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THE FLOAT'S VARIETY OF DECORATION—Is demonstrated by this impish flowered raccoon figure pecking through the grass at the edge of the Downey Rose Float.



AMERICAN BALD EAGLE—Makes an imposing figure at the stern of the Downey Rose Float, shown after its return to Downey Monday.



NOBLE BULL MOOSE—Was a handsome figure on the Downey Rose Float which bore the title of "Together With Nature" in the Pasadena Rose Parade. The Downey float was displayed on its return to Downey Monday in the Embassy Suites Hotel parking lot.



ROSE FLOAT VOLUNTEER—Kimberly liked this portion of the Downey Rose Float's flower decorations.

Volunteers make Rose Float possible

By Alicia Gonzalez

DOWNEY — "Together with Nature," the Downey Rose Float's 2005 entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade, was the result of hard work from devoted citizens. And after many long hours, the volunteers were able to stand back and admire their accomplishments as it now sits in the parking lot of the Embassy Suites.

Many volunteers have been dedicating their time for a number of years. At twenty years old, Karla Marquez has been volunteering for the float since 1998. She heard about the volunteer opportunity while in her middle school journalism class. Now she has met many new people and made some friends along the way. In fact, Marquez has been spreading the word to others. In fact, she invited her friend, Ulysses Lee, to volunteer for the float this year. Lee commented, "I've had a blast since I've been here. It's amazing how well people cooperate here in Downey."

High school senior Carl Johnson has been with the Downey Rose Float Association for ten years. His motivation comes from, "The opportunity to learn something new."

There were quite a few volunteers who came to help. Janice Kennel, a resident of Huntington Beach who grew up in Downey, has been volunteering for the last three years. After cutting and rearranging many beautiful flowers, Kennel said her favorite aspect of volunteering was "seeing the end result."

An active member of the Downey Rose Float Association, Annette Pisco has been volunteering for 18 years. She believes that the people are the best part of volunteering for the rose float, while the most difficult aspect is getting the float done on time. ("It's exciting when you see the float on television," Pisco commented.) Norwalk citizen Bunny Jaquill first heard about the volunteer opening from a co-worker 10 years ago and has been lending a helping hand for the float since, saying "I enjoy the people and how everyone gets acquainted." Susann Heckenberg, a volunteer of five years, added that working on the float gets a little stressful, but when time is most crucial, she can count on her fellow volunteers. "I need help and people went and got it for me. Everybody is so helpful."

The Downey Rose Float Association's Miss Downey Court was present and ready to work hard to give their part. Miss Downey, Brittney Fitzgerald, experienced her first year with the Downey Rose Float, and the entire experience caught her a bit off-guard. "I'm really surprised," she said. "I've never seen a float before." This was also teen princess Nicole Hale's first year. She commented on the amount of work and patience involved in the construction.

The Rose Float attracted some of the younger citizens of Downey as well. Fifteen-year-olds Jacqueline Mejia, Imelda Rodriguez, Jeffrey Garcas and Dennis Lopez are a group of friends who took the time to make their contribution to the float. Mejia has been a Rose Float volunteer since he was nine: "I started volunteering because it gives you a sense of community."

Through all of the cutting, arranging and gluing, the volunteers seemed to have a great time working on the 2005 Downey Rose Float. And every interviewed volunteer stated that they were sure to return next year.

Services Monday for Elton Wallar

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Downey's "grand old man of business," Elton Wallar, is gone. The genial, gentle, smiling and, in recent months, frail-looking man who operated Wallar's Appliance & TV for 70 uninterrupted years passed away last Monday, Jan. 3, just two days before reaching his 97th birthday.

Born Jan. 5, 1908 on a farm near Muncie, Indiana, Elton began his sales career in Downey in 1932, the same year he married his first wife, Dorothy. (They were to stay married for 50 years until her death; his second wife, Doris, died in 1997). He bought an auto parts store at the corner of Downey Ave. and Second St., got out-talked by a glib appliance salesman, and got into the appliance business himself. Thus began what was to become the oldest retail business in Downey.

On noticing that he had outlived most of his contemporaries, he at one time said: "I'm still alive. I really think there's a good reason for this." He was a deeply religious man. ("I thank the good Lord for all the blessings He has given me. He has helped me all these years"). Active in the YMCA Patron of Youth Program and a longtime supporter of the Downey Hospital Foundation, he didn't hesitate to share his sales "secrets" with anyone. ("You have to be friendly and enjoy talking to people. Otherwise how can customers warm up to you?" "Ask probing questions. How can you help someone if you don't know what he's really in need of?" "Some salesmen don't listen enough. They talk too much. Listen. Find out what the prospect is thinking. Otherwise, you'll miss the boat.")

Elton, who loved surf fishing, is survived by his daughter, Margaret Fisher, of Hemet; daughter-in-law Jean and husband Matt Kangas; his two granddaughters Denise (Brent) Tarver and Jill (Ming) Lao; and his great grandson Jared Edward Tarver. Elton's only son, Edward, predeceased him in 1994.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10 at Rose Hills' Rainbow Chapel, Gate 17, 3888 S. Workman Mill Rd. in Whittier. Viewing is Sunday, Jan. 9, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

"We were fortunate to have shared our lives with him. He is finally at peace," said Margaret.

She has spoken for all of us who knew him.

Cleanup of new park site now underway

DOWNEY—Environmental cleanup of the city's first new park site in 25 years is underway on a 13-acre portion of the 160-acre former NASA property.

The parcel is at 12400 Clark Ave., northeast of the intersection of Imperial Highway and Lakewood Boulevard.

Remediation work on the property includes removal of the pavement and topsoil beneath. The area was used as a parking lot until recently, and before that was part of an aircraft runway, offices and a conservation yard. Light poles and building foundations must be removed and the asphalt covering recycled.

Contractor

The work is being undertaken by Pavement Recycling Systems Inc. of Riverside, the low bidder at \$849,919. This phase of the project is hoped to be completed by the end of February.

The 13-acre site will include athletic fields, restrooms and the two-acre Columbia Memorial Space Museum and Learning Center.

The City Council in coming months will consider plans for the building structure of the museum and learning center, which will be a link to the property's great past. (The home of aviation and space breakthroughs for more than 70 years, including the Apollo Program and the Space Shuttle.)

Some 7,500 tons of contaminated soil are scheduled to be tested and removed to an appropriate landfill.

Testing

Leymaster Environmental Consulting will oversee the testing under a contract with the City. Total costs including \$15,000 for tests, \$60,000 for contingencies and \$10,000 for engineering, inspection and administration will come to \$934,919.

The City Council recently approved \$740,000 from the \$5.9 million received from the sale of 34 acres of the former NASA site to Downey Landing for a shopping center (presently underway).

The remaining \$200,000 will come from the City's Open Space Fund. **\$3.1 million**

Total cost of the park is expected to be \$3.1 million.

