughter Carolyn and four grandchildren.

A Vigil and Rosary will be held today, Oct. 14, from 4-8 p.m. (Rosary 7:30 p.m.) at All Souls Mortuary in Long Beach. A Mass of the Resurrection is scheduled for tomorrow at noon at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, with interment to follow at All Souls Cemetery.

October is national domestic violence awareness month

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, CA-34

WASHINGTON, D.C.—This month, we commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month and recommit ourselves to ending domestic violence and sexual abuse in America.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is one of the crowning achievements of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and a truly bipartisan success. Since VAWA was enacted in 1994, we have made great strides toward ending domestic violence and preventing the cycle of abuse in our communities. The historic measure increased options for victims and made it possible for many women to leave abusive relationships by providing cities and towns with the tools necessary to develop critical programs to assist and support at-risk women. The bill also improved the criminal justice system's response to domestic violence by training police and prosecutors to respond more effectively. Since VAWA was first enacted, the U.S. Justice Department reports that domestic violence has decreased by almost 50 percent and incidents of rape have decreased by 60 percent. While we have come a long way since the initial passage of VAWA, there is no doubt we have a long way to go.

Nearly one in four women will experience domestic violence during her lifetime. And slightly more than half of female victims of domestic violence live in households with children under age 12. Growing up in a violent home is a terrifying and traumatic experience that can affect every aspect of a child's life, growth, and development. To end the cycle of violence and promote healthy families, we must ensure that communities have resources to prevent abuse and provide victims of domestic violence the support they need. We are on the way to making that a reality.

Last month, the House of Representatives passed, with my support, a partial renewal of VAWA. The measure includes improvements such as the establishment of new rape crisis centers and increased grants for community organizations that work to prevent and eliminate domestic violence. The bill also calls for public information campaigns to reach communities that are less likely to report domestic violence. As the measure approaches final passage in Congress, I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that important provisions that were not contained in the House bill are also included, such as funding for emergency shelters and other housing options, crisis hotlines, community outreach programs, public health initiatives, counseling services, and prevention and education programs.

I will also continue to fight to provide better economic security for victims of domestic violence. As a direct result of their abuse, every year thousands of domestic violence victims lose their jobs. This forces them to stay in abusive relationships because they are unable to provide for themselves and their children financially. I have introduced the Security and Financial Empowerment Act (SAFE) to address this tragedy. The SAFE Act would make it possible for survivors of domestic violence, throughout the country, to take unpaid leave from work to go to court, to see a doctor, or to find a safe place to live without the fear of losing their job. My bill would also create a federal standard to allow women who get fired or just leave their jobs because of domestic violence, to qualify for unemployment benefits. These provisions are critical because empowering women to be financially free of their abuser is not only the right thing to do, it is often a matter of life or death.

This October, we renew the fight against domestic violence and abuse in America. Together, we can eliminate domestic violence from homes across the country and ensure that our children grow up in healthy, peaceful communities.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

John Hume's contributions

Dear Editor:

Recently I found myself perusing important dates during the month of September and my eyes focused on a bold notation written in the square denoting the 12th of September. In that square, were the words, "John Hume 9/12/03," an instantly sad reminder that one of the most influential men in my life, and the lives of so many others, had left this earthly world two years earlier.

While the thought of this great man's passing still stirs sadness in my heart, what is sadder yet, is the fact that the city of Downey has yet to recognize this man's enormous contributions to the community.

If you were fortunate enough to live in Downey in 1955 and the three decades that followed, surely you will know the answer to the following questions: Who was the founder of the Downey Children's Theater, one of the most recognized Children's Theater programs in the nation? John Hume. Who was the man responsible for creating live theatrical productions so that tens of thousands of young people could experience the magic of live theater? John Hume. Who, through his guidance, encouragement and dedication to young thespians, laid the foundation for so many young actors who would one day become respected professionals in the entertainment community? John Hume. Who created a sense of family among those thespians and inspired all of his "children" to expect the best from themselves? John Hume. Who should be remembered by having the beautiful theater he designed and built renamed in his honor? John Hume.

