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Keep Downey Beautiful to be honored in D.C.

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful will receive a Keep America Beautiful President's Circle Award Thursday, Dec. 2 at the inaugural President's Circle Luncheon in Washington, D.C. during Keep America Beautiful's 51st Anniversary National Conference. The award has been introduced this year to recognize exemplary effort made by affiliates in Keep America Beautiful's Network of Affiliates to reduce litter, minimize waste, and beautify and improve their local communities.

In qualifying for a President's Circle Award, Keep Downey Beautiful has met Keep America Beautiful's standards of excellence by conducting an annual Litter Index, calculating the affiliate's cost/benefit ratio, and engaging volunteers to take greater responsibility for their community environment. In addition, award recipients must conduct activities in Keep America Beautiful's 3 core focus areas of litter prevention, waste reduction, and beautification/community improvement.

"Keep America Beautiful is committed to making a simple premise work in communities across the nation — engaging individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community environments," said Keep America Beautiful president G. Raymond Empson. "One of our national organization's most effective tools is the grassroots network of affiliate organizations, which have an impact on more than 165 million Americans each year."

"Our affiliates are providing real solutions to problems like litter, graffiti, illegal dumping and other community blights," added Empson, in announcing the 2004 award winners. "By enabling people of all ages to participate in community improvement efforts, Keep Downey Beautiful is represented among the best in promoting the values Keep America Beautiful espouses nationally."

Downey youngster handles show dog

NEW YORK—There will be a lot of tail wagging, heart pounding action when Cassidy Jackson of Downey and junior handlers from around the country compete with their dogs during the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Tampa, Fla., Jan. 15-16.

Cassidy and other junior handlers between 10 and 18 years of age will contend for top honors and scholarship dollars. Four scholarships will be awarded to junior handlers during the National Championship: first place winner will receive \$2,000, with \$1,500, \$1,200 and \$1,000 to second, third and fourth place respectively.

AKC/Eukanuba National

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship remains the first and only national dog show of its kind. A conformation dog show, the event features competition among America's top 20 show dogs from every AKC-recognized breed. Cassidy is one of about 100 junior handlers from throughout the U.S. who will compete in this exclusive, invitation only event.

The junior handler competition is judged on the handler's ability to present the dog capably and with confidence. Eligibility to enter is based on the junior's accomplishments in both the show ring and the classroom. For the first time ever, the AKC/Eukanuba Championships will be televised live. The event will appear on Animal Planet and the Discovery Channel Jan. 15-16 starting at 8 p.m. ET both nights.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) founded in 1884, maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world. Its rules and regulations govern more than 16,000 canine competitions each year.

The Iams company, founded in 1946, is committed to enhancing the well-being of dogs and cats by providing world-class quality foods and pet care products.

Animal Planet, available in over 80 million homes nationwide, is the only television network dedicated exclusively to the connection between humans and animals. Its programming brings together people of all ages by tapping into a fundamental fascination with animals and offering an outstanding mix of programming.



WIDE VARIETY OF GOODS OFFERED—There was a wide variety of goods for sale at the friends of the Library Open House and Marketplace Nov. 20 in the Cormack Room, and shoppers and browsers alike gave them a close look.



SANTA CLAUS—Made an early appearance at the Robinsons-May Court in Stonewood Center Sunday, Nov. 20. The jolly old elf will be available for pictures with children through Christmas. Call 904-1832 for times.

'Friends' of library open house a success

DOWNEY—Saturday, Nov. 20, the Friends of the Downey Library offered their popular Annual Open House and Marketplace in the Library's Cormack Room.

Offered for sale were handcrafted goods, fall and Christmas decorations, baked goods, as well as first edition books, Walt Disney videos and quality recycled items.

The aisles were crowded with shoppers—some serious and some just browsing. A distinct holiday atmosphere was noted.

Books and goods changed hands, as if by magic. It was a pleasant way to spend a day at the Library and get in some early holiday shopping as well.



REFRESHMENTS—There were refreshments to delight the palate at the Friends of the Downey Library Open House and Marketplace Saturday, Nov. 20 in the Library's Cormack Room. This lady offered something warm to drink.

Season to give thanks

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY — Thanksgiving may be over, but the opportunity is still ripe to reminisce on the things in life we all have to be thankful for.

Be it health, wealth, family or work, it shouldn't be too hard to compile a list. (The trick is not to think too hard.) Here's mine:

I'm thankful for City Life Deli, where I can enjoy a sandwich, soup and drink for under \$5. I'm even more thankful for Wednesdays, when they serve split pea soup.

I'm thankful to John Adams, our editor and publisher, for finally springing for a digital camera! And for never swaying from his belief that a community newspaper truly belongs to the city and its people.

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Kolars honored at highly successful Charter Ball event

More than \$80,000 raised

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY — Ron and Kathy Kolar, two special friends of Downey Regional Medical Center, were honored at the Charter Ball gala held recently at the Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa in Huntington Beach. More than 800 attended the black-tie event presented by the Memorial Trust Foundation.

Ron Kolar is the president and CEO of L'Abri Management, Inc., a property management firm with more than 200 employees in Southern California. He is president-elect of the DRMC Corporate Board of Directors, a 20-year member of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, past president of the Downey YMCA Board, the Downey Dolphins Swim Club and Southern California Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

"Ron has done everything he could to build a community in which to raise your family," Allen Korneff, DRMC President and CEO, said. "The Kolars have been extremely generous and Downey Regional Medical Center is honored to honor them."

Korneff's remarks were followed by a presentation of the flag by the U.S. Marines of Pico Rivera; the singing of the national anthem by DRMC board member Kathy Bee; and an invocation by Deacon Guerra.

Jim Ball, chairman of the 2004 Charter Ball, greeted guests as they dined on a dinner of filet mignon.

Later, friend Larry Lewis praised the Kolars for their "strong commitment to God, family and country," while Bill Hare commented on Ron's "invaluable leadership and direction in numerous community leadership positions, including as a board member at Downey Regional."

A video was shown featuring accolades from friends and family of the Kolars, and afterwards the couple went on stage to receive a plaque and a floral bouquet.

"It is humbling to receive this honor," Ron stated. "Downey has been extremely good to me, and I am privileged to have so many friends here that are such wonderful people. The City benefits greatly from them."

The marching band of USC, Ron's alma mater, made a surprise appearance. And Creedence Clearwater Revisited performed hits such as "Downey on the Bayou" and "Bad Moon Rising."

An electric guitar signed by Creedence band members fetched \$2,500 at auction, won by Michael Shafer. More than \$80,000 was raised by Charter Ball that night, DRMC said, with proceeds going towards the construction of a new Patient Care Tower, projected to cost between \$80-100 million.



RON AND KATHY KOLAR — Were lauded for their community efforts at Downey Regional Medical Center's recent Charter Ball. Ron was entertained with a surprise performance by the USC marching band, his alma mater.



MORE THAN \$3,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS—Will go to the winners of the Mr. Downey and Little Mr. Downey competitions sponsored by the Downey Rose Float Association at the upcoming award ceremony Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Downey Theatre. The fun event begins at 6 p.m. Photo shows the contestants joined by Miss Downey and her court. Competition tickets are still available for purchase. See any Rose Float board member, a Mr. Downey or Little Mr. Downey contestant, or call the director at 824-7172 to demonstrate your support.

