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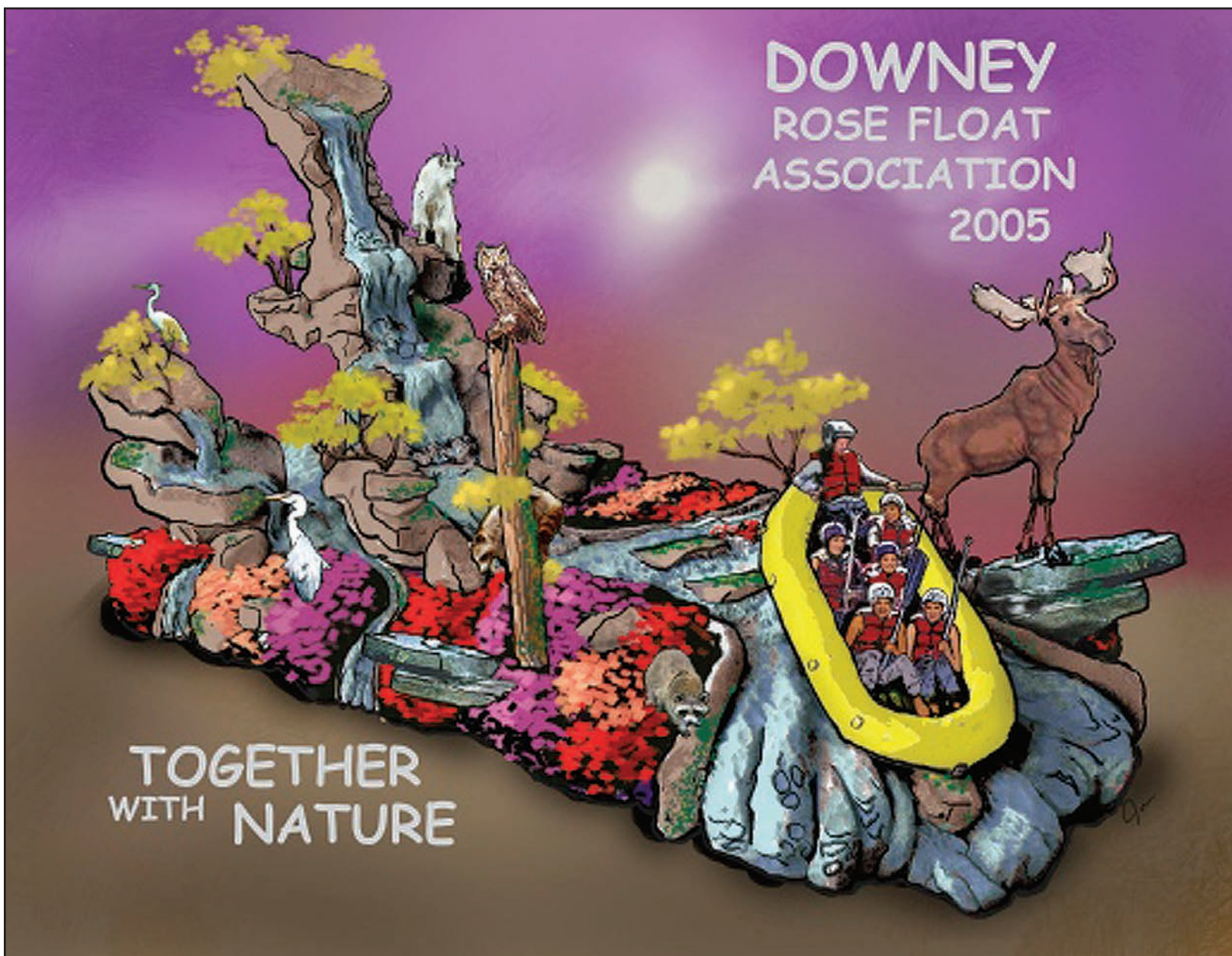
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DOWNEY'S FLOAT—"Together with Nature" will be the 47th float to rumble down Colorado Boulevard in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, well towards the end of the parade.

Final stages of Rose Float now underway

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Construction of Downey's 2005 float entry, "Together with Nature," in the Tournament of Roses Parade New Year's Day is ahead of schedule, says Kelley Roberts, who has been intimately involved with Downey's floats for well-nigh 25 years now, 12 years of that span as construction chairman. Roberts, whose day job at Knott's Berry Farm is now in its 16th year, has also been serving the past 2 years as Downey Rose Float Association 1st vice-president. In his last year as president is businessman Gary DeRemer, who ran unsuccessfully for the City Council this year.

The work of sanding and painting the behemoth-looking (35'L-18'W-20'H) float should be finished by today, Christmas Eve. There's a brief pause tomorrow, Christmas Day, then the mad excitement of finishing the float's final stages of construction—imbedding thousands upon thousands of particles of black onion seed for flooring, yellow straw and sweet rice for highlighting purposes, walnut and poppy seed to produce the cascading water effects—begins on the 26th. Tacking on of some 2,000 white roses, 5,000 blue/light blue/white irises (to represent water spray), and 2,500 white dendrobies is the last step—to preserve their freshness. These come from close by San Diego, from far South America, and even farther Holland via regular flower distribution channels.

Jared Sweeney's design, in the context of this year's overall Tournament theme, "Celebrate Family," includes an American bald eagle, egrets, a mountain goat, a raccoon, and a moose. There will be six other riders on the float, including Miss Downey and her court, and the winner of the association's silent auction. Driver is old reliable Jim Barger, with Merle Fox as co-driver. Roberts is the animator.

The float's chances of winning a trophy this time, says Roberts, are "excellent." Sweeney, who resides in Downey, has submitted the last 3 winning Downey float designs.

Expected to pitch in starting Sunday, motivated by pride and fun, are anywhere from 100 to 150 volunteers, mostly from Downey but with one or two not unusual cases who may pop up at the float site at 13030 Erickson Ave. on the south end of Rancho Los Amigos Rehab Center, either out of curiosity or from some freaky circumstance or because of familial links, from destinations as far away as Colorado or some such place.

Float inspection by Tournament of Roses officials takes place, from 7-8 a.m., between Dec. 30-31.

Asked why he continues to spearhead the construction of Downey's floats year in and year out and endure the frustrations it certainly brings from time to time, on top of working 12-14 hours a day, six days a week, at Knott's Berry Farm, Roberts said, eyes glistening: "It's FUN!"

Merry Christmas!

By John Adams

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Each Yuletide the publisher of the Downey Patriot wishes "Merry Christmas" to some of his many friends in the Downey community with a Christmas poem. We ask that it not be judged too harshly.)