—Diane Harman Sheridan,
Rancho Cucamonga



L.A.'s best in drive to knock out cancer

LOS ANGELES—Members of the L.A.P.D. boxing team will square off Friday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Olympic Auditorium, 1801 South Grand Ave., against their brother and sister officers from the LA County Sheriff's Department, to raise money and awareness for City of Hope's research, treatment and education programs.

City of Hope is one of the world's leading research and treatment centers for cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening diseases. Named by U.S. News & World Report as one of America's best medical centers for cancer treatment, City of Hope is a pioneer in the fields of bone marrow transplantation and genetics. Founded in 1913, City of Hope is a Comprehensive Cancer Center, the highest designation bestowed by the National Cancer Institute, and a founding member of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. City of Hope's scientific knowledge is shared with medical centers locally and globally, helping patients battling life-threatening diseases around the corner and around the world.

For more information call (800) 260-HOPE or visit www.cityofhope.org.

Los Angeles River awards & fiesta

LOS ANGELES—The Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) host its 4th annual Los Angeles River Awards and Fiesta Friday, Oct. 21 from 5:30-10 p.m. at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue 26 in Los Angeles, featuring organic "mojitos," live Salsa music, "and much much more!"

The event will honor FoLAR's friends in the environmental community (including U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard), celebrate last year's accomplishments and work to fulfill FoLAR's mission to protect and restore the natural and historic heritage of the Los Angeles River and its riparian habitat "through inclusive planning, education and wise stewardship."

The occasion will mark the publication of the first "State of the River" Report, and "Down by the Los Angeles River: Friends of the Los Angeles River's Official Guide" (Wilderness Press), written and illustrated by Joe Linton. Also featured in the celebration will be Catherine Mulholland's tales of "Four Generations Along the Los Angeles River."

For information, call (323) 223-0585, or visit www.FoLAR.org.

Changes to teen driving law provides security

Contributed by the Automobile Club of Southern California

DOWNEY—New changes to California's teen driving law will help protect more teens from vehicle crash injuries and fatalities, according to research from the Automobile Club of Southern California.

AB 1474 by Assemblyman Bill Maze, R-Visalia, was recently signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. As of Jan. 1, 2006, it requires teen drivers to have their license for one year before being allowed to drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., or before being allowed to transport young passengers without an adult in the car. Previously, teen drivers were prohibited from driving between midnight and 5 a.m. for one year and could not transport young passengers without an adult in the car for the first six months after obtaining a license.

Assemblyman Maze said AB 1474 will make important improvements to the current teen driving law. "These changes are well-founded in research and will cause only minor inconvenience to teens and parents all while helping to reduce accidents and save lives," Maze said.

An Auto Club analysis of teen crash statistics shows that the changes should further reduce teen crash deaths and injuries which have already been significantly reduced by the existing Graduated Driver's License (GDL) law for teens. The original law was passed in 1997 to give teens more experience behind the wheel before they tackle complex driving situations, because vehicle crashes are the primary cause of death for teens and crash statistics show that teen drivers are among the most dangerous on the road.

"The number of crashes involving California's 16-year-old drivers between 11 p.m. and midnight is nearly 13 percent higher than we would expect when we take into account the amount of driving they do at that hour," said Hend Hasrouni, the Auto Club's Downey district manager.

"Because this hour-long period is so risky for teen drivers, extending the driving limit to 11 p.m. will save lives and prevent dangerous crashes," Hasrouni added.

Lengthening the time of passenger limitation for young drivers also should help reduce crashes. A study of the California GDL law and its effect on teen crash rates estimated that the passenger restriction in the law prevented nearly 700 deaths and injuries statewide in the first three years after GDL took effect. This was because the number of teenage passengers carried by 16-year-old drivers declined by an estimated 25 percent after the

law took effect, according to the study. The same study showed that teen drivers with passengers were significantly more at risk of causing a crash than solo teen drivers.

