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3rd-graders take classical sounds

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Third-graders are a terrific audience for classical orchestral music. Downey's third-graders, that is.

Last Wednesday morning, Oct. 26, every eight-year-old student in the city sat courteously in the Civic Theater's plushy seats listening attentively to a program performed by the Downey Symphony under Thomas Osborn. They heard music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Benjamin Britten and Leonard Bernstein, none of it light-weight stuff. They applauded in the right places and their enthusiasm bounced off the walls.

Provided by the Symphonic Society's Music in the Schools program, funded generously by Downey Savings & Loan and the City of Downey, and wonderfully assembled by the Downey Unified School District, this annual operation has become a miracle of coordination, learning and excitement.

The school buses roll in, the students pile out and are escorted in neat lines to their seats. The orchestra plays, the kids drink it in, the music is over, they exit the theater to return to their buses, just as children from the second group of schools take their seats (undoubtedly still warm.)

More than 1500

By the time the third group of schools has heard it all, more than 1500 youngsters have experienced a concert by a full symphony orchestra in an elegant theater setting.

Prepared by their teachers and the orchestra's quintet that makes yearly appearances at all our elementary schools, these third-graders understand what they're hearing. One Ward Elementary student, Nicholas, was asked what his favorite instrument was, and his dark eyes lit up. With no hesitation he announced, "The harp!"

And four girls, asked what they especially liked about the concert, agreed it was the part from West Side Story when instruments depicted a fight scene. What were those instruments? "The percuh...the percuh..." they struggled for a minute. "The PERCUSSION!" Four big grins.

Well, it always takes a lot of doing, the special concert morning for these kids. And every year, everyone involved has the same assessment. Kids, you're welcome. And you're worth it!



GAULDIN STUDENTS—Third-grade students from Gauldin School with their teacher, Suzanne Castanon, and Harold Tseklenis (left) and Larry Lewis of the Downey Symphonic Society.

Symphony's strings 'wondrously fine'

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Downey Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Thomas Osborn, teamed with French horn genius Richard Todd for an evening of glorious music at the Downey Theater Saturday, Oct. 29.

Todd, who is internationally known as one of the few artists with complete command over the difficult French horn, demonstrated his mastery in a performance of Reinhold Gliere's Horn Concerto in B-flat Major, Op. 91. He was truly outstanding.

Magnificent Tchaikovsky

And the Downey Symphony took an old Russian chestnut from the fire and gave it new life and splendor through the thorough application of its wonderful string and percussion sections. We refer to Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony.

We have often commented on the quality of Downey's string section, which is head and shoulders above other symphonic groups on the community symphonic level. It is time to go further, and say that seat-for-seat Downey can match up with all but the professional L.A. Symphony and its like.

The Symphony No. 4 in F Minor by Tchaikovsky has been played often locally, but seldom with more verve and élan that Downey gave it Saturday.

Comic twist

The evening closed with a comical twist, the Troika from the film score Lieutenant Kiji by Sergi Prokofiev.

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THE BEAUTIFUL AND WILD—Parks of Canada are the topics of a fine film showing Friday at the Downey Theater. Director Phil Johnson is shown above on a previous trip to the Grand Canyon.

Canada's parks are film topic

'Armchair Adventure' series

DOWNEY—This Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6, at 3:30 p.m., the Downey Theater will present its third program of the "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series, "Canada's Incredible Parks," filmed and narrated by Phil Johnson.

Canada—a colossus of a land which includes six time zones. It was once a dramatic land—bounded by three seas and the sky—a land that never sleeps. The drama is still played out in isolated pockets.

Canada's National Parks are a gateway to a wilderness experience for millions of people, where the arousal of danger can still be felt. Wild creatures unify the land—without them it would only be dead scenery.

The fresh morning of exploration began with the voyagers—and now the parks keep alive something of what they saw. The primal rhythms still pulse across the land—sometimes wild—sometimes serene—but always splendid!

Three hundred years ago the steady beat of the stocky Frenchmen, called voyagers, would dispel much of the mystery. They would turn their faces to the west and paddle across the northern continent in search of furs. They rode the watery veins and mysteries of the land to open its secrets to the trappers and traders who would follow. The voyagers could touch many areas now set aside as National Parks.

"Canada's Incredible Parks" will take us through 21 Canadian Parks from east to west, starting with L'Anse aux Meadows Park in Newfoundland where Vikings waded ashore a thousand years ago. We also explore the forest parks of Central Canada and the stunning mountains of the west.

Today, people come to Canada from crowded cities to get back to the roots of their collective memories. The commonplace is left behind in this land that too few see. In this program we explore the natural heart...the true spirit...of Canada's parks.

Tickets for "Canada's Incredible Parks" may be purchased on the day of performance only, Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Downey Theater Box Office (8435 Firestone Blvd.) beginning at 1:30 p.m. Adults are \$7 and senior tickets are \$6, cash or check only accepted. This film and the remainder of the series of eight films total, may still be purchased as a season subscription. For information and subscription details call the Box Office at (562) 861-8211, Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

Other films remaining

Other films remaining in the travel series and their dates include: Nov. 20--Ten Questions for the Dali Lama; Jan. 8--Exploring the Colorado River; Jan. 29--Hawaii Paradise; Feb. 12--Cruising Bermuda; March 26--Natural Wonders of the East Coast; April 9--Along the Continental Divide; and April 3--Inside Ireland.

Serrano withdraws from DUSD race

DOWNEY—Educator Joseph A. Serrano has withdrawn from the race for the Area 1 seat on the Board of the Downey Unified School District for family reasons leaving educator Martha Sotetani unopposed in the Nov. 8 elections. The seat was vacated by Cheryl Andresen.

Also running unopposed, in Area 7, is incumbent Barbara Samperi.

The Area 5 seat being vacated by Betty Ferraro remains the one hotly contested race among candidates Luis H. Marquez, a deputy to State Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach and Downey), management systems analyst Nancy Swenson and Ricardo A. Salazar, a railroad employee.

Hughlett making run at College board seat

CERRITOS – Dr. Bob Hughlett, a former teacher with the Downey Unified School District, is running for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees. The election is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Hughlett was the recipient of the PTA Lifetime Achievement Award from Gahr High School; AHA Legacy of Leadership Award from the American Heart Association; Cerritos College Foundation volunteer of the year; and two-time member of the year of Cerritos Optimist Club.

He served on the Cerritos City Council from 1997-2005, serving as mayor in 2000 and 2004.

He was appointed by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe to the Personal Assistance Services Council and is a governing board member of Community Family Guidance Association, Su Casa Family Support and Crisis Center and Los Cerritos YMCA.

Education

Hughlett has experience in education dating back to 1969 when he was a teacher at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. Among his credentials:

*ABC Unified School District Board of Education 1987-1994. Board President in 1990.

*Representative to California Association of Urban School Districts and Los Angeles County School Trustees Association.

*Southeast Regional Occupation Program Board President 1987-89.

*Instructor and administrator at Cerritos College in Disabled Student Programs and Services 1973-2005.

*Community College Administrator of the Year by Association of California Community Colleges 2002.

Hughlett says his goals are to form partnerships between businesses and colleges while overseeing construction bonds. He also wants to improve the campus technology and promises to "fight Sacramento for our fair share of fiscal resources."

Four vie for three seats at college

NORWALK—Two incumbents and two challengers are vying for three seats on the Cerritos Community College Board of Trustees in the Nov. 8 Special Election.

The incumbents are Bob Verderber, a Downey resident for many years, a retired engineer and a substitute-teacher for the Downey Unified School District; and Bob Epple, an attorney, and former State Assemblyman who was appointed in August to fill out the term of his wife, Cheryl, after she died from a stroke.

Among the challengers, Carmen Avalos, is the elected City Clerk of the City of South Gate; and Bob Hughlett is a retired college administrator, a former city councilman and mayor of Cerritos.

