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## Subcommittee will study 'public art'

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The City Council has formed a subcommittee whose mission is to study the concept of creating a "Public Arts Commission" that would facilitate the creation and placement of public art throughout the City.

The action was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting, and was at the suggestion of Councilman and former Mayor Kirk Cartozian, who asked the item be placed on Tuesday's agenda.

The new subcommittee's mission is to probe the potential of a Public Arts Commission, which would be charged with the developing of programs that will promote and encourage the placement of arts in public places in the community.

**Bayer and Cartozian**

The subcommittee, which was unanimously approved, consists of newly seated Mayor Anne Bayer and Cartozian, who immediately called for a meeting with City staff to get the planning underway.

The idea of a Public Arts Commission was supported by many speakers from the audience, including former mayor Diane Boggs, Kate Davies, Harold Tseklenis, Aeda Sighting and Pauline Hume.

Several of them noted that while the City has a fine record of promoting and supporting performing arts such as the symphony and theater, it has not done as well in terms of monument art and graphics displays.

In other action, the City Council:

\*As the Community Development Commission approved the work on a cash contract for building demolition and abatement work at 9066 Firestone Blvd.

\* Approved the financial statement and state controller's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

\* As the City Council honored the student winners of the 2005 Used Recycling School Calendar Artwork Contest.

\* Approved a cash contract for plans and specifications and granted authority to advertise for bids on the Lakewood Boulevard Improvement Project/Union Pacific Railroad to Meadow Road.

\* Approved the addition of one police corporal and the subtraction of one regular officer position.

\* Appropriated \$640,000 to cover increased expenses related to recently approved labor agreements.

\* Set a hearing for Jan. 25 on the Downey Vision 2025 update of the City's General Plan.

\* Accepted a \$7,000 grant from the Federal Library Services and Technology Act for materials and programs targeting small businesses.

\* Appropriated an additional \$6,785 from the California Library

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## River, mountain conservancy lauded

Area environmental advocates spoke out this week in defense of the San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers Conservancy (RMC) which is celebrating its fifth birthday.

Under recent fire from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who hints it may be too costly, the RMC has allotted \$35 million in state bond money to 75 projects in communities from both Los Angeles and Orange counties including Downey.

**Havice's role**

The RMC was spearheaded by Assemblywoman Sally Havice, D-Artesia and Downey, who co-sponsored the bill along with Rep. Hilda Solis, D-El Monte, who was a state senator in 1999 when it won passage.

Its mission is to preserve open space and habitat and to provide low-impact recreational and educational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and improve the watershed in a large area of Los Angeles and Orange counties including the San Gabriel Mountains, the San Gabriel River, the lower Los Angeles and Santa Clara River to the east of the Antelope (14) Freeway.

It provides an opportunity for small cities with limited budgets to apply for state grants for projects to promote open space and the environment.

**Seven million**

Seven million people live in the area covered by the conservancy, yet it is not well known as many of its projects are just now nearing completion.

This will be remedied in the spring when signs will be posted at 30 different access points to the San Gabriel River.

When it was created, the conservancy was the target of an internal fight in the legislature. Critics of the bill said it should be managed by a board structured without representation from the lower river cities. Havice fought back the challenge of Tom Hayden over this issue.

Now on its fifth birthday, the RMC faces new challengers just as its projects are beginning to bear fruit.

**Area cities**

The RMC includes the local cities of Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Cerritos, Compton, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, Seal Beach, Signal Hill, and South Gate.

Part of the RMC's mission is to ensure that an honest effort is maintained by the state to help restore nature and open space to urban areas.



**AN EARLY CHRISTMAS** – Children helped lead the invocation at a special luncheon in their honor at the Rio Hondo Country Club this week. Santa Claus was the special guest of honor.

## Christmas comes early for Downey children

By Eric Pierce

**DOWNEY** – As Santa Claus hoisted each child upon his knee, flashed his gentle smile, and presented each with his/her very own gift-wrapped present, the 'spirit of the holidays' became more than just a commercial catchphrase.

The magic was thick because for most of the 50 or so children, it was a shining moment in what would probably be a downtrodden holiday season.

The Downey Rotary Club hosted a Christmas lunch for the kids Dec. 14 at the Rio Hondo Country Club. The children, specially selected by Downey teachers and administrators, were treated to food, magic tricks, juggling acts, balloon animals, Christmas carols and, of course, Santa Claus, the main event of the afternoon.

And while the event is just one of the many that Rotarians participate in, this particular project is a club favorite.

"I remember last year we had one little girl who would not open her present," recalled Doug Baker, president of the group. "We were telling her, 'Go ahead, open it,' but she absolutely wouldn't. She said that this year, she wanted something to open on Christmas morning.

"It's those type of stories that get to you. You drive by and see the green golf course, but you never realize..."

Nary publicized, the lunch was refreshingly void of the usual corporate sponsorship. In fact, though the club is made up of about 80 community citizens and business people, the heart of its mission is very pure.

"I always tell people, don't join Rotary Club to promote your business," said Carol Pearce, Downey Rotary president-elect. "If you talk to somebody and happen to pick up some business then, hey, that's a bonus. But that's not our intent. That's not what we're about."

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## Wilcox balances work, altruism, love of fishing

By Henry Veneracion

**DOWNEY**—Among the many joys life has brought Dr. Wayne Wilcox, few have meant more to him than joining the Rotary Club of Downey in 1985 and the opportunities for service this has afforded him. He is not a joiner per se and he's busy enough as it is, he says, but once he realized that its ideals, its spirit of dedication, and its core of beliefs dovetailed with those of his church, the Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he embraced it with all the intensity and enthusiasm at his command.

It has been a union made in heaven. Serving as its president in 2001-2002, Dr. Wilcox is one of its most active and dynamic members. As chair of what was to become the club's first international project, the "Mulege (pronounced 'Moola-hey'), Mexico Project," he flies down twice a year to Mulege, a little town (pop. 4,500) in Baja California Sur on the Sea of Cortez some 650 miles south of San Diego, during the Memorial Day weekend and the weekend nearest Halloween, to fix teeth—for free. With him is fellow dentist Dr. Jan Bennett from Henderson, Nevada, an old buddy of his from Northwestern University Dental School (Chicago) days and a member of the Henderson Rotary Club. They've been at it for 6 years now. Both speak fluent Spanish.

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## Caton gets pay hike; attorney new duties

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—At the urgings of Councilman Rick Trejo the City Council has approved a contract with City Attorney Charles Vose that expands Vose's duties to the field of economic development.

And after lengthy debate the Council also approved a \$20,000 pay raise for City Manager Gerald Caton.

Both actions were by split votes at Tuesday's regular council meeting.

A memo from Trejo to the newly seated mayor, Anne Bayer, and the rest of the Council, noted that the move on Vose's contract saves the city \$190,000. The memo then adds:

**Four years**

"It has been four years since (City Manager) Mr. Caton has received a merit raise and two years since he has gotten any kind of raise. I believe we should reward him for his successful work on the NASA project and for the \$13 million from the land sales. I recommend a \$20,000 raise that can be paid for by the \$190,000 savings. I have asked the staff to prepare the enclosed resolutions."

**Full-time**

The agreement with Vose essentially makes him the full-time City Attorney and Commission General Counsel to the City Community Development Commission, as well as provider of economic development services on behalf of the City, starting Jan. 1, 2005, and covers two years.

It is a full-time position, with a base salary of \$172,500, with a 5 percent increase after the first year.

The City agrees to maintain a legal office at City Hall and pay for hardware or software computer costs as deemed necessary for communications.

The City will pay for memberships including the State Bar and city attorney's associations.

The City agrees to indemnify Vose against any tort, professional liability claim or demand, arising out of any act or commission as set forth in his agreement with the City.

The City Council has the right to terminate the agreement with Vose without cause by a vote of three council members.

He is entitled to 60 days written notice and severance pay of six months.

He will be a member of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

The vote on the City Attorney's expanded position was by 4-1 with Cartozian opposed.

The vote on the City Manager's pay hike was by 3-2 with Cartozian and Perkins in the minority.

Newly seated Councilman David Gafin was the deciding vote on the City Manager's wage increase. Gafin pointed out that the \$20,000 figure was reduced to \$6,000 after cost of living was figured in over the years since Caton received a raise.

Mayor Anne Bayer said of the pay raise, "I am supporting this..."

Cartozian was adamant that the City Manager did not merit an increase. And he said he foresaw difficulties in the City Attorney working for two different interests, the City Manager and the City Council.

Caton thanked the Council, adding that Vose would be very helpful in handling the remaining work to be done on the former NASA site.

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## Council comments show divisions

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—Comments by members of the Downey City Council Tuesday showed there are still wide rifts between the five members over significant issues.

At the top of the list is the City Manager's performance. The majority feel it is good, but two councilmen, Kirk Cartozian and Meredith Perkins, voted against the City Manager's salary increase Tuesday.

**Challenge?**

And Cartozian seems set on challenging the City Manager's performance overall, as well.

Some comments Tuesday were non-controversial. These included Rick Trejo's applauding the Downey Junior Athletic Association achievements in the recent playoffs.

Meredith Perkins said he enjoyed the recent installation of County Supervisor Don Knabe, as well as the wet but still fun Holiday Lane Parade.

Newly seated Mayor Anne Bayer said she enjoyed the recent children's performance at the senior/community center sponsored by the PTA.

**Arts Commission**

Cartozian said he was enthusiastic about working toward the formation of a permanent Public Arts Commission, and Dave Gafin said he enjoyed the parade but otherwise had been kept busy with getting up to speed on questions such as the City Attorney position. And Gafin also asked for an expedited plan of action on the recent findings of the Zucker Report, a study of the efficiency and problems of City of Downey departments by an independent expert on efficiency.