California Theta Unit meets Dec. 2

DOWNEY — California Theta Unit, a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians and with members hailing from Downey and surrounding communities, will continue its study of how to reach organizational goals at its next meeting, Dec. 2, at Progress Park.

Kenneth W. McCatty of Orange County Parliamentarians and the American Institute of Parliamentarians, will give the study lesson. Joyce Whitehurst is providing refreshments.

The public is welcome to its monthly meetings, held on the first Thursday (Sept.-May) at 9:30 a.m. Progress Park is at 15500 Downey Ave. between Alondra and Somerset in Paramount.

For more information call Judith Cheesebrough, Presiding Officer, at (562) 423-7162 or Gertie White at (310) 638-4226.

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Gypsy Johnson staying generous to TLC Center

DOWNEY—The Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary of the Downey Assistance League has in the past 3 years donated more than \$10,000 to support the TLC (True Lasting Connections) Center. Their latest donation of \$2,000 to TLC came in October. The funds are used to assist needy families and children in the community in a variety of ways.

The Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary, whose members truly deserve special thanks from the community for their efforts over the years, is a nonprofit philanthropic organization comprised of volunteers who organize fund-raising activities for the purpose of supporting vital quality services for people in need in the community of Downey.

Following are the many programs their fund-raising efforts support:
—TLC Family Resource Center, a program of the Downey Unified School District aimed at connecting needy children and families in the community with health services, counseling, educational programs, advocacy, and crisis intervention

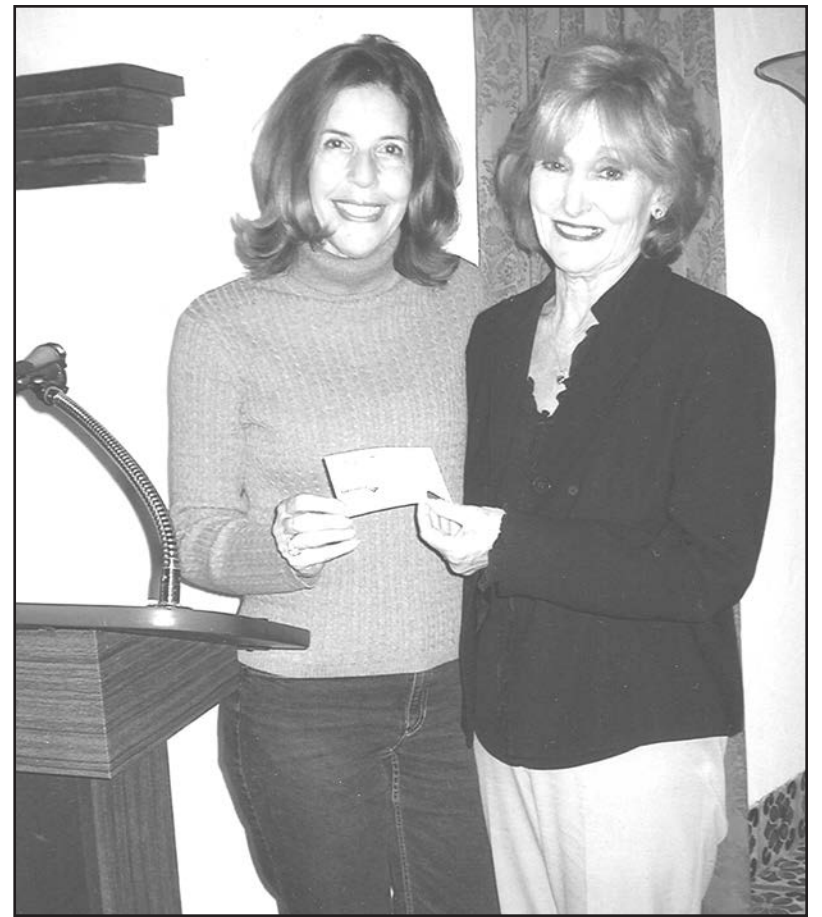
—Tiny Togs, provides diaper bags, diapers, infant blankets and clothing for new mothers in need of infant supplies

—ASK (Assault Survivor Kits), which are donated to local hospitals and include clothing for women who have been assaulted

—Operation School Bell, provides free clothing for school children who are in need

—Story Time Books for Children Festival, annual book give-a-ways to children to encourage reading by all children

—Downey Thrift Shop, offers clothing and supplies to adults and children at affordable prices.



ROSE BOLAND—(Right), representing Downey Unified School District's True Lasting Connections (TLC) Family Resource Center, receives donation from Joyce Harmon of the Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary of the Downey Assistance League.

Christmas story told at First Baptist

DOWNEY—The First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 East Third St. in Downey, will present a musical, "Word on the Street," Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12, 7:30 p.m. nightly with Friday and Saturday matinees at 4 p.m., about the love story between a Mary and Joseph of the 21st century, and the choices and challenges that would face them today.

It is a retelling in musical terms of the story of the first Christmas as it may occur in the Los Angeles area. It includes original drama, dances and special effects, with a setting that evokes many of the cities in Southern California. It features a cast of over 100 voices, dancers and musicians.

Doors open 60 minutes prior to each performance for pre-show, including Christmas karaoke and other interactive events.

Complimentary tickets can be ordered by calling 923-1261, Ext. 276 or by e-mail, info@fbcdowney.org.

Sign-up for Jr. Lakers and Sparks

DOWNEY—Sign-ups end Dec. 11 for the Jr. Lakers and Sparks, a youth basketball league at the Downey YMCA. Call 862-4201 for information.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—Preparing for their annual Christmas Luncheon Saturday, Dec. 4 at Rio Hondo Country Club are Catholic Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help members, from left, Christine Pohlen, Agnes Donahue and Charlene McCluskey. The event will begin at 11 a.m. Cost is \$30. For reservations, call Polly Glenn at 927-3217.

Turn in old phones for recycling

DOWNEY—Southern California Rehabilitation Services (SCRS) is accepting inactive cell phones for recycling. Money raised goes towards helping improve the quality of life of disabled people in southeast Los Angeles County.

Phones may be turned in at SCRS offices at 7830 Quill Drive, Suite D.

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Public Notice
The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of **Downey Surgical Clinic** on **December 21, 2004**.
The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.
Joint Commission standards deal with organization quality and safety-of-care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a Public Information Interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addresses to:
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The Joint Commission's Office of Quality Monitoring will acknowledge in writing or by telephone requests received 10 days before the survey begins. An Account Representative will contact the individual requesting the public information interview prior to survey indicating the location, date, and time of the interview and the name of the surveyor who will conduct the interview.
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HELPING KEEP DOWNEY DRUG-FREE — The staff of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate was honored by the Downey Unified School Board at its regular meeting last week. The office made celebration of Red Ribbon Week throughout Downey schools possible, while hosting also poster and essay contests. Mel and Rita Berdelis, broker/owners of the office, "provide a wonderful service to our schools," said Superintendent Wendy Doty.