The City has approved the submission of a request to the federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development for a loan of \$2.5 million for the park construction. The balance will come from \$300,000 available

in Community Development Block Grant funding plus state grants.

HUD has tentatively approved the loan, which will be repaid over a 10-year period. Interest is expected to average out to 7.4 percent.

The City has received a NASA grant of some \$5 million for operation of the Learning Center, and has hired Lauren Behr as curator.

Not for construction

The NASA funding is not for construction, however, and work on the museum structure is not expected for at least two years.

The former NASA property includes 160 acres, of which 30 acres will be used by Kaiser Permanente for a new Medical Center and 78 acres which have become part of Downey Studios including a back lot.



ELTON LEROY WALLAR—Downey's "grand old man of business," passed away Jan. 3, just before reaching his 97th birthday on Jan 5. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10 at Rose Hills Memorial Park. Viewing is Sunday, Jan. 9 from 6-8:30 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS—Stand atop the Downey Float after its return for display in Downey Monday.

Federal ranking of hospitals now public

The federal government is now attempting to rate hospitals by means of a scoring system with an eye to improving areas of weakness that may be made evident.

The system is becoming a source of information for consumers who log on to review the federal rating scores, as well as administrators and doctors.

Area hospitals are all above average, according to the rating system, which published its first reports in the fall, assessing 4,000 hospitals nationwide in three major categories of care, heart failure, heart attack and pneumonia.

Heart and pneumonia patient care was graded in 10 generally agreed upon areas of care.

For example, patients experiencing symptoms of heart attack should be given an aspirin on arrival and again on discharge. Local hospitals were all near the top in this, with Downey Regional Medical Center at the top with a 100 percent score.

One area where local hospitals came up short was in care of pneumonia, where screening for and administering of pneumonia vaccine for those 65 and older was done for fewer than 15 percent of respiratory patients. One reason for the low rate was that doctors have varying views of the vaccine's effectiveness.

Jimmy Weldon returns to OASIS

DOWNEY—Author/actor/lecturer Jimmy Weldon, who reached his height of popularity on TV during the '50s and '60s, returns to Downey Adult School's OASIS Monday, Jan. 10 as its main program feature at 4 p.m. Weldon remains a favorite motivator and entertainer on the speakers' circuit with his sidekick, Webster Webfoot.

This presentation is open to the public. The OASIS program is held at the DAS Cafeterium and consists of a social hour from 3-4 p.m., the program at 4, and a healthy full-course dinner served at 5 p.m. For information, call the Downey Adult School, (562) 940-6200.



A WHITE MOUNTAIN GOAT—Done in flowers, scaled a flowery cliff on the Downey Rose Float. An incredible effort went into these detail figures.

Newcomers Club New Year's luncheon

DOWNEY – The Downey Newcomers Club will welcome the New Year with a luncheon Jan. 10 at Sambi's of Tokyo. President Barbara Emry will preside with her new board.

The buffet luncheon will be an opportunity for new and old members to get acquainted with each other, and to announce the schedule of activities for 2005. Call Vicki at 923-0471 or Paula at 861-2545 for reservations.

Downey Newcomers Club has monthly meetings the second Monday of each month throughout the year. Prospective members are encouraged to attend the luncheon for more information.

'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 the Temple office, 861-9276.

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'RISE N' SHINE' NETWORKING—Is held by the Downey Chamber of Commerce the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7:30 a.m. at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. Pictured (from left) are Steve Allen of Cedars Bank, Barbara Bailey Beard of Farmers Insurance, Myra Valdez of Budget Blinds and Jan Scott of Pacific Western Bank. The group will meet next Tuesday, Jan. 11. For further information, call 923-1215.

Christian Women's Club lunch Jan. 12

DOWNEY—The Jan. 12 meeting of Downey Christian Women's Club will feature a presentation on Nordstrom's and their personal shopper service. Also, Sharon Houk will speak; her topic is "If you want to escape, use the right key."

The meeting will be held at Los Amigos Country Club at 11:45 a.m. Price is \$12 and reservations are requested the Monday before the luncheon. Call Ginni at 927-8488 or Lisa at 928-6269 to reserve a spot.

The group invites the community to the friendly lunches, which are held on the second Wednesday's of every month with rotating speakers.

Downey author writes second novel

DOWNEY—Leo Byrne, a Downey resident since 1974 and Irish author of a debut novel, "The Flats," about his coming of age in a difficult time during WWII, has written a new novel, "Paddy's Last Chance," which is due for release early this year. Also autobiographical, it deals with his bout with alcohol and the tragic impact it had on his family.

"The Flats," a copy of which is available at the Downey City Library (ISBN # 1413721591), is on sale online at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and other major online booksellers in the U.S., Ireland, United Kingdom, Canada and other countries.

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.

Free tour of Cerritos Public Library offered

By Rosalie Sciortino

DOWNEY—The Downey Symphony Guild is inviting the community to yet another of their free outreach programs; this time a guided tour of the magnificent Cerritos Public Library in Cerritos.

Reader's Digest, in their May 2004 edition, awarded this library The Best Public Library in America under the heading "America's One Hundred Best New Discoveries." However, this does not begin to describe what awaits when one enters the building. Be prepared to be dazzled by a 15,000-gallon aquarium at the entrance which can also be seen in the children's section of the library.

T.rex

Fanciers of prehistoric animals and those young at heart will gaze in awe at the full-size replica of Tyrannosaurus Rex, or T.rex., as kids refer to him. This carnivore, who also ate live trees, is the size of an elephant. He is situated in another part of this fascinating building which boasts a Skyline Room on the third floor which has been the site of weddings, banquets, art and flower shows. Within the building is also a high tech lab and conference center. And don't forget books...lots and lots of books.

There will be no charge for this outing, however, because there are only 45 seats on the bus, it is imperative to call (562) 869-0422 by Jan. 13 to reserve your place. The bus will leave from the Hometown Buffet parking lot on Firestone Boulevard in Downey promptly at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20. The actual tour of the library will take one hour, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The return leg by the bus will be back at the Hometown buffet parking lot at noon—just in time for lunch if one desires it.

Proud...

Pauline Hume, program vice president of the Guild says, "We are proud to again offer this way to thank the community for their support of our endeavors to keep Music in the Schools alive, as well as helping keep the Downey Symphony Orchestra performing for us. We also invite people to become a member of our guild and to share in the fellowship that shared interest engenders."

Fiction winners announced

DOWNEY—Winners of the fiction writing contest held in December were announced by Rosalie Sciortino, president of Writers' Workshop West.

Judy Brunkala won first place for "Happy Death Day." Second place went to Yolanda Adele for "Return to the Parlor." Third was won by Stanley Hoffman for "The Happy Neurotic" and the fourth place award went to Jackie Mejia for "Undercover Beauty."

This writers' group meets the third Tuesday of each month and sponsors four contests each year; fiction, non-fiction, humorous poetry and serious poetry. Visitors and prospective members are welcome to attend meetings. For information, please call (562) 862-3106.