Cartozian has repeatedly called for improved efficiency and streamlining of the permit process in the building and planning departments at City Hall.

Gerald Caton thanked Art Rangel for filling in on economic development until the City Attorney move was approved.



**RAYMOND CONCHA**—Of Downey, flanked by Cerritos College Trustee Bob Epple, left, and Cerritos College Foundation Board President Nick Van Hoogmoed, was one of 2 recipients of the \$1,000 Cheryl A. Epple Memorial Scholarship (honoring Epple's late wife) for their community service. Twelve CC students in all received various scholarships totaling \$8,200. The scholarships were presented at the Nov. 18 board meeting of the nonprofit Cerritos College Foundation, which serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports.

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**CERRITOS** – CareMore Insurance Services' Medicare health plan, California Medicare Advantage, was named one of 54 Medicare HMOs nationally – and the only health plan in Orange County – to receive the 2005 Senior Gold Choice Award.

The award recipients were selected from more than 175 Medicare managed care plans based on cost-sharing comparisons conducted by HealthMetrix Research, Inc., an independently managed care research firm based out of Columbus, Ohio.

"This award responds to the continued concerns and uncertainties that seniors have with out of pocket costs incurred when they enroll in a Medicare HMO," said Alan Mittermaier, president of HealthMetrix Research. "CareMore has demonstrated a commitment to cost-sharing effectiveness and value in the design of their Medicare HMO benefits, copayments, deductibles and premiums.

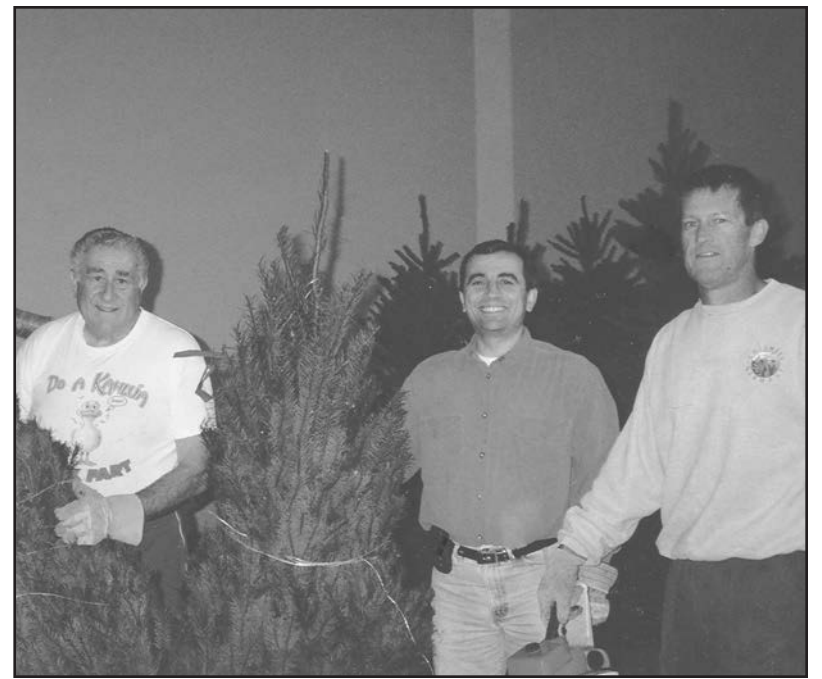
"We anticipate that informed beneficiaries will rely on this award as an indication of excellence just as they now rely on other awards and consumer ratings that recognize excellence in quality of care, health outcomes and member satisfaction."

The award criteria established by the firm were based on 2005 cost-sharing comparisons conducted in 60 cities during November of this year. The annual comparisons estimate the out of pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries based on health status categories (healthy, episodic and chronic) and corresponding utilization of the most common HMO benefits, such as physician office visits, emergency or urgent care, hospital care, prevention and prescriptions.

"As a health plan owned and operated by local physicians, our efforts remain committed to providing high quality care with the highest value to our members," said Sheldon Zinberg, chairman of CareMore Insurance Services.

In Orange County, CareMore Insurance Services has introduced its Medicare Advantage HMO to the Placentia, Westminister and Yorba Linda area communities, contracting with a network of about 50 primary care and 150 specialty physicians.

For more information on the award, visit [www.hmo4seniors.com](http://www.hmo4seniors.com) or call (877) 211-6614.



**DOWNEY FAMILY YMCA** – Gets a helping hand with their annual Christmas tree lot from Joe Commodore (left), George Saikali and Mark Sauter. Sales benefit the YMCA youth groups. The lot is located at 9066 Firestone Blvd.

**Cerritos installs new president**

**NORWALK** – The Cerritos College Board of Trustees elected Dr. Ted Edmiston as president, Bob Verdeber as vice president and Tom Jackson as secretary at its annual re-organizational meeting Dec. 8. Edmiston's presidency follows that of Bob Arthur, a trustee since 1995 and 2004 board president.

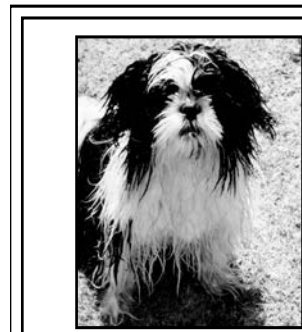
The board presented Arthur with an engraved gavel to thank him for his year of service as board president, which saw him make several decisions, including the campaign for and passage of Measure CC, which secured a voter-approved bond of \$210 million for college modernization.

Arthur also presided over the selection of college President Dr. Noelia Vela, the unexpected death of Board Trustee Cheryl A. Epple and the appointment of Bob Epple to the vacant seat created by his wife's passing.

"We have all appreciated Bob's tremendous leadership skills and dedication to the district," said Edmiston. "He has seen this college and its administration through very challenging times, and for that we thank him."

In addition to serving on the district board of trustees, Arthur also serves as a board member for the Cerritos College Foundation. He is a former mayor and councilman of the City of Norwalk and past board member of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. He has also effectively chaired a number of special board committees and is currently director of special projects for Foothill Transit.

Edmiston, a Bellflower chiropractor, won election to the board in 1991 and serves as a major advocate for the use of technology to enhance the college's instruction process. He currently serves as vice president of the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association and is expected to serve as president in 2005. Edmiston is also an honorary member of Phi Theta Kappa.



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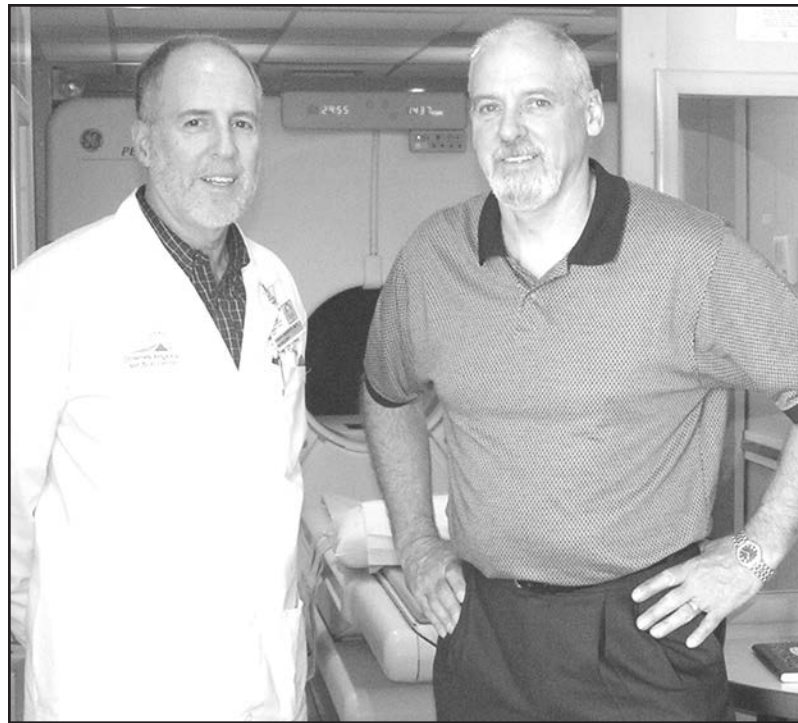
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DRMC RADIOLOGIST - Dr. Ivan Barrett, left, and Alliance Imaging's Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist Bill Robinson confer on DRMC's first PET procedure on Dec. 10.



DUSD MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS—(From left) Stephanie Zmuda, Allison Worthy and Heather Adamson pose with Dr. Mary Stauffer after they were awarded \$500 to add to or start their 529 Plan College Scholarship Fund, courtesy of the Stauffer Foundation, along with a plaque engraved with their name on it for their school. The students received straight A's on their report cards for both 2003-2004 school year semesters and have demonstrated overall outstanding community service and leadership. Dr. Stauffer has received an outpouring of gratitude for her continuous support in education to the community.

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DRMC introduces PET scan machine

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"PET scanning is a painless, safe, state-of-the-art tool enabling physicians to diagnose and treat disease," said Ivan Barrett, DRMC's Director of Radiology, who trained in PET scanning at UCLA. "Patients who previously had to travel to large medical centers can now stay in their own community for PET procedures."

PET also allows a physician to examine large areas of the body in a single scanning session, producing moving images of the human body rather than anatomical images created by conventional X-ray, CT scanning or Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). Instead of detecting changes in the physical size or structure of internal organs, as traditional imaging technologies do, PET detects changes in the cellular function, which takes place before physical changes occur.