An analysis by the Traffic Injury Research Foundation of teen crash rates indicates that the injury crash risk to both teen drivers and underage passengers significantly declines each month after licensing, then stabilizes a little more than one year after drivers first receive their licenses.

"Extending the passenger limit of the GDL law from six months to one year will help reduce injuries and deaths from teen crashes both by reducing the number of distractions for novice drivers and the number of potential crash victims," said Steven Bloch, Ph.D., the auto club's senior research associate who analyzed the crash data for the Auto Club.

Teen drivers with less than one year of experience may still carry passengers under age 20 as long as there is an adult 25 or older in the vehicle. Young family members can also be transported without having an adult in the car. The 11 p.m. driving curfew also contains exceptions for work and school attendance.

All the provisions of the GDL law are enforced as secondary violations — that is, a law enforcement officer must first pull over a driver for another possible infraction before the driver will be cited for a violation of the GDL law.

Bloch said the Auto Club encourages parents to discuss the new changes in the law with their teens and emphasize that the changes will enable them to become better drivers while reducing their exposure to risky driving situations that they might not be ready to handle.

In 1997, California was the first state to pass a Graduated Driver's License law that included a passenger limit for teen drivers and the law took effect in July 1998. In the first two years after passage of the law, teen passengers killed and injured in crashes involving 16-year-old drivers decreased by 40 percent.

Besides California, 48 other states and the District of Columbia have approved some form of teen driving restriction. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has ranked California's GDL law as the most comprehensive in the nation.

The Auto Club sponsored SB 1329, the original GDL law, and strongly supported the enhancements to the law contained in AB 1474.

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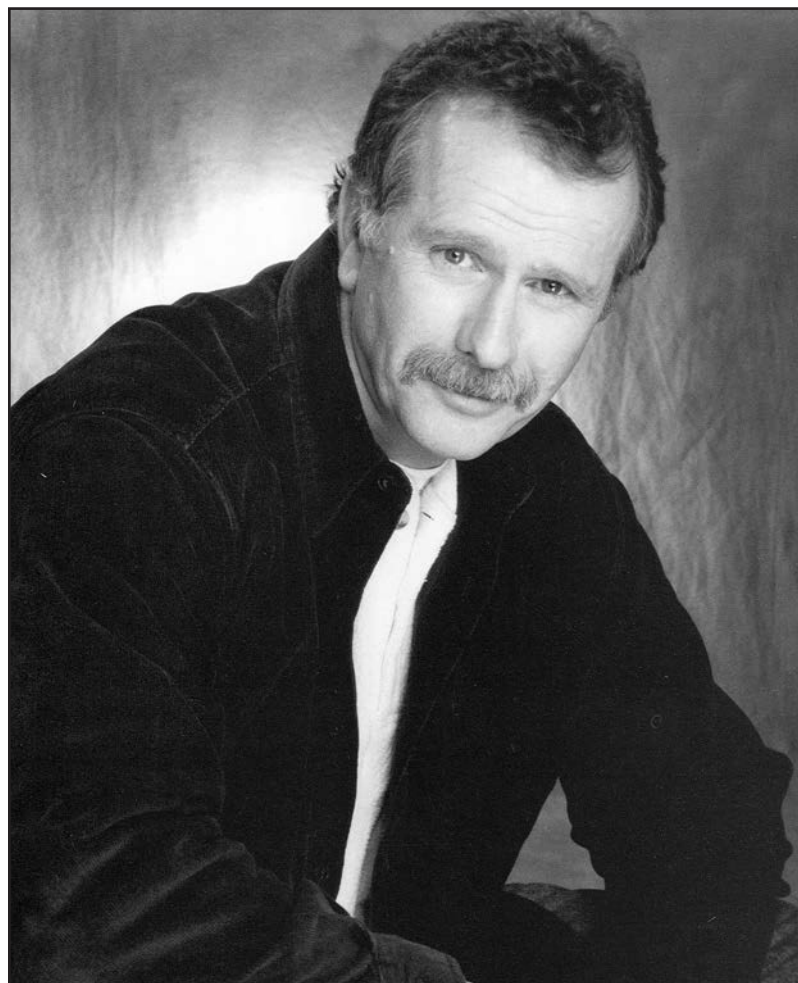