Custom car show and toy drive Dec. 4

DOWNEY — The 19th Annual Custom Car Show & Toy Drive, which promises to have something of interest for classic car lovers of all ages, will be held Saturday, Dec. 4 in the Warren High School parking lot. The event is free, but visitors are encouraged to bring a toy for distribution through their toy drive.

The admission fee to display your custom car in one new unwrapped toy. No pre-registration is required and plaques will be given in several categories to the top show cars.

Designed to supplement the City toy collection program, which provides disadvantaged kids with toys during the holidays, raffles and live Doo Wop music by the singing group, Kulayd, will also be featured. Country Butcher will provide food and beverages.

For more information, call Kathy Simmons at 904-7103.

Christian Women's Club luncheon Dec. 8

DOWNEY — Downey Christian Women's Club will hold their monthly buffet luncheon, aptly titled "Merry Christmas," Dec. 8 at Los Amigos Country Club.

Special feature of the day will be a presentation on Creative Memories Scrapbooking by Jennifer Kerr. Diane Pierce will provide the musical entertainment and Sauni Reinhart will speak on the topic, "Peace is not just another sign."

Price is \$12 and reservations are requested by the Monday before the lunch. The community is invited to attend.

For more information, call Ginnie at 927-8488 or Lisa, 928-6269.

City expected to OK learning core grant

DOWNEY—A 21st Century Community Learning Center Core Grant of \$178,880 has been approved by the California Department of Education and was expected to be accepted by the City Council at Tuesday's regular meeting.

The Council was also expected to execute an agreement with Global Learning Inc., for services linked to the local grant-funded after-school programs.

The City and Downey Unified Schools received notice on Oct. 28 that the grant application for two new after school sites had been approved.

Federal money

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant is authorized by Title IV, Part B of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (federal money), administered by the California Department of Education After School Partnership Office.

The new grant funds are for operation and administration of after school programs at Gauldin and Alameda Schools modeled after the four ASPIRE school sites currently operating at Carpenter, Ward, Sussman and West schools. The grant period is July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006.

The State Department of Education requires that all grant-funded after school programs be evaluated on an annual basis. In Nov., 2003, the City Council approved an agreement with Global Learning, Inc., to formally evaluate the ASPIRE program for fiscal year-2003-04. The company successfully met the terms of that agreement which ended Nov. 12, 2004.

Section 1, Term of Agreement, provides an option to extend the period for an additional year. The attached agreement authorizes an additional year and calls for the two new school sites. Compensation is to be paid Global upon significant milestones in evaluation, not to exceed \$15,624.

There is no additional financial impact to the City.

Army Pfc. Jose Cadena finishes training

DOWNEY — Army Pfc. Jose Cadena, a 2000 graduate of Downey High School, has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the nine-week training, Cadena received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions and core values.

Cadena previously earned an associate degree from ITT Technical Institute in 2003.

Historical Society luncheon Dec. 3

DOWNEY—The Downey Historical Society holds its traditional Holiday Luncheon Friday, Dec. 3 at noon at Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Road.

All who are interested in the history of Downey are invited to attend. Tickets are \$16. There will be a main course choice of beef or chicken.

For reservations/information, call 928-4006 or 927-5255.



CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF SERVICE—To the community, Downey Rotarians recently attended the Centennial Paul Harris Dinner Dance held at the Long Beach Convention Center to benefit the Rotary Foundation. From left: Mike & Joyce Prokop, Pat Pratt, Lorine Parks, Dominick DiMario and Carol Pearce. For Downey Rotary membership information, contact Carol at (562) 622-1425.

Donate toys for disadvantaged kids

DOWNEY — The City of Downey is seeking the donation of new and used toys for distribution to disadvantaged children in Downey and its Sister City — San Quintin, Mexico. The toys will be distributed through the Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S. "Holiday Basket Program," and the Downey Sister Cities Association.

The toy collection started this week and runs through Dec. 10. The City Public Works Department is organizing the drive.

Designated drop-off points are: Downey City Hall, Downey City Library, Downey Police Station, Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, all Downey Fire Stations, all Downey public schools, and local businesses displaying a City toy collection barrel. Toys should be unwrapped.

For more information on how to get more involved in the effort, contact the City's Recycling Office at 904-7103.

Adult School's Vegas Tour Jan. 9-12

DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School offers an all-new Las Vegas Adventure Tour Jan. 9-12, which will start at the Mirage Hotel and will include: a guided tour of Madame Tussaud's Museum at the Venetian, one breakfast at Caribe Restaurant and \$50 of food vouchers, admission to Dolphin Habitat and Secret Garden, a visit to the famous Shark Reef in the Mandalay Bay Hotel and a tour of the Casino Legends Hall of Fame in the Tropicana Hotel

Package price is \$269 double per person, and \$359 single. Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. Call 940-6213 for more information.

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We still get calls

By John Adams

What do newsmen do?

Well, just about everything in an average week used to come across this editor's desk. Of course, since we added the title of "publisher" we aren't available for as many phone calls as in the past. But we recall those old days fondly.

One week was highlighted by a woman who called to tell us that a large "unidentified" white bird like none she had ever seen before was in her block of Downey. What did she want us to do? She was not sure. Perhaps come out and confirm that we had never seen a bird quite like this one either. Maybe take a picture of it. That would be nice.

Use your imagination. Newsman arrested in backyard with camera...claims he was investigating strange white bird!

The same week a woman came in and assured us that the post office was not delivering mail but instead had a big truck they were throwing letters into: (hers and her friend's). Why hadn't anyone else noticed this? Don't argue. She'll even show you the truck!

Take note here that the editor is not a specialist in either strange birds, or the U.S. Postal Service. If you can't identify the bird, it is a good bet that neither can the editor.

But lest we protest too much, let's consider Walter Lippman, one of America's most revered columnists and the author of "The Public Philosophy." Lippman spoke 54 years ago before a group of Iowa editors and publishers on the 100th birthday of the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

Lippman told them, "There is, I believe a fundamental reason why the American press is strong enough to remain free. That reason is that American newspapers, large and small, and without exception belong to a town, a city at the most to a region." He said the secret of a truly free press is "that it should consist of many newspapers decentralized in their ownership and their management, and dependent for their support...upon communities where they are written, where they are edited, and where they are read." When Lippman spoke, 1,300 American newspapers—almost all of them independent and locally owned—existed. Today thanks to mergers and financial times, there are less than 300.

The Downey Patriot is an independent and locally owned, hometown newspaper that thrives on local coverage. So keep on calling and writing us with your strange birds and suspicious mail trucks. We'll try and listen, even if we don't know your bird's name...

THANKFUL

I'm thankful that David Gafin won a seat on this city's council. I'm told he's a number whiz who brings great things to the table.

I'm thankful that it was the Downey Herald-American, and not us, who mistakenly called him David "Gaffin."

I'm thankful for Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, whose community efforts and involvement, especially with children, go largely unheralded. If you need any testament as to the type of people Mel and Rita Berdelis are, you need only meet their children, Jamie and Michael.

I'm thankful for Stewart & Gray Road.

I am not thankful for Firestone Blvd.