THE 'MOST HAPPY FELLA'—Pictured here is Harlan Bishop with his stained glass "Fairy Panel" and ribbons earned at the Los Angeles County Fair, including the gold one entitling him to go to the California State Fair in Sacramento. He made the dimensional flowers in the Stained Glass Class kilns at Downey Adult School. Stained Glass classes, taught by local award-winning artist Bonnie Fiala, start Tuesday, Jan. 11 (5:20-9:30 p.m.) and Wednesday afternoon from 1-4:30 p.m., at Room B-2, Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. For more information, call 940-6200.

'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 Temple office, 861-9276.



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Elton Wallar

By John Adams

The passing of longtime Downey businessman Elton Wallar, who died Monday, Jan. 3, just two days before his 97th birthday, marks the death of a remarkable man whose life was filled with remarkable meaning.

Elton was not an academic man. He was simple in his tastes and hobbies. He liked to fish. And he also liked people, sometimes talking and listening to them for hours on end.

He came to Downey in 1932, and first opened an auto parts store.

He said he was talked into switching from auto parts to selling appliances by a glib talking salesman. Those were years of the Great Depression, but Elton was not about to lose his new business without a fight.

He persevered, and eventually the likeable Wallar, who would come from the back of the appliance store to ask if he could help you with anything, got some sales.

Wallar's TV and Appliances on Brookshire Avenue just south of Firestone became well known. His response to the question of "How's business?" was "Every bit of business helps."

Born on a farm in Muncie, Indiana, and a graduate of Indiana Business College, he was a strong believer in self improvement through Toastmasters and other groups. He was named "Small Business of the Year" in 1992 by the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

When his health forced an absence of three months from Rotary Club meetings, he was welcomed back with a standing ovation by the membership of that group. The Downey Pro Networkers honored him with a lifetime membership.

He often said he felt the good Lord had something yet for him to do that's important, in response to questions about his age.

When he finally announced the closing of his store in 2001, he said that what he would miss the most was the people. "The give-and-take that went along with it. I'll miss that." We will all miss the voice from the back of the store, which often asked, "Is there anything I can answer?" and then followed with "How can I be of help?" Elton Wallar lived his life simply and well. His willingness to help others throughout his many years as a businessman combined with his Christian upbringing in Muncie, Indiana to produce a lifetime of character. He was an American original of the very finest stuff.

City library needs adult literacy tutors

DOWNEY—Consider this: more than 40 million adults cannot read a newspaper, an employment application or a street sign. They miss the joy of reading a bedtime story to their child.

You can make a difference by helping an adult learn to read by joining the Downey City Library's Adult Literacy Program. Here, you can join a team of volunteers who share their knowledge and enthusiasm for reading with another adult on a one-to-one basis. By volunteering 2 or more hours per week, you can give an adult the skills they need to become a successful worker, parent or citizen.

Training sessions for literacy tutors will be given on the Thursdays of Jan. 13, 20 and 27 from 6-8 p.m., and on Saturday, Jan. 22 from 9a.m.-3 p.m. Tutors will receive a total of 13 hours of training and may attend ongoing literacy support meetings.

For information and registration, call the Literacy and Training Office at 904-7360, ext. 23.


Schools land \$3.4 million grant

LONG BEACH—The U.S. Department of Education has awarded a 5-year, \$3.4 million grant to Long Beach City College (LBCC) and CSU-Long Beach (CSULB) for a project that will provide programs and services to improve student success in math, science and English and increase the transfer of students between the two campuses.

The funding comes from the department's Title V Program, which aims to serve colleges that have a large number of Latino students. LBCC, the lead institution for the grant, has more than 9,300 Latino students, and CSULB has more than 8,000. Both colleges agree more needs to be done to retain Latino students, and this cooperative effort will be a step in the right direction.

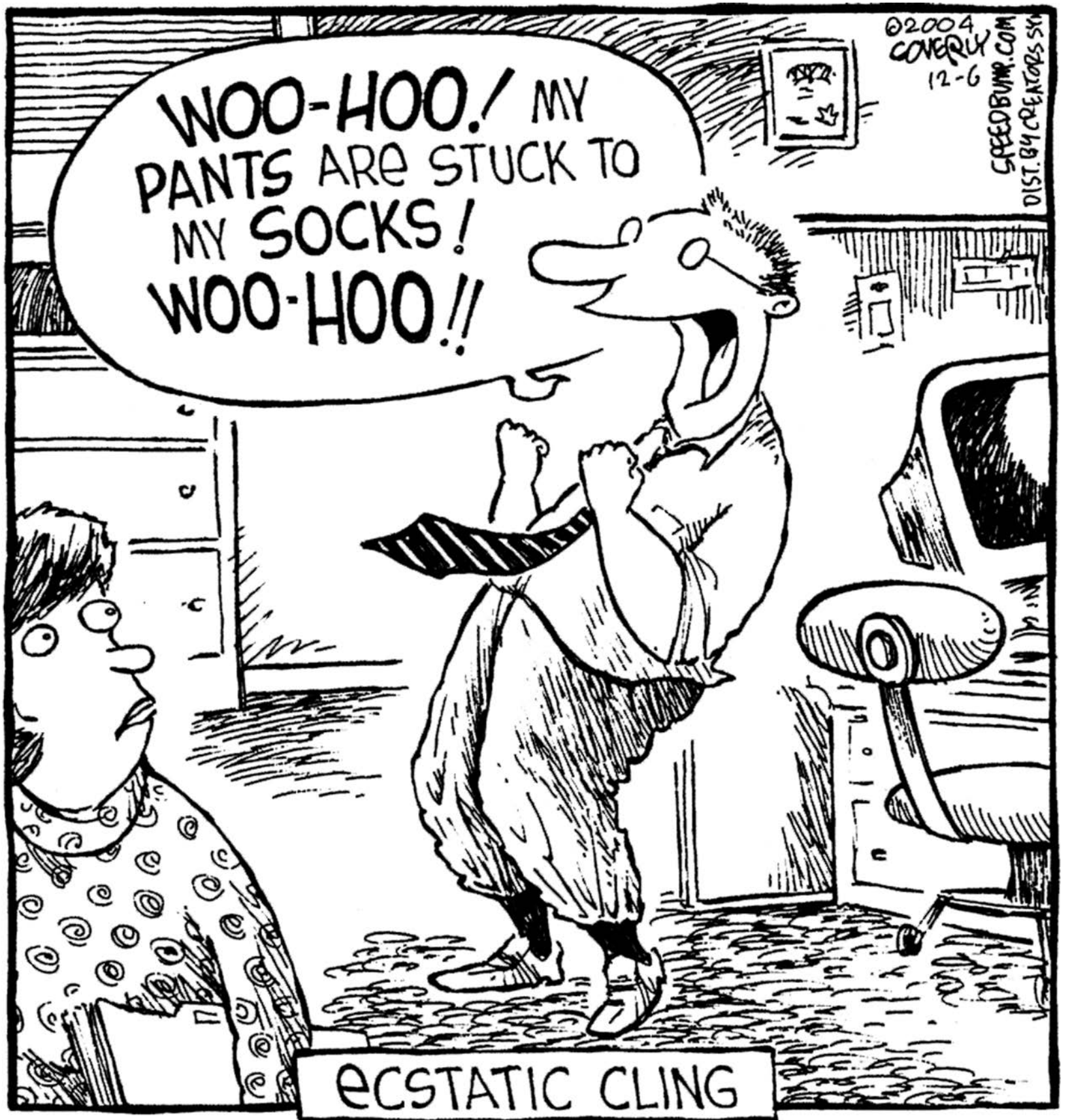
Among the activities and techniques used in the project will be the assessment of learning outcomes to help faculty address the foundations of knowledge and skills expected of students who transfer. Project administrators will also institute learning communities, supplemental instruction, multimedia learning modules and faculty use of technology. These are some of the most effective methods for student retention, officials said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: Merry Christmas furor