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

Although the enamel on outer tooth surfaces is the hardest material in the body, it is vulnerable to etching caused by acids. The fact is that oranges and tomato juices contain acids that may etch surface enamel over time. When surface enamel sustains these tiny scratches, teeth may look stained, dull, and yellowed. A recent study indicates that most Americans are not aware of this problem - 72% do not realize that acidic fruits and tomato-based foods can cause surface enamel wear, and 88% do not recognize that the acids in popular sports drinks can etch the tooth's surface. Once this problem is better known, patients can avail themselves of tooth-whitening and flouride treatments to whiten and strengthen teeth.

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Holiday activities for kids at local parks

DOWNEY - The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering children ages 6-11 a chance to enjoy holiday activities at local parks, part of the city's "Holiday Haven" program that runs Dec. 20-31.

The program will operate 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Apollo, Brookshire, Dennis the Menace, Rio San Gabriel, Furman, Crawford and Golden Parks. At Brookshire Park, the program will from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Several activities are planned for the children, including snowball play and crafts.

The program is free but registration is required, which can be completed at the parks Monday - Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The program will not operate during inclement weather.

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## Too many hats?

By John Adams

The extension of Downey City Attorney Charles Vose's job to include many of the tasks previously associated with economic development director has caused critics to express doubt whether it will work.

True, it will save money in terms of salaries, but will the position of economic development director suffer due to part-time management by a city attorney extended beyond his means?

It is noted that the Downey extension of economic development powers and authority to a city attorney is unique in California city government.

Vose will also be reporting both to the City Manager and the City Council—a situation which could possibly create a conflict of interest.

City Manager Gerald Caton says this won't necessarily happen and cites the application of teamwork. Critics such as Councilman Kirk Cartozian claim the conflict of interest is obvious.

Other councilmen including Rick Trejo note that Vose is familiar with the problems of developing the former Boeing/NASA property, and is a skilled negotiator in bringing parties together and resolving issues.

Perhaps more important, Vose has a strong working relationship with the City Manager.

Assistant City Manager Lee Powell says the situation is unique and offers both a savings in salary and the chance to employ the skills of someone with singular ability in a field in which they have experience.

Caton admits that if Vose were to leave, the City would probably have to reorganize rather than seek someone else for the new dual-job.

Caton claims that for virtually the same amount of money, he will be able to utilize Vose not only for traditional attorney functions, but also economic development tasks, particularly in connection with the NASA site.

We wish them well, and hope the concept of "teamwork" which Caton falls back on when attempting to explain how it will all work, proves to be enough.

Once more, we repeat the plea expressed in a previous column, for the players at City Hall each to take a deep breath, lower their voice, and get back to doing City business.

## CHILDREN

The children arrived at the lunch at about noon, a mix of different races and ages. Rotary member Robert Freeman greeted each one with custom balloon hats. And while they feasted on fried chicken and French fries, Richard Langton entertained with magic acts. ("We're a very talented bunch," Pearce joked.)

Mike Prokop, with the help of several children, led the invocation.

Johnny Croshaw, explaining that Santa Claus needed to hear the kids in order to find them, led the kids in a hearty round of Christmas songs, as Ed Potter accompanied on piano. Santa Claus did, indeed, find his way to the children where he posed for photographs and handed out toys.

The club used the day to announce their next project, the sponsorship of five orphanages in Kenya that each foster 250 girls whose parents have died of AIDS. The group is working with a Rotary Club of Nairobi (who knew?) on that one.

100 pairs of eyeglasses were presented to Wayne Wilcox and Bill Greene, who plan to distribute the spectacles to poor villages in Mexico. And guests were reminded of Rotary's adopt-a-family program, in which one helps buy gifts for needy families.

Downey Rotary Club celebrates their 100th anniversary this year.

## Community Services offers winter camps

**DOWNEY**—Children can celebrate winter vacation at either one of two camps offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department. Both camps are headquartered at Wilderness Park.

The "Holi-day" Camp gives children 6-14 years old an opportunity to meet new friends, have fun and participate in activities such as crafts, cooking and games. Camp costs are \$65 for the first family member and \$60 for additional family members, and include supervision, materials, lunch beverage and excursion. Camp dates are Dec. 20-24, and Dec. 27-31.

For registration information, call 904-7238.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: A few sparkling 'Reaganisms'

Dear Editor:

Here are a few "Reaganisms" I'd like to share with your readers:

"No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women."

"Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose."

"The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

"The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant: It's just that they know so much that isn't so."

"Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U.S. was too strong."

"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

"The taxpayer: That's someone who works for the federal government but doesn't have to take the civil service examination."

"Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."

"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

"The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program."

"I've laid down the law, though, to everyone from now on about anything that happens: no matter what time it is, wake me, even if it's in the middle of a Cabinet meeting."

"It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself you can always write a book."

Last but not least.... "Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have made a difference in the world. Marines don't have that problem."

—Dr. Mary Stauffer,  
Downey

## Christmas tree collection/recycling

**DOWNEY**—Downey residents receiving automated curbside trash collection service may place their Christmas trees curbside on their regular trash day. Collection of trees will run from Dec. 27 through Jan. 14.

The trees will be collected by CalMet Services, the city's franchised refuse hauler, and taken to the Puente Hills Landfill, where they will be composted or ground up and used for the County Sanitation Districts' Landfill Cover Project.

Here are a few reminders before placing your tree out:

- \*All tree stands must be removed
- \*All decorations must be removed
- \*Trees over 4 feet should be cut in half
- \*Do not place your tree in a bag
- \*Flocked trees are OK

Commercial accounts may call CalMet at 869-0901 for free pick-up of holiday trees. However, trees must be set out at the curb, not by the trash bin.

Residents and businesses may also place their Christmas trees in a bin at the City's Public Works Yard parking lot. The drop-off bin will be available from Dec. 27 through Jan. 14. The Public Works Yard is located at 12324 Bellflower Blvd., next to Independence Park.

## Arts consciousness stoked at fashion show

By Henry Veneracion

**DOWNEY**—Sans real runway and good sport that they were, diehard Downey Museum of Art supporters Johnnie D'Alessandro, Linda Magarian, Lillian Ashton-Brooks, Arlene Hofmayer, Dr. Mary Stauffer, and Betty Katanjian charmed an equally game and well-coifed audience of their peers and friends last Friday as they modeled fashions by Draper's and Damon's at Rio Hondo Country Club.

The affair, emceed by a perky and Improv-savvy Marsha Moode, was DMOA's 15th version of its annual Autumn Fashion Show and Luncheon, complete with tinkling piano, a prize raffle, and a silent auction. A highlight was Dr. Stauffer gingerly attempting a pirouette on a 100-year old (!) pair of shoes. The money raised goes directly to shoring up the museum's fortunes (what else?) which over the years haven't been exactly dizzying.

There is good news, however. There is talk, which borders on the passionate, led by no less than Councilmember Kirk Cartozian, about finding a new structure to house DMOA. He spoke to the group on Friday about it, and in last Tuesday's City Council meeting went one step further: he had himself and Mayor Anne Bayer appointed to a Subcommittee to explore the establishment of a Public Arts Commission, which will study in earnest how to consolidate and institutionalize the city's artistic and cultural assets. The other Councilmembers and many arts enthusiasts in the audience voiced unqualified support for the project.

## Exchange Club gets accredited

**DOWNEY**—The National Exchange Club Foundation (NECF) recently accredited the Exchange Club Family Support Center in Downey. The NECF coordinates the largest network of parent aide programs in the United States, with more than 100 sites throughout the country.

The Exchange Club was founded in 1990 and as been providing parent aide services to families in the community since then. Parent aides are trained, professionally supervised individuals who assist parents under stress and those whose children are at-risk of abuse or neglect.

The Exchange Club in Downey was accredited at the AAA level, the highest level awarded by the Foundation, for compliance with its Standards of Operation and Practice. Accreditation demonstrates that the organization is in compliance with national level criteria for quality programs and sound business practices.

## Meeting set for general contractors

**DOWNEY**—The Housing Division of the City of Downey invites general contractors to attend an annual orientation meeting Friday, Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. in the Downey Room at the Downey Community/Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, regarding its Home Improvement Program for low and moderate income property owners.

The city is updating its list of general contractors who are interested in bidding on these projects. A typical project may include reroofing, kitchen and bathroom remodeling, restucco, plumbing repipe, window replacement and painting. Cost range is \$1,000 to \$30,000.

Qualifying contractors are required to possess a valid State of California contractor's license, liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million total liability with the City of Downey listed as an additional insured, and Workman's Compensation Insurance. Contractors must also supply the name, address, telephone number and Department of Health Services license number for the sub-contractors to be used in lead-based paint treatment.

For more information, call Mark Morris at 904-7167.

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## Downey Development Commission review

**DOWNEY**—The City Council, acting as the Community Development Commission, has approved the Financial Statement and State Controller's Report for the Redevelopment Agency's transactions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.

The review and approval was at Tuesday's regular Council meeting. State law requires that the commission (in this case the City Council) approve the financial statement and financial report, and transmit it to the State Controller no later than six months after the close of the fiscal year (Dec. 31).

### Independent firm

The financial statement was prepared by independent auditors based on information provided by the City's Finance Department.

The independent audit firm was Diehl, Evans & Co. of Irvine. The auditors also conducted an audit of the information, and included an unqualified opinion, that basically means that the internal control environment and transactions reported by the City Finance Department are correct.

The financial highlights of the report include: That the liabilities of the Commission exceeded its assets for the current fiscal year by \$9.9 million. Of this amount \$14.7 million represents non-current liabilities incurred for land acquisition, administration expenses and project costs of the redevelopment plan.