I'm thankful for Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center, who nursed my best friend's father back to health after going down with kidney disease. I suspect they are a facility taken for granted by most of the general public.

I'm thankful that The Downey Patriot moved out of "The Barn" at Downey Adult School and into a real office building.

I'm thankful to Downey Adult School, for letting us make use of their barn.

I'm thankful I'm too young to get a flu vaccine.

I'm thankful I can stand to lose a couple of pounds. It means I have enough to eat.

I'm thankful for each and every one of our readers. Even the crazy ones, who write us long, incoherent letters every week.

I'm thankful for the Downey YMCA. And for George Saikali, executive director of the Y, who lets me play in the Teen Zone.

I'm thankful Downey has a leader in Kirk Cartozian, whose name appears in this paper more times than mine.

I'm thankful for Miss Downey and her Court, the loveliest women this side of the 605.

And, finally, I'm thankful for the City of Downey and its many colorful characters.

There. Now it's your turn.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Our superb symphony

Downey Citizens:

Sunday afternoon (Nov. 14) as I sat enthralled by the wonderful symphony concert at the Downey Theater, I was at the same time saddened by the large number of empty seats.

We in Downey are gifted with a superb orchestra, a talented music director (Dr. Tom Osborn), and frequent gifted soloists such as Norm Krieger who played "Piano Concerto in C-Minor" by Beethoven.

It was breathtaking!

Many communities no longer have orchestras and we are indeed fortunate to have ours. Please come and support our musicians. The reward will be yours!

—Shirley Holz, Downey

Don Knabe to take oath Dec. 6

LOS ANGELES—Re-elected Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe takes his oath of office Monday, Dec. 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple St. in Los Angeles. Reception follows at Walt Disney Concert Hall. For information, call (213) 974-4444.

CSULB study reveals economic growth

DOWNEY – Economic experts presented a cautiously optimistic outlook for strengthening economic growth in Southern California, including Downey, at last week's Eighth Annual Regional Economic Forecast Conference, sponsored by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and done in conjunction with California State University, Long Beach.

Over 100 local elected officials and staff, public agencies, private sector executives and academics attended the SCAG conference held at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. The forecasts, compiled by SCAG in partnership with CSULB and California State University, Fullerton, are the only projections to focus exclusively on the short-term economic outlook (2005-06) for the entire southern California region (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties).

According to the CSULB forecast, overall regional growth through August was 0.7 percent, putting Southern California slightly behind the state's growth rate, but still an improvement over last year's 0.2 percent.

The region generated 102,000 new jobs, but also lost 46,000 jobs, with nearly 30,000 of those losses occurring in the manufacturing sector. The information, high-tech and state and local government sectors also saw job losses, while the professional, business and tourism service sectors saw gains.

With the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach handling more than one-third of the nation's cargo container traffic, the trade and transportation sectors posted some of the region's strongest job gains this past year.

"Trade and commerce will play an increasingly important role in the region's economic health," said Ron Roberts, SCAG President and Temecula city councilmember. Added SCAG Executive Director Mark Pisanò: "Entrepreneurial approaches to the trade and logistics industry, rather than traditional public works approaches, will be pivotal in driving the region's next 'gold rush.' However, if we don't make some critical investments in our goods movement infrastructure, we will seriously jeopardize Southern California's position in the future global marketplace."

By 2005, the CSULB forecast projects regional job growth at slightly more than 2 percent, lagging behind the annual gains made in the late 1990s but stronger than the lackluster growth of recent years.

DMOA holding annual fashion show Dec. 10

DOWNEY—The Downey Museum of Art will hold its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon at the new Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road, Friday, Dec. 10, with the delightful Marsha Moode again doing the announcing. Social is at 11 a.m., and luncheon starts at 11:30.

Fashions are provided by Draper's and Damon's. A silent auction and a prize drawing are part of the program, to add to the fun. Proceeds from the popular event support the Museum's programs and operations.

Tickets are \$30 per person. For more information, contact Kate Davies at DMOA, (562) 861-0419.

Avoid costly repairs this holiday season

SACRAMENTO – Holidays can bring on a flurry of home repair headaches as seasonal celebrations tax household plumbing, heating and electrical systems, putting a damper on festivities. From clogged garbage disposals to heaters that go kaput, California homeowners have an increased need for home service and repair contractors during the holidays.

The California Contractors State License Board (CSLB) urges consumers to be prepared and do their repair homework to avoid extra holiday stress.

The best time to find a qualified, licensed home service and repair contractor is before something goes wrong. Selecting your preferred contractors in advance saves time and money.

Some common home repair headaches that happen around the holidays include:

Clogged drains: Cooking for a crowd puts a heavier load on sinks and garbage disposals, causing drains to back up, leaving a sink full of dirty water.

Bathroom flooding: More people around the house means more use of toilets, showers and bathroom sinks that can easily become clogged and overflow.

Electrical emergencies: Stringing holiday lights and the increased use of household appliances can put an extra strain on your home's electrical system. Don't overload outlets with too many electrical cords, and don't use worn or frayed cords – or you may be dining by candlelight, and not by choice.

Broken windows, wall boards and woodwork: No matter how careful you are when bringing in the tree, moving furniture for decorations or playing with new toys, accidents can happen.

Damaged gutters, awnings and roofs: Hanging outdoor lights and decorations can sometimes damage structural elements of the home, especially in windy conditions. Walking on the roof can cause shingle damage, leading to leaks inside the house.

Water heater problems: Winter is often the time when marginally performing water heaters fail. Be ready, and don't get burned by this common holiday headache.

Faulty heaters: Don't leave yourself and guests out in the cold – have your heaters inspected. Properly running heaters not only save energy, but may also prevent life-threatening gas leaks.

Fireplace safety: Christmas is often the first time that homeowners light a fire in the fireplace. Chimneys should be cleaned and checked prior to use each season to avoid dangerous problems.

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Expected OK for Learning Center grant

DOWNEY—The City Council was expected to accept a grant from the Verizon Foundation for the e-Mission program of the new Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center her.

The sum is \$25,000.

Loren Behr, Executive Director of the Learning Center, was credited with securing the grant from Verizon. It will be used to supply classroom scholarships and support costs of operating the e-Mission program.

There is no fiscal impact to the City.

Handicapped riding program in Whittier

WHITTIER—Gary Mullen, a former private school teacher/administrator with over 30 years horse training experience, has started a nonprofit riding school in the Whittier area called "Angel Mountin'," to provide therapy and enjoyment for those with physical and mental disabilities.

He's thrilled that his vision of a riding school for the handicapped has come to fruition. Says Mullen: "To witness the joy of my disabled pupils as they ride horses is probably more satisfying than winning a national championship with my show horses." Mullen, who has trained numerous national winning Andalusian and Arabian horses," adds: "There is such a need for handicapped riding programs that are operated by instructors that are very experienced in horse training and handling. Safety is paramount with these riders." Some lessons require as many as 3 instructors to provide the necessary degree of safety.