Dear John Adams:
 This will probably be the shortest letter I'll ever send you. You may even want to publish this. This is by far my nicest.

I wish to personally thank you for last week's Dec. 24th Patriot Christmas article.

Just having you use the word Christmas among all the hub bub, mumbo jumbo, of schools removing traditional carols that announce Christ's birth in their so-called Happy Holidays caroling, the ACLU's relentless push to remove the Holy Bible out of our courts, the Ten Commandments out of the public's eye, Bibles out of schools, Bible clubs out of schools, Christianity out of schools and the workplace, removing Merry Christmas from the public's eye and ear even as far as to tell us that the old lifesize Nativity that police used to set up at the old Second Street Police Station was unconstitutional. Your article was so refreshing.

I wish to thank Norm's Restaurant of Downey for displaying Merry Christmas. Also in 'N Out Burger and all the people who decorate their homes, every store employee, every person I met who displayed Merry Christmas and/or greeted me verbally with Merry Christmas.

Would any of you want to see a Santa Claus Christmas movie with old St. Nick flying away on his sleigh at the end of the movie shouting Happy Holidays! Or Season's Greetings! And a Goodnight to All!

No, you wouldn't!
 If the ACLU is so big why don't they criticize you and me for displaying a Nativity scene, or huge Merry Christmas across our garage doors or hanging from the eaves of our house, or churches having Christmas plays, Christmas Eve, Day Services, Christians Christmas Caroling down on a city block or at the mall, Christian schools having Christmas parties, or Christian businesses even, or come down on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for calling the Christmas Tree a Christmas Tree.

I sent Arnold a Christmas card with many thanks for his publicly calling the tree a Christmas Tree. It ain't no Holiday Tree nor Season's Greetings Tree. A Christmas Tree it is. Yes, siree, that's what it is!

And why haven't we heard the ACLU come down on him for saying so. Doesn't the ACLU stand for American Civil Liberties Union, aiming to help less fortunate Americans? Why do they seem to stand for Anti-Christ Liberties Union? Chew on that for awhile.

Thanks a million again, John. You did terrific.
 —Paul Duran,
 Downey

Free stroke screenings Jan. 13

DOWNEY — Learn if you are at risk for a stroke when Golden Outlook Insurance Services hosts a free health screening Jan. 13 at the Pioneer Medical Group offices in South Gate.

The painless, non-invasive ultrasounds examine the carotid arteries and will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are accepted but walk-ins are welcomed also. Visitors are encouraged to bring a friend.

Call 904-6014 for more information. Pioneer Medical Group is at 4476 Tweedy Blvd. in South Gate.

SCRS support group meeting Jan. 28

DOWNEY—Southern California Rehabilitation Services, located at 7830 Quill Drive, Suite D, in Downey, will have Frank Vasquez, the executive director of the Whittier Intercommunity Blind Center, for its speaker at its Friday, Jan. 14 support group meeting from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Vasquez's topic is "Learning to Live with a Visual Disability."

These free meetings are dedicated to helping persons with disabilities. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 862-6531.

A New Year's resolution that could save your life

Each January, many Americans make an important decision to quit smoking cigarettes. Making this decision is the first step on the road to a tobacco-free life, but how can people really quit smoking, considering that nicotine is highly addictive?

"The most important ingredient in successful smoking cessation is for the individual smoker to make a personal decision to stop smoking in order to avoid the risks to future health," says Frederic Grannis, M.D., a lung cancer specialist at City of Hope Cancer Center in Los Angeles. "Having said that, it must be understood that it is very hard to stop smoking. The smoker is addicted to nicotine and also has a complex behavior pattern and habit of smoking. Although some people can quit 'cold turkey', without any help, most people fail on their own and need additional help."

When people quit smoking, the body reacts to the absence of nicotine, resulting in withdrawal symptoms that can include depression, feelings of frustration or anger, irritability, difficulty sleeping, restlessness, earaches, tiredness and increased appetite.

Prospective randomized clinical research trials have shown that the three most effective methods for smoking cessation are:

Nicotine replacement therapy — The patch is probably the easiest form of nicotine replacement therapy, but some people prefer gum, inhalers or lozenges. No matter what method of nicotine replacement you prefer, be sure to follow the package insert instructions exactly.

Medical prescription — A drug called bupropion (Zyban) has been shown to be effective in increasing the chance that a smoker will be successful in smoking cessation.

Counseling — Either individual or group counseling is important. Dr. Grannis suggests 6-week group sessions offered across the U.S. by the American Lung Association, American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

When people fail to quit smoking after trying one or two of the above methods, it may be best to combine all three approaches.

Once the physical symptoms of quitting are under control, it is time to focus on the psychological challenges. For many people, smoking is strongly linked to daily activities such as waking up, eating a meal, watching TV or drinking coffee. To cope with cravings that come at these moments, it is necessary to alter your behavior. "For example, if you usually have a cigarette when you drink coffee, try taking a brisk walk instead of a coffee break, or consider drinking water or juice instead of coffee," suggests Dr. Grannis.

Other tips:

Get rid of smoking-related items such as lighters and ashtrays.
 Let your friends and family know you are quitting so that you have a strong support system or consider attending a smoking cessation class.

Avoid people and places where you are tempted to smoke until you are more confident about your ability to avoid the temptation.

Alter habits to perform activities that you don't usually associate with smoking.

Try alternatives such as chewing gum, hard candy or sunflower seeds.

Find ways to keep your hands busy to distract you from the urge to smoke.

Quitting smoking is difficult, but 46 million Americans have successfully quit. For more information about lung cancer research and treatment, contact city of Hope Cancer Center at 1-800-266-HOPE.

Warren grad excelling in Air Force career

DOWNEY — Air Force Staff Sgt. James Shin, a Downey resident, has graduated as a distinguished graduate from the Airman Leadership School at Osan Air Base, South Korea.

Distinguished graduates are those ranking in the top 10 percent of their class, recognizing high achievement based on total accumulation of academic and leadership points.