Net assets of the Commission decreased by \$279,477. The decrease is attributed to an unfair variance of revenues compared to expenses. While net assets generated by low and moderate income housing activity created an increase in net assets of \$246,754, the activities of the Community Development and interest in long term debt overshadowed this with a combined decrease of \$526,231.

Total revenue from all sources were \$4,107,157 of which \$2,976,055 was from Tax Increment.

The Downey Community Development Commission has \$14.9 million in outstanding noncurrent liabilities at the close of the fiscal year.

For the current fiscal year unreserved and undesignated fund balance for the Commission had a deficit balance of \$5.7 million.

## WILCOX

His humanitarian and community involvements don't end here. He is also a past president, and current secretary, of the 25-member Downey Dental Academy, which in March provides free dental screenings to "every grade in every school" in Downey, but especially benefiting, with the collaboration of the Downey PTA and the Assistance League of Downey, mostly underserved first to third graders. He is a past Stake President of the Church of Jesus of Latter-Day Saints, his commitment to its mission as strong and as vibrant as ever. He also currently serves on the YMCA Board of Managers, and as current chair of its Camp Committee, is in charge of taking the kids camping in the summer to Lake Mojave (YMCA has been doing this for 18 years). He serves as vice-chair on the District Board of the Boy Scouts of America as well.

Born in Long Beach, the young Wayne lived with his parents in Idaho for 11 years, moving back to California when he was in 6th grade. His dad, a carpenter by trade, fixed airplanes and inculcated in him the notion of always being ready to serve. Also ingrained in Wayne was a love of the outdoors, playing softball with his dad and roaming in the woods and the like. But it was his love of ocean fishing that directly led to his love affair with Mulege.

He has been doing offshore fishing since 1975 and owns a 17-ft. boat which he says he takes to San Diego and other Pacific waters every once in a while. He has gone as far north as Alaska. His biggest catch so far is a 127-pound blue fin.

It was during one of his fishing trips to the Sea of Cortez that he learned of the Mulege Rotary Club and its continuing need for dental and medical assistance. Seeing an opportunity to begin an international project for the Downey Rotary, he broached a plan, and the rest, as the cliché goes, is history.

The Mulege Dental Clinic draws people from ranches and 'Colonias' located as far as 50 miles inland, in addition to underprivileged clients from the town. The area it serves totals 1,500-square miles. Through the combined efforts of the local club and other Rotarians from all over, including Downey, it now boasts 3 dental suites, each equipped with a Pelton Crane chair, controls, X-ray, and a central suction system. All necessary equipment and supplies with which to perform extractions, root canals, fillings and restorative dentistry are on hand. There is a laboratory equipped with 3 autoclaves and the necessary equipment and supplies to make partial and full dentures, thanks to donations. The clinic has over 18 volunteers performing various functions, from assisting to translating. Five American volunteers, including Mulege Rotarians Jim Christopher — the "glue" of the group — can make dentures. In the last 5 years, the clinic has served an average of over 3,500 people annually. This last year, the clinic served nearly 4,000 patients (The people served usually don't have any money to speak of).

The 2,100-sq.ft. facility has an eye clinic as well. Despite all these accoutrements and progress, the clinic is understandably always in need of dentists and other medical and technical personnel, as it depends heavily on vacationing practitioners to attend to patients for 9 months of the year. There are many other basic social services the town simply cannot provide.

Says Dr. Wilcox: "Your main satisfaction is in being able to help these people. Your heart just feels good after you've done something they so desperately need."

A father of seven, Dr. Wilcox is anticipating the birth of his 13th grandchild. He enjoys digital photography and printing, as well as computer flying. But his real favorites he says are, speaking Spanish (he spent 2-3 years doing missionary work in Uruguay and Argentina in his younger days), root beer, and family gatherings (his wife, Dee Dee, teaches English and art at Columbus High).

Of his sojourns to Baja, he says: "Doing this is just like an adventure. It is the perfect break for me." Note: He has been practicing general dentistry in Downey, occupying practically the same building on Paramount Boulevard, for nearly 30 years.

## CATON PAY HIKE

said it would allow him (Caton) to concentrate on possible breakthroughs on the Rancho front.

Speakers from the audience included former mayors Bob Brazelton who urged Council teamwork, and Diane Boggs who told the new Council it must learn to give and take and cooperate.

## Legislative committee meets

**DOWNEY** — The Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Downey Chamber of Commerce meets the third Thursday of every month at 12 noon in the boardroom of the Chamber, 11131 Brookshire Ave.



**"LIGHT UP A LIFE" — Soroptimist International of Downey has sponsored the Pathways Volunteer Hospice "Light Up a Life" tree this holiday season, found inside Stonewood Center. Soroptimist members met recently to decorate the tree, which is stationed outside the JC Penney entrance.**

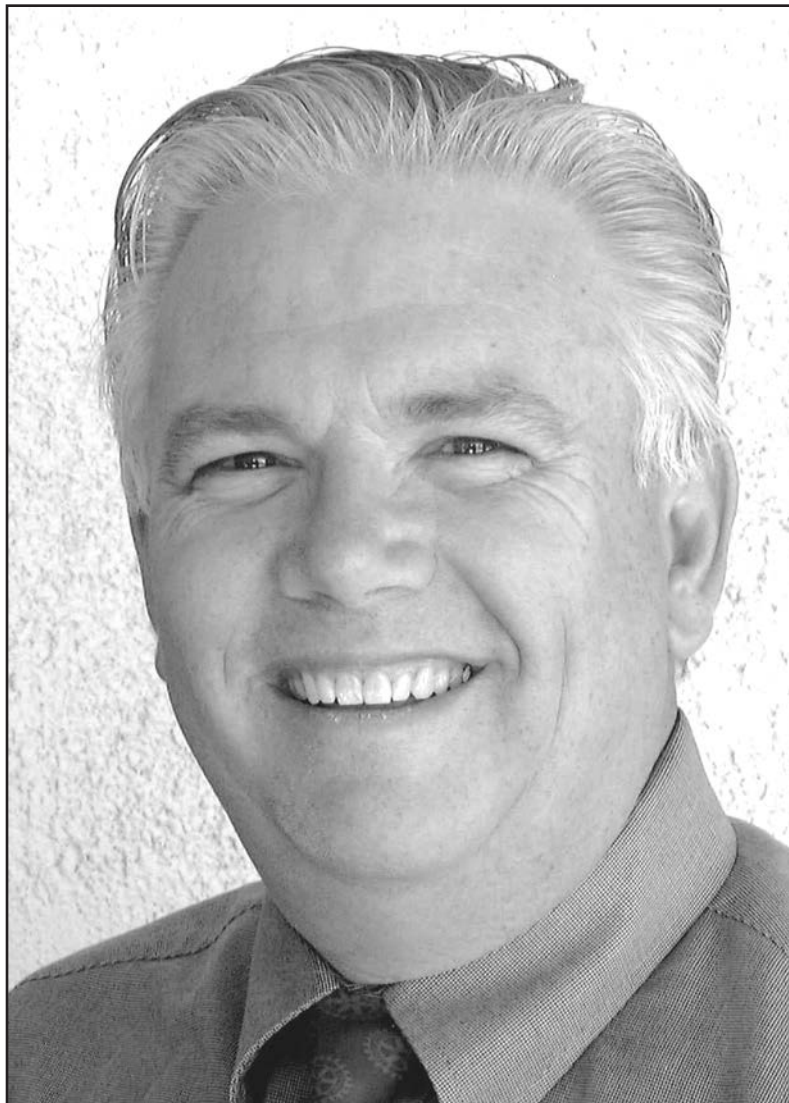
## Soroptimists pitch in to 'light up a life'

**DOWNEY** — Soroptimist International of Downey has sponsored the Pathways Volunteer Hospice "Light Up a Life" tree this year. Hosted by Stonewood Center, Soroptimist members met recently to decorate the tree that is currently on display near the JC Penney entrance.

"Light Up a Life" is a signature program traditionally promoted by Pathways. It offers an opportunity to remember and honor people we love, including those who have passed on. A donation of \$15 provides one light on the holiday tree and the name of the person being honored will be displayed on "Light Up a Life" scrolls displayed at the base of the tree.

Established in 1985, Pathways Volunteer Hospice was developed as a community outreach effort by Lakewood Regional Medical Center. Since then, Pathways staff and volunteers have responded to community needs and quality of life issues, including help to the terminally ill, frail and elderly, families in grief.

For more information on the "Light Up a Life" tree lighting program, call (562) 531-3031.



**PAST DOWNEY ROTARY PRESIDENT—Dr. Wayne Wilcox, who has been practicing general dentistry in the same location in Downey for nearly 30 years, finds flying down 650 miles to Baja California to fix teeth for free is "the perfect break for me."**



**HOLIDAY TRADITION — As has been the case in recent years, the Endoscopy Department at Downey Regional Medical Center has been the department to beat in the hospital's annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Shown, from left, are contest judges Katie Hare, DRMC Memorial Trust Foundation (MTF) board member; Debbie Massaglia, Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation trustee; and Mario Guerra, MTF board chair. Also pictured are Rosie Gonsalves, Sergio De La Riva and Theresa Mastalski, Endoscopy staff.**

## Emergency Preparedness for Downey

**DOWNEY** — The Emergency Preparedness Committee for the City of Downey meets every third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Barbara Riley Community Center, 7810 Quill Drive. For information call City Hall at 869-7331.

## The poets' corner

### Contemplating new neighbors at Christmas

You see the house is sold--the sign is gone  
That moving truck is parked right on the lawn.  
I wonder how they'll be--will they have dogs?  
Oh well, the wife and I sleep just like logs.