Over the years, Mullen has coached students with ADD, hyperactivity, mental retardation, Down's Syndrome, blindness, and amputations. He says, "The riding gives the students a reason to focus, and a real sense of pride and achievement. The bond that takes place between the horse and student is extremely special. Lessons include physical and mental exercises, as well as activities that often include specific material that is taught in the student's school. Some time is spent on the ground grooming and caring for the horses. We even have a miniature horse that is great for grooming, and that can pull a cart. The students love driving in the cart."

Mullen is a certified instructor with the National Association of Handicapped Riders. He says further, "Handicapped individuals can be considered angels in disguise, who are here to make the world a better place, with every right to enjoy and benefit from the magnificent equine. Thus we named our program for "mounting" these individuals, Angel Mountin'."

For more information on the program, location, and class schedule, call Mullen at (626) 347-5547.

Tiny's Troopers to perform Dec. 14

WHITTIER—Tiny's Troopers will be performing for the California Retired Teachers' Association, Whittier Chapter when it meets Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 1 p.m. at Greenleaf Masonic Temple, 12001 Beverly Blvd. in Whittier.

Homemade cookies and other goodies will be available for sale before lunch. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Tiny danced with and managed the "Dancin' Grandmas" for 19 years and about 1,900 shows. After the Grandmas retired in December 1998, she organized her own troupers.

Everyone is welcome but you must make a \$10 reservation by calling (562) 697-3321.

Civic chorus anticipating busy holidays

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus will present their annual winter concert, "A Christmas Fantasy," Sat.-Sun., Dec. 11-12 at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, 16660 Civic Center Drive in Bellflower.

Under the direction of Bill Jones of Downey and featuring the keyboard artistry of Chris Squires, the chorus will be joined by the Children's Choir and perform a variety of traditional carols and seasonal favorites. Adding spice to the concert will be specialty numbers and dancing.

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Downey TOPS seeking new members

DOWNEY - Downey Chapter #63 of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international organization that aims at helping men and women to have happier lifestyles by improving eating habits, is seeking new members. The club says it's there to "help you reach your idea weight sensibly - no gimmicks, no harsh diets or exercises - just lots of support, motivation and fun."

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

DJAA basketball sign-ups Dec. 4

DOWNEY - The DJAA is hosting sign-ups at Apollo Park Dec. 4 for the 2005 basketball season. Children should be in the second through eighth grade and live in Downey. Call 861-3727 for information.



SAN ANTONIO GUILD MEMBER—Christie Cabrajac stands ready to welcome "Homes for the Holidays" tour participants. Proceeds from the tour and other SAG fundraisers benefit Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

SAG's 'Homes for the Holidays' tour Dec. 8

DOWNEY—The San Antonio Guild of Children's Hospital Los Angeles welcomes the holiday season with their annual "Homes for the Holidays" tour Wednesday, Dec. 8 as four generous Downey residents will graciously open their homes for all to see. The homes will be awash in beautiful decorations, of course, and otherwise suffused with the sights and smells of Christmas.

Tickets for this event are \$25 per person, which include complimentary refreshments straight from the kitchens of the San Antonio Guild. You can enjoy a little holiday shopping at the Guild's Holiday Boutique in one of the homes. You can also purchase an opportunity ticket for a chance to win one-of-a-kind holiday decorations crafted by the Guild's talented members. This year the Guild is also offering lunch for a small extra charge.

Children's Hospital of Los Angeles treats children of all ages. Its services benefit many in Downey and surrounding communities. The San Antonio Guild supports the efforts of the hospital through "Homes for the Holidays" and other fundraising events throughout the year.

Tickets are available from any SAG member, or these easy-to-get-to locations throughout the city: Johnny & Co., Saywell Florist, and Salon Relini.

CSULB holiday presentation Dec. 13-14

LONG BEACH—The Carpenter Center on the CSU-Long Beach campus, 6200 Atherton St. in Long Beach, presents "On A Humorous Note: A Celebration of America's Wittiest Songwriters" for 2 performances only, Dec. 13-14, as part of the Club Carpenter Cabaret series.

The holiday presentation features the following "wildly talented and clever" singers and songwriters: classical-pianist-comic-songwriter Dale Gonyea, a pianist since the age of 5; Broadway veteran Amanda Abel, a granddaughter of Eddie Cantor; Senior Citizen "Cabaret Darling" Ray Jessel; and chanteuse extraordinaire Shelly Goldstein, who has been called "a combination of Liza Minelli and Bette Midler."

Ticket price (\$45 for adults; \$40 for seniors, students and those with CSULB ID); \$37 for groups of 20 or more) includes dinner catered by Mahe of Seal Beach at 6 p.m. and performance at 7 p.m.

For tickets/information, call 985-7000.

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Spilled their blood for liberty.

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Nor names engraved to keep the score.
No markers set in sod so firm,
From these emblems may we learn.

Our universe should dwell in peace,
Let's pray to God all terrors cease,
Remember how sweet peace is gained,
By white cross markers, and heroes named.

—**Gerry Rothery,**
Carson

Downey Federal Credit Union gets high marks

DOWNEY - Downey Federal Credit Union was lauded earlier this month as 'one of the strongest credit unions in the nation' and awarded a five-star rating by BauerFinancial Inc., the nation's leading independent credit union rating firm.

It is the 55th consecutive five-star rating for DFCU. The rating was based on an evaluation of the most recent financial data filed with federal regulators and analyzed by BauerFinancial.

"Credit unions by their very nature can help individuals attain a higher standard of living," said Karen Dorway, president of the research firm. "With greater access to credit unions in their neighborhoods and communities, many underserved Americans now have access to a partner they can count on as they strive to achieve their American dream."

Downey Federal Credit Union has been serving the needs of its members in Downey for 47 years. Established in 1957, it currently operates through its offices on Third Street and can be found on the Internet at www.downeyfcu.org.

For more information on DFCU's rating, or the rating of any other U.S. credit union or bank, call (800) 388-6686.

The Getty celebrating the snapshot

LOS ANGELES - The Getty has issued an open call to amateur shutterbugs to submit their personal photographs online for an ambitious, large-scale display of family pictures on the Web. This virtual album will pay tribute to the humble snapshot and its artistic and social value, a theme explored in the new exhibition, "Close to Home: An American album," which opened Oct. 12 at the Getty Center. The exhibition and online album are part of the 20th anniversary of the Getty's photographs collection.

Online snapshot submissions will be accepted through the close of "Close to Home" on Jan. 16, 2005. Selected photographs will be posted on the special exhibition Web site. Each snapshot must be accompanied by a short description of what makes the picture special. Because the Getty Web site reaches local, national, and international audiences, many submissions are expected, and not all photographs can be posted online. For details on the submission process, or for more information about "Close to Home," visit the special exhibition site on www.getty.edu.

The Getty's online photo album offers the public a unique opportunity to be a part of the exhibition. Photography is one of the most democratic of all art forms. Many of the pictures in "Close to Home" were taken by untrained photographers. The subject matter is universal and the online showcase is the perfect way to demonstrate that. Together, the exhibition and the Web display will investigate the beauty, value and meaning of family snapshots as a vital instrument of social memory.

"Close to Home: An American Album" features nearly 200 black-and-white and color photographs made chiefly between 1930 and the mid-1960s by anonymous makers. The exhibition also includes family portraits made by well-known photographers such as Thomas Eakins, Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Weston, and Dorothea Lange, drawn from the Getty's strong collection of photographs, as well as 25 fine-art prints made by Guy Stricherz, with his wife Irene Malli, from old Kodachrome slides.