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“GOOD NEWS” CONTINUES – Richard G. Rodgers portrays the role of Coach Johnson in the current production of the Downey Civic Light Opera, “Good News,” a musical comedy at the Downey Theater, Firestone at Brookshire. Rodgers previously appeared with the group in “Gypsy.” The show is on stage for two more weekends. Call 923-1714 for ticket information.

Pirates ‘arr’ coming to Bellflower

BELFLOWER—“Pirates of Penzance,” one of Gilbert & Sullivan’s most famous operettas, comes to Bellflower for a Oct. 14-22 run at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16600 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower.

It stars Broadway leading man, Rex Smith, whose Broadway credits include starring in the major Broadway revival that ran for 772 performances featuring Kevin Kline and Linda Ronstadt; being also in the film version; making his Broadway debut as Danny Zuko in the original production of *Grease*; and feature parts in *The Human Comedy*, *Grand Hotel*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*.

Tickets are \$25; seniors and children under 16 are \$20; active military with ID free; group rates available. For reservations, call (562) 867-3524.

‘Fun Bus’ leaves for Laughlin Oct. 22

DOWNEY—The Southeast Entertainment Fun Bus departs for the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Laughlin on Oct. 22 for an eight-hour turn-around. The bus departs from Downey High School at 6 a.m.

Cost is \$20 per person and includes a buffet. For more information, call Alen at 923-1755.

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Carlos Santana visits Stonewood today

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” Friday, 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 one autograph per customer). A limited edition autographed poster will also be raffled off.

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

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.

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.

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‘Murder by the Book’ at Studio Theater

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse presents “Murder by the Book,” a thriller by Duncan Greenwood and Robert King, starting tonight at the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theater, 5021 E. Anaheim St. in Long Beach. It runs through Oct. 15.

Crisp, witty exchanges pepper this light-hearted and inventive thriller that unfolds with a series of macabre twists. A thriller writer indulges in vitriolic word duels with his estranged wife until she shoots him. An amateur detective from the next flat attempts to solve the murder before calling the police. More deadly games are in store when the corpse rises and the tables are turned more than once for the victim and the killers. Peppered with laughs and surprise, this thrilling, funny whodunit provides enjoyable entertainment for all.

Ticket prices are \$20 (\$18 for seniors and students). Additional ticket information is available by calling the box office at (562) 494-1014. Tickets are also available online through www.lbph.com.

Sebastian Sidi dinner show Nov. 18

DOWNEY—A cabaret dinner show starting a 8 p.m. featuring Sebastian Sidi will be presented by Colin Clarke of Century 21 Jervis & Associates Friday, Nov. 18 at Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is free; fees apply for dinner and drinks and are by reservation only. To RSVP, call Clarke at 904-6652.

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Joy McCann Petersen remembered by many

DOWNEY – Joy McCann Petersen passed away Oct. 6. She was born April 17, 1916, in Smithfield, Utah and moved to California in 1942. She is survived by daughter Maxine Wetzel (Tom), Downey; daughter Joyce Gast (Ron, Huntington Beach; and son Lex Petersen, Stanton. With four grandchildren from Downey: Jan Wenzel Scott, Donna Wenzel Reque, Don Wenzel and Bill Wenzel, she also has two grandchildren from Huntington Beach, 14 great grandchildren including Brian and Chris Scott of Downey, and four great-great grandchildren.



JOY McCANN PETERSEN – On the right, is pictured with her granddaughter, Jan Scott.