Should I go over; wish 'em welcome home?  
Maybe ask their name and where they're from.  
Who knows, it's possible something might click  
But then--it never pays to get too thick.

I've got in mind the other that for years  
Lived back to back with us and brought no fears:  
T.V. a little loud, his voice was curt  
A "shouting match" or two but that's no hurt.

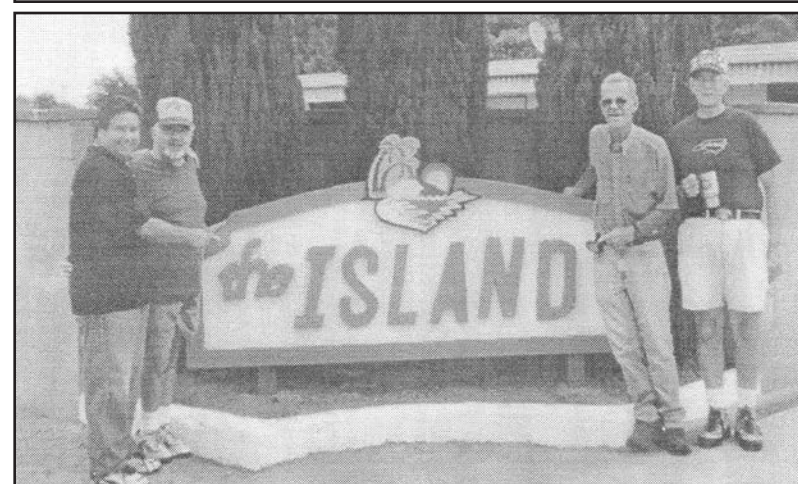
I must admit the guy had good horse sense  
We "shook" a couple times across the fence.  
Really, I hope these folks are just as good.  
Shall I go greet them now? I think I should.

—John Vincent,  
Downey, December, 2004

### Untitled

A holiday child,  
Hope along with Christ, is born  
Every year, Christmas.

—Donna Honeycutt,  
Bellflower



**TREASURE ISLAND — Frank Campos, Sal Sferrazza, Jerry Rogers and Tom Robinson, from left, helped restore a sign welcoming visitors to the 'Island' that had been vandalized. Fred Bailey, not shown, also pitched in.**

## Group helping make the 'Island' a paradise

**DOWNEY** — The Unity in the Community (UITC) movement on the Island, a half-circle strip of homes in northwest Downey surrounding Treasure Island Park, will celebrate its first anniversary in January.

It was founded by Frank Campos and Jerry Rogers, an Island resident, serves as his assistant. Margarita Rogers is secretary and Yolanda Anderson serves as treasurer.

The group's goal is to improve the life and conditions of the neighborhood. UITC held its first meeting Feb. 11 at the Lord's Grace Church and has held monthly meetings there ever since. (UITC is not a religious movement but meets at the church because it's large enough to accommodate the group.)

Harvey Fiala, an Island resident for 40 years and active member of UITC, publishes a monthly newsletter titled "The Treasured Island Breeze." It publishes the first of every month and works to keep the community informed and in tune with each other.

UITC has garnered the endorsement of Downey city councilman Kirk Cartozian, and plans are underway to start another chapter of UITC in south Downey. The group is credited with helping maintain and even improve property values on the Island, and a noticeable reduction in crime and vandalism. They participate in several clean-ups and repainting sessions throughout the year.

"Treasure Island Day" was celebrated July 17, with over 300 people in attendance. UITC also helped to sponsor Downey's first "National Night Out," which focuses on safety and preparedness for all types of emergencies.

Between 150-200 people showed up for a special Christmas carol singing session and party on Dec. 4.

## Dewey invites you to Friends Bookstore

**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.

For more information, call 904-7360, or visit [ww.downeylibrary.org](http://ww.downeylibrary.org).

## ART

Literacy Services for the library Reading Program.

\*Adopted an ordinance which left speed limits on Haledon Avenue between Gallatin Road and Florence Avenue and Bellflower Boulevard between Lakewood Boulevard and the Southern City Limits unchanged.

\*Approved the formation of a subcommittee to study the creation of a Public Arts Commission.

\*Adopted a resolution approving the full-time employment of City Attorney Charles Vose. And as a second resolution granted a salary increase of \$20,000 to City Manager Gerald Caton.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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#### Notes From NAN:

Downey Federal Credit Union will be closed for Christmas on Friday, December 24th and for New Years Eve on Friday, December 31st. But thanks to convenient services such as our 24 hour Telephone Teller "DOTTI", ATM's and Home Banking on the internet, we never actually close. You can deposit funds, withdraw funds, transfer funds, make loan payments, and check you balance. Happy Holidays from the Staff, Management and the Board of Downey Federal Credit Union.

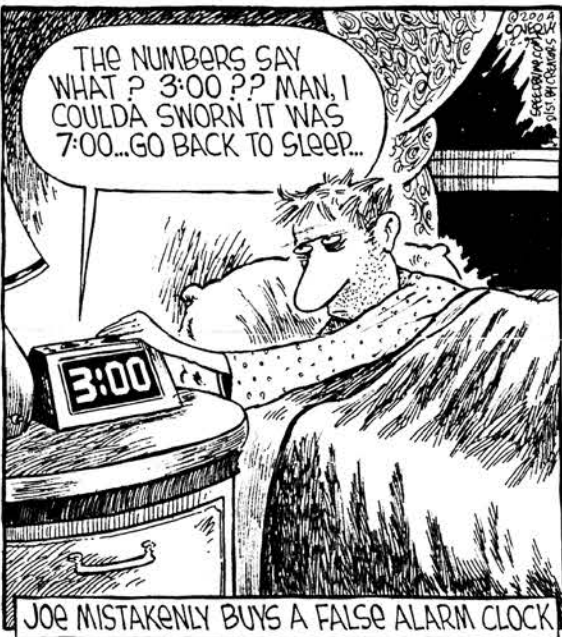
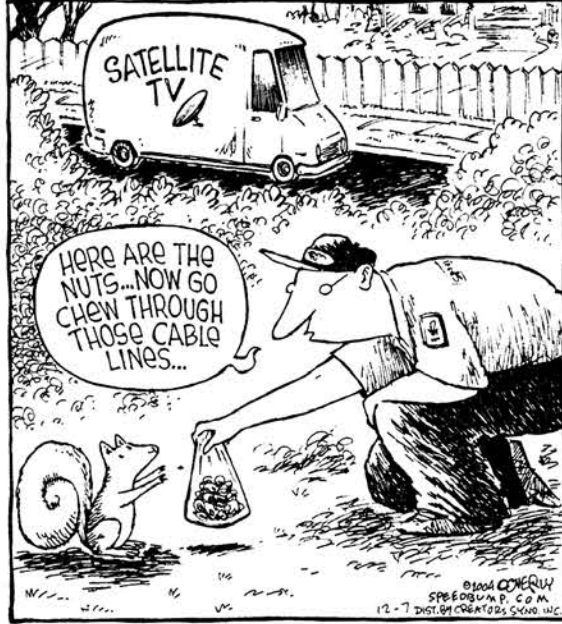
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## SPEED BUMP



## DAVE COVERLY



# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For December

**Fri. Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m.:** "The Nutcracker" ballet performed by Southern California Dance Theatre at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. Also Saturday at 2:30 p.m. For information call 496-1766.  
**Tues. Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m.:** Santa at the Library. Pre-school storytime hosts Santa Claus in the Cormack Room. Parents bring cameras to Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. For information call 904-7360, ext. 27.

### 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 Committee, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.  
**2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.:** City Council/Community Development Commission, Council Chamber.  
**2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.:** Design Review Board, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
**3rd 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 Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.  
**12:30 p.m.:** Take off Pounds Sensibly, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.  
**6:30 p.m.:** Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.  
**7 p.m.:** Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, for information call 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.

## THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

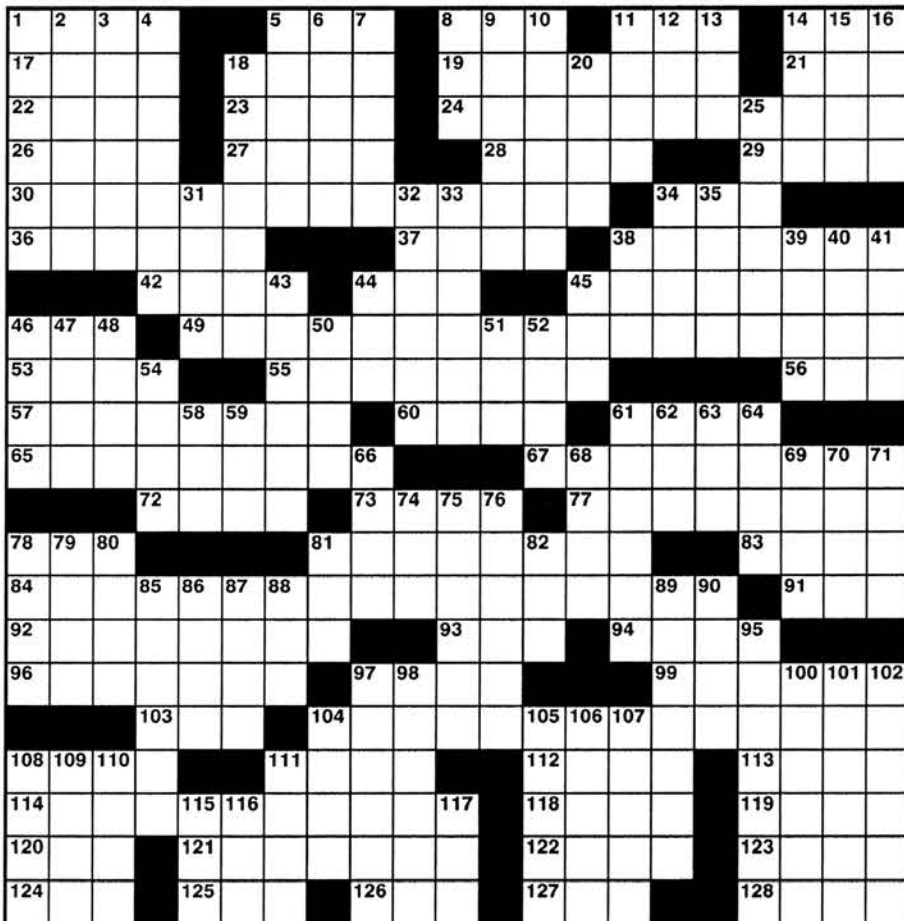
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by Lee Weaver