Endorsements

Their endorsements include Verderber by the Cerritos College Board of Trustees; Epple the Cerritos College Board of Trustees and Lakewood Mayor Joe Esquivel; Avalos, Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Lakewood, state Senator Martha Escutia, D-Norwalk, and board member Eric Gutierrez; and Hughlett, County Supervisor Don Knabe, Lakewood Mayor Joe Esquivel, and ABC Unified board member Celia Spitzer.

Annual Art of Rancho exhibition showcased

DOWNEY—Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 East Imperial Highway in Downey, presents its 9th annual Art of Rancho Show today, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Extraordinary

The free exhibit, which is open to the public, is a showcase of the extraordinary art work presented by more than 40 former Rancho patients, and features mouthstick painting, demonstrations, a chance to meet the artists and to purchase art and crafts.

Parking is free and available in the parking structure located off Old River School Road, north of Imperial Highway. For information, call (562) 401-7651.



HAPPY SCENES LIKE THIS—Will be repeated at tomorrow's (Nov. 5) 8th annual Downey Youth Fishing Day scheduled from 8 a.m.-noon, rain or shine, at Wilderness Park lakes. Hosted by the City of Downey Community Services Department in association with the California Department of Fish and Game, the event is free to children ages 15 and under. Fishing poles and bait will be available in limited quantity. For information, call 904-7238.

Downey resident killed in traffic collision

DOWNEY—A 42-year-old Downey man was killed last week when his van collided with a Chevy truck in an early morning accident at the intersection of Downey Avenue and Imperial Highway, Downey Police said.

Based on a preliminary investigation, both vehicles entered the intersection at about 4:30 a.m. on Oct. 27 and collided, with the Toyota Previa broadsiding the Chevy S-10. The Downey man, identified as Arthur Cuellar, 42, was transported to the Downey Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The female driver, from Los Angeles, was transported to St. Francis Medical Center, with non-life-threatening injuries. The accident is still under investigation.

Luncheon to salute country's veterans

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

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

"The event promises to be a memorable day," said Doris Patterson. "We have lots of prizes and fun in store. A great way to salute our veterans."

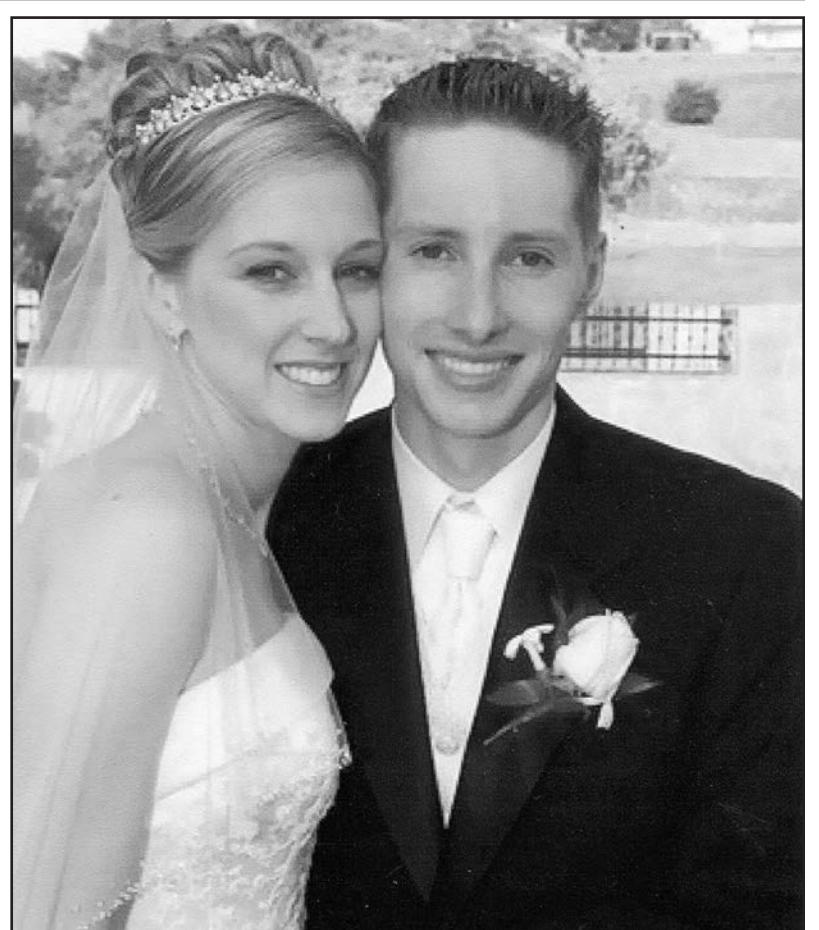
Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets/information, contact Patterson at (562) 869-0377.

\$500 scholarships available for women

DOWNEY—The Soroptimist International of Downey is offering three \$500 scholarships for women who are heads of households and who seek assistance to complete their education or technical training.

These Women's Opportunity Awards are designed to help women obtain additional skills or training through education to update their employment status. The successful candidates will also be entered in Soroptimist regional competition for larger awards.

For application forms, contact Jean Brazelton at (562) 862-4768. Leave your name, address and phone number and an application will be mailed to you. Deadline is Nov. 22 for applications to be completed in full and submitted.



GARCIA-CHARLTON WEDDING—Warren High alumni Stacie Dianne Garcia and Nathan Craig Charlton were married July 9 in a garden ceremony at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. Stacie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Garcia of Downey, is a graduate of CSU-Fullerton and is currently finishing a master's degree in education. She has been a 2nd grade teacher at Lewis Elementary for the past four years. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Charlton, longtime Downey residents. A math teacher at Griffiths Middle School, he is a graduate of CSU-Los Angeles and is completing a Teaching Credential at CSU-Long Beach. After a honeymoon in Kauai and Oahu, Hawaii, the couple has taken up residence in South Gate.

Chamber's Operation Thank You begins

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce kicks off its annual "Operation Thank You" Tuesday, Nov. 8, in conjunction with its Rise 'N Shine Networking Group's meeting at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10927 Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Speaker is hypnotherapist Jeanne Kruger.

Operation Thank You volunteers will be assigned approximately a dozen calls in one geographic area of the city Tuesday, to thank Chamber members with a business address for their membership, as well as complete a brief survey on chamber services and updating member information. This year, because the Chamber is unveiling a newly-designed membership plaque, the Operation Thank You volunteers will also be delivering the new plaques to both old and new members.

November is Chamber of Commerce Month. Those who join the Chamber during this month get \$25 off their membership fee.

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RE-ELECT **BOB VERDERBER** TO THE CERRITOS COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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MAYOR ANNE BAYER (Center) – Was the guest speaker at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Woman's Guild** recent meeting. Shown with the mayor are **Guild Vice President Joyce Prokop, left, and Guild President Agnes Donohue.**

Temples in 'Chanukah Extravaganza'

DOWNEY—On Tuesday-Wednesday, Nov. 15-16, Temple Beth Shalom of Whittier, Temple Ner Tamid of Downey and Temple Beth Ohr of La Mirada will join forces to bring the community a Chanukah Boutique Extravaganza, featuring a variety of holiday items from each Temple's Judaic Gift Shop, a bake sale, Wheel of Fortune, prizes donated by the merchants of La Mirada, Downey and Whittier, and more.

The boutique, to be held at Temple Beth Shalom, will be open from 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Nov. 15, and from 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 16. Admission is free. Information: (562) 941-8744.

New Bible class in Downey

DOWNEY – Christ Lutheran Church has announced the start of a new Bible class on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m., after the regular worship service at 9:30 a.m.

The study is entitled "Subtle is the Lord – Conversations in Faith and Science." It will be co-led by physicist, Dr. Ron Stearns, and Pastor Nancy Hamm. The study will continue for six Sundays, beginning Nov. 6. The public is invited.

Christ Lutheran Church is located at 7707 Florence Ave., Downey. For information, call 927-4421.

Bingo luncheon, raffle at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is hosting a bingo luncheon Sunday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd.

A \$10 donation includes lunch, door prizes and one bingo card. There will be a raffle of a \$25 money tree and other prizes. Bingo players must be at least 18.