The five-week course focuses on preparing and better equipping senior airmen to serve as supervisors, managers and rating officials as they progress in their enlisted military careers. It is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills, and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

Airmen learn to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership and communications skills, and the need for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers.

In addition, Shin received the Leadership Award.

He is the son of Tae Nam and Book Soon Shin Downey and is a 1994 graduate of Warren High School.

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 and ancillary benefits to the environment.

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.

Einstein exhibit at Skirball continues

LOS ANGELES — Described as the most comprehensive exhibition ever mounted on the life and legacy of Albert Einstein, the "Einstein" exhibit at the Skirball runs thru May 29, 2005, to coincide with the international celebration of the scientific genius' 'annus mirabilis', the miracle year of 1905, during which he formulated, at age 26, the theory of relativity and otherwise published 4 papers that completely revolutionized the concepts of time and space, and energy and matter, changing the face of science and our understanding of the world.

The exhibition, the product of a groundbreaking collaboration with the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), the J. Paul Getty Trust (the Getty) and USC, presents an ambitious mix of related public programs that explore themes of Einstein's life and science through dance, theater, film, lectures, continuing education courses, family activities, special school tours and related exhibitions. The exhibition affords glimpses of Einstein's original manuscripts, love letters, and personal belongings.

One such related exhibit is "Time/Space, Gravity, and Light," which runs thru Feb. 27. It presents ways in which artists use science and technology to evoke a subjective, emotional response from nature's physical properties. It was organized by the Getty.

On view in the Skirball's Ruby gallery is another exhibit which runs thru Jan. 30, "Celestial Nights: Visions of an Ancient Land," an exhibition of more than 30 works by American photographer Neil Folberg that "capture the timeless beauty of the land and sky of Jerusalem and Sinai."

The list of interesting programs and presentations is long. The best thing to do is call up Skirball Cultural Center, (310) 440-4500, for more information. Open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays thru Saturdays, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays, Skirball is located at 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. in Los Angeles. Special admission prices: adults, \$12; seniors and students, \$8; 11 and younger, free.

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.

DRMC hosts cancer discussions

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.



THEY LIKE TO HELP — Downey Family YMCA is gearing up for a very generous 2005. The group is striving to raise \$220,000 this year. The Y, which gives over \$300,000 in financial assistance annually, will host a kick-off celebration Feb. 2. From left: George Saikali, Steve Roberson, Bob Winningham, Mario Guerra, Bill Hare, Joe Commodore and Jim Derry.



6 HOOTERS FROM ANAHEIM—In more traditional garb pose with ambulatory patient at the scaled-down annual New Year's Carnival for Rancho Los Amigos patients and their families held on Dec. 29. The annual festivities had to be moved inside the Jacquelin Perry Institute (JPI) building because of the inclement weather, precluding participation by a marching band and entertainment outdoors. Card, ring toss and bean bag toss games were played instead in activity/dining rooms on all 3 JPI floors as Lions and Leo (the Lions' counterparts) volunteers served food and drink. Cotton candy was a favorite choice of face-painted tykes and adults alike.



VISITING WILSON HIGH SCHOOL LEO'S—With one of around 50 wheelchair-bound (the rule rather than the exception) Rancho therapy patients who enjoyed the holiday Carnival atmosphere with their counselors and guests. The patients are victims of trauma, stroke, other neurological injuries. One patient's brain tumor has almost closed her left eye. Therapy counselors deem socialization an important aspect of patient rehabilitation. Other therapy prescriptions are physical, recreational, occupational and speech programs. Director of volunteer and support services Debbie Tomlinson supervised the affair.

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: Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.

"The trips are quite popular and help raise money for our Woman's Club Foundation Scholarship Fund, with the exception of a \$1 tip for our bus driver," says event chair Doris Patterson. "It's a fun way to spend the day."

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.

Hospice Care needs volunteers

DOWNEY — Companion Hospice Care, a family support agency serving Downey and surrounding communities, is accepting volunteers for its upcoming training programs. Volunteers become friends to someone during their final days and also relieve tired caregivers for short periods of time. They also assist with errands and shopping.

Each volunteer receives 16 hours of training, with the next session set to begin Feb. 19 in Santa Fe Springs. Clerical positions are also available which do not require training. For more information, call Deanna at 944-2711 or visit www.companionhospice.com.

Jordan's Queen Noor at Music Center

LOS ANGELES—Queen Noor of Jordan, who was born Lisa Najeeb Halaby to an Arab-American family and who has a B.A. in architecture and urban planning from Princeton University, is scheduled to speak Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Music Center in downtown Los Angeles.

She married King Hussein in 1978 and since that time has directed and sponsored projects and activities in Jordan to address specific national development needs in the areas of education, culture, women and children's welfare, human rights, conflict resolution, and environmental and architectural conservation.

She inaugurates the Music Center's groundbreaking Speaker Series, featuring a roster of distinguished experts in the fields of politics, culture and media. It is presented in two separate series. In addition to Queen Noor, former President Bill Clinton (March 8), Charlie Rose (Feb. 21) and Daniel Libeskind (May 31) compose Series A, while Series B includes Gwen Ifill (Feb. 7), Bill Clinton (again, March 9), Tom Brokaw (April 11) and David Gergen (May 5).

For tickets, call (310) 271-6631 or visit www.musiccenter.org.

The poets' corner

Tournament of Roses Parade

Awesome creations in wondrous array
Navigate the boulevard on New Year's Day
Delighting hearts around the earth
And offering up a little mirth--

A beautiful respite from tales of woe
As we watch the parade--what a wonderful show
Of marching bands and floats pass by
Beneath a bright blue, sunny sky.

--Martha J. Morrissy,
Downey

A Poem for L

A beauteous blade of grass
Can cut the hand
The fires of spring can sing
Life's precious strand

Sanity seems key
And strength and grace
To right the ship
And fill one's days

Love and will and hope
Entwined...should cope
--Henry Veneracion,
Downey

Women's golf club teeing off

DOWNEY — The Rio Hondo Women's Golf Club, which enjoys a weekly tee time Tuesday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, is accepting applications for membership for the '04-05 season.

General meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month following play.

For more information, contact the Rio Hondo Golf Course at 927-2420.

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.



NEW EAGLE SCOUT—Joshua D. Beall plans to major in music education in college next year. He helped coordinate a massive drive that resulted in over 1,300 books for children in inner-city schools.

Eagle rank earned by Joshua Beall

DOWNEY—Downey resident and OLP alum Joshua D. Beall, a senior at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, was awarded the Boy Scouts of America rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor held in Downey in late October.

Josh, a member of Troop 351, has been in scouting for approximately 8 years, has earned 51 merit badges (21 are required for Eagle), and has held various leadership positions, including Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Guide, and is currently the Troop Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He was also Assistant Patrol Leader while attending the 2001 National Boy Scout Jamboree with 44,000 other scouters in Ft. A.P. Hill, VA.