Longtime football coach Dick Hill dies of cancer

DOWNEY – Funeral services were held this week for longtime football coach Dick Hill, who died Oct. 3 from cancer at a rehabilitation center in Fullerton. Hill began his coaching career at Downey High School in 1956, leading that team to the CIF title game before 41,383 at the Coliseum, still a state attendance record for a high school playoff game. Downey tied Anaheim 13-13. He finished his career with a 224-112-4 record, which included stops at Santa Ana Valley, Orange and Santa Ana College. He retired as a head coach in 1997, but caught on as an assistant at two Orange County schools. Born April 24, 1928, in Hitchcock, Texas, Hill and his family moved to California in the early '40s. He graduated from Vallejo High School and went on to play football for Pepperdine. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; son Marc; daughters Cheryl Danforth and Elise Ramirez; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Services were held Tuesday at Evangelical Free Church in Fullerton.

Curves hosting free health screenings

DOWNEY—Curves observes its third annual Women's Health Month this October and has invited local health groups to come into their Downey-East facility at 9430 Firestone Blvd. cor. Woodruff to perform health screenings free of charge to the community. Screenings will be on a first-come, first-served basis and no appointment necessary. The schedule follows:
 *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.; 8-11 a.m. – Stroke risk screening – Golden Outlook Insurance Services
 *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 on any of the screenings, call 803-3630.

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 musical 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.

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Genealogical society meets Oct. 15

DOWNEY—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.

Put those old cell phones to good use

DOWNEY – Phones 4 Life, a nonprofit organization, would like you to donate those old cell phones that are no longer in service to benefit seniors for use as emergency 9-1-1 phones.

Phones may be dropped off at either of two locations: Downey Adventist Church, 9820 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; or Adventist Union School, 15548 Santa Ana Ave. in Bellflower, on Sunday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call Linda Fernandez, 692-7323 or 477-2158.

Volunteers needed for library shop.

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library need volunteers to work in their shop located inside the library. Friends volunteers work two-hour shifts selling used books and small gift items.

The Friends currently need additional volunteers to work these shifts: Saturday 10 a.m - noon, and Wednesday 6-8 p.m.

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. The Downey City Library is at 11121 Brookshire Avenue.

Women's Golf Club seeking members

DOWNEY – The Los Amigos Women's Golf Club is looking for more women golfers to join their club. Tee time for the group is 8 a.m. every Friday at Los Amigos Golf Course, 7295 Quill Dr.

For more information on joining the club, call 634-2816.

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Managing Longevity Risk


Mainstream financial media is beginning to focus on a new type of risk facing investors: longevity risk, or the risk of outliving your money. And these news stories are not without merit. A new study by Matthew Greenwald and Associates found that only 19% of pre-retirees and 16% of retirees were worried about running out of money during retirement. At the same time, statistics from the Society of Actuaries show that for a healthy couple aged 65, at least one spouse has almost a 50% chance of living to the age of 95. These statistics reveal that a 30-year retirement may be a distinct possibility, which begs the question, is the average investor's portfolio designed to last that long?

One strategy for managing longevity risk is to withdraw a conservative 4% to 5% of your principal each year. However, your annual withdrawal amount will depend on a number of factors, including: The overall amount of your retirement pot, your estimated length of retirement, annual market conditions and inflation rate and your financial goals (For example, do you wish to spend down all of your assets or pass along part of your wealth to family or a charity?)

No matter what your goals, there are ways to potentially make the most out of your nest egg. As you review your own situation, consider the following strategies: Maintain a cash cushion for living expenses. Develop a diverse income strategy. Use bonds to generate income. Consider dividend-paying equities. Keep an element of growth in your portfolio.

These are just a few ideas for developing an adequate income plan during retirement. Meet with your financial advisor to discuss these and other strategies that might be appropriate for your situation.

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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.