For tickets, call Aline Amatisto at 869-8981 or Charlene Drobeck at 928-1937.

Youth Fishing Day at Wilderness Nov. 5

DOWNEY—The city of Downey and the California Department of Fish and Game have teamed up to provide youth a great opportunity to fish tomorrow, Nov. 5 from 8 a.m.-12 noon, rain or shine, at Wilderness Park, located at 10999 Little Lake Road.

"Downey Youth Fishing Day" is designed for kids ages 15 and under. The event is free to youngsters and will consist of learning stations, safety procedures, safety tips and casting. They will also learn about different types of fish, what happens to the lake environment when it is not clean, and how to be a responsible angler.

A supply of bait, fishing rods and reels will be available on loan in a limited quantity for those who attend the stations. The youth who participate need to have a parent with I.D. to check out the fishing equipment. The youth who do have their own fishing rods are encouraged to bring them. A junior fishing license will be given to every child who participates.

In addition, the event will offer other fun activities. The Police and Fire Departments will be in attendance with their vehicles. There will be free T-shirts for the first 200 youth, and giveaways. A demonstration of fly tying will be provided by the Fly Fishers Club. A breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage patties and a drink will be provided for a small fee of \$1 for a child plate and \$3 for an adult portion, while supplies last.

For more information, call 904-7238.

Christian Women's Club meets Nov. 9

DOWNEY – Mary Ann Gordova will present a special feature on "Packages of Gratitude" when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets for lunch Nov. 9 at Los Amigos Country Club at 11:45 a.m.

Also at the meeting, Mary Nixon will speak on "How can I step on a crack without cracking up?" Julie Simpson will provide the musical entertainment.

The community is invited to the program, which costs \$12.

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

U.S. military at library storytime Nov. 8

DOWNEY—Veterans from the Army, Navy and Marines will be on hand Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 10:30 –11 a.m. in the Cormack Room of the Downey City Library to read their favorite books to children at the library's "Red, White, and Blue" Storytime. Parents and preschool children ages 3-5 may attend this free event in honor of veterans.

For information, contact Children's Services at 904-7360, ext. 27. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Woman's Club 'holiday boutique' Nov. 5

DOWNEY—The Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd., is holding its annual Holiday Boutique on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring handmade items, home-baked products, candies, jellies, blankets, purses, ornaments, and much more.



THIRD GRADE STUDENTS—From Downey's elementary schools were treated on Oct. 19 to a 45-minute performance by the 50-piece Downey Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Tom Osborne as part of the Music in the Schools program. It was sponsored by Downey Savings. For some, it was their first time to hear a live orchestra. Photo above shows Ms. Bradshaw's class from Spencer Williams School lining up in front of the Downey Theater.

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Paid for by the Committee to Elect Nancy Swenson

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RIBBON CUTTING – Celebrating the recent interior remodeling of Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey were members of the Downey Chamber of Commerce and city dignitaries including Downey Mayor Ann Bayer, City Councilman Meredith Perkins, Chamber President Steve Hoffman and Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen, pastor of the local congregation.

Messiah Lutheran has long history in Downey

DOWNEY – Messiah Lutheran Church, incorporated in 1944 when Downey's population was barely 1400, held a ribbon-cutting celebration for their recently remodeled sanctuary.

The church began its ministry as a storefront at 111 E. Third St.; its present location was purchased for \$3,500 in 1945. The building was dedicated in 1947 and the cornerstone still contains the name of the Chamber of Commerce president at that time.

The church was last remodeled in 1973, when an office was added. The latest remodeling included new pews and chancel furnishings, an enlargement of the chancel area with a raised area for the Praise Band, new carpeting in the sanctuary and narthex/church lobby, new tile, enhanced lighting and sound, new ceiling with insulation, two skylights, a lighter color scheme to brighten the worship center and benches on the patio to facilitate visiting at church events.

In its 62-year history, only seven pastors have served the congregation. The Reverend Norm Stoppenhagen, the present pastor, has served the church for over 20 years. The Reverend Ramon Contreras accepted a position as Minister in Spanish ministry in December of 2004.

Messiah Lutheran Church, affiliated nationally with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has a present congregation membership of 285.

Symphony

All-in-all, a delightful evening. The next concert by the symphony here will be at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Downey Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd. and will include works by Bach, Prokofiev, Haydn and Mendelssohn. Soloists will be Carolyn Osborn, violin; Mary Anne Steinberger, cello; Catherine Del Russo, oboe; and Duncan Massey, bassoon. For tickets and information call (562) 403-2944, or write Downey Symphonic Society P.O. Box 763, Downey, CA 90241.



THIRD GRADERS HEAR MUSIC—These third-graders quickly formed orderly lines after getting off buses outside the Downey Theater to hear the Downey Symphony. Funding from Downey Savings & Loan and the City of Downey made the event possible, which was provided by the Music in the Schools program.

Support for TLC's program on the rise

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Judging by the number and quality of the people who attended last Friday's TLC (True Lasting Connections) Luncheon at Rio Hondo Golf Club, the fundraising event continues to grow in stature. In fact, it can perhaps be said to belong now to that rarified group of "feel-good" events that pulsate through the life of the community during the course of the year, touching and enriching lives.

Dr. Mary Stauffer, in her 'letter to the editor' (page 5 of this issue) narrates how the program has evolved from small beginnings to what has truly become an ongoing program that has grown in unexpected, but important, directions. And she has given credit where credit is due. She took particular pains to laud the roles played by such outstanding organizations as the Downey Assistance League, particularly its Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary, the Exchange Club Family Support Center, St. Francis Medical Center, Kaiser-Permanente, the Rio Hondo Optometric Society, the Downey Dental Academy, to name just a few of a host of eager collaborative sponsors.

A heartwarming highlight of the program was the 40-odd first graders from Ward Elementary reciting what TLC means to them and giving a wonderful first-graders' rendition of "Wind Beneath My Wings." Along with the gentle humor of welcomer and initial presenter DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty and the ebullient persona of emcee County Supervisor Don Knabe, the recognitions to other movers and shakers of the program, plus the sumptuous buffet, the luncheon was definitely on the money.

Speaking of money, Dr. Doty reminded the guests that the original grant that has funded the program up to now, has expired, and its continued financial support by the community is "very important."



BIG BUDDY LITTLE BUDDY'S—Darcy Hooton attests to the uplifting effect TLC's after-school tutoring program has had on the students who have needed help. Daniel Capilla, a 'Big Buddy' himself, said: "The bond between you and your little buddy will not just be teacher and student, but they turn into a new little brother or sister."



DR. MARY STAUFFER—Was an impromptu speaker at last Friday's well-attended TLC Luncheon held at the Rio Hondo Events Center. A TLC Executive Board member, Dr. Stauffer is a big supporter of the program. Master emcee LA County Supervisor Don Knabe calmly listens.

The poets' corner

Winter

Four months of setting still
has taken its toll
And now I must arise and let Winter in.

The rain dancing on the roof,
too hard to ignore,
Too tempting to resist cutting in.

And now I am swirling face up, knees buckling,
in my backyard
While this cold seductress is laughing at me.

I love surrendering to the cold.
I love the rain.
I love winter!

—Richard Thormodsen,
Downey



BOB HUGHLETT – A former teacher at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, is running for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Breath of God Thanksgiving events

DOWNEY—Breath of God Christian Fellowship Church holds its Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner Friday, Nov. 18 and its 14th annual Thanksgiving Basket Outreach Monday, Nov. 21 at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey.

Pastor Garnett Grier and the Breath of God congregation let it be known that they need volunteers to help with serving dinner to men and women from local shelters and missions. They also need donations of the following items for the food baskets: green beans, instant potatoes, cake frosting, stuffing mix, ham, corn, flour, Jello, corn bread mix, bell peppers, peas and carrots, sugar, Mac and Cheese, canned fruits, onion, canned yams, cake mix, gravy mix, turkey and celery.