Downey Landing promises income to fund our city of tomorrow, But today's budget pinch means we may have to borrow. The money tree is at least two years away, which means for our community more work and less play. The mayor's gavel passes to Anne Marie Bayer, Our prayers go with her—woe to nay-sayers. The 1st Council District now is represented by David R. Gafin, a skilled CPA,

He'll study the budget both night and day, The rest of the Council are now wizened veterans, They know all the hazards of means and ends. Meredith Perkins wants all projects under budget, He watches each dollar, and don't you dare fudge-it. Kirk Cartozian wants the planning-building process made speedier, But woe to anything that would make housing seedier. Rick Trejo, trained in pharmacy skills, His abilities extend beyond mere potions and pills. City staff has an old familiar face, Art Rangel returned for awhile to quicken the pace. Bonnie Kehoe adds strength to the City staff, She's a wonderful asset and that's no laugh. The School Board, seven in numbers fine, Aim to hold down the budget and keep kids in line. The name of their game is education, And they won't stand for any academic devaluation. Among the board veterans is Betty Ferraro, A bright mind who has countless ideas to borrow. Barbara Samperi has a somewhat lighter touch, But she does her homework and knows ever so much. Donald La Plante skilled in Sacramento's ways, Keeps the Board informed of which way the wind plays. Mark Morris wants a stronger math program for schools, And he also favors strict disciplinary rules. William Gutierrez keeps an eye on athletics and sports, Strong mind, strong body is one of his supports. Tod Corrin, the board's latest addition, Attends countless events at his own volition.

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History of Downey and its Rose Float

By John Adams

From Downey's first float in the Tournament of Roses Parade it was clear that this was a community effort that was going to compete with the best and the brightest.

That humble beginning in 1920 garnered Downey a fourth place prize and started a long history of Downey floats that have traveled down Pasadena's Colorado Boulevard to the oohs and ahs of millions of spectators from around the globe.

That 1920 entry showed the world that Downey was not afraid to match the wealthiest corporate entries, or those from much larger cities, with the ingenuity and hard work that is the hallmark of this city's truly volunteer effort.

Let the Downey Rose Float Association take a bow.

A list of entries from Downey shows the diversity and charm which the city's volunteers have used to match and often exceed the best attempts of much larger communities.

In 1963 the parade challenged its participants with a theme of "Memorable Moments," which the Downey float matched with "The One that Got Away." The 1964 float introduced a touch of class by meeting the parade theme of "Symbols of Freedom" with a lovely float entitled "The American Beauty."

The city's 1965 answer to the parade challenge of "Headlines in Flowers" turned humorous. The float was entitled a thorn-inspired "Ouch."

But Downey floats have often adopted serious themes as well, as in 1966 when the parade theme of "It's a Small World," was matched by a Downey response of "Population Explosion."

In 1967 a parade theme of "Travel Tales in Flowers," was matched by a local float entitled "Journey to Beauty."

In 1968 a parade theme of "Wonderful World of Adventure" inspired Downey's "Beyond the Border." The 1970 theme of "Holidays Around the World" inspired a float entitled "Holidays Out of this World." While 1971's parade theme of "Thru the Eyes of a Child" drew a response of "Bedtime."

The 1972 Pasadena parade theme of "The Joy of Music" was met with a homage to Downey's own Carpenters entitled "We've Only Just Begun." "Seven Year Itch"

In 1973 the city's sense of humor was active again when it met the parade's theme of "Movie Mementos" with a float entitled "The Seven Year Itch."

John Vincent, poet, former longtime teacher, and head of the Downey Historical Society, made an appearance in 1974 by overseeing the construction of a float to meet the parade theme of "Happiness Is..." The result was a Founders' Trophy for "Happiness is Maypoles." And Vincent was in charge once more in 1975 when a theme of "Heritage/America" was met in 1975 with a most patriotic float entitled "Dawn's Early Light."

And Downey responded to the Bicentennial in 1976 by matching the parade theme of "America, Let's Celebrate!" with a float entitled "Tomorrow the Stars" in honor of the fine work at Rockwell.

The 1977 theme of "The Good Life" was met with a float entitled "A Time for All Seasons." And in 1978 a parade theme of "On the Road to Happiness" was met with a float entitled "Out of Sight."

The parade fathers challenged all entries with a theme of "Our

Wonderful World of Sports" in 1979, to which Downey responded with "The Games People Play."

'Cal-E-Ope'

Humor again gained sway in 1980 when a parade theme of "Music of America" was met with a float entitled "Cal-E-Ope and His Whiz Bang Band." In 1981 the theme of "The Great Outdoors" was met with "Nature's Fantasy."

It should be mentioned that "Cal-E-Ope" and "Nature's Fantasy" both took first prize in their class as did the 1982 entry, "Flight of a Singing Heart," which was inspired by a parade theme of "Friends and Neighbors."

In 1983 John Vincent oversaw the construction of one of the city's loveliest floats, "There's Magic in the Air" which won the city a Founders' Trophy. It included a flower-bedecked unicorn of rare grace which more than matched the parade theme of "Rejoice."

In 1984 Downey's float was entitled "A Gift from the Heart," in response to the Pasadena theme of "A Salute to Volunteers." And the theme of "Spirit of America" in 1985 was met by the float "America—a Carousel of Nations."

Cel Kimberly

The 1986 theme of "Humor in America" was matched by a memorable Downey float entitled "Clowning Around." And in 1987 Cel Kimberly oversaw the building of a float "Wings of a Dream," that took a Founders' Trophy for matching a theme of "A World of Wonder."

In 1988 the Pasadena theme was "Communication" which Downey matched with "Hello-Hello."

In 1989 the float theme was "A Time to Remember" in response to Pasadena's "Celebration." In 1990 the city produced one of the most colorful floats ever entitled "Rio Revue" to meet the parade theme of "Worlds in Harmony."

In 1991 the Parade theme of "Fun-N-Games" was matched with a float entitled "Fun-N-Play in Old L.A." And in 1992 Downey produced "A World to Discover" to match the theme of "Voyages of Discovery."

'Mechanical Dreams'

In 1993 Downey won another Founders' Trophy for a float entitled "The Sounds of Mechanical Dreams" which matched a parade theme of "Entertainment on Parade."

In 1994 Downey produced a float entitled "Future Unlimited" in response to a parade theme of "Fantastic Adventure."

Then in 1995 Downey came up with "Ballroom Champions," in response to a parade theme of "Sports Quest for Excellence."

The 1996 float was called "Tropical Playground" to match the parade theme of Kid's Laughter and Dreams."

The 1997 Downey float was called "Dragon Parade" to match the parade theme of "Life's Shining Moments."