The Getty Center is located at 1200 Getty Center Drive in Los Angeles. Admission is always free, no reservation required, except for event seating and groups of 15 or more. For more information/reservations, call (310) 440-7300, or visit www.getty.edu.

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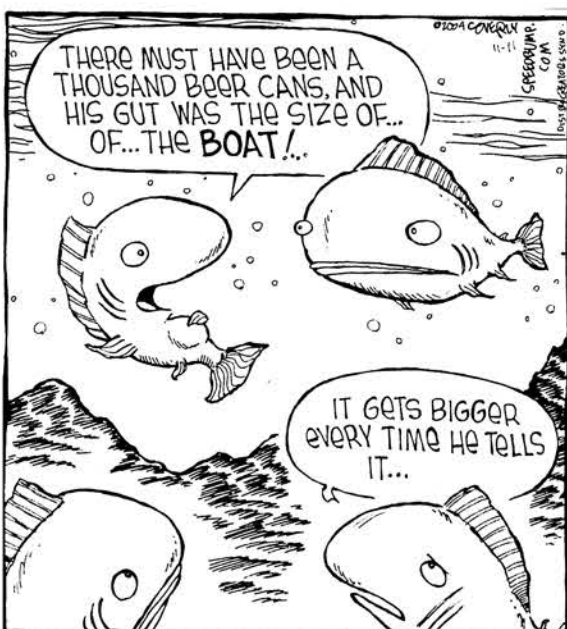
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November/December

Sun. Nov. 28, 6:00 p.m.: **Rob Syphax** entertains with vocals and acoustic guitar at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. No charge. For information call 869-1414.
Wed. Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.: **"Songs of Advent"**, a special series for Advent worship starts at Messiah Lutheran Church, 10711 Paramount Blvd. For information call 923-1215.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: Redevelopment Project Area Committee, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: Traffic Commission, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.: City Council/Community Development Commission, Council Chamber.
2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Design Review Board, Council Chamber at City Hall.
3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.: Emergency Preparedness Committee, Barbara Riley Senior Center.
3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: Parking Place Commission, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner, mtg., for information call 426-6786.
6:30 p.m.: Overeaters Anonymous, at Downey Med. Center Conf. Room A, for information call 426-6786.
1st Mon., 4 p.m.: 2nd Century Foundation, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
1st and 3rd Mons., 7 p.m.: Downey Post 270, American Legion, for information call 861-8082.
2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: Downey Bocce Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Perry Michienzi at 869-8782.
9:30 a.m.: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
12 p.m.: Downey Exchange Club, for information call Don at 927-5871.
12 p.m.: Rotary Club, at Embassy Suites, for information call Dan Fox at 862-0744.
6 p.m.: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.
7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
7 p.m.: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
7:30 p.m.: Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: Quota International Southeast Cities, for information call (323) 569-2854.
2nd Tues., 8:30 a.m.: Women's Agape, at Los Amigos Country Club. for information call (562) 622-3785.
2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: Sertoma Club, at the Nordic Fox. for information call (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: Writer's Workshop West, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: Huff and Puff Respiratory, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: Los Companeros Service Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

12:10 p.m.: Downey Lions Club, at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Cafe, for information call 861-2899.
1 p.m.: Women's Bocce Club, for information call 869-8782.
6 p.m.: Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, for information call 927-9790.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Emblem Club #309, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce, for information call 867-1087.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Sister Cities Ass'n, at Maude Price School, Call 869-5444.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - Downey Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: Diabetes Support Group, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
7:30 a.m.: Connections Networking, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
9 a.m.: Senior Californians of Downey, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.
12 p.m.: Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee, for information call Norm Sipple at 927-1431.
12 p.m.: Optimist Club of Downey, at Sambis, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
12:30 p.m.: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
6:30 p.m.: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, for information call 803-4571.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, for more information call Carl D Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

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

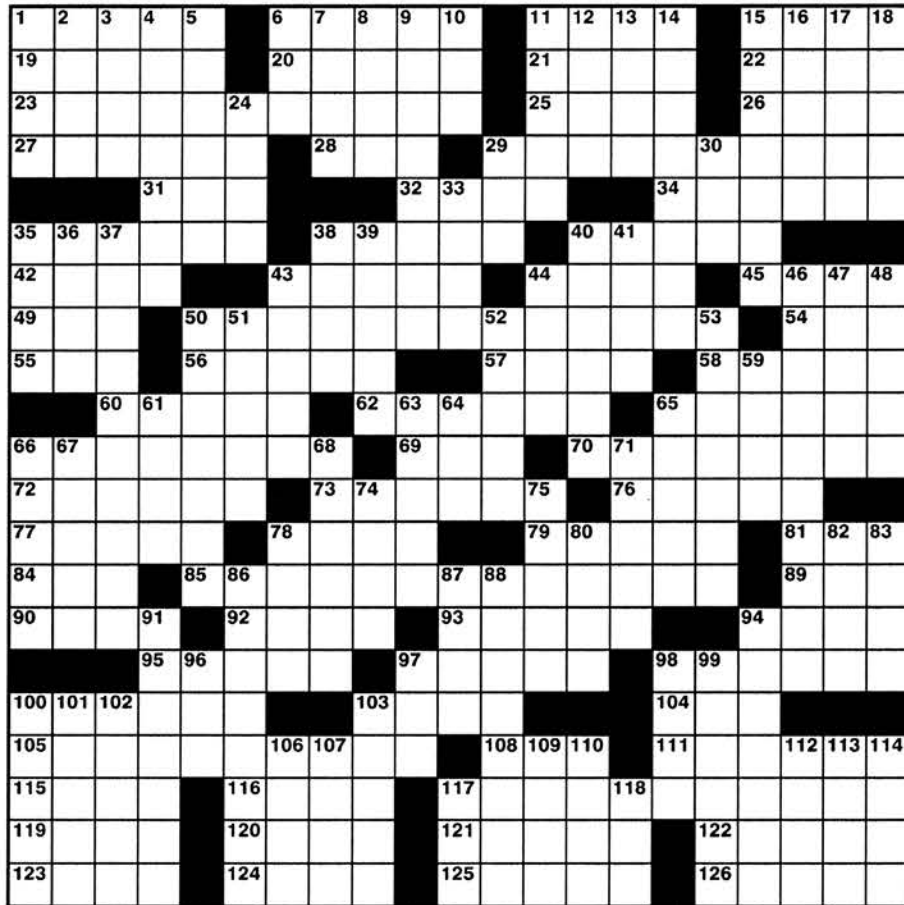
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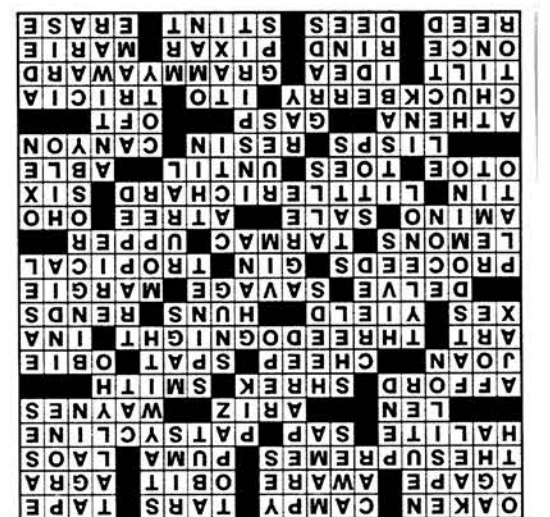
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The Mekong River (26 Across) forms the boundary between LAOS and Myanmar, and much of the border between Laos and Thailand. The ingredients of a pink lady (69 Across) include GIN, grenadine and egg whites. The ostrich (92 Across) has two TOES on each of its two feet.