For his Eagle project, Josh spent approximately 16 months planning a book drive and supervising other scouts in coming up with 1,300 books that were distributed to 10 elementary schools in inner-city Los Angeles.

He is a member of the Executive Student Council and the varsity pole vaulting team at Loyola High. An accomplished pianist, Josh plans to major in music education in college next year.

Genealogical Society meets Jan. 15

WHITTIER—The January meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) will be held Saturday, Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier.

Speaker is Everett Ireland, who will talk on "Age of Majority-How Old was that Ancestor?" In the Colonial and early national period of American history, there were no vital records with which to find dates of an ancestor's birth, marriage and death. These events will be described along with the specific ages in which they normally occurred, enabling one to determine the approximate age of the ancestor.

Visitors are always welcome at these monthly meetings. For information, call (626) 919-1713 or (562) 695-5431.

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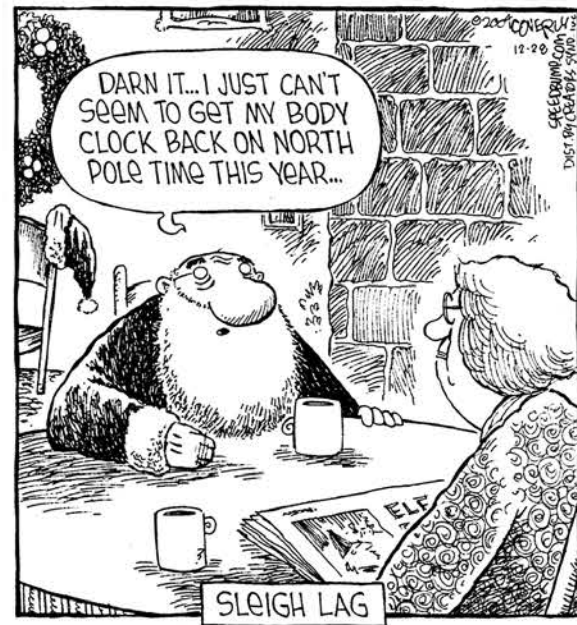
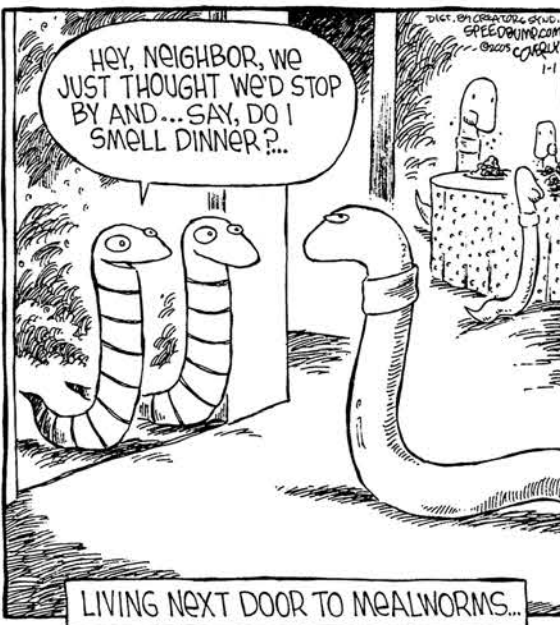
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For January

Sat. Jan. 8, 7:00 p.m.: "The Best of American Composers" concert at Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. Tickets \$18 to \$54. For information call 861-9276.
Sun. Jan. 9, 2:30 p.m.: "Inside Passage to Alaska" a travelogue in the Armchair Adventure series at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. For information call 861-8211.

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 Dotie Parizek at 923-5437.
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 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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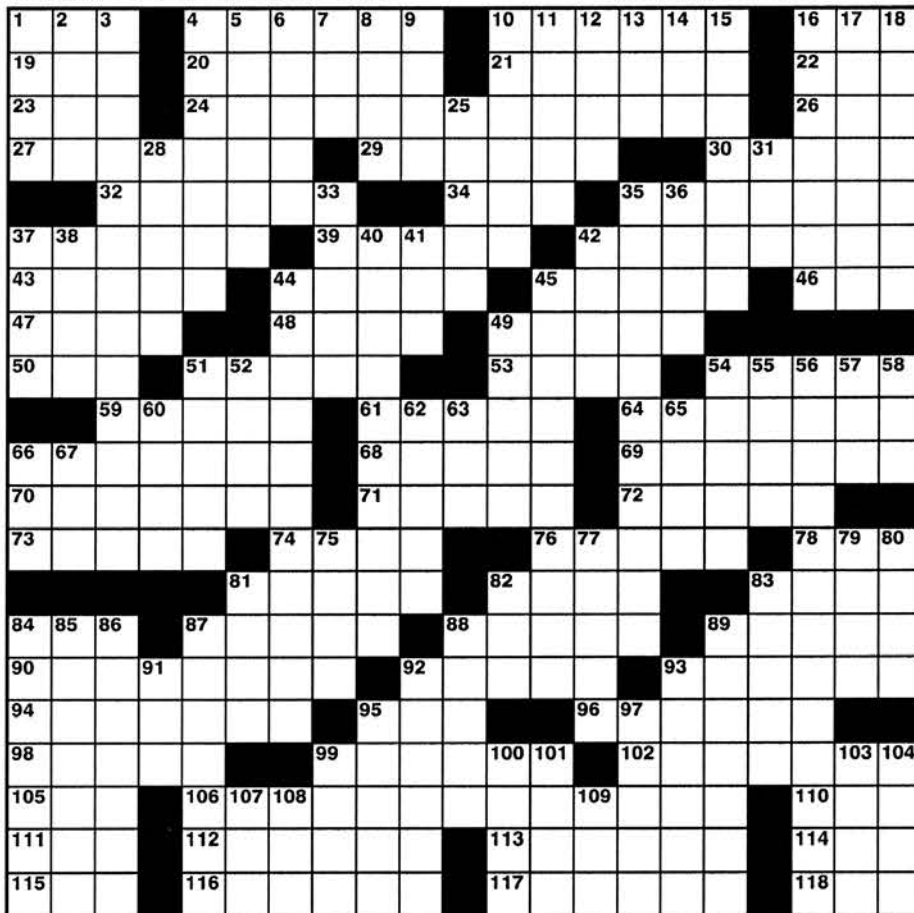
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Jungfrau (16 Across) is a Swiss peak in the Bernese Alps. TANGELOS (90 Across) are a grapefruit. Queen Elizabeth II keeps CORGIS (88 Down) at Buckingham Palace.