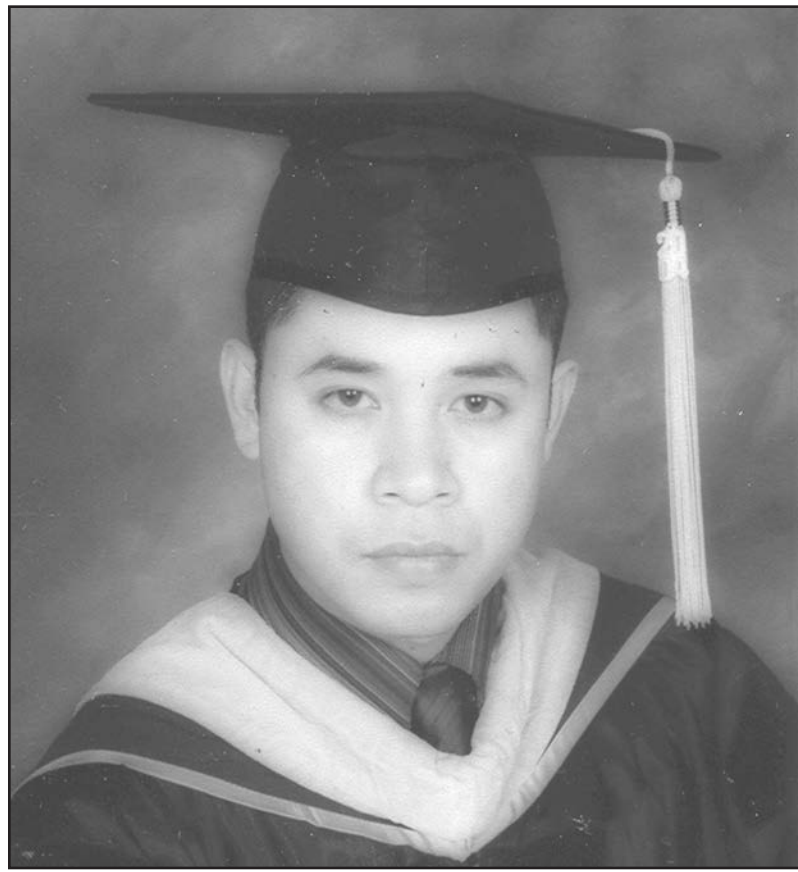
'Rollerbunnies'

Downey hit the jackpot in 1998, taking the Volunteers' Trophy with "Rollerbunnies" to match the parade theme of "Hav 'n Fun."

And Downey's float won a Founders' Trophy for the 1999 entry entitled "Fast Food Revolution" to match a parade theme of "Echoes of the Century."

The year 2000 saw Downey's float entitled "Future Unlimited" to meet

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DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL GRAD—Mario Skiles Gutierrez, Jr. graduated with a degree of Doctor of Chiropractic on Dec. 10 from Palmer College of Chiropractic.

Resident earns chiropractic degree

DOWNEY—Mario Skiles Gutierrez, Jr., eldest son of Mario and June Gutierrez, both longtime residents and business owners in Downey, graduated with a degree of Doctor of Chiropractic on Dec. 10 from Palmer College of Chiropractic West.

Gutierrez studied at Rio San Gabriel Elementary and East Middle Schools. After graduating in 1996 from Downey High School, he earned a BS in Biology in 2000 at the Citadel, where he was high-ranking cadet officer and on the Dean's list. Going straight to Palmer to pursue a lifelong dream, he distinguished himself there by consistently making the Dean's list.

Gutierrez plans to practice in the Bay Area.

'Shabbat Beschalach' service Jan. 21

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., invites the community to its family night service, "Shabbat Beschalach," Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30- p.m., conducted by Spiritual Leader Cantor Kenneth Jaffe. Following services, an Oneg will be enjoyed. The Oneg includes delicious refreshments provided by the Sisterhood.

Anybody needing a ride to the services or information about any of the Temple services, should call the office, 861-9276.

Woman's Club releases Pechanga trips schedule

DOWNEY—Buoyed by the success of its monthly bus trips to the Pechanga Entertainment Center in Temecula to benefit their Scholarship Fund, the Woman's Club of Downey recently released its 2005 all-Monday schedule: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.

The club's first-class bus, provided by Pechanga, leaves at 8 a.m. and returns to Downey between 5:30-6 p.m. Each guest receives a \$5 voucher for casino play. You are encouraged to register for a 'Rewards Card' at the casino for additional benefits. Bingo is played on the bus going and returning, featuring a grab bag of prizes.

Cost is \$11 per person, \$6 if you are a Woman's Club member. Tour guests must be at least 21 years of age. With ample parking, the Woman's Club opens at 7 a.m., offering donuts and coffee for sale.

All reservations must be paid at least one week prior to departure date. No refunds will be made for last minute cancellations.

For reservations/additional information, contact Jeanine Keys, 923-6620, or Doris Patterson, 869-0377.

'Judaism and Freedom' Ezra topic

DOWNEY—Rabbi Kenneth Milhander will present a historical overview and retrospective on "Judaism and Freedom" at the next meeting of the EZRA Center for Mature Adults Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.

Rabbi Milhander will connect the strands of the story of Moses leading the Israelite slaves out of Egypt—the moment of freedom in Jewish history—with the events leading to the laying of the foundation of the American Constitution and the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. The Center says it's a particularly appropriate topic for the day after America celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

For information, call 861-9276.

Free fly tying class for beginners

DOWNEY—The Downey Fly Fishers offers a free class on fly tying starting Wednesday, Jan. 5 at the Barbara J. Riley Community/Senior Center in Apollo Park, 12458 Rives Ave, Downey. Classes will continue for the next weeks, 7 in all. Children and ladies are particularly welcome.

The classes, which will start promptly at 7 p.m., will cover beginning skills and will provide information on tools, materials and techniques that will allow everyone to enjoy the hobby. All materials and tools will be furnished free of charge.

For more information, contact John at 924-9697 or Brian at 425-7936, or access www.downeyflyfishers.org.

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.



OLD ST. NICK – Took a break from his North Pole duties to make a special visit to Downey. Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club hosted a breakfast and invited 46 elementary students, picked by their teachers, to enjoy some time with Santa. Each child got a few minutes to chat with Santa about what they would like to find under their Christmas tree, enjoyed breakfast and left with a new toy in hand. The event is held annually. Pictured with Santa and his helpers is Steve Roberson, Kiwanis President.

Youth drop-in program at parks

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department is currently running a drop-in program, "Holiday Haven," which offers children ages 6-11 a chance to enjoy holiday activities at the parks. It began Monday, Dec. 20 and runs thru Friday, Dec. 31.

At Apollo, Brookshire, Dennis the Menace, Rio San Gabriel, Furman, Crawford and Golden, the program operates from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., with the exception of today, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31 when the program stops at 3 p.m. The program operates from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Brookshire Park. Activities include: Deck the Halls, Lunch with the Leaders (children bring their own lunch), Caroms, Snowball Play and crafts.

The program is free, but registration is required (registration can be completed at the parks Monday-Friday from 3-6 p.m. Information: 904-7238.

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.

Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

DOWNEY – Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 8244 3rd St for their dinner and meeting. For more information call 869-3521.

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DOWNEY IS A LAKERS CITY – Two teachers from Downey have been named Teachers of the Month by the Los Angeles Lakers for November and December, respectively: DaLerna Wilcox, a teacher at Columbus High School and Alison Cleeland, from Williams Elementary School. Cleeland, shown above, was surprised at an early morning assembly before being honored at half time of the Lakers' Dec. 17 game. A Downey teacher for 32 years, Cleeland was nominated for the award by her fellow teachers and principal. As Jacob Jamora, one of her students, recently wrote, Cleeland loves the team so much "she probably even wears Lakers underwear."

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 and/or information, call 861-9276.

Downey grad completes Army training

DOWNEY—Army Pvt. Paul Kim has graduated from the Ammunition Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Restone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama.