Cash donations are also welcome: make check payable to Breath of God, and mail it to P.O. Box 39903, Downey, CA 90239. Information/to volunteer, call the church at (310) 767-9620.



GLENN WALTER BECK—A member of Boy Scout Troop 50 in the Frontier District, Los Angeles Area Council, becomes an Eagle Scout tomorrow in a Court of Honor ceremony at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Downey.

Beck to become Eagle Scout tomorrow

DOWNEY—Glenn Walter Beck, son of Jerry and Bonnie Beck Glenn, will be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout tomorrow, Nov. 5 in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor hosted by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12425 Orizaba Ave. in Downey. Glenn is a member of Boy Scout Troop 50, which meets at the church.

Glenn has been an active member of Boy Scout Troop 50 in the Frontier District, Los Angeles Area Council, for the past 6 years. During his years as a scout, he has earned 27 merit badges in such diverse fields as electronics, first aid, leatherworking, and rock climbing. He served as assistant patrol leader and has been a member of the Order of the Arrow for 2-1/2 years.

In May of this year he received an A.A. degree in electronics from Cerritos College. He then graduated from Opportunities for Learning Charter High School and also from Seminary in June. He is currently preparing to transfer to a four-year college for a bachelors degree. Glenn also plans to serve a two-year church mission sometime next year when he turns 19.

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Scheduling woes

By John Adams

The Downey Symphony played before a less-than-full Downey Theater Saturday, Oct. 29, and the problem was certainly not the quality of the music, which was superb.

The vacant seats were not in the late walk-in seating toward the back, but up front where the season ticket-holders are usually seated.

The problem was that the Downey Regional Medical Center held its Charter Ball fund raising gala also on the evening of the 29th, and many members of the community support both the symphony and the hospital. They were faced with a choice. Since the hospital gala is once a year, and featured Don Rickles, Three Dog Night and a rich menu, it is not hard to see why many chose the ball over the symphony. It's a shame really. Those who weren't there missed a fine Tchaikovsky and superb French horn.

But why were the dates of the two events in conflict? After all, don't we have a Coordinating Council to troubleshoot just this kind of problem?

We asked some sources close to the symphony and discovered that the glitch started there. Apparently the Charter Ball was scheduled first, and the symphony scheduling was not checked thoroughly enough due to time pressures involving printing of programs, etc.

We understand, but it's a shame such fine music should be wasted on even one empty seat.

Dr. Mary Stauffer came to us months ago and asked if the newspaper could check the scheduling of events in the city for conflicts like this one. The answer is no. Our staff is stretched to the nth degree now, and the Coordinating Council is already in place.

We don't wish to belabor this point. Once it is out in the public eye, we are sure more attention will be paid to it in the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Re 'They deserve better'

Dear Editor:

Hanging out the Downey Fire Department's wet hoses in a "letter to the editor" (Oct. 28) was no place to clear the smoke. Mrs. Croom does not speak for me, [and] I certainly don't put my trust in "the Downey leaders."

You would think that Mrs. Croom's husband was the only person who volunteered to assist in the Katrina disaster. My son-in-law was called to assist also, although he served in another capacity. He left behind two young daughters and his wife for an extended period of time. My daughter and her two children drove daddy to the airport and picked him up at the airport without any fanfare. When our daughter went to work Grandpa and Grandma filled in where they could, as many others did to assist their families.

Unlike Mrs. Croom, my daughter did receive a couple of calls from her husband's work, and although some concern was expressed about my daughter's well-being while her husband was gone, it was more of a call to find out when he was coming back.

The word 'hero' was used by Mrs. Croom several times in her letter. Firefighter Croom, I suspect, is a reputable man and a good firefighter. Maybe in his twenty-one years of service he probably had an occasion to perform a heroic task or two over and above the call of duty. God bless him if he has. The idea of being a hero just because you volunteer to participate in a national disaster is absurd. My son-in-law is a good man but to my knowledge, hasn't performed any heroic task yet (not that I am looking for him to). I didn't consider him a hero just because he volunteered to be on the team. Some participate for the challenge, some for the adventure, others to get away from the routine, some for the money—whatever the reason, the act of helping mankind is a good thing. We read about and saw so many stories on television about people acting on their own to go to the Gulf Region to help in whatever way they could. I suspect if the call had gone out to Downey residents, that the Downey Fire Chief wanted to take along volunteers to help in the Katrina disaster. Chief Sauter would not have been surprised to see a battalion of Downey residents at the ready to assist Mrs. Croom's husband and the other five firemen who volunteered.

Mrs. Croom said, "The department stations were consumed with what amounted to sibling rivalry with gossip over sour grapes." Wow, I don't want to go there but I can speculate what the sour grapes were about! Mrs. Croom did not make it clear about the request for the "one week extension." I suspect it was for one more week in the Gulf. As far as Santa Fe Springs volunteers' receiving two shifts off when they arrived from the Gulf, it sounds like the sour grapes are more of a personal issue. I suspect in the private sector of the work force, this pettiness would not have made it to the "Letters to the Editor."

—Richard Poulin,
Downey



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

TLC's great work

Dear Editor:

Last Friday, Oct. 28, 140 people paid \$25 for lunch at the Rio Hondo Events Center in Downey. This was a fundraising event for True Lasting Connections Family Resource Center (TLC), a program of the Downey Unified School District. All attending were investing \$10 in the TLC Center in Downey. This was a very informational and enthusiastic annual stockholders meeting of TLC.

Superintendent Wendy Doty introduced Don Knabe, our great LA County Supervisor, Alan Lowenthal, our State Senator, Anne Bayer, Downey Mayor, Dave Gafin and Meredith Perkins, Downey City Councilmembers, school assistant superintendents, school teachers and school personnel, PTA and other supporters. She allowed once clap after each introduction. What a hand-saver.

Five years ago, Stan Hanstad, then director of pupil services, hired Rose Boland, a school nurse who had recently retired from the school district to act as Special Programs nurse and fundraiser to TLC. She was hired for two days a week but she devoted time and a half plus her whole heart. She hired two very capable bilingual women, Luz Perez, coordinator and family advocate, and Claudia Garcia, clerical assistant, to run the unit. These three dedicated women have turned TLC into a community center to help many marginal families with a multitude of problems.

Initially, the TLC Center was started for at-risk elementary students at Pace and Price Elementary schools. One of the programs initiated by Luz Perez assists students at Pace and Ward Elementary Schools who are at risk of failing to pass to the next grade. Big buddies from both Warren and Downey High Schools were selected and instructed on tutoring. They became connected to one elementary student needing help to pass. The tutor and student were connected for the semester under the guidance of dedicated teachers. They worked together for a common goal and this relationship became a true lasting connection. All of these 75 students passed to the next grade. Wow! What an investment with 100 percent success. Don Knabe, MC, trained the crowd to one wow instead of clapping. What fun!

It was soon found that these at-risk children needed more than tutors. They needed glasses to see. The Rio Hondo Optometric Society pays an optometrist to come to the TLC eye clinic to check all Downey students that are referred by the school nurses and parents. Most need glasses and are given a prescription which is paid by the Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary. It is the only school district in the state that has a fully operational eye clinic and that is able to supply glasses to all that need them and cannot afford them.

Another program at TLC utilizes the Downey Dental Academy with the assistance of Dr. Ingwerson and Dr. Wilcox, dentists, to screen students for dental needs using a fully-equipped mobile unit donated by the PTA. The Assistance League paid \$10,000 last year for dental care for children with identified dental problems, some so bad that the children needed sedation.

Twice a month Kaiser physicians donate their services at the TLC Medical Clinic to see and treat sick children. Jaime Garcia, Kaiser Community Relations, has been very helpful in linking TLC to Kaiser for money, care and educational programs.

A very important part of the TLC services includes health insurance enrollments for children without access to insurance. More than 294 children were enrolled last year by the staff at TLC. Such a service enables children seen at TLC to receive ongoing health services leading to improved attendance, school success, and decreased costs to local medical

emergency services.