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The references at 5 Across and 82 Down are from the Rene Descartes quote "Cogito, ergo SUM," which is Latin for "I think, therefore I am." New Haven, Connecticut, home of YALE University (108 Across), is known as the Elm City. The best-known lyrics of E.Y. "YIP" Harburg (126 Across) include the score for "The Wizard of Oz" and "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"



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**HOMEcoming** - Jose Moran, son of Jose Manuel Moran and Maria Cordoba of Downey, has completed basic training at the Naval Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. He returns home today, Dec. 17, for a brief stay before reporting to his new base in Oxnard. Moran is a 2004 graduate of Bell Gardens High School.

**Divine Talents to sing at library Dec. 21**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., invites the public to a performance by Divine Talents, a non-profit music education group, in the library lobby Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 p.m. Divine Talents have performed for the Holiday Lane Parade, Kids Day and at Stonewood Center Mall.

Young singers in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade will be performing holiday carols inside the library as well. The event is free. Information: 904-7360, Ext. 32.

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**Modernization at schools underway**

**NORWALK**—Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District (NLMUSD) recently completed construction on the first two schools in its \$250 million Measure S school modernization and expansion program and is nearing completion on a third school.

Improvement began at all three schools in January. Hutchinson Middle School was the first school to celebrate completion of its modernization project, and it did so yesterday during a ceremony at the school. Waite Middle School, which has recently completed construction and Los Alisos Middle School, which will be completed in January, will hold similar celebrations after Jan. 1, 2005.

Construction work at all three middle schools include classroom modernizations and site utility infrastructure improvements such as new domestic water and gas service, new electrical service and sewer system upgrades at select locations.

Other schools currently under construction as a part of the Measure S program include Hargitt Middle School, Los Coyotes Middle School, Foster Road Elementary and La Mirada High School. Work began at these schools in summer/fall 2004. Work will commence in winter 2004/2005 at Dolland, Morrison and Johnston elementary schools as well as at Glenn and Norwalk high schools.

The Measure S School Facilities Modernization and Expansion Program was approved by Norwalk-La Mirada voters in November 2002. The program includes 28 schools in the district. Each school will receive a variety of renovations or improvements based on need and meeting the priorities established and approved during the planning stages of the program. Measure S improvement work began in November 2003 and will be phased over 6 to 8 years. The program is being funded by \$165 million in general obligation funds as well as a matching share of approximately \$85 million from the state.

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**LA MIRADA** - The La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, along with International City Theatre, presents its critically acclaimed circus-version of "A Christmas Carol," complete with juggling, acrobatics, stilt walking, and giant, life-sized puppets, three nights only Dec. 21-23.

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Tickets are priced at \$20, \$30 and \$45 and discounts are offered for season subscribers, seniors, and students/children. To purchase tickets call the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at 944-9801.

**EZRA Center meets Dec. 21**

**DOWNEY**—Program for the meeting of Ezra Center for Mature Adults Tuesday, Dec. 21 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will be Cantor Kenneth Jaffe continuing his exploration of both familiar and Jewish melodies, in words and music, that he started last spring. This will occupy the 10 a.m.-12 noon slot. As usual, a catered Kosher luncheon (a belated Hanukkah luncheon) will be served after the program. The community is welcome. For more information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.


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**AN INTIMATE EVENING** – Pianist and composer Sebastian Sidi with some special musical guests will present a musical journey in concert combined with a dining experience at Granata's Italian Restaurant on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. Dinner and show are \$25 per person. Seating is limited. Reservations are available by calling 861-2997. Granata's is located at 11032 Downey Ave. in downtown Downey.

### 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.

The six-hour program is free and will be hosted by Henry Winkler. The show is being called a 'gift' from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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.

## Syphax plays Sundays at the Nordic Fox

**DOWNEY** – Robert Syphax, singer, guitarist, and composer will play easy listening music of the 60s and 70s Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Nordic Fox Restaurant in Downey.

His favorites include James Taylor, Jime Croce, America, Eagles and Don McClean.

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

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

The Nordic Fox is at Third Street and Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Call 869-1414 for reservations and information.

## Paramount Iceland celebrates 65 years

**PARAMOUNT** – Paramount Iceland, one of the oldest continuously operating ice rinks in the United States, will be celebrating its 65th anniversary on Jan. 3. Iceland will host the following events, to which the public is invited:

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## Trombone concert at Moravian Church

**DOWNEY** – The Moravian Trombone Choir, under the direction of Doug Shabe, will host its annual Advent/Christmas concert Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Downey Moravian Church.

The all-trombone choir will perform works by Praetorius, Sweelinck, Paul Nagle, Leroy Anderson, Fred Dutton, Ray Burkhart and Jeff Reynolds, bass trombonist of the LA Philharmonic and professor at Cal State Long Beach.

Downey Moravian Church is located at 10337 Old River School Road, near Florence Ave. Call 927-0718 for more information. A freewill offering will be taken.

## "The Joy of Christmas" playing in L.A.

**LOS ANGELES** – Eight thousand toys are expected to be distributed as The Dream Center sponsors a toy giveaway after each performance of their Christmas show, a Broadway-style musical, "The Joy of Christmas." The show, featuring a full orchestra, 150' panoramic screens, special effects and live animals, is playing at Angelus Temple, 1100 N. Glendale Blvd. in Los Angeles.

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Departments competing in the contest included Admitting, Cardiology, Endoscopy, Intensive Care Unit/Critical Care Unit, Health Information Management Systems, Volunteer Services and the Business Office.

The judging was handled by Katie Hare, DRMC Memorial Trust Foundation (MTF) board member; Debbie Massaglia, Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation trustee; and Mario Guerra, MTF board chair.

“Everyone worked so hard, and there is so much creativity here,” said Guerra. “It wasn’t easy to make a decision because several of the departments did such an outstanding job.”

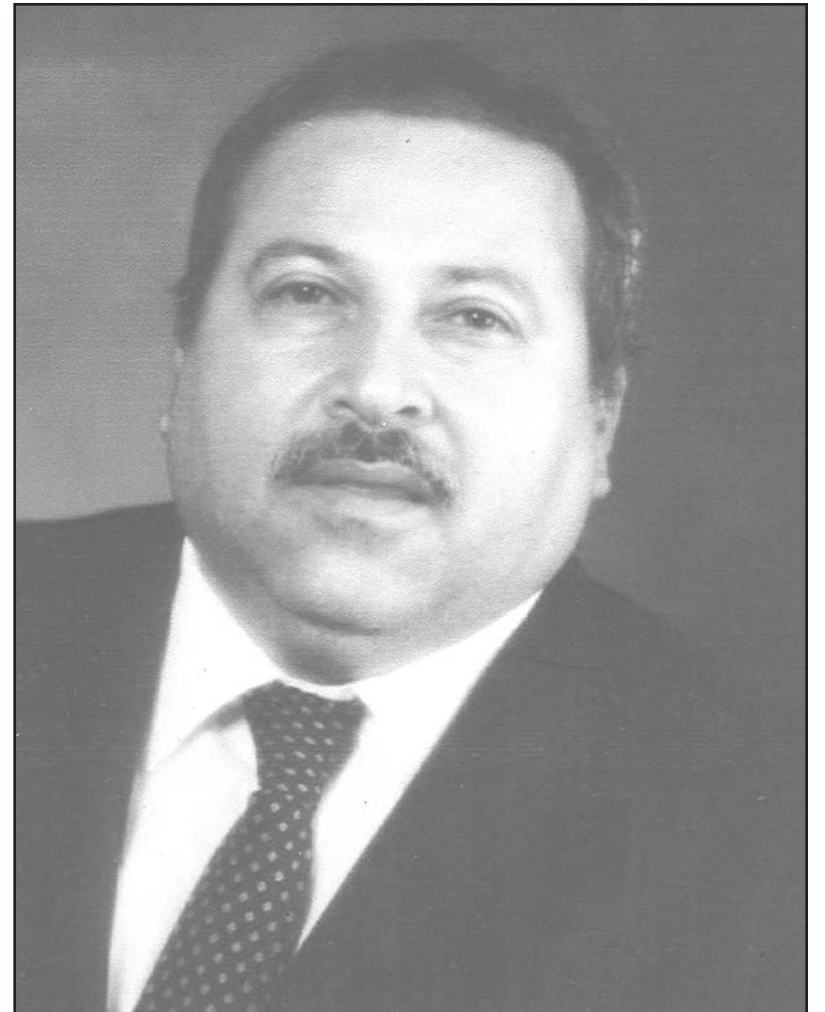
Winners of the contest will be announced today, Dec. 17, at the hospital’s holiday staff luncheon.