The course is designed to train soldiers to assist in receipt, storage, issue, maintenance, modification, destruction, and demilitarization of conventional ammunition, munitions and explosive components according to technical and safety directives.

Kim is the son of Jane Kim of Downey. He graduated from Downey High School in 2004.

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.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING – On two separate occasions, groups from Downey First Christian Church visited the Lakewood Park Manor Assisted Living Home in Downey to celebrate the season. The Young Adult Group, led by Natalie Chandler, sang Christmas carols while residents dined. The Junior High Youth Group, under the direction of Kim Wilkinson, visited during a 3 p.m. worship service. The group also sang songs while distributing home-baked cookies and Christmas cards. Residents of Lakewood Manor said they are always happy to visit with the young people.



THE CARTOZIAN FAMILY—Kirk Cartozian enjoys festivities with artist and mother Arlene Cartozian and aunt Marian Perumean at DMOA 15th annual fashion show held at Rio Hondo Country Club on Dec. 10.

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City library needs adult literacy tutors

DOWNEY—Help an adult learn to read by joining the Downey City Library's Adult Literacy Program. Training sessions will be given on the Thursdays of Jan. 13, 20 and 27 from 6-8 p.m., and on Saturday, Jan. 22.

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Backs arts & culture commission

Dear Editor:
 The City Council in its last regular meeting on Dec. 14 agreed to the proposal by Kirk Cartozian to form a City Council subcommittee which will study the possible creation of a public arts commission for our City. A great first step, well overdue. I was privileged to have served on the Citizens General Plan Committee, which has recently completed after two and a half years work its proposed draft of the General Plan for the consideration of the City Council. The overriding objective of the Plan agreed to by staff and the citizen members of the Plan Committee was from the outset to adopt a plan to enhance Downey as a quality city, a city that continues and enhances its character as a desirable community in which to live and work and to visit, a city in which quality of life matters. It is from the long discussion on quality of life issues with regard to the General Plan that most of what follows was derived and presented apropos to the discussion leading to the adoption of the Kirk Cartozian proposal.
 It was in 1859 when John Downey bought Rancho Santa Gertrudes. It was in 1903 when the Downey Board of Trade, later to become the Downey Chamber of Commerce, was organized, and it was in 1956 when the City of Downey was incorporated. Whether the City's history spans 150, 100, or 50 years, with its current population of 110,000 people, it is a mature city and it certainly occupies a premier position among the cities in the area. Through the dedication and leadership of our city councils and dedicated city staff, past and present, it has achieved much:

We enjoy a safe and secure community, thanks to our outstanding police and fire departments.

We enjoy outstanding public services, thanks to our public works, our planning and our building and safety departments.

We have one of the best community services departments with facilities and programs to match: Parks and Recreation facilities, Senior Center, City Gymnasium and of course our Rio Hondo golf course and its new club house, all with meaningful programs and activities for the young and our seniors.

And of course we continue to enjoy a superior school system. We have a wonderful community newspaper in *The Patriot*, which serves to inform us and unite us.

And we have an enviable array of committed civic and community organizations and citizen volunteers and community benefactors filling many needs making it a better community.

Recently we have seen progress in the area of city beautification with a vigorous tree-planting program, median tree planting and of course the revitalization of our downtown.

Enrollment underway at Cerritos College

NORWALK – Enrollment for Cerritos College's spring 2005 semester is underway, and students are urged to register today for their classes, according to college officials. The college will offer more sections of some popular courses this year, such as English and mathematics.

"Lately we've seen a demand for certain classes," Vice President of Academic Affairs John Grindel explained. "We're answering the students' needs by providing them with better opportunities to fill their schedule this spring."

A full course schedule and application are available online at www.ceritos.edu/admissions/schedule. Students also register by calling 865-3276. The spring semester begins Jan. 10.

"Students' best bet is to enroll before the end of the year," Grindel said. "They can still register in January, but students will encounter short lines and easier enrollment processes by registering early."

And even if we are currently experiencing budget difficulties our Downey Landing prospects and the promises by the state to reinstate recent cutbacks, we can feel confident of our City's economy.

There is one area, though, in which we are deficient for a city of our size and circumstances and Kirk put his finger on it. We are lacking in the area of arts and culture, at least in public exhibition and celebration. We greatly lack in public art. Other than the mosaics on the wall of Downey High, the Downey Theater lobby and the wall of the Washington Mutual Bank on Firestone, we only have the small sculptures in the lobby of the Downey Regional Medical Hospital and the recently donated sculpture in the Rio Hondo clubhouse, we have nothing much to show. Even lesser cities, at least in size, such as Paramount, Cerritos and Norwalk next door have much more to enjoy and brag about in public art.

In the area of conservancy and historic preservation, I do not believe we have any program in place. The Downey Historical Society is making the only effort in this area.

We are better off in the area of the performing arts and cultural areas, but even there we lack public focus and emphasis. We have one of the best surviving community symphonies in Southern California with a history of nearly 50 years of continuing performances, a professional-level Civic Light Opera and the popular Summer Concert Series in Furman Park sponsored by the City. We have a very fine theater building, and of course a prizewinning Rose float program. We have a nationally recognized Art Museum, but we keep it hidden. Our City Council has wisely provided some greatly needed support to these community cultural assets in the last four years. We need to recognize these existing arts and cultural assets and give them greater visibility and public and community support.

The arts and culture are integral and formative to the quality of life of a community and we need to do better in this area. Kirk's proposal has the potential to put us on the right course and is worthy of the wholehearted support of the City Council and the citizens of Downey as it became apparent from the remarks by Diane Boggs and the other speakers at the Council meeting. Most cities have well-established arts and culture support functions integral to their city government, many smaller than Downey, and they are much better for it. As mentioned also by Kirk Cartozian, the proposed General Plan Committee discussed this area at length and has put forward some explicit proposals worthy of support and implementation.

I hope the Subcommittee moves for the formation of a City Arts and Culture Commission, which would foster, encourage, promote and, yes, support the arts and culture programs and activities within our community. It need not have a significant budget impact, certainly not until it enters a major support phase. It would fill a great need in the continuing effort to enrich and enhance the quality of life in our community. We need it. We will be a better community with it.

—Harold Tseklenis,
 Downey

Red Cross seeks local volunteers

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

Volunteers assist the collection staff by greeting and registering donors, providing refreshments and promoting public relations. For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera at 1-800-498-9910, Ext. 7.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

DOWNEY – Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts a caregiver support group on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of every month.

Tuesday meetings are held at 7 p.m. while Wednesday sessions meet at 1:30 p.m. Call 401-7991 for more information.

ROSE FLOAT

parade theme of "Celebration: Visions of the Future."

The 2001 float won the coveted L. Leishman Trophy for "Central Park: Fashion on Parade," to match the parade theme of "Fabric of America."

In 2002 the float was entitled "Mother Nature's Playground" to match a parade theme of "Good Times."

The float theme in 2003 was "Banyon Tree Jug Band" and the theme last year was "Midnight Rescue."

This year's float carries with it all the hopes and prayers of the many volunteers who have put long hours of work into the float. We wish them well. Don't miss it!