Counseling services are available throughout TLC using Graduate Psychology Interns to assist students in need of counseling services. The MRS foundation funds scholarships for the interns allowing them to counsel the students without resources. The Exchange Club Family Resource Center works very closely with the counseling programs and is available to advise TLC staff on proper methods of handling crisis interventions and providing parenting classes.

Rose Boland, a retired DUSD school nurse, was hired by Stan Hanstad to do something and something she did. She secured the site, the module and finances with the help of many dedicated assistants. She hired two wonderful bilingual girls, Luz Perez and Claudia Garcia, to be on site and run the programs. These very capable girls give of the talents and heart to make everything work well. Their job description seems to be "do what is needed." They do the scheduling and make many referrals. The program which started at two elementary schools now provides services to needy children throughout the school district.

The TLC Center has evolved into what the community really needs. It has become a community center helping the students and their parents in academic, health, and personal needs. It is supported by the Downey Unified School District, the city of Downey, grants and private contributions. All contributions may be sent to TLC, c/o R. Boland, DUSD, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241. This fundraising luncheon was a great event, one of many that make Downey a safe, enjoyable place to live and work.

—Dr. Mary Stauffer,
Downey

Remembering Gregory Andro

Dear Editor:

We, of the Downey Symphony Guild, wish to express our sadness on the death of our great friend and supporter, Chef Gregory Andro.

Gregory was an integral part of our fundraisers for many years. He was willing always to fly from Phoenix to meet with our board, treat them to lunch, and discuss menus and plans which help to make our galas and cooking school luncheons profitable and entertaining. His cooking classes through the years have raised more than a quarter of a million dollars for charities for which he donated his time and materials. He was aware that our efforts were to benefit the Downey Symphony and Music in the Schools and was eager and willing to help us realize our goals.

His expert cooking demonstrations for our luncheons were extremely well-received. An experienced master of ceremonies and auctioneer, his jokes, anecdotes, and repartee as he assembled and put together delicious dishes, and tried to separate guests from their money, was a highlight of those times.


Gregory's warmth, outgoing personality, and generous nature will always be in our fond memories. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Iva, and their family and wish to tell them that all of us shall miss our good friend, Gregory, very, very much.

—Rosalie Sciortino,
Downey

(Gregory Joseph Andro, who owned a number of Gregory's Restaurants, including the one inside the Embassy Suites Hotel in Downey, died on Oct. 20 at the age of 69.)

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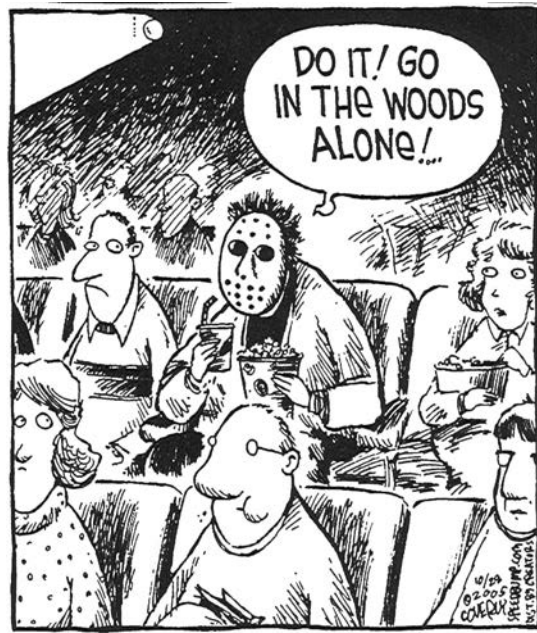
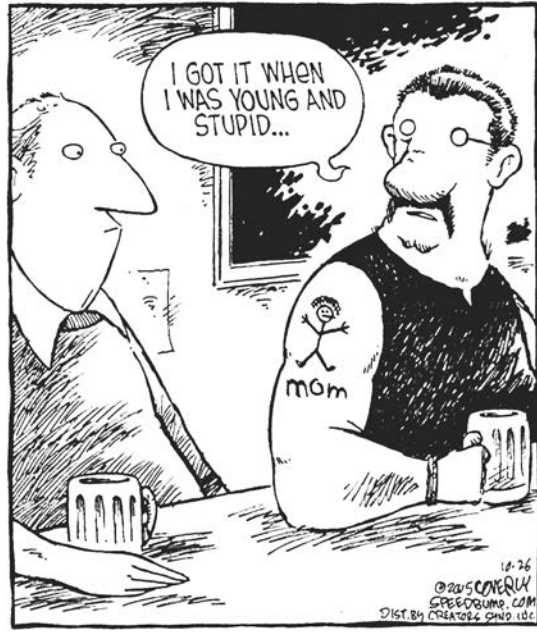
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

Sat. Nov. 5: **Youth Fishing Day** for kids ages 15 and under at Wilderness Park, 10999 Little Lake Rd. Many fun events. For information call 904-7238.
 Sat. Nov. 5: **Holiday Open House and Marketplace** for Friends of the Downey City Library. Crafts, Christmas decorations, baked goods, etc. in the Cormack Room, 11121 Brookshire Ave. For information call 904-7360, extension 30.

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 Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Riley Center. Call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.
 1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 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 Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
 1st Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
 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.
 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Dorothy Parizek at 927-5437.
 9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church Call 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Doug Baker at (714) 229-2266.
 12:00 p.m.: **Exchange Club**, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871
 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 "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (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 Bakers Square. 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

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 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 862-7197.
 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 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Samb'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 776-3388.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

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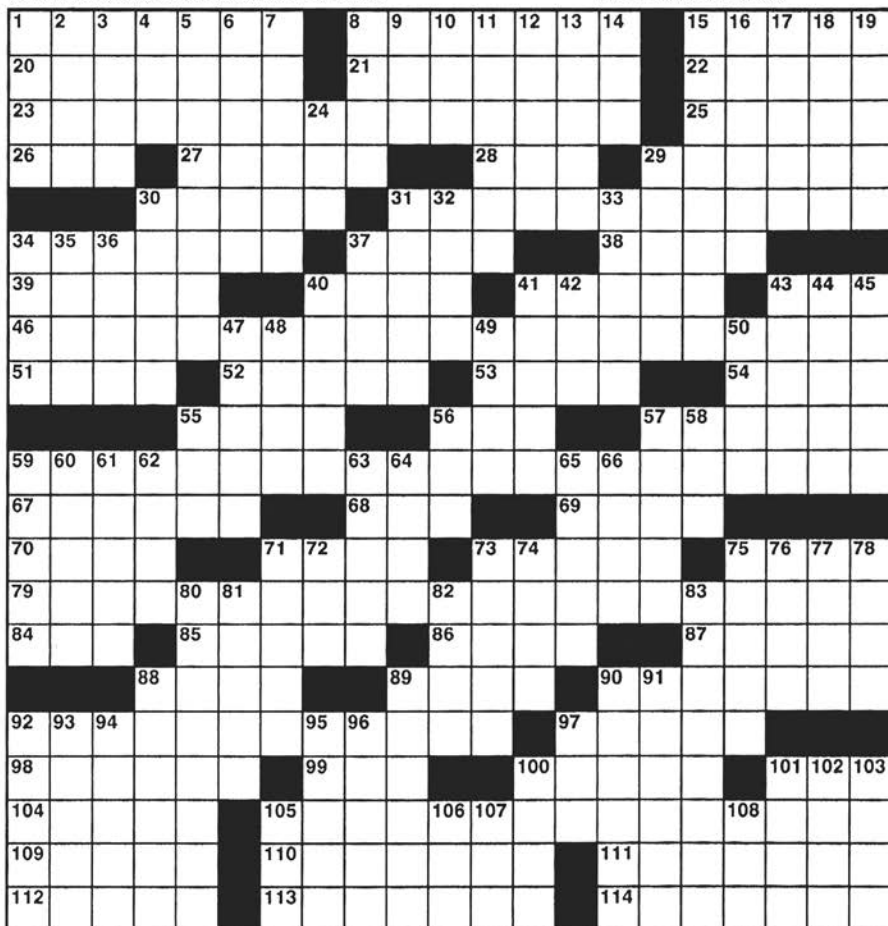
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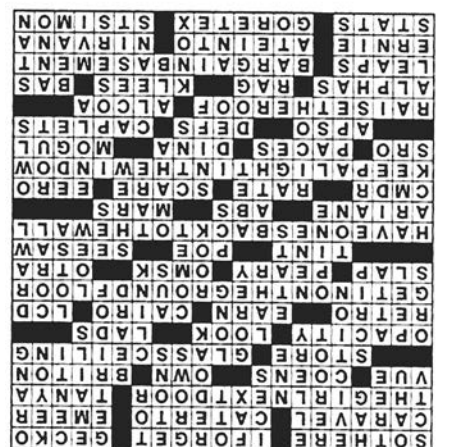
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Surreal love story to open in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – The West Coast premiere of “Between Worlds,” a haunting drama by French playwright Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt, translated by John Clifford, opens at the Edison Theater in downtown Long Beach on Friday, Nov. 11 and runs through Dec. 10.