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 All immunizations are free; no appointment is necessary. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. You are to bring the child's official immunization card with past immunization history.

Women's golf club seeks new members

DOWNEY—The Rio Hondo Women's Golf Club, which enjoys a weekly tee time Tuesday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, wants to beef up its roster of fun-loving women who "enjoy the wonderful game of golf." Applications for membership are now being accepted for the '04-'05 season.
 The club says you don't have to be a low-handicapper to participate, just a willingness to bettering your skills and playing weekly with a "great group of women." General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month following play.
 For more information, contact the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 927-2420.

Golf tourney helps Boys & Girls Clubs

LONG BEACH — The 2004 Golf Classic Challenge, sponsored by Enterprise Rent-A-Car, raised \$25,000 last month for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach. The amount includes a \$5,000 gift from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation, the company's charitable arm.
 The golf tournament drew more than 100 golfers to the links at Rio Hondo Golf Course to support the organization and vie for prizes donated by dozens of businesses.

"We are committed to helping non-profit organizations in the communities where we do business," said Madison "Mat" Lee, vice president of Enterprise's Long Beach-area region and a new member of the organization's board of directors. "Thanks to enthusiastic participation by our employees, vendors and business partners, we were able to provide an important boost to a charity that really helps local children and teens."
 Four Boys & Girls Clubs in the Long Beach area serve more than 3,000 young people. Known as "The Positive Place for Kids," the clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-17 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff.

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'RONALD' PART OF PARADE—People of all ages enjoy the annual Holiday Lane Parade set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, on Downey Avenue. Ronald McDonald will be part of the parade fun thanks to Paul Tulaphorn, left, who recently opened Downey's newest McDonald's Restaurant on Firestone Boulevard at Woodruff Avenue. That's the Chamber's Jeannie Wood in the picture with "Ronald" and Paul.

Friends bookstore open for business

DOWNEY—Dewey, the official mascot of the Friends of Downey City Library Bookstore, invites the community to check out its back-to-school specials: hundreds of National Geographic magazines at only 25 cents each (a few really old ones are priced at a bargain \$2)—ideal for school report ideas; biographies of actors, politicians, etc.; Zane Grey novels for western buffs; and more.
 Open during regular library hours, as volunteer hours permit, the Friends Bookstore is located inside the Downey City Library at 11121 Brookshire Ave. Proceeds from the bookstore are used to purchase new books for the library, as well as many special needs of the library, such as the summer reading programs, Children's Book Week, Bilingual Story Time books, Teen and Adult Programs.
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'PAGEANTRY OF SONG'—A concert of traditional holiday songs by 4 of the region's top high school choral ensembles and scheduled this year on Dec. 12, is one of many festive musical programs lined up by Marketplace Long Beach (intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Second Street) starting Nov. 27, to "set the mood for a joyous holiday season." Above, student vocalists give it their all at last year's presentation. Sponsored by the Marketplace Long Beach Merchants Association, the musical performances are free and will be held at the Marketplace Long Beach's Central Park stage. For more information, visit www.marketplacelongbeach.com or call (562) 491-1000.

"Miracle Worker" comes to Long Beach

LONG BEACH—William Gibson's critically acclaimed drama, "The Miracle Worker," will open on Dec. 3 at the Studio Theatre (Long Beach Playhouse, 5021 E. Anaheim St.).

This stirring dramatization of the story of Helen Keller is one of the most successful and warmly admired plays of the modern stage. Blind and mute, nobody knows what Helen's fate might have been had she not come under the tutelage of Annie Sullivan, an Irish girl who had been born blind. The "Miracle Worker" is principally concerned with the emotional relationship between the lonely teacher and her charge. "Magnificent theatre," said the New York Daily Mirror.

"The Miracle Worker," will be produced Dec. 3 through Dec. 18, closing for the holidays, and then re-opening Jan. 7 through 22, 2005. There will be Sunday matinees on Dec. 12 and Jan. 18.

For tickets and reservations call 494-1014.

"Doo Wop Daze" recounts 1950s

LOS ALAMITOS—"Doo Wop Daze," an interactive journey through the music and events of the 1950s, is currently showing at the WestEnd Dinner Theatre in Los Alamitos.

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Warren band receives big financial boost

DOWNEY—When David Niemeyer's band program at Warren High School was facing a budget crunch, he knew just where to go for help. Massey Cadillac/Chevrolet of Downey donated \$1,000 recently to the award-winning Warren Band and Color Guard, helping the group meet their budget needs.

"As the Warren program continues to grow in size and gain recognition for their success, the needs of the band to buy uniforms, instruments, music and offset costs for students to participate increases," Niemeyer said. "It is support of businesses like Massey Cadillac/Chevrolet that help the band see their needs come to fruition."

Larry Py, general manager of the dealership, made the presentation. Niemeyer also announced plans for his band to compete in the 2006 Hawaii Invitational, where they hope to represent the City of Downey. The group is trying to raise funds to make the trip: the Band and Color Guard promise to display the corporate logos and messages of sponsors on the sides of their trailers while the Warren Jazz Band is accepting gigs at corporate parties and meetings.

To help the band, contact Niemeyer at 869-7306, ext. 5616.

Free holiday performances Dec. 24

LOS ANGELES—Over 40 performing groups from throughout Los Angeles County—including choirs, music ensembles and dance companies—will converge on the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center in Los Angeles Friday, Dec. 24 for the 45th Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. with performances beginning at 3:00 p.m. Patrons may come and go throughout the show and reservations or tickets are not necessary. The Los Angeles County Arts Commission is producing the event.

For more information call (213) 972-3099.

Open casting call at the Playhouse

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Playhouse is hosting an open casting call Nov. 29-30 for its new play, "Corpse," a comedic mystery scheduled to begin its run Jan. 28.

For more information e-mail lbplayhouse75@verizon.net.

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Sopranos and tenors are particularly sought.

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MUSIC TO THEIR EARS—Larry Py, left, presents a \$1,000 check to David Niemeyer, director of Warren's Marching Band and Color Guard. The group is trying to raise funds for a competition in Hawaii.

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Healthy heart class at DRMC

DOWNEY – Diet changes can reduce the risk of heart disease. To learn specifics, a Healthy Heart Nutrition Class will be taught on Wednesday, February 11, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Avenue in Downey.