Central Basin mourns loss of past director

CARSON — Central Municipal Water District is mourning the passing of past director E. Thornton Ibbetson, who died Dec. 13.

Known affectionately as "Ibby," Ibbetson was appointed by the Central Basin Board of Directors to represent the District on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board of Directors from 1959 until 1998. He also served as Chairman of the Board of MWD from January 1983 through December 1986. During his tenure representing Central Basin at MWD, Ibbetson was involved with Colorado River issues and represented MWD on the Colorado River Board of California.

"Central Basin has lost a great director and a great friend," said Central Basin Board President Bob Apodaca. "Ibby's contributions to the District are immeasurable and will be remembered for years to come."

In 1995, Central Basin honored Ibbetson by dedicating one of its recycled water distribution systems in his name. Today, the E. Thornton Ibbetson Century Recycled Water Project helps deliver more than 1.3 billion gallons of recycled water to more than 170 industrial, commercial and landscape irrigation sites throughout the District's service area.

Born in Los Angeles in 1932, Ibbetson attended Long Beach City College where he was inducted into the Alumni Foundation Hall of Fame in 1983.

Funeral and burial services will be private, though a public memorial service will be held in early January. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: SCTC Marine Biology Educational Scholarship Fund, Attention Paul Southgate, P.O. Box 87 Long Beach, CA 90801.

Auto Club offers tips for safe holidays

DOWNEY — In an effort to curb drunk-driving accidents, the Downey office of the Automobile Club of Southern California supplied the following tips to those hosting parties during the holiday season:

*Serve a variety of beverages in addition to alcoholic ones, such as soft drinks, coffee, non-alcoholic punch and juice.

*Control the number of alcoholic beverages served. Don't rush to refill glasses the minute they become empty. Many guests accept drinks they don't really want just to be polite.

*Serve protein-rich and starchy foods throughout the evening to help slow alcohol absorption and divert attention from alcoholic drinks.

*Watch out for those who drink too much. Only time will sober up someone who has had too much to drink. It takes about one hour for an average mixed drink, glass of wine or bottle of beer to be processed by the liver. Drinking coffee, doing calisthenics, driving with the window open and other "remedies" do not affect the blood alcohol level or improve motor skills and reaction time.

*Set up a car pool with designated drivers.

*Invite intoxicated partygoers to sleep on your couch or in a guestroom.

*Take away the keys. Send your guest home in a taxi or with a designated driver to avoid allowing a guest drive under the influence.

The Automobile Club of Southern California, the largest AAA affiliate, has been serving members since 1900. Information on their products and services is available on their web site at www.aaa.com.

Genealogical society meeting Jan. 15

WHITTIER—The next meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) is Sat., Jan. 15 at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. (at Mar Vista) in Whittier.

Scheduled speaker is Everett Ireland, who will talk on "Age of Majority — How Old Was That Ancestor," about how there being no vital records with which to find dates of ancestors' births, marriages and deaths, one may approximate them by interpolating with the specific ages in which they normally took place.

Both Beginner-Intermediate class or Computer Interest Group meetings will resume Jan. 15. Visitors are welcome at the monthly meetings. For information, call (562) 695-5431 or (626) 919-1713, or see <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>.

Radio theater series at Skirball Center

LOS ANGELES — The Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles will host L.A. Theatre Works' nationally-syndicated radio theater series, "The Play's the Thing," which broadcasts weekly on public and satellite radio during special recorded-to-air productions.

Directed by Eric Simonson and produced by Susan Albert Loewenberg, the performances run Jan 5-9, with no show on Jan. 8.

The performances are streamed live onto the radio and online. For ticket information call (310) 827-08893.

Travel laws protect passengers, parents

DOWNEY—Congress has approved two laws that help U.S. airline passengers if their air carrier goes out of business and that protect parents of children traveling abroad.

According to a law renewed as part of the intelligence reform bill approved by the U.S. Senate, financially sound airlines are still required to assist consumers with tickets on carriers that have ceased to operate. Airlines are permitted to charge a maximum of \$50 for such services. Previously, the fee was capped at \$25.

In a law effective Nov. 1, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs began requiring that the non-applying parent's consent statement, included with a U.S. passport application for a minor under age 14, be notarized. The statement must include the child's name and date of birth, as well as the parent's identification information or a copy of his/her ID. The requirement is intended to enhance the accurate identification of applications and in the prevention of abductions.

Business guide on city's website

DOWNEY — The City of Downey website, 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.



CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD—Had words of thanks for Daniel Gardner of Downey for his assistance in her Washington, D.C. office during a 2-month fellowship program that ended in early December.

Student spends time with Roybal-Allard

DOWNEY—Daniel Gardner of Downey, a 2000 graduate of Downey High and currently a senior at CSU-Dominguez Hills, spent 2 months in Washington, D.C. as one of 21 students from throughout California and the only student from Los Angeles County to participate in the prestigious Leon and Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy fellowship program. The program concluded early this month.

Daniel worked in Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office performing a wide range of duties. His responsibilities included assisting with legislative research, attending legislative briefings on policy issues and managing constituent correspondence. Daniel also attended weekly seminars with influential political figures, including U.S. senators, members of Congress, cabinet secretaries, political consultants, lobbyists, pollsters and noted journalists.

He is a double major in history and global politics at UC-Dominguez Hills.

History professor gets \$36K grant

LONG BEACH—Donald Schwartz, a history professor at CSU-Long Beach, has received a \$35,807 grant from the University of California Office of the President's (UCOP) No Child Left Behind Technical Assistance and Support Program to support his work over the next year with area school districts and their teachers in the teaching of world history.

Schwartz pointed out that the grant deals with the teaching of world history, unlike the \$1.9 million received previously by the university to enhance American History instruction in the Garden Grove and Compton unified school districts. World history programming in these schools, especially in the 6th, 7th and 10th grade levels, has been adversely affected because of recent budget crunches.

Said Schwartz: "The way to improve student understanding of world history is to improve teacher understanding. This funding will help support both content and pedagogy."

Doctor honored for leukemia work

LOS ANGELES—Gay Crooks, M.B., B.S., a member of the Gene, Immunology and Stem Cell Therapy Research Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and an associate professor of pediatrics at USC's Keck School of Medicine, has been honored with one of five prestigious Stohlman Scholar Awards presented by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). The Society is headquartered in White Plains, N.Y.

The Stohlman Award, named in memory of Frederick Stohlman, Jr., M.D., a major figure in stem cell physiology research, is given to Society Scholars, highly qualified investigators who have demonstrated their ability to conduct original research bearing on leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma, who are in the 5th year of their research scholarship. Society scholars hold faculty-level or equivalent positions at major research institutions nationwide.

Dr. Crooks received her medical degree from the University of Western Australia in 1982, and later a fellowship with the Division of Hematology/Oncology at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (1989-1993).

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services.



A BIG ASSIST — DaLerna Wilcox, second from right, was honored as November Teacher of the Month by the Los Angeles Lakers at half time of their Nov. 21 game versus the Chicago Bulls. Wilcox, a teacher at Columbus High School, regularly meets with her students before and after school, as well as during her breaks. She also assists with school fundraisers and works with students on independent study. Wilcox received a plaque honoring her achievement.