Performances are Tuesday through Thursday at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., with one matinee on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m., and a preview performance on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m.

California Repertory Company performs at the Edison Theater, a renovated theater space in the heart of downtown Long Beach, located at 213 E. Broadway, adjacent to the Downtown Promenade.

All tickets for Cal Rep productions are \$20 for general admission, \$17 for students (with valid ID), and \$15 for seniors (55 and older). Season subscriptions for 2005-06 are still available and include “Between Worlds” (Nov.-Dec.), “The Flu Season” (Feb.-March), and “School for Trophy Wives” (April-May).

For tickets and information, call (562) 985-5526 or visit www.calrep.org.

Orange County Fair November schedule

COSTA MESA—Highlighting the November schedule of the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center, 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa, is the Sugar Plum Arts & Crafts Festival Nov. 10-13, which will feature hundreds of talented artisans and craftspeople with a delightful variety of handmade and handcrafted items. Admission and parking are free. Hours are Thursdays 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Strollers are not allowed inside the event. For more information, visit www.sugarplumcrafts.org.

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BALLROOM DANCING – Memo Bernabei and his Orchestra will play in Cerritos on Friday, Nov. 25.

Memo Bernabei brings Big Band Era back

CERRITOS – Local Downey resident for the past 40 years, Memo Bernabei is coming out of retirement to help bring back ballroom dancing. Bernabei started his musical career at the early age of 12. Born in a small mining town in Pennsylvania, he started playing in eastern bands, the first of which was Ray Pear's Orchestra. By the age of 17, Bernabei was already an accomplished musician.

He was a key man in the Jan Garber Orchestra for over eight years, playing lead saxophone and clarinet. It was from this experience that he developed the style of dance music that has drawn him a following. He spent over 25 years on the road traveling and had performed in every major ballroom in the country. After starting his own band in 1958, his first engagement was at the Chateau Ballroom in Los Angeles. He broke all attendance records during his 3 1/2 years there and proved to be an all-time favorite with the dancers.

Bernabei performed and managed the Golden West Ballroom in Norwalk for over 14 years and has played for many mixers and Concerts in the Park for the City of Downey as well as charity balls for Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center and St. Francis Medical Center.

Bernabei Productions will be holding a ballroom dance on Friday, Nov. 25 at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel (next door to the Performing Arts Center) from 8 p.m. to midnight, featuring Memo Bernabei and his big orchestra. Admission is \$15 per person and tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Connie Bernabei at 861-7169 or at the door the night of the dance.

Bernabei, one of the few band leaders left from the “Big Band Era,” will be holding these dances on a frequent basis if the demand is there.

Bellflower Art Association meets Nov. 7

BELLFLOWER—David Musser will be the demonstrator Monday, Nov. 7 at the regular meeting of the Bellflower Art Association. The meeting, which is free to the public, takes place at 7 p.m. at Thompson Park, 14001 Bellflower Blvd. in Bellflower. Information: (562) 925-1414.

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UNDEFEATED—Strong pitching and great defense propelled the Downey Nemesis 10-and-under girls fast-pitch softball team to an undefeated season, holding all their opponents scoreless, and their first championship of the season. In winning the AFA Hallowfest National Qualifier on Oct. 28-30, the girls earned a berth to the AFA National Championships in Kansas City, Missouri to be held in July of 2006. From left, Jasmyne Lopez, Sydney Colenzo, Emily Sanchez, Jenny Navarro, Arianna Palomares, Allyson Painter, Elizabeth Ham, Sharlene Godoy, Anissa Urtez, Jordan Sargent. Not in photo: managers Brenda Urtez and Manny Ham, and coaches Felix Palomares and George Navarro.

Sponsorships available for Holiday Lane Parade

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lane Parade Committee is still accepting sponsorships for this year's Holiday Lane Parade, scheduled to amble down Downey Avenue Dec. 4.

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Trophy sponsors so far: A Unique Florist; American Association of Retired Persons, Downey Chapter 262; Jean & Bob Brazelton; David Buhler; Escrow Results, Inc.; Golden West Pipe & Supply, Co., Inc.; Mark Keller – "Santa Claus"; Los Amigos Country Club, Don Duffin; Mambo Grill; Mark Minkes and Robert C. Deere, M.D.'s; Mouniar's Hair and Fashion; Meredith H. Perkins, Mayor Pro Tem; and Marian Perumean.

The parade starts at 1:30 p.m. and winds through Downtown Downey, ending with an awards ceremony at City Hall. Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in categories such as band, drill team, tall flags, majorettes, floats, and others.

For more information on sponsorships, call the Chamber at 923-2191.

Adult School to tour Welk Resort

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School's Creative Learning Tours is still accepting registrations for the upcoming Lawrence Welk Resort "Musical Christmas Show" extended tour.

The tour departs Tuesday, Nov. 29 for holiday shopping at Bate's Nut Farm and Belle Marie Winery before checking into the hotel in Escondido. An early dinner at San Marcos Quail's Inn will be followed by a slow trip around Del Mar Racetrack, the better to enjoy their "spectacular" Holiday Parade of Lights.

The next morning after a continental breakfast, the group heads to the Welk Resort for some shopping in their special shops and a visit to the museum. Then the resort welcomes the group with a buffet luncheon before the performance of the "Christmas Musical" in the theater.

For more information/registration, call Bernice Madariaga, 940-6213.



STUDENT RABBI—Bryna Milkow conducts Shabbat services with Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill every Friday evening at 7:30 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.



CANTORIAL INTERN—Ellen Jaffe-Gill teams up every Friday evening with Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ, in conducting Shabbat services at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, a Reform congregation.

Shabbat services held every Friday

DOWNEY—Shabbat services are held every Friday evening at 7:30 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd, conducted by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow along with Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.

Following the worship service, Kiddush is held—wine and challah are included—then Oneg, when refreshments prepared by the Temple's Sisterhood are served.

The community is always welcome to Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, a Reform congregation. For transportation to attend Friday night services, or for more information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

Downey student makes WSU honor roll

PULLMAN, WA—Sherrie Ann Ard of Downey has earned recognition on the summer 2005 President's Honor Roll, according to the registrar's office of Washington State University in Pullman, Washington.

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Warren grad exceling during basic training

DOWNEY—Harrison Long, 19, son of Lloyd and Cheryl Long of Downey and a 2004 Warren High grad, completed his basic training on Oct. 21 at Great Lakes Naval (Recruit Training) Command, Great Lakes, Illinois. He will remain in Great Lakes for hospital corpsman training. His goal is to become a medic corpsman.

During basic training, he was appointed Recruit Religious Petty Officer and, at its completion, was recognized for his "dedicated performance and commitment" in supporting all aspects of the Religious Command Program there. Harrison is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Downey.