Established in 1929, the Long Beach Playhouse is one of the oldest continually operating theaters west of the Mississippi. It operates year-round, with two theaters, the 200-seat Mainstage and the 99-seat Equity Waiver Studio Theater, and mounts 16 full productions annually.

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

Red Cross seeks volunteers for 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.

Volunteers assist the Collection staff by greeting and registering donors, instructing donors to read necessary paperwork, providing refreshments, looking for donor reactions and promoting public relations. For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera, Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross Blood Services, 1-800-498-9910, Ext. 7.

WiFi coming to all county libraries

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a plan this week to bring wireless Internet access (WiFi) to all 84 branches of the County Library.

By enabling the general public to utilize their own wireless devices within library branches, public access to the Internet and other library resources will be expanded beyond the library's current limited ability to provide public use of computers, said David Sommers, spokesman for Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe.

'The Diary of Anne Frank' sold out

DOWNEY – The Cerritos College Department of Theater and the Associated Students' presentation of "The Diary of Anne Frank" has sold out, organizers report.

The college's next production will be December's "Aesop's Fables" and spring's "Grease."



SILVER MEDAL WINNERS – The Downey High School girls varsity volleyball team won the Silver Division at the Capistrano Valley Tournament held Sept. 24. Back row, left to right: Erin Saddler, Asha Cyrs, Adriana Fletes, Kathleen Watson, Brianna Weldon and Maritza Montes. Front row: Lacey Dietlin, Monique Perez, Bridgette Enriquez, Morgan Selenak and Lauren Davis.

Weight-loss group meets Mondays

DOWNEY – Downey Chapter #63 of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is seeking new members.

Meetings are held Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 Third St.. For more information, call Lou at 861-9425.

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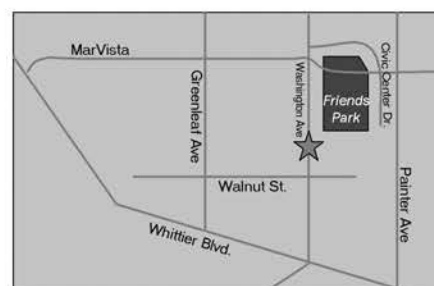


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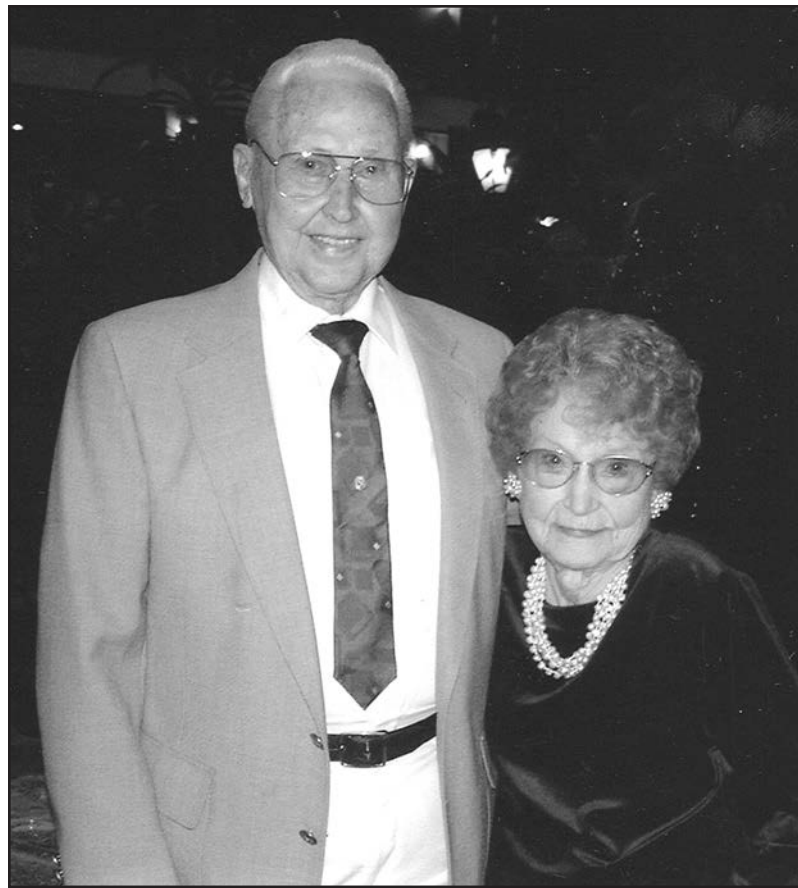
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VICTOR AND BERNICE KJENSTAD—Celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sept. 27 with a dinner party at the Embassy Suites. The couple, who were joined in the celebration by their three children, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren, have resided in Downey for 60 years.