The poets' corner

Christmas Light

The glow that shone above the manger
Has never been extinguished
It illuminates and delineates
Where one least expects to find it.
The heart that finally heals
Has felt the warmth of that light.
The coming together of wounded prides
Finally see clearly in that radiance.
The same star-shine glows from every child's eye
Who finds wonder and joy in small things.
If he allows it, it penetrates the bigot's heart
To cherish each of God's creatures.
May that starlight help bring consolation
To all those victims of madmen's rage and hate.
And may the beams radiate around you and yours
As you celebrate this sacred season.

—Rosalie Sciortino,
Downey



MIRIAM TOLSON—Is one of the new members of the Century 21 My Real Estate team. "Miriam is an exceptional woman with a diverse background in jobs and education," stated Angie Pierce, Office Manager. She has worked for Rockwell International, North American Aircraft Operations, and the Norwalk/La Mirada as well as Lynwood School Districts. Her education experience includes studies in Court Reporting/Stenotype, Medical Transcription, Grant Writing Certification, MS Office Application and Economic Development. She has served three years as Committee Chairman for the American Association for Women in Community Colleges. To reach her, call 927-2626.

Water District launches turf program

CARSON — The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) is searching for participants in its Synthetic Turf Program, where eligible applicants can receive up to \$50,000 to install and maintain synthetic turf and provide reports of their findings.

MWD has budgeted \$261,000 for the program, funded in part by a grant from the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

Synthetic turf is a replacement for natural grass that looks and feels like real grass but requires no watering and little maintenance, saving water and money. It does not need to be mowed and can be cleaned by using a rake or blower to pick up leaves.

MWD hopes to gain reliable data from the participants of the program, and projects water savings of 35-45 acre-feet per year. (An acre-foot of water can sustain two families of four for one year.) MWD also hopes to learn more on synthetic turf installation processes, maintenance requirements, urban runoff issues, ancillary benefits to the environment and level of public acceptance.

To be eligible to participate in the Synthetic Turf Program, projects must replace existing irrigated, landscaped areas on municipal and public lands with synthetic turf that are freely accessible to the general public. Replacements of hardscape areas are ineligible.

The Synthetic Turf Program excludes residential installations and also excludes all projects and proposals that are currently participating or are under consideration in other MWD programs.

For more provisions and information on deadlines, call Bill Eubank, Regional Supply Unit, at (213) 217-6489.

Patents worth millions to CSULB

LONG BEACH—CSU-Long Beach president Robert C. Maxson announced that Boeing Company has agreed to donate 5 patents to the university with a fair market value of \$2.4 million.

University officials say the donation from the Irvine-based Intellectual Property Division of the Boeing Company marks the university's evolution as both a "campus of choice" for future scholars, but also as a center for applied research in Southern California.

The main application for the patents is in the applied physics program in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and materials engineering in the College of Engineering.

Said Aristide Collins, vice president for university relations and development: "Boeing continues to be a tremendous partner for our university. This particular gift speaks volumes and shows great trust in our research capabilities."

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.

There are no dues or fees. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively.

For information call Marie Augimeri at 884-5799.

Report illegally dumped garbage

DOWNEY — Illegally discarded items may be reported for pickup by calling 904-1161. If you have items of your own to be picked up, call Calmet at 869-0901.

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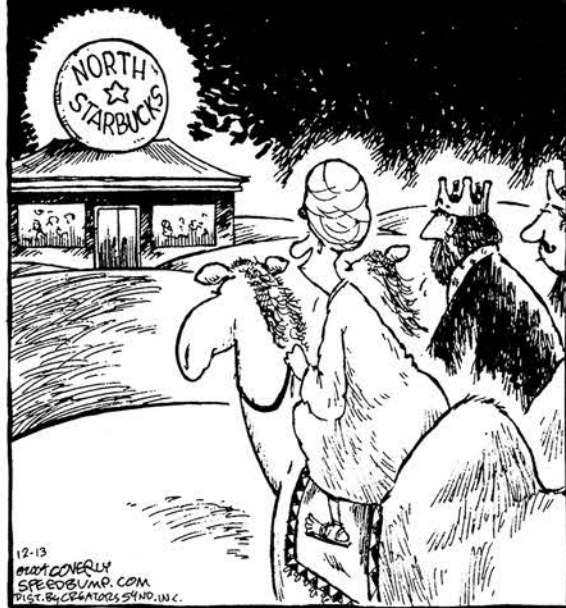
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For December

Mon. Dec. 27, 11:00 a.m.: **Holiday Haven For Kids**, activities for ages 6 to 11 at all Downey city parks through Dec. 31. Free, but registration at parks required. For information call 904-7238.
Fri. Dec. 31, 9:00 p.m.: **"All About Me"** rock band playing at the Nordic Fox New Year's Eve Party. \$25 includes buffet, dancing, live music, party hats, noisemakers, champagne. 10924 Paramount Blvd. For reservations call 869-1414.

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 Adelins**, at Downey 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.

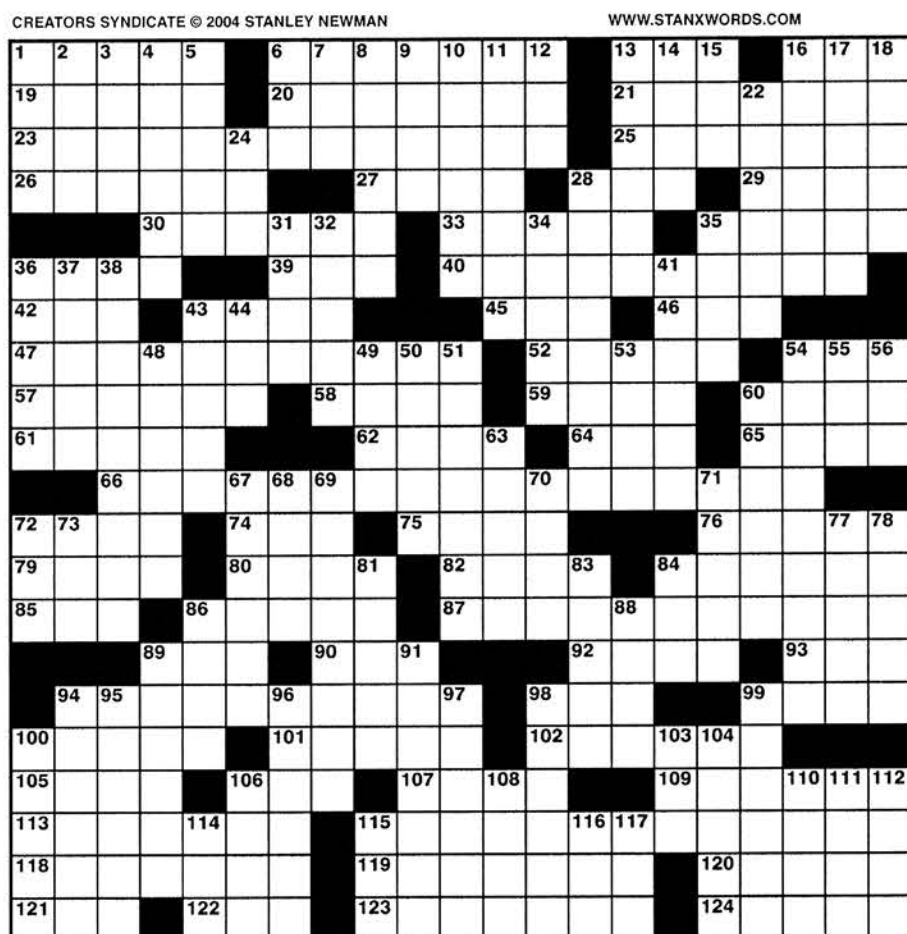
Fridays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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Events for January at Orange County Fair