### ‘The Khazars’ EZRA Center topic Jan. 4

**DOWNEY**—Rabbi Daniel Korobkin, ‘Rosh Kehilla’ of Kehillat Yavneh in Los Angeles, will talk on the “Lost Tribe? The Khazars and Their Impact on Judaism” when the EZRA Center for Mature Adults meets Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

Rabbi Korobkin is the author of a new translation of the classic work, “The Khuzari: In Defense of the Despised Faith.” The book deals with dialogues between King Bulan of the Khazars and an unnamed rabbi.

For more information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.



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# Charles M. Peppard, Jr. served in Korean War

**DOWNEY**—A funeral mass was held Dec. 14 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church for Charles Michael Peppard, Jr., who was self-employed and part owner in Peppard Brothers Inc. He worked in the printing industry for over 20 years. Good with his hands, he enjoyed carpentry work and making cabinets.

He was born Nov. 17, 1931 in Los Angeles to parents Charles and Eleanor Rose Schmidt Peppard. He died on Dec. 8 in Downey at the age of 73. He was divorced from his wife of 33 years, Teresa Rodriguez, who survives him.

He served with the U.S. Army in the Korean War and was discharged with the rank of Sgt. 1st Class.

Also surviving him are his daughter Linda C. (Glenn) Marine-Byers of Downey; son Dean Michael Peppard of Downey; brothers Raymond of Santa Barbara, Paul of Las Vegas and William of La Habra; sister Patricia Ruddell of Sun City; grandchildren Michael Derek (Shannon) Marine and Melinda. Marine; and granddaughter Alexis Marine.

Interment was at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside. Funeral services were entrusted to Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

## Concert at Temple Ner Tamid Jan. 8

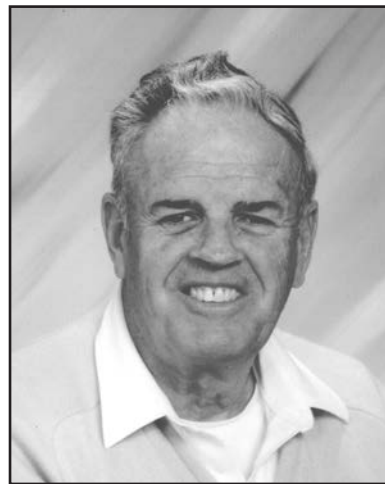
**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., invites the community to a Musical Concert Saturday, Jan. 8 featuring the "Best of American Composers," with performances by Cantor Kenneth Jaffe and special Guest Singer, Cantor Mindy Harris. The anticipated wonderful evening of music starts at 7 p.m.

Special Benefactor Tickets are \$100. Other seats are \$54, \$36, and \$18. For reservations, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

## Cancer support group at DRMC

**DOWNEY** - Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a free cancer support group each Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

The hospital is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. For more information call 806-2790.



CHARLES M. PEPPARD, JR



DOROTHY ANN SCHULDT

# Services held for Dorothy Ann Schuldt

**DOWNEY**—Services officiated by Deacon Charles Denisac were held at Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey for Dorothy Ann Schuldt, who was born May 6, 1922 in Dickinson, North Dakota and lived in Downey 25 years. She died on Nov. 30 at Downey Regional Medical Center at the age of 82.

A member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help of Downey, she loved Bridge and politics, serving as secretary for the Huntington Park Chapter of the Democratic Party in the '70s. She was retired from the Auto Exchange in South Gate where she had been employed as executive secretary.

She is survived by son Tim (Donna) Schuldt of Downey; daughter Patty (John) Torres of Bonita; grandsons Jack and Joseph Schuldt; and granddaughter Laura Torres. She was predeceased by her son Raymond Schuldt.

Interment was at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach.

# Barbara Elaine Jenkins services held yesterday

**DOWNEY**—Barbara Elaine Jenkins, who was born June 28, 1925 in Harbor City, died on Dec. 12 in Downey at the age of 79.

She was a resident of Downey for 57 years and a member of the Downey 4th Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

She is survived by daughters Lavona Langham of Downey, Dawn Stafford of Buckeye, AZ and Lana Baysinger of Templeton; sons Duane Jenkins of Simi Valley and Graig Jenkins of Palmdale; 10 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Dale Jenkins, in 1954 and her husband of 59 years, Leon Jenkins, last June.

Interment followed the service at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Allen-English & Estrada Funeral Service in Bell Gardens assisted with arrangements.



ETHEL ZELAMBO



BARBARA ELAINE JENKINS

# Ethel Zelambo, former teacher, remembered

**DOWNEY**—A memorial service was held on Dec. 16 at Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey for longtime Downey resident and teacher Ethel Zelambo, who was born Oct. 11, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan and passed away on Dec. 12 at the age of 75.

After marrying Carl Zelambo in 1957, they moved to Downey. She received her masters degree in education from UCLA. She began her teaching career in Downey at Roger Casier Elementary School. After the closure of that school, she began teaching at Gallatin Elementary School and taught there for over 25 years until her retirement.

The Zelambos were active members of the Diamond Tread Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America, where she served as treasurer for many years.

She is survived by husband Carl; son Carl (Tricia) Zelambo Jr. of Downey; grandsons Steven and Scott Zelambo; and sisters Evelyn Paige of Arkansas and Eleanor Parrish of Missouri. She was preceded in death by her sister Doris Gertz.

Interment was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in West Covina.

## Pay your library fines with canned food

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., is accepting canned and packaged staple goods as payment for overdue fines on returned library materials during the whole month of December through the 30th.

In fact, even if you don't owe library fines, the library urges library patrons to bring in food items to help local needy families during the holidays. Donated value of each item will be 50 cents. Downey PTA H.E.L.P.S volunteers, who distribute the goods, have this message: "There are many families in need at this time. We are so pleased by the generosity of those who donate each year."

For more information, contact the library circulation desk at 904-7360, Ext. 28.

## Auto program to work on Hyundai

**NORWALK** - Cerritos College's Center for Advanced Transportation Technology received a 2002 Hyundai Sonata earlier this month, donated by LaMar Hyundai of the Cerritos Auto Square. The vehicle, fitted with a V6 engine, will be specifically used by students in the college's recently launched Import Technician Training Program (ITTP).

"Having late model imported vehicles such as this Hyundai Sonata is essential in providing our students with real-world practice," said Kevin Taylor, instructor in Cerritos College's auto technology department. "With each new training vehicle, our students develop further expertise and marketability as new employees within the industry."

LaMar, service director for LaMar Hyundai, and Roger Violette of Hyundai Motor America presented the vehicle to Dr. Randy Peebles, dean of technology at Cerritos College, and to Taylor and his colleagues.

"We see the great graduates that Cerritos College produces from its auto technology program, and we want to help support and expand the network of current and future industry employees who can get their start at the college," said LaMar.

ITTP is a two-year automotive program designed to upgrade the technical competency and professionalism of entry-level dealership technicians. Curriculum is designed collaboratively between various auto corporations and Cerritos College. The program involves not only attending classroom lectures and laboratories on import products at the college, but also requires the student to gain simultaneous work experience as a student at an import auto dealership.

For more information about ITTP and other programs within the Cerritos College automotive technician training program, visit [www.cerritos.edu/advtranstechtr](http://www.cerritos.edu/advtranstechtr).

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**DOWNEY AYSO** – The 14U girls soccer team represented the City of Downey in the Cerritos Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament and brought home first place gold medals. Back row, from left: Coach Victor Jerez, Johanna DeLaFuente, Grethel Flores, Chelsea Cabrajac Breanna Hoskins, Jasmine Sandu and assistant coach Rene Weitmann. Middle row: Amber Smith, Andrea Garcia, Molly Worthy, Monica Jerez, Zyalí Mojica, and Alexis Clasvesilla. Bottom row: Stephanie Juarez and Lauren Weitmann.

## Video contest open to Downey students

**DOWNEY**—Mt. Sierra College, a leading media arts and design business and technology college in Monrovia, in the San Gabriel Valley, announced guidelines for the Southern California Video Arts Contest it is sponsoring.

Aimed at giving aspiring video producers and media arts aficionados the opportunity to showcase their work to an esteemed panel of judges comprised of industry insiders as well as savvy media arts professors, the Video Arts contest is open to all high school juniors and seniors throughout Southern California, including students in Downey and Mt. Sierra College.

Two categories have been established for the contest—Motion Graphics, and Visual Effects & Video. The students will compete for various scholarships to Mr. Sierra College and other prizes.

Video Arts Contest submissions must be either hand-delivered or post-marked by Feb. 11, 2005, and Mt. Sierra College will announce the winners in April 2005. Winning entries will be screened before a live audience in the college's new media arts theater, said to be an intimate and powerful theater environment designed for video presentation showcases.

The contest guidelines have been posted on the college's Web site at [www.mtsierra.edu/videoartscontest.php](http://www.mtsierra.edu/videoartscontest.php). An application is included on the site, and applications are also available by contacting local high school counselors. Contest submissions will be accepted from either individuals or student teams. A teacher is required to sponsor the submission.

Mt. Sierra was founded in 1990 and offers bachelor's degrees programs in media arts and design, business and technology, and is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology. Its students may attend courses both on-campus and on-line, designed to adapt to today's student profile and need for greater scheduling flexibility, through its innovative FlexLearn concept.

## Gonzalez completes Army course

**DOWNEY** – Army Reserve Pvt. Carlos Gonzalez has graduated from the automated logistical specialist advanced individual training course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Petersburg, Virginia.

The course is designed to train soldiers to establish and maintain stock records and other documents such as inventory, material control, accounting and support reports, automated and manual accounting records; perform stock record/warehouse functions pertaining to receipt, storage, distribution and issue and maintain equipment records and parts; review and verify bills of lading, contracts, and purchase orders; repair and construct shipping crates for equipment and supplies, and perform prescribed loads and shop stock lists in manual and automated supply applications.