He was also selected by his division of 83 shipmates as the Honor Recruit, based on individual performance of duty in all phases of basic training, including leadership, initiative, military bearing, response to orders, sportsmanship, and qualifications of a good shipmate. He also achieved high overall scholastic standing.

Harrison attended Rosewood Park Elementary School in Commerce; then, in Downey, Rio Hondo Elementary, Griffiths Middle (recipient of the Griffiths award) and Warren High (where he was freshman and sophomore class president); then took courses at Cypress College for one year, where he had a 3.6 GPA. He belonged to Northwest Downey Little League, and Warren High's baseball and wrestling teams. He had a stint as a part-time employee with the City of Downey Community Services' "Aspire" program.

Grandmother Eva Long lives in Commerce, while his other grandparents, Gary and Marlene Schaad, reside in Dunnigan, CA.

Kaiser celebrates Radiologic Week

BELLFLOWER—Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Center, 9400 Rosecrans Ave. in Bellflower, will celebrate National Radiologic Technology Week (Nov. 6-12) Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., to honor technologists in all radiologic modalities, which include: Diagnostic, Radiology, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, Mammography, Computerized Tomography, Bone Density, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

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The event not only seeks to increase the public's awareness of the important contributions of medical imaging and radiation therapy, but also promote a radiological career to prospective students. The need to attract qualified students is attributed to the anticipated growth in future employment opportunities within the various modalities.

Information, videos and equipment associated with each of these modalities will be on display. In addition, representatives from each of the modalities will be on hand to answer questions.

Information: (562) 461-6193.



WARREN HIGH ALUM—Harrison Long has completed basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Command in Great Lakes, Illinois. His aim is to become a medic corpsman.

California's pioneer cuisine explored

WHITTIER—The topic of Elizabeth Cox's presentation at the monthly meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier, is "Pioneer Cuisine of California: 1800s to early 1900s."

Visitors are always welcome at these meetings. Information: (562) 695-5431 or (626) 919-1713, or log on to <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>.

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Funeral services held for Helen L. Saylor, 78

DOWNEY—Funeral services were held on Oct. 31 at Purdy & Walters with Cassidy in Everett, Washington for Helen L. Saylor, who was born Feb. 20, 1927 in Boswell, Oklahoma and died Oct. 22.

She was a Downey resident from 1948-2001 and had moved to Lake Stevens in Washington. She graduated from Montebello High School in 1945.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Denise and Len Roberts of Lake Stevens; son John David Kookan, Jr. of Boise, Idaho; grandson Joshua Roberts; and step grandson Ryan Roberts. She was preceded in death by her first husband, John Kookan in 1955, and her second husband Elmer Saylor in 1989; two brothers, Raymond and Durwood Guttery; and sister Linda Canales.

Interment was at Riverside National Cemetery.

Volunteers needed for library shop

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

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

The shop is open during library hours and all proceeds go to support library programs and services. For information and a volunteer application, call Josephine de la Dingo at 904-7360, ext. 30.

Salon Zorina grand opening Nov. 15

DOWNEY—Salon Zorina, formerly Dazzle Salon, which offers full beauty services and beauty supplies, including all hair services, skin care and manicures under new management, will have a grand opening celebration Tuesday, Nov. 15. Ribbon cutting at its location at 8221 E. 3rd St., Suite 100 (in front of the Krikorian Theater), is at 12 noon.

Senior bingo at Apollo Park

DOWNEY – Seniors gather every Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. at Apollo Park for Bingo. For information on joining the group, call 904-7223.



LONGTIME DOWNEY RESIDENT—Marie Elaine Stephenson MacCallum led a very active life.

Marie MacCallum succumbs to cancer

DOWNEY—Funeral services were held on Oct. 27 for longtime Downey resident, Marie Elaine Stephenson MacCallum, who passed away in her home on Oct. 23 following a nine-year battle with breast cancer.

Born Oct. 1, 1941 in New Brunswick, New Jersey, Marie and her family moved to Northern California after World War II. She was raised in San Martin, graduating from Live Oak High School. After she earned her BA in textile chemistry from San Jose State, she headed south and worked at Bullocks in downtown Los Angeles as an assistant buyer. She also worked several years in Downey as a bookkeeper at White's Stationery Store and Hess Music. She met husband, M. David MacCallum, Jr., at an event for the College and Career Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Downey, where they were both members. They married Oct. 1, 1966, moved to Downey in 1972, and have resided here ever since.

She was active in fraternal organizations. As a youth, she was a charter member and Worthy Advisor of Morgan Hill Assembly, Order of the Rainbow for Girls and as an adult served several years as an Advisory Board Member and later as a Grand Deputy to several local assemblies. During her 46-year membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, Marie served as Worthy Matron in 1980 and 1991. In 1990 she was honored to serve as a Deputy Grand Matron. Other community service activities included chairing the Cancer Dressing Station, teaching Sunday School, serving as an adult advisor to the sorority, Sigma Tau Alpha, and raising funds for the Rainbow Scholarship Fund.

A supporter of musical theater, Marie enjoyed 33 years of season tickets to the Downey Civic Light Opera. She once embroidered squares for over 40 different quilts and sewing over 600 custom garment bags.

The memorial service, led by Pastor Candie Blankman and Eastern Star Funeral Service, conducted by members of the Downey Chapter, were held in succession at the First Presbyterian Church in Downey.

Marie is survived by husband, M. David; daughters Laura Dorleen and Rhea Mary; and brother, Glen Owen Stephenson of Burbank. The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the California Rainbow for Girls Foundation, Inc. – Scholarship Fund, 17910 Joshua Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886 or the California Eastern Star Foundation, memo: J. Clifford Lee Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 87030, Yorba Linda, CA 92885-8730 or the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, 1000 E. State Parkway, Suite 1, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

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Walk for Alzheimer's at Hollywood Park

INGLEWOOD—Over 50 Home Instead Senior Care members took part in the Hollywood Park Racetrack Memory Walk in support of Alzheimer's victims on Oct. 22. The three-mile walk, organized by the Alzheimer's Association, was designed to support and raise funds for Alzheimer's Disease (AD), a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain, and the most common form of dementia.

Home Instead Senior Care has a branch in Downey. AD is not a normal part of aging, according to the association. An estimated 4.5 million Americans have it, a number projected to grow by 2050 to 11-16 million.

"Every day we see the role stress plays in the lives of family caregivers who are trying to do too much with too few resources," says Debra Poblete, the director of the Downey Home Instead Senior Care franchise office and a Registered Nurse. "That's why Home Instead Senior Care is partnered with the Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation not only to help those with memory disorders, but their family caregivers as well."

Home Instead Senior Care caregivers work with a large number of seniors suffering with AD. With more than 7 out of 10 people with AD living at home, with family and friends providing almost 75 percent of their care, Home Instead Senior Care caregivers assist in this ongoing care, which can often become overwhelming for family members.

Also, Home Instead Senior Care has collaborated with The Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation in creating www.caregiverstress.com, an online resource that can help family caregivers gauge their level of stress and get help from a variety of sources, many of which are listed on the site. The site focuses on educating and empowering the caregiver. Studies have revealed that stress is a problem that can affect the health as well as the mortality of family caregivers.

For information about Alzheimer's Disease and other dementia disorders, contact your local Alzheimer's Association or go to www.alz.org. Home Instead Senior Care of Downey can be reached at (562) 401-0010.

November bus tour to the Wax Museum

DOWNEY—The Downey Historical Society will offer its traditional bus tour on Saturday, Nov. 12 to the Hollywood Entertainment Museum and the Hollywood Wax Museum, both of which are on Hollywood Boulevard, and are loaded with exhibits from original movie sets.

The bus leaves the south parking lot at Apollo Park at 9 a.m. and will return there by 5 p.m. Cost of the tour is \$20.

Thousands of tourists visit the museum each year to view the likenesses of Harrison Ford, Mike Meyers, Katherine Hepburn, Julia Roberts, Marilyn Monroe and more.