COSTA MESA—Scheduled January events at the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center, 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa, (7614) 708-1543:

14-16 Home Remodeling & Decorating Show – Friday, noon-8 p.m.; Sat., 10-8 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12 and Parade of Products. Admission: adults \$6.75 (\$5.75 with coupon), seniors (55+) \$3, children 12 and under free. N.E.C. Group, Inc. (818) 557-2950

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20 Who We Know Network Expo – Thursday, 5-9 p.m. Bldg. #12. Admission: \$12. Who We Know Network (949) 2422.

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26 Cash for College – Wednesday, 3-7 p.m. Bldg. 17. Admission: free. (714) 432-5509.

Weekly events

Orange County Marketplace – Saturday and Sunday, 7 1.m.-4 p.m. Main Lot. Admission: adults \$2, children under 12 free. Tel Phil Enterprises (949) 723-6660 www.ocmarketplace.com (Closed Jan. 1 Open Jan. 2)

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'Wait Until Dark' at Warren High

DOWNEY—Tickets to the Warren High Drama Department's presentation of "Wait Until Dark" Jan. 19-22 go on sale Jan. 3rd. They cost \$7. The curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m.

Call 869-7306, ext. 5618 for reservations. There will be no late seating. Due to suspenseful thematic elements, no children under 12 will be admitted.

"Play It Again Sam" in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – "Play It Again Sam," a Woody Allen comedy of a 'homely hero [who] has this thing for Humphrey Bogart,' opens Jan. 8 at the Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage Theatre. A special preview performance will be held Jan. 7.

Tickets are priced between \$10 - \$20. For reservations and ticket availability, call 494-1014 and choose option 1.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY – Nick Smith (left) and Scott Williamson are members of the rock band, "All About Me," that will entertain at Nordic Fox's New Year's Eve Party Friday, Dec. 31. \$25 cover charge includes dancing and entertainment, an unlimited buffet, glass of champagne, party hats, noisemakers and streamers. Doors open at 9 p.m. Reservations can be made at 869-1414. Nordic Fox is located at 10924 Paramount Blvd., Downey.

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BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Sopranos and tenors are particularly sought. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., in Bellflower.

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Comic thriller to play in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – "Corpse," a comic thriller by Gerald Moon, will open on Jan. 28 at the Studio Theatre of Long Beach Playhouse.

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Paul Arthur Wendell was WWII veteran

DOWNEY—Services were held on Dec. 17 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Downey for Paul Arthur Wendell, a longtime Downey resident and a watch maker by trade, earning the nickname, "The Watch Man."

Born in Joliet, Illinois Oct. 19, 1916, he was one of 11 children born to John and Barbara Wendell. He passed away on Dec. 14 at the age of 88.

Wendell served with the U.S. Army in WWII, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Master Sergeant. He enjoyed painting, especially landscaped and ocean scenery and was a member of the Downey Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife Wanda, sons Stephen Paul and Michael Anthony; grandchildren Andre, Julian, Megan and Maxx; and his sisters Joan, Bernadine and Loraine.

Wendell was given military honors at his interment at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside. Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary assisted with arrangements.

Trip to Downtown Las Vegas Jan. 11-13

DOWNEY – Southeast Entertainment, fresh from a visit last week to the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, is taking sign-ups for its upcoming trip to Downtown Las Vegas in January.

The group will stay at the Plaza Hotel and Casino from Jan. 11-13. Cost is \$98.50 per person, double occupancy, which includes room, transportation, taxes and baggage handling. Call Alen at 923-1755 for more information.

Animal shelter closed for holidays

DOWNEY – Downey's animal shelter will be closed for pet adoptions and public visits on Christmas and New Year's Day. However, the shelter will be open to receive animals and for phone calls.

The shelter will be open normal hours today, Dec. 24, and next week, New Year's Eve.

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Memorial service for Charles B. Brown

DOWNEY—Former Downey resident Charles B. Brown, who was employed as a Senior Layout Engineer with North American Rockwell until his retirement, died on Sept. 29 in Altoona, Wisconsin. He was 88.

Born July 26, 1916 to the late John and Amelia (Gams) Brown in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, he graduated from Eau Claire State College in 1939 and received a masters degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1941. He was commissioned from Annapolis, served in WWII as Chief Engineer on the aircraft carrier USS Corregidor. Following the war, he served in the Navy in numerous locations including: the Panama Canal Zone, the Great Lakes Naval Base in Waukegan, Illinois, the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia and Stockton Naval Base in California. He retired from the Navy in 1963 as a commander.

Brown's many hobbies included fishing, golfing, dancing, gardening, traveling and cribbage. He was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church and its Mariners group in Downey and most recently the First Presbyterian Church in Eau Claire. He had returned to Wisconsin to be close to family; he remained active in several music programs.

Surviving him are many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara M. Hanson of Madison, whom he married in 1946; his parents; 2 sisters; 5 brothers; and "a special niece," Joyce.

A memorial service was held in Brown's honor in Eau Claire. It was requested by family that memorials be sent in his name to the Oakwood Villa Ecumenical Center, 2512 New Pine Drive, Altoona, WI 54720. Assisting with final arrangements was Evergreen Funeral Home of Eau Claire.

Longtime resident Margaret Mitchell, 86

DOWNEY—Margaret Mitchell, a 40-year resident of Downey and a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey, has died.

She was 86, born April 27, 1918 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Assisting with arrangements was Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

'The Khazars' discussed 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.

A catered Kosher luncheon is served after the 10 a.m. program. The community is welcome to these "warm, friendly" meetings.

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



DOWNEY ROTARIAN ROY L. FRY—Was honored with a moment of silence Tuesday by the Downey Rotary Club.

Services held for Rotarian Roy L. Fry

DOWNEY—Roy L. Fry, born Dec. 8, 1918 in Fairfax, Oklahoma and remembered by his Rotarian friends as a "caring, genuine" person, died on Dec. 18 of complications brought on by pneumonia and of congestive heart failure. A Downey resident for 43 years, he expired at Downey Regional Medical Center. He was 86.

After graduating with honors in engineering from Oklahoma State University, he married his sorority sweetheart, Lyna. They were married for 62 years before he became widowed last year.