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

15-16 Tex*us Guitar Show – Saturday, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bldg. #14. Admission: adults \$10, children under 12 free. Tex*us guitar Shows, Inc. (918) 288-2222 www.texasguitarshows.com

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

22-23 Computer Fair – Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldg. #14. Admission: adults \$5, children under 10 free. NP Expos, Inc. (800) 800-5600 www.lacompufair.com

22-23 O.C. Register Travel Show – Saturday, noon – 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12 and Parade of Products. Admission: adults \$7, seniors (55+) \$6, children 12 and under free. Orange County Register (714) 796-7874 www.ocregister.com

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 a.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)

Farmers Market – Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Main Lot. Sponsored by the Orange County Farm Bureau (714) 573-0374

Centennial Farm – Monday-Friday, 1-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: free. (714) 708-1916

“Shtick Happens” at WestEnd Theater

LOS ALAMITOS – “Shtick Happens!” a musical sketch comedy starring Robin Page and Nancy Gibbs opens today, Jan. 7, at WestEnd Theater, with performances Thursdays-Sundays through Feb. 15.

The original two-woman show pokes fun at our everyday lives with outlandish, over-the-top characters who sing their way through a variety of humorous scenarios. Imagine Carol Burnett meets Saturday Night Live. Show times and reservations are available by calling 596-6892.

Political drama presented over the radio

LOS ANGELES – “The Chicago Conspiracy Trial,” adapted from the original trial transcripts by Peter Goodchild, will air Jan. 8 from 10 p.m. to midnight on 89.3 KPCC. The play centers on events following the protests and riots during the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago. The play will also be streamed live online at www.kpcc.org.



THE CHIEFTAINS – More than 40 albums, 6 Grammy Awards, an Academy Award and countless fans from more than four decades of concerts have made the Chieftains the premier ambassadors of Irish music. They return to the stage of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$25, \$47 and \$57. For information call (800) 300-4345.

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

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

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Cerritos Center’s January schedule

CERRITOS—Continuing the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts’ 2004-2005 season, the accomplished singer and songwriter Paul Anka, known for such hits as *Diana* and *Put your Head On My Shoulder*, performs tomorrow, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m., followed Sunday, Jan. 9 by comedienne Rita Rudner, who will perform at 3 p.m. with the 6-voice vocal jazz group, Sixth Wave.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 p.m., percussionist Svetoslav Stoyanov takes center stage. Then the hit Broadway and movie musical, “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas,” will be offered Friday-Sunday, Jan. 14-16. Friday’s performance is at 8 p.m., while there will be two performances, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, and Sunday’s is at 3 p.m.

The Irish music ambassadors, “The Chieftains,” will appear Friday, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m.; the Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater will put on a show with their physical comedy, dance, juggling and inflating creations Saturday, Jan. 22 at 1 and 4 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 23 at 3 p.m.; while The Crusaders present their smooth jazz Saturday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.

Completing January’s schedule is the appearance of the Smothers Brothers Sunday, Jan. 30 at 3 p.m., with Glenn Yarbrough performing some of ‘60s folk music’s memorable compositions. This show is sold out.

For ticket information/orders, call 1-800-300-4345.

‘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.

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Ticket prices are \$20, seniors and students \$18 (\$10 student rush tickets available 10 minutes prior to performance). Regular performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Jan. 16.

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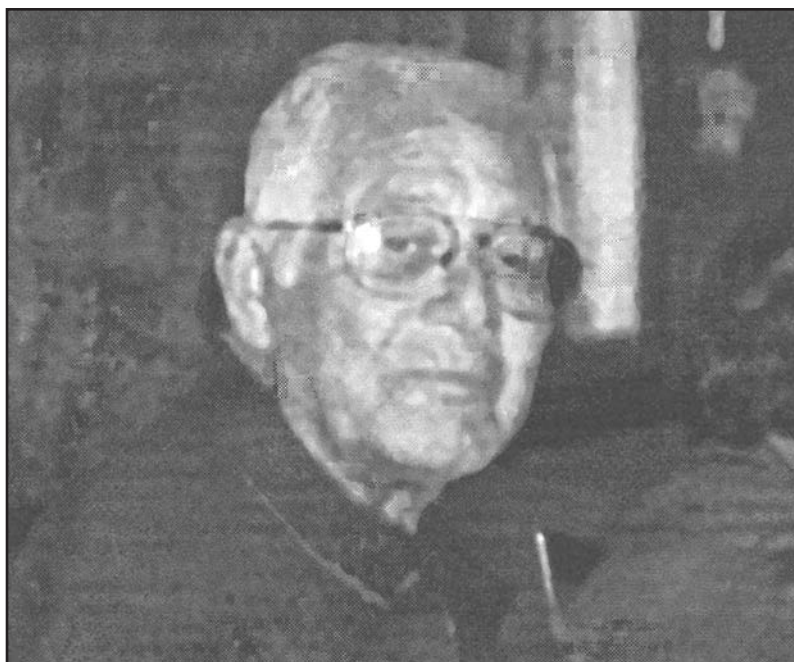
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MARIO PICARELLI - Resided in Downey since 1966, when he moved here with his wife and four children.

Mario Picarelli was longtime resident

DOWNEY - Mario Picarelli, who with his family migrated from Italy to Downey nearly 40 years ago, died Dec. 30 of complications of a stroke and pneumonia after a three-month bout with cancer.

He was born on June 2, 1927 in a small Italian town named Roggiano Gravia, the oldest of nine children. He arrived in the United States in February of 1966, settling in Downey with his wife, Maria, and four sons (Angelo, Joe, Frank and Dominic). The family grew to add three daughter-in-laws (Marie, Shelly and Claudia) and nine grandchildren (Cristina, Mario, Anna, Alexander, Nicholas, Luca, Jonathon, Christopher and Ethan).

He helped take over ownership of Cirivello's Sports Stop in Long Beach in 1974, which the family still operates, along with Picarelli Cucina.

Mario Picarelli is survived by a large family both in the US and Italy. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Picarelli's name to the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation - Cancer Family Assistance Fund.

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 the Temple office, 861-9276.

Jerrauld Louis Krause memorial service Jan. 2

DOWNEY—Jerrauld Louis (Jerry) Krause, born May 6, 1944 in Los Angeles to parents Walter Hugo Krause and Mina Effie Stonestreet Krause, passed away on Dec. 29 in Downey at the age of 60.

He was employed as an assistant manager for Potter-Roerner and completed 33 years of working in the fire protection equipment industry.

In his earlier years he enjoyed diving, wrestling, surfing, riding his motorcycle and playing the guitar. Later in life he enjoyed fishing and many camping trips with the family. He also enjoyed taking his sons to and being involved with them in the Indian Guides at the YMCA when they were young.

In his spare time he enjoyed working on classic cars and attended classic car shows. He also did woodworking.

Krause served during the Vietnam War in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged after his term of service.

He was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church. During the years he attended Concordia Lutheran Church, he served in many capacities, including being an usher and being a Sunday School teacher.

He is survived by his wife Ann Krause of Downey; his father Walter Hugo Krause of Torrance; his sons Jerrauld Louis Krause Jr. of Oakland and Steven Branden Krause of Downey; daughter Wendy Sarah Krause of Downey; his brother Walton Krause of Torrance; his sister Karlyn Larson of Downey; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial services were held on Jan. 2 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey, and interment was yesterday, Jan. 6 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Pincrest Lawn in Whittier. Arrangements were by Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

Esther M. Humphrey services this morning

DOWNEY—Services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Jan. 7, at Downey United Methodist Church for Esther M. Humphrey, a Downey resident for 56 years, who passed away in Corona on Dec. 30.