Gonzalez is the son of Cecilia Gonzalez of Downey and graduated from Columbus High School this year.

## Rose Float needs help decorating

**DOWNEY** – It's that time of year again. The Downey Rose Float Association is seeking the community's help in decorating Downey's 2005 Rose Float, "Together With Nature," designed by Jared Sweeney.

You can help daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dress warm and wear old clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Lunch and dinner will be served.

The float is at 13030 Erickson Ave. in Downey. For more information call 803-5992 or Gary DeRemer, Rose Float President, at 260-8503. For big groups, call Pam at 861-2135.

## Miss Downey applications available

**DOWNEY** – Applications for the 2005-06 Miss Downey are now available at the following locations: Johnny & Co., Downey City Library, Downey Chamber of Commerce, Warren High School, Downey High School, St. Mathias High School, all four middle schools, Downey Rent-A-Tux, Gold'N Baked Hams and online at [www.downeyrose.org](http://www.downeyrose.org).

A \$15 application fee is due when applying. Orientation will be Jan. 7 at the Womans Club of Downey; the actual pageant is scheduled for March.

For more information call 824-7172. Miss Downey should be between the ages 16-23 and Miss Teen Downey 13-15.

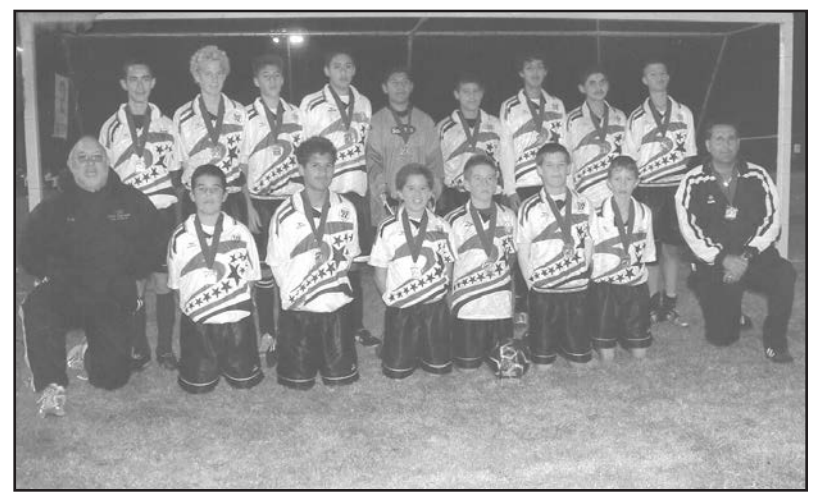
## Business guide on city's website

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey website, [www.downeyca.org](http://www.downeyca.org), offers a step-by-step guide on starting a business in this city.

The guide provides general information, from choosing a name to specific required permits and licenses. The guide is free.

## Pro Networkers meets Fridays

**DOWNEY** – Pro Networkers, a Downey-based professional business networking group, meets every Friday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Mimi's Cafe, Firestone at Brookshire. For information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.



**BRINGING HOME THE GOLD** – The 14U boys soccer team won first place gold in the Cerritos Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament, matching their female counterparts. Bottom row, from left: Coach Bob McFall, James Castillo, Garrett Obeso, Brandon Lumuchi, Bryant McFall, Jeff Lake, Anthony Guzman and James Castillo. Top row: Eddie Garcia, John Adams, Brian Sandoval, Kevin Hernandez, Edwin Chicas, Briant Reyes, Sergio Balbuena, Francisco Rios and Noel Sanchez.

## SEAACA accepting toy donations

**DOWNEY** – The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA), 9777 Seaaca St., is accepting donations of toys for their animal population, part of their ongoing program called Environmental Enrichment.

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## Eaters Anonymous meetings

**DOWNEY** – Compulsive Eaters Anonymous is a group of men and women that have found relief from eating disorders of compulsive eating, Bulimia and anorexia, who hold three weekly meetings in Downey.

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## CSULB department gets \$100K boost

**LONG BEACH**—Internationally acclaimed filmmaker George Lucas has donated \$100,000 to the Department of Film and Electronic Arts at CSU-Long Beach, to support the restoration and repair of equipment that was damaged during the recent late October storms. Lucas' donation will cover equipment replacement and the purchase of additional technical equipment for use by film students and to support student scholarships.

Alumni of CSULB's acclaimed film program include: director Steven Spielberg; John Dykstra, who won an Academy Award for visual effects for "Star Wars"; David Twohy, who wrote "The Fugitive" and "Terminal Velocity"; Mark Steven Johnson, who wrote and directed "Daredevil"; Guy Bee, who was director of photography and director of several episodes of "ER"; and Stu Rosen, who won 11 Emmys for his work in children's television.

## Son of Downey resident joins Army

**DOWNEY** – Parker L. Rojas, son of Donna Dugan of Silverton, Oregon, and Paul Rojas of Downey, has joined the United States Army under Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The recruit qualifies for an \$11,000 enlistment bonus and will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia.

## Garcia completes basic military training

**SAN ANTONIO, TX**—Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Ruben Garcia, a cousin of Robert Nery of Downey, has completed basic military training at Lackland Air force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

The airman is a graduate of Foothill Baptist High School in Moreno Valley, where his mom, Rosalva Garcia, resides.

## Grant expected to help math program

**NORWALK** – Cerritos College's division of science, engineering and math (SEM) announced last week that it has received a \$1.25 million five-year Title V federal grant. The conveyance is awarded to Hispanic-serving institutions, and both Cerritos College and California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) were selected to receive the grant.

This year, Cerritos will receive approximately \$253,000, and expects to receive approximately the same amount each subsequent year for five years.

The grant is specifically designed to improve resources and learning among Hispanics in mathematics courses. Sally Sestini, chair of SEM's mathematics department, will be involved in management and distribution of the funds.

"The grant money will in part be used to hire Spanish-speaking tutors," Sestini explained. "It will also provide opportunities for the faculty to develop and employ new instruction strategies that will increase success rates among Hispanic students in our developmental mathematics courses."

Funds from the grant going to CSUDH are roughly equivalent to what Cerritos will receive, said SEM Dean Norman Fujimoto. He also anticipates that the grant will increase collaboration between the two institutions.



**CHRISTMAS TREE LOT** – City notables assist at the Downey Family YMCA Christmas tree lot, 9066 Firestone Blvd. From left are school board member Tod Corrin, city councilman Meredith Perkins and school board member Willie Gutierrez. Sales from the lot benefit the YMCA youth groups.

## SHHH meetings every Thursday

**LAKEWOOD** – Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH) people, a group offering education on coping skills and resources to help survive in a hearing world, meets the second Thursday each month at the Weingart Senior Center, 5220 Oliva Ave. in Lakewood. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are free.

Call 429-7099 for information.

## Local athlete enjoys success in Iowa

**OSKALOOSA, IOWA** – Julian Assibey, a senior at William Penn University in Iowa, scored 14 points in a recent basketball game versus Hannibal-LaGrange, pushing his season average to 6.2.

The Statemen (8-10) are currently on a holiday break but return to action in January. Assibey is a graduate of Warren High School.

## Santa to visit Preschool Storytime

**DOWNEY**—Children ages 3-5 will have a chance to meet Santa Claus in person at the Downey City Library Tuesday, Dec. 21 when Santa comes to visit Preschool Storytime in the Cormack Room. They may share their wish list with him or their favorite book, as Santa is an avid reader himself.

Senior Librarian Jan Palen also says, "This is a perfect photo opportunity. Parents and grandparents are invited to bring their cameras for a holiday picture." Storytime is from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave. For more information, contact Children's Services at 904-7360, Ext. 27.

## Area sex offender registry available

**DOWNEY** – Information related to the sex offender registry, commonly referred to as "Megan's Law," for the Downey area may be found online at <http://gismap.co.la.ca.us/sols/default.htm>.

Information is also available by calling 863-8711.

## Council agendas available online

**DOWNEY** – Complete City Council and Community Development Commission agendas and minutes can be accessed on the City of Downey website at [www.downeyca.org](http://www.downeyca.org).

Council and commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall.

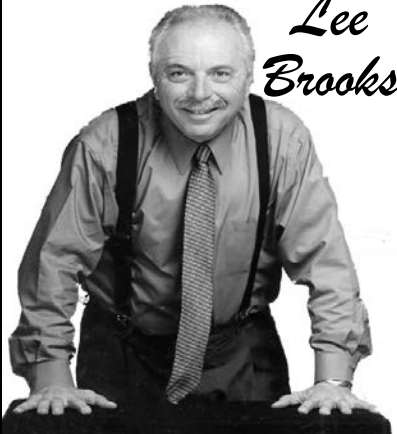
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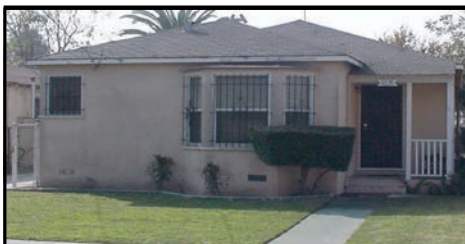
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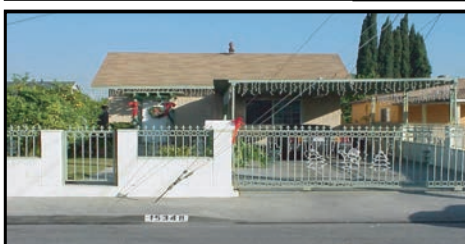
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