Pioneer Medical Group lauded as top facility

DOWNEY – Pioneer Medical Group, a physician-owned organization with offices here in Downey, was recognized this week as one of the top 10 rated physician groups in Southern California.

The honor came from Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA), a statewide collaborative of California health plans, medical groups and health care systems.

“We are proud to be recognized as a top 10 physician group in Southern California by the IHA,” said John M. Kirk, CEO of Pioneer Medical Group. “This honor is a testament to the dedicated and caring nature of our physicians and staff.”

Pioneer Medical Group was one of 225 medical groups participating in IHA’s Pay for Performance (P4P) program, which rates physician group performance according to 14 measures of clinically recommended preventative care, such as childhood immunizations, and chronic care, such as diabetes.

Medical groups evaluated by IHA included Aetna, Blue Cross of California, Blue Shield of California, CIGNA Healthcare of California, Health Net (California), PacifiCare (California) and Western Health Advantage, which covered 6.2 million health plan enrollees in 2004.

Elks Lodge annual hoedown October 15

BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower Elks Lodge will be hosting their 2nd Annual Hoedown tomorrow at the lodge located on Bellflower Blvd. and Oak St.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with dancing to follow. There is a donation of \$10. For information, call (562) 866-3027.



WARREN’S EDDIE DE LEON – Escapes Los Altos defensive back Chapelle Brown in the Bears’ Sept. 30 defeat, 35-10. Warren had a bye week last week and hosts Paramount tonight at 7 p.m., the league competition opener. Photo by Rick Pianelli

‘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.

After school program offered at parks

DOWNEY—An after school program for the youth is being offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department this fall at the local parks.

“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.


The Fall Community Services Guide is available, with a list of youth and adult activities, at the Community Services Department, library, and the local parks. For more information, call 904-7238.

Best-selling author to speak at library

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.

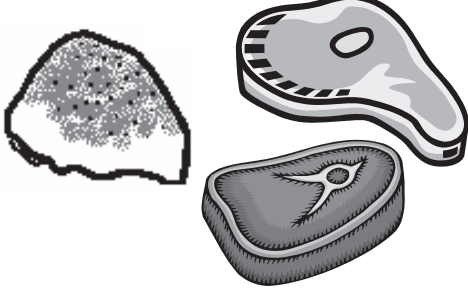
A Los Angeles-based reporter-turned-novelist, Hamilton has created a series of thrillers that explore the Los Angeles crime scene, as well as its history and subcultures. Her latest book, *Savage Garden*, made the Los Angeles times bestseller list and is a finalist for the Southern CA Bookseller’s Association “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.”



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East West Players presents 'EQUUS'

LOS ANGELES—East West Players, routinely referred to as the nation's premier Asian American theater organization, continues its 40th anniversary season with its production of EQUUS by Peter Shaffer, directed by EWP artistic director Tim Dang.

EQUUS is an "electrifying" journey into the mind of a 17-year old boy who senselessly and systematically blinds six horses with a steel spike. As a psychiatrist explores the young boy's tortured psyche, the play becomes a shattering confrontation between the passionate spirit of the life force itself and the distortions forced on the spirit by "civilized" society. The Tony Award-winning play will star veteran actor George Takei in the lead role of psychiatrist Martin Dysart.