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Red Cross seeks volunteers for local area

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

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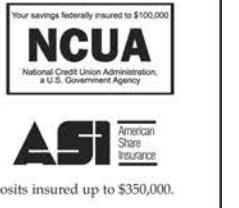
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Limousine company ribbon cutting

DOWNEY—A First Class Limousine & Transportation Company, assisted by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, will hold a Ribbon Cutting on Monday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. The family business is located at 11917 Paramount Blvd., Suite H, Downey. It became part of the Downey community just recently.

Each of the four owners brings a unique background to A First Class Limousine & Transportation Company. Miguel Corona does video and photography, and Roslyn Corona has a career in a financial institution. Devi Prasad does real estate and loans, is a Notary Public, involved in Travel & Tours and is a co-owner of DSS Audio Video Installations. Shay Prasad is the owner of DSS Audio Video Installations.

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Ask the Contractors Board

By Bert Sandman, Chair
California Contractors State License Board

Q: I am having my kitchen remodeled and one contractor I am considering wants me to get an owner/builder permit for the project. He said this would save me money. Is this true?

A: Yes and no. If everything goes right, you might be able to save some money. But, for the vast majority of homeowners, the risk and responsibilities aren't worth it. Getting an owner/builder permit means the homeowner becomes the general contractor and assumes all responsibility for the project. If the contractor is not licensed, this includes withholding payroll taxes for everyone on the job, as well as providing workers' compensation insurance. The homeowner is also responsible for making sure the project meets all building codes and is inspected. If there's a problem, you, not the contractor, are responsible for making sure everything is fixed.

Some who talk you into being an owner/builder call themselves "consultants." Many times they're unlicensed, aren't qualified to get a license, or have had their license taken away by the CSLB. Plus, any contractor who asks you to apply for such a permit should be considered to be a warning sign that this contractor may not be totally above board. I'd recommend staying away from being an owner/builder unless you've got experience in construction.

Q: A mechanics' lien has been placed on my home, but I paid my contractor in full. Why did this happen?

A: A mechanics' lien is a "hold" against a homeowner's property because of an unpaid bill. Often a homeowner hires a general contractor to serve as a prime contractor for a project. They, in turn, hire subcontractors to perform more specific work on the project, like electrical, plumbing or landscaping. They also purchase materials like roof tiles or plants from suppliers. Problem can occur when a homeowner pays the prime contractor, but the prime contractor doesn't pay the subcontractor or supplier. Those people may be forced to file a mechanics' lien against the property in order to get paid.

If that happens, you could have to pay the subcontractor or supplier, even if you have already paid the prime contractor. If you don't, a "cloud" may be placed on the title of your property making it difficult, if not impossible to refinance, borrow against or sell your home. Ultimately, foreclosure may result if you don't pay off the lien or can't afford to do so. Before anyone can file a mechanics' lien against your property, they must first send you a preliminary lien notice alerting you that they have the ability to file a mechanics' lien if they are not paid for their work or materials. Keep a record of all preliminary lien notices you receive.

You can protect yourself from unwarranted liens by carefully selecting a licensed contractor. Get a list of all subcontractors, laborers and materials suppliers and make sure the subcontractors are licensed. Verify that all licenses are valid on the CSLB website, www.cslb.ca.gov, or by calling 1-800-321-CSLB (2752). You can also check with your local courthouse to see if the prime contractor has a history of litigation. Check with the suppliers and workers to see if the prime contractor has a good history of paying his bills. Depending on local laws, you may be able to add a release-of-lien clause to your contract, requiring the contractor or subcontractors

Food drive at Red Carpet offices

DOWNEY – Red Carpet Heritage Realty, in conjunction with Downey PTA HELPS, is sponsoring a November Harvest Food Drive Nov. 10 and 11 at its 9047 Florence Ave. offices.

Items needed are canned food, rice, beans, noodles, pasta, evaporated milk, cereals and money for holiday turkeys.
For a donation pick up, call 923-5401.

OLPH School hosting holiday boutique

DOWNEY – The Italian Catholic Federation will hold a holiday boutique Sunday, Nov. 6 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Breakfast and lunch items will be available throughout the day. Admission is free.

For information, call (562) 569-2109.

After school program available for kids

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

"A Safe Place to Play" is a free program held Monday to Friday from 3-6 p.m. at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel Parks.

There are activities offered each day. Monday through Thursday is Homework Help; Thursdays is a craft activity. Other activities include lan-yards, soccer skills and dodgeball.

For more information, call 904-7238.

Volunteers sought for disaster drill

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center is looking for 150 people to volunteer for a disaster drill occurring on Thursday, Nov. 17 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants of all ages are needed, primarily to act as patients and concerned family members. Some volunteers will be moulaged (given simulated injuries) and some will serve as concerned family members. Participants must remain in their roles for the entire time they are involved in the exercise.

The goal of the drill is to prepare communities to respond in the event of a mass-casualty disaster. The scenario for the exercise will involve a terrorist event, with an improvised explosive causing mass casualties at a major public gathering.

All volunteers must be pre-registered to participate and attend a brief information session prior to the drill. Each will receive a complimentary lunch and Certificate of Participation.

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and suppliers to furnish a certificate of a waiver of lien. Another solution is to pay your contractor by joint checks. When your contractor presents you with a bill for materials or labor, make the check to both the contractor and the supplier or subcontractor. After you've made a payment, get signed unconditional lien releases.

To learn more about mechanics' liens, visit the CSLB website at www.cslb.ca.gov and review the brochure, "A Homeowner's Guide to Preventing Mechanics' Liens."

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Quade, a 12-year veteran of the credit union industry, has a degree in economics from the University of Illinois and is a graduate of Western CUNA (Credit Union National Association) Management School. He has a vast array of experience ranging from system and charter conversions to resolving audit issues. He also won the volunteer of the year award for his work with the Campus Credit Union Council (CCUC).

Debbie Burgess, FPCU vice president of finance, made the following statement: "Nathan is a key asset to the finance department. His crucial role in financial analyses and asset-liability management will translate into greater value for our members-owners."

Information about FPCU is available at www.fpcu.org.

Pasadena Conference schedule of events

PASADENA—Upcoming events at the Pasadena Conference Center, 300 E. Green St. in Pasadena, include:

*Sunday, Nov. 6, 3 p.m.: *Healing Blue*, a benefit dance concert designed to raise funds for breast cancer education, research and patient care. Beneficiaries: Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Constance G. Zahorik Breast Center at Huntington Hospital. Tickets: (213) 365-3500 or www.ticketmaster.com. Information: (626) 399-3676 or www.lineagedance.org.

*Sunday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.-2p.m.: 2005 Cal-Stewart Train Meet & Sale — Hundreds of tables filled with trains from the 1900s to present, and from around the world, will be offered for sale, including parts and accessories. Also featured are raffles, an ongoing auction, demolition derbies and train races. Information: (818) 848-2653 or www.ttos-sw.org.

*Saturday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m.: "Every Woman Gotza Stori to Tel" — A musical drama that takes the audience on a life-long journey of the success and accomplishment of today's woman, presented by LA Dream Productions. Information: (909) 434-7106.

*Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 19-20, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.: "China Fair USA" — Exhibitors sell a wide variety of merchandise, including apparel and accessories, baby products, books, candy and food, footwear, furniture, sporting goods, and much more, in "one of the largest variety and general shows in the nation." Information: (626) 443-5678 or www.chinafair.usa.com;

*Tuesday, Nov. 22, preview 3 p.m. and auction 6 p.m.: "Antique & Fine Furnishings Estate Auction" presented by John Moran Auctioneers — Clocks, carved furniture, silver flatware and services paintings, tables, chairs, chests of drawers, Oriental rugs, mirrors, lamps, art glass, crystal, china services, figurines, and many more — all sold to the highest bidder. Information: (626) 793-1833 or www.johnmoran.com.

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Out of the 228 homes listed and sold in the city of Downey in the 2nd quarter, 61 percent were listed and/or sold by a DAOR member. For a list of Downey Realtor members, call (562) 861-1915.

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