Pastor Mike Bankhead will be officiating.

Born in Wichita, Kansas, she owned and operated Humphrey Harmony House in Downey. She was a member of The Eastern Star, the White Shrine, and The Shrine Club.

She is survived by daughters Charlene (Scott Brewbaker) West and Gayle (Billy) Bandy; 2 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren.

Services have been entrusted to Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

Big Bear 'snow play' trip Jan. 17

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering a "Snow Play" trip for youth ages 8-12 to Big Bear Village—Alpine Slide Monday, Jan. 17 from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Fee of \$25 includes supervision and admission. All trips are supervised by adult recreation leaders.

Registration is now taking place at Downey City Hall (2nd floor) in the Community Services Department. Sign-ups are limited. Information: 904-7238.

Welsh ancestry is meeting topic

LONG BEACH - Annie Floyd will be the guest speaker when Long Beach Questing Heirs Genealogical Society holds its monthly meeting Jan. 16 in the Parish Hall of the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Long Beach.

Floyd's topic will be "Are You Looking for an Ancestor but You Can't Find Him?" She will also answer questions on Welsh research.

The meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Chuck Mitchell at 961-8895.

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American Cancer Society open house

DOWNEY – The Downey Rio Hondo Unit of the American Cancer Society will be hosting an open house at their offices Jan. 15 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Learn about the free services that are available for cancer patients and their families, what you can do to reduce your risk, and ways to become involved in the fight against cancer.

American Cancer Society offices are at 9901 Paramount Blvd., suite 245. For further information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

Antiques market in Long Beach

LONG BEACH—The Antique & Collectible Market, with its 20 acres of antiques, collectibles, home furnishings, decorative items and other unique items at discount prices, will again be open from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 at the Long Beach Veterans Stadium, Lakewood Blvd. and Conant St.

Admission is \$5; children under 12 free. There is free parking. Information: (323) 655-5703 or www.LongBeachAntiqueMarket.com.

Panel of local authors to speak

LONG BEACH – Find out what it takes to be a successful author from a panel of three local writers at the branch meeting of the Long Beach American Association of University Women (AAUW), Jan. 15 at Khoury's Restaurant in Long Beach.

Gerald Locklin, Suzanne Greenberg and Marilyn Johnson, all professors at Cal State Long Beach, will discuss their experiences as authors, how they got started and their inspirations.

The early meeting begins with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 9:30. The program begins at 10:30 a.m. Cost for the breakfast is \$16, or just show up for the program at no cost.

For reservations or more information, call 429-6923.

Easy Riders V-Twin Bike show Jan. 8-9

POMONA—The Easyriders V-Twin Bike Show comes to the Pomona Fairplex Jan. 8-9, featuring wall-to-wall custom bikes, motorcycle trade shows, Roadware Fashion Show with the Purrfect Angelz, and their exclusive tour band this year, Blackberry Smoke. The show at Pomona is the first leg in a 10-city tour.

Show attendees will have an opportunity to meet bike builders from around the country and check out their latest creations. Many of the builders have been featured and/or will be featured on Discovery Channel's Biker Build Off. This year's line-up includes: Billy Lane from Florida, Kim Suter from Missouri, Ron Finch from Michigan, Rick Fairless from Texas and Eddie Trotta from Florida.

Show opens at 10 a.m. both days. Advanced tickets are available through www.ticketweb.com. For more show information, call toll free (800) 962-9857 or go to www.easyridersevents.com.

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Pacific Western names new vice president

DOWNEY—Pacific Western National Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Community Bancorp (Nasdaq: FCBP), announced that Lyle Nelson has been named the new vice-president/regional manager of Pacific Western's Downey Branch, located at 10245 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

In making the announcement, Pacific Western's Eastern Region president, Chris Blake, said: "Lyle has been with our bank over three years and has been in banking for over 25 years. Lyle brings tremendous experience to the position, not only having been manager of our Whittier Branch, but previously as CEO at Bank of Whittier. I know Lyle will be a great resource for existing customers in the Downey and Whittier communities, and his excellent customer service will bring new customers to Pacific Western Bank."

Nelson, who lives in the Whittier area, has been active in both the Santa Fe Springs and Whittier Chambers of Commerce. He has a BS degree and has completed coursework toward his MBA degree. His son and daughter-in-law live in Albuquerque, NM.

The Downey Branch is one of 22 Pacific Western Bank branches located throughout Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Through its 22 full-service community banking branches, Pacific Western National Bank provides commercial banking services, including real estate, construction and commercial loans, to small and medium-sized businesses. The bank is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday. The Downey Branch's phone number is (562) 806-3701 and its website address is www.pacificwestern-bank.com.

Pacific Western National Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Community Bancorp, a bank holding company with \$2.8 billion in assets as of Sept. 30, 2004. First Community Bancorp has two wholly-owned banking subsidiaries, Pacific Western National Bank and First National Bank, which has 13 branches across San Diego County.

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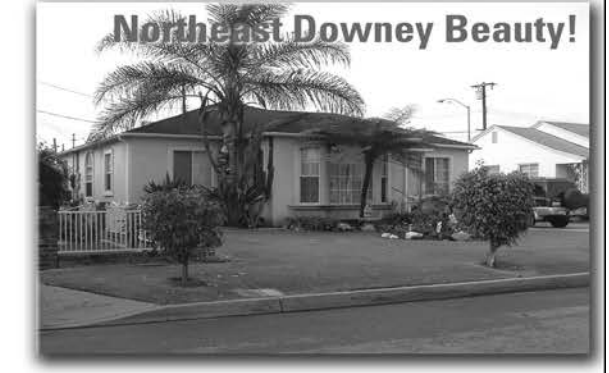
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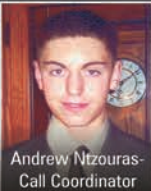
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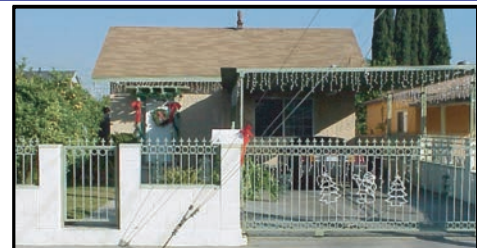


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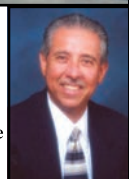
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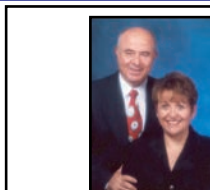
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LIVE IN NORTH DOWNEY!

This charming North Downey home features 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, hardwood floors, a spacious back yard and a separate 206 sq. ft. bonus room with a fireplace. 840 sq. ft. of living space on a 5,858 sq. ft. lot.

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