Playwright Peter Shaffer is a native of Liverpool, England. His plays include "Five Finger Exercise," "White Lies," "Amadeus," and "The Gift of the Gorgon."

All performances are in the David Henry Hwang Theater at the Union Center for the Arts, located in Little Tokyo at 120 Judge John Aiso St. in Los Angeles. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. (No Saturday matinee on Oct. 29).

General ticket prices are \$40 in the orchestra and \$35 in the balcony. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.eastwestplayers.org or by calling (213) 625-7000. Senior, student and group discounts are available.

Questing Heirs meets Oct. 16

LONG BEACH—The Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach holds its monthly meeting Sunday, Oct. 16 in the Parish Hall of the Resurrection Lutheran Church, at Cherry and Carson Avenues in Long Beach.

The meeting begins with a Basic class at 12:45 p.m., followed by an Intermediate talk on "Giggles from Genealogy" from corresponding secretary Liz Myers. Society president John McCoy will then speak on "California Bound: How We Got To California."

In observance of October as Family History Month, Questing Heirs is offering introductory classes at branch libraries in Long Beach on Saturdays and Tuesdays. For information, call the main library or (562) 961-8895. Questing Heirs' website is <http://www.qhgs.info/>.

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Workshop on child support requirements

COMMERCE—The Employer Workshop conducted by the L.A. County Child Support Services Department (CSSD) will be held again Wednesday, Nov. 16 in Ayres Hall at the L.A. County Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Ave. in Arcadia from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Employer Workshop is a free workshop for employers and payroll professionals that provides helpful information about how to handle child support wage withholding and health insurance requirements. The workshop has been enthusiastically received in Los Angeles County. Early registration is recommended to ensure a spot for the free training. All registered attendees receive a free Child Support Resource Book for Employers, free parking and a continental breakfast.

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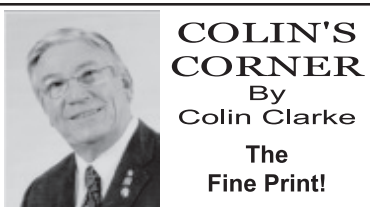
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"Dive" into this 3 bedroom, 2 bath NW Downey pool home. The home has a spacious living room with brick fireplace, kitchen with granite counter tops, 1 year new roof, and central air and heat. The property has a 2 car detached garage with an attached bonus room and a gated pool. Price: \$609,950
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BACK ON THE MARKET!
New Construction (2005) In Orange Estates! 5 bedrooms + bonus room, 4 bath with a very modern floor plan. Features beautiful kitchen with granite countertops, large master suite with Jacuzzi, sep shower, & walk-in closet, formal dining room & living room, family room with fireplaces, new plumbing/electrical, new roof & stucco, new central air & heat, & much much more! Price: \$1,095,000
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HOME OF DISTINCTION!
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 playground, 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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THIS YOU'VE GOT TO SEE!
3 bedroom, 2 bath Northeast Downey home that's been recently remodeled with new kitchen and bathrooms. The kitchen has maple cabinets, granite counter tops, new stainless steel appliances, and tile floors. The large master bedroom includes a beautifully-redone bathroom with new sink, tile shower, and tile floors. The hall bathroom has been similarly upgraded and can be utilized by the other two bedrooms. The open floor plan with living room, formal dining area, and family room feels very spacious and the hardwood floors & fireplaces make the house a "home." Price: \$639,900
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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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CUSTOM BUILT BEAUTY!
This quality-constructed 5 bedroom, 4 bath home in the northeast section of Downey is a must see! The approximately 4000 sq ft of living space includes a formal dining room, living room, and large family room with crown molding through out. The new kitchen has new cabinets and granite counter tops. Other nice amenities include hardwood floors, central air and heat, and all new bathrooms. The large master suite with the large master bathroom is breathtaking with a jetted tub, separate shower, granite counter tops, and much more. Price: \$1,349,000.
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