This free lecture is taught the second Wednesday of every month by a registered dietician. People who have high cholesterol and/or triglycerides or high blood pressure are encouraged to attend. Space is limited and registration is required by calling the DRMC Department of Education (562) 904-5580.

St. George holiday boutique Dec. 11

DOWNEY – Saint George Greek Orthodox Church, invites the community to attend their Christmas Boutique and Benefit Luncheon, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Saint George Parish Hall, 10830 Downey Ave. Call Georgia Covell at (818) 790-3433 for information.

Century 21 office takes home big prizes

DOWNEY — Century 21 My Real Estate were big winners at the Downey Association of Realtors Annual Installation and Awards Dinner held at the Rio Hondo Country Club Nov. 13.

Steve Roberson was presented the Community Service Award for his community involvement and for ‘promoting a positive image of real estate professionals.’ For the fifth time in seven years the office received the Large Office Participation Award, an honor rewarding professionalism, involvement in local Board activities and community outreach.

“These awards are shared with my entire team,” said Roberson. “I am very proud to be associated with such a great group of people. One of our goals is to give back and enrich the lives of people in the community we serve. The fact that everyone takes action makes such a difference in what we are able to accomplish as a team.”

42-unit apartment complex sold

DOWNEY—Morgan Skenderian Investment Real Estate Group, a real estate brokerage firm specializing in the sale of apartment complexes throughout Southern California, reports the sale of a 42-unit apartment complex, the Casa Serena Apartments located at 11530 Paramount Blvd. in Downey, to Stephen & Monika Caplis of Santa Ana for \$5,700,000.

It was previously owned by Paramount Stuart Associates, Ltd. of Downey.



HOLIDAY HELP — Carol Pearce, of CPA #1 International Real Estate, donates \$1,500 to the Downey YMCA for their efforts to enrich the City of Downey. Pictured, from left, are Dorothy Pemberton, Carol, JoeCommodore and George Saikali.

Annual Chamber open house Dec. 16

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Holiday Open House Thursday, Dec. 16 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Chamber office, 11131 Brookshire Ave., featuring “food, fun and frolic.” RSVP to Chamber office, (562) 923-2191 or fax (562) 869-0461.

Soroptimists announce teen scholarships

DOWNEY – Soroptimist International of Downey has announced that they will soon begin awarding two \$250 awards to young women between the ages of 14-17 who are active in volunteerism in their school or community.

The Violet Richardson Award recognizes young women who improve their community through volunteer efforts such as fighting drugs, crime and violence, cleaning up the environment, and working to end discrimination and poverty. Actions that benefit women are of particular interest.

Violet Richardson was the president of the first Soroptimist Club in 1921. She believed in personal responsibility and in her motto: “It’s what you do that counts.”

Downey Soroptimists are accepting applications for the award, which may be obtained at the counseling offices of each of the Downey High Schools. Applications are due by Dec. 15 and may be sent to Downey Soroptimist Club, P.O. Box 365, Downey, CA 90241.



THE STAFF AT CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE—Continues to grow. Patricia Ramirez is the newest member. With a strong background in business administration with the Motor Vehicle Department and the U.S. Postal Service, she is fluent in Spanish. To reach her, call 927-2626.

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and The Joys of Gratitude*

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Happy Thanksgiving from the Prudential 24 Hour Team!

As we sit down with our families this holiday season, we wanted to share our blessings with the Downey community.

At Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, we are thankful for...



Mel & Rita Berdelis
... We are blessed with a wonderful family and the amazing people we work with. We are truly thankful for the continued support of all of our clients and customers.



Michael Berdelis
...wonderful family, friends and a prosperous year.



Frank Moreno
...my wonderful family, great friends and associates. It's been a privilege to represent my clients and an honor to be referred by past clients and friends.



Jose Garcia-Yanez
... for the love and support of my family.



Mary Jane Lee
...great family and great friends.



Daniel & Liz Garcia
... God bless us all and for the business of 2004.



Carmello Mauro
... God's blessings, my family and the support of all my clients.



Marie Picarelli
... my family, friends and the opportunity to work with wonderful people.



Zeke Pinaya
Happy Thanksgiving to all my wonderful clients I have worked with from the past, present and near future. I am thankful for your business.



Gabriel Reyes
...my wife Sylvia, who's smile lights up the room. And our dog Luna, who is always happy to see us.



Edward Gonzales
...Love. Love from my family and friends that are my biggest supporters and the love for what I do which drives me everyday!



Jose Rosales
... that God allows me to appreciate all of His gifts, family, friends, clients and my associates at my work. I appreciate your business.



Esmeralda Rosales
...God Bless our Troops!



Carlos Maravilla
... my family and friends.



Anna Froussakis
... my brother and our troops.



Jennifer Lopez
...God's gifts.



Richard Reyes
...family and friends.



Roger Beltran
...for your business.



Ken Ishiki
...my family and friends



Sole Gutierrez
... my family and each day that God allows me to wake up



Luz Ortega
... family, friends and clients.



Cesar Rivas
...family, past and future clients and my dog, Bigg Virg.



Timmy Nicolau
... that I get to work with my family and friends.



Mario Persico
... God's continued blessings and grace, my family and friends.



Mercy Garcia
... my home. It will be my first holiday there.



Nancy Fairbrother
...health, family and friends and the support of my clients.



Aileen Hauer
...my family and God's blessing.



Alex Castellanos
...my family, friends and associates.



James Polidore
...God, my family and the Prudential 24 Hour Team.



Gil Legaspi
... the health, love and support of my family and friends.



Irma Rodriguez
...my life, my family and you- my clients.



Carrie Uva
... health, family and terrific clients.



Victor Cuellar
...all business and support in the past year and blessings to you



Mariana & Gonzo Pacheco
...our beautiful children.



Barbara Beard
...the health of myself, my family and my friends.



Helen Lancaster
...the love of the Lord and all the blessings He has brought into my life.



Joseph Boletto
...the people that believe in me.



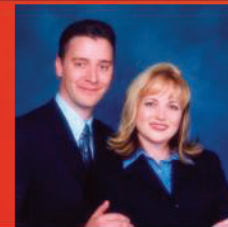
Katonja Neal
...my home, family and friends.



Pat Walraven
...for my family, friends and their health.



Andy Partida
...wishing my family, friends and clients a Happy Thanksgiving.



Brandon & Shannon Fackler
...for our daily life.



Pat McCallum
...my 57 years in Downey and the friends and clients I have here.



Mila Alberico
.. To be part of the Prudential 24 Hour team and to be an American.



Irma Sandoval
...wonderful family and all the blessings I have received.



Maria Elena Serrano
...all the blessings I have received and the opportunity to serve the community.



Marie Mendoza
...for my son, Draven who can turn a bad day around with an "I love you Mommy!"



Tom Papoulias
...my family, the Prudential Commercial Division and the San Diego Chargers.



Penny Watson
...23 years of keeping my clients happy.



Vicki Spearman
...love, support and health of my family.



Irma Valadez
...my beautiful family, friends and the blessings from God.



Ben & Stephanie Banuelos
... family and clients.



Jimmy Spathos
...health, family and all my clients.



Christina Davilas
...the support, health and love of my family and friends.



George Makri
...Mel and Rita.