Roy moved his family to Downey in 1961 where he worked as a professional engineer with North American Rockwell. Then in 1968, he established a new career as a certified financial planner, which he continued to do until his retirement in 1997.

An active member of the Downey United Methodist Church since 1961, the Downey Rotary also became a big part of his life since 1972. The Rotary honored him with a moment of silence at its Tuesday meeting. He also served 15 years with Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, and was a member of the finance committee of their Board.

Fry is survived by children: Rev. Dr. R. Lewis (Mary) Fry, William G. (Janet) Fry, and Patricia A. (John) Stream; grandchildren Sandra (Sean) Mahoney, Robert Fry, Lance (Jennifer) Fry, Jenny (Charles III) Davenport, John (Tiffany) Stream, Jr., Joshua Stream, Amanda Stream, and Debbie Fry; great grandchildren Shannon Mahoney, Charles Davenport IV (Chuckie), Sara Mahoney, William Fry II and John Stream III (Trey).

The family has requested those who wish to remember Roy to make contributions in his memory to either the Downey United Methodist Church Memorial Fund or to the Downey Rotary Club.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey assisted with arrangements.

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.

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ALL-LEAGUE DEFENSIVE BACK 2004 – Nicholas Gasdia, a defensive specialist also capable of throwing the ball, will decide on college next spring. He was named All-League for the second consecutive year.

DYF completes annual elections

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football (DYF) held their annual elections earlier this month and welcomed four new members to the Executive Board. The complete results are as follows: Mike Baumann, 1st Vice President; Maurice Cherry, 2nd Vice President; Melynda Carrillo, Treasurer; Marisol Magana, Secretary; Lajuene Mustin, Athletic Director; Kamela Cherry, Cheer Coordinator; Lisa Morales, Auxillary and Gabe Carrillo, Fundraise Coordinator. Louis Morales was reelected as president for the seventh consecutive year.

DYF is coming off one of their most successful seasons, sending four teams to the playoffs while five of their cheer squads placed in the Conference Cheer Championships at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. The cheerleaders also took home the Mayor's Trophy at this year's Holiday Lane Parade.

Registration for the 2005 season will begin in February. For information and coaching opportunities, call Morales, DYF president, at 928-0655.

Warren basketball on cruise control

DOWNEY – Warren High School's boys basketball team rallied behind senior Travis Crow's 13 points to defeat Bishop Amat 46-36, sealing their fifth consecutive win and bumping their record to 7-3.

The Bears now travel to Brea for the Brea Olinda Tournament which begins Monday.

Warren's last defeat came Dec. 4 against Laguna Beach. Since then, the Bears have rolled, outscoring their opponents 311-243, including a 27-point victory over Monrovia in the Alhambra Tournament.

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Warren defensive back named All-League

DOWNEY – San Gabriel Valley League football coaches have, for the second year in a row, selected Warren High School senior free-safety Nicholas Gasdia First Team All-League Defensive Back for 2004.

It is the second time such an honor has been bestowed on Gasdia who, as a junior last year, tied Warren's single-season record for interceptions with seven (two short of the SGVL record of nine) in helping the Bears advance to the Division III CIF quarterfinals. Gasdia didn't slow down in 2004, picking off five passes in the season's first five games before opposing teams altogether stopped throwing in his direction.

In his two years as a starting varsity player, the senior captain amassed an impressive sets of stats: in addition to his 12 interceptions, Gasdia tallied 143 total tackles (77 unassisted), 16 special teams tackles and four blocked kicks.

Versatile enough at 6 ft., 175 lbs., Gasdia played the occasional running back and even became the team's back-up quarterback late in the season. He was also Warren's long-snapper on punts all year.

As a freshman, Gasdia helped lead Warren freshman basketball team to the 2002 league championship and reached the Southern California semi-finals in a national free-throw competition. He's currently in workouts as he prepares to run track and play volleyball for the Bears.

NCAA eligible, Gasdia hasn't decided yet if he wants to play college ball: he won't make his official decision until the spring of next year.

A look at Gasdia's numbers:

	2003	'04	Total
Unassisted Tackles	29	48	77
Assisted Tackles	40	26	66
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FLYING HIGH – The Eagles took first place at the Cerritos SCMAF Flag Football Tournament, advancing themselves to state final competition. The Eagles play in the Mustang division of DJAA. From left: Mr. Rodriguez, Brian Salazar, Aaron Aragon, Pablo Leyva, Ernesto Rodriguez, Andrew Shin, Eugene Lamoureux, Richer Vaudry, Joseph Lamas, Austin Weisenburger, Jake Sarmiento, Jesse Rubio and Eugene Lamoureux Jr.

Downey looks to rebound from loss

DOWNEY – Downey High School's five-game winning streak was snapped when they dropped to Glendora 57-42 in the North Glendora boys basketball tournament Dec. 18.

Previously, the Vikings' had reeled off five wins in a span of only seven days. They'll rest and travel to Covina on Monday.

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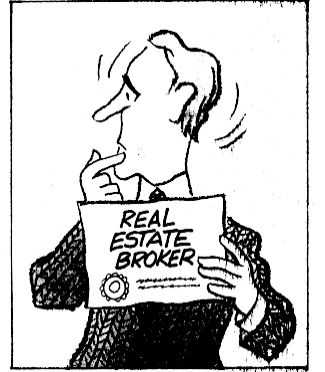
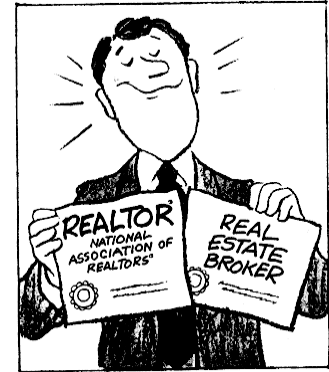
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Stolen vehicle recovery award to officers

BELL—Three officers from the Bell Police Department will be recognized by the Automobile Club of Southern California and the California Highway Patrol for their recovery of stolen vehicles. The officers made a combined 11 arrests and recovered 43 stolen vehicles.

The 10851 Award recognizes peace officers that make significant contributions to the recovery of stolen vehicles and the arrest of suspected car thieves. The award gets its name from the California Vehicle Code section that prohibits vehicle theft. To qualify for the award, an officer must meet any of the following criteria within a one-year period:

*Make six separate "rolling stolen" (suspect-occupied) in-custody arrests

*Recover a total of 12 stolen vehicles, at least 3 of which are suspects occupied

*Develop information which results in the identification of a theft ring and the arrests of two or more suspects and recovery of at least 10 stolen vehicles.

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.

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.



SOLD ON HELPING – Century 21 My Real Estate's third generation of family members helped deliver canned goods and non-food items to the PTA HELPS kitchen, the results of the company's bi-annual food drive in November. "This year, we used our future realtors to help ensure that service in the community continues for years to come," stated Laurie Mac Isaac, vice president of relocation for Century 21.

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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[Isaiah 9:6]
"and you shall call His name Jesus."
[Matthew 1:21]
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Gun Tso Sun Tan' Gung Haw Sun

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Mele Kalikimaka

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Feliz Navidad

Kala Christouyenna

Chung Mong Giang Sloh

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