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## Hughlett, Epple and Avalos winners

**NORWALK**—Cerritos Community College Board member Bob Epple proved too tough to dislodge, and was joined in the victors' ring by Bob Hughlett and Carmen Avalos in the wake of Tuesday's election.

Incumbent Bob Verderber, a retired engineer and a substitute teacher with the Downey Unified School District, did not fare so well and lost his seat on the board, which he served since 1993.

Epple, an attorney and former state assemblyman, was appointed in August to fill out the term of his wife, Cheryl Epple, after she died of a stroke.

Hughlett is a retired college administrator, and former mayor and city councilman of Cerritos. He is also a former teacher with the Downey Unified School District.

Avalos is the City Clerk for South Gate.

During the campaign Hughlett said his goals included stronger partnerships between business and the college while continuing to oversee construction bonds. And he vowed to fight Sacramento for the college's fair share of funding.

Avalos stressed her desire to make classes more readily available and make certain that bond money is spent responsibly.

## Council approves public art plan

**DOWNEY**—After a lengthy public hearing the City Council has approved an ordinance adding a new chapter to the Municipal Code which includes art in public places.

The plan includes an Art in Public Places Advisory Committee, with an appointment from each of the council districts.

There will be no need for an appeal process since the committee is purely advisory, leaving final decision to the City Council.

Language of the ordinance covers art maintenance, the recording of covenants, conditions, restrictions and liability insurance.

A policy manual will be adopted by resolution.

Goal of the art program is to distinguish Downey as a special place to live, work, play and visit; integrate the vision of artists with the perspectives of other design professionals into the planning of the urban landscape; and provide all members of the community easy visual access to sculpture on major public streets; counterbalance the negative aspects of development such as noise, traffic, pollution; and strengthen cultural awareness and creativity.

An art piece will be installed for each building as completed in a development valued at \$500,000 or more, resulting in multiple sculptures at the

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## Local resident accused in computer hacking

**DOWNEY** — In a prosecution the U.S. Department of Justice called the first of its kind in the nation, a 20-year-old Downey man has been indicted on federal charges for profiting from the use of "botnets" — armies of computers that are used to launch destructive attacks or to send huge quantities of spam across the Internet.

Jeanson James Ancheta, who pleaded innocent to the charges this week, was indicted on two separate conspiracies, as well as charges of money laundering and infecting military and U.S. Defense Department computers with a Trojan horse virus.

The 17-count indictment alleges that Ancheta wrote malicious computer code, spread that code to assemble armies of infected computers, and sold access to the infected computers for the purpose of launching distributed denial of service (DDOS) attacks and sending spam. Ancheta allegedly used the botnets to generate income from the surreptitious installation

## Downey man linked to 5-year theft spree

**IRVINE**—A 47-year-old Downey man has been charged in connection with a burglary spree in an area about 17 square miles around downtown Irvine that lasted five years and included more than 200 break-ins and thefts.

Raymond Lopez was finally apprehended, police said, when they spotted him driving in the area of a potential "hot spot" identified by a complex computer survey system that analyzes where criminals may repeat their crimes.

When police subsequently ran a background check, they said he was an obvious suspect. He was arrested in the area of Ross Road. Police said several stolen items were on the front seat and several stolen jewelry items were discovered later at a local jeweler's.

Police said the stolen items would be placed on display in hope that victims may identify and recover their missing items.

Several stolen items were found at a Bellflower Jeweler's.

Police said the suspect used rental cars to cruise neighborhoods, and find houses which were empty during certain hours, when he would return and strip the residences of items of value. His specialty was cash, coins and guns.



**NANCY A. SWENSON**—Looked relaxed here, after pulling away to win a seat on the Downey Unified School District Board Tuesday. The victory party was at the Rio Hondo Country Club.



**MARTHA SODETANI**—With her eldest daughter, Kim Rapp, at the victory celebration at the Rio Hondo Country Club Tuesday evening.

## Swenson, Sodetani elected to DUSD

**DOWNEY**—Nancy A. Swenson edged out Luis Marquez and Ricardo Alarcon at the polls Tuesday for the school board seat in Area 5 of the Downey Unified School District, in what turned out to be a relatively quiet campaign that emphasized issues rather than personalities.

The race for the seat in Area 1 saw Martha Sodetani sweep to victory after her opponent, Joseph Anthony Serrano, withdrew for family reasons. Barbara Samperi, the incumbent in Area 7, ran unopposed.

Swenson campaigned on a platform that stressed support for anti-gang efforts such as Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD), which stresses a coordinated effort of police, schools, public officials and the courts to resist the inroads of gangs and drugs on the community.

"I would like to thank all the members of the community for supporting me and I look forward to the next four years with great excitement and anticipation of things to come," said Swenson. "I feel very honored that [voters] have elected me to support the children of Downey and I will do my best not to let [them] down."

Sodetani, a part-time instructor at Cerritos College, stressed her volunteer work, especially her advocacy for foster and kinship care, and emphasized often during her campaign that "Character Counts!" She had targeted the problem of bullying on school campuses, saying it must be stopped, and maintained that Downey's teachers were among the very best. She said Tuesday after victory was assured, that she was excited by the chance to improve the education of 22,000 children in the School District.

"I am humbled and honored to have been elected by the residents of my community" said Sodetani in her post-election comments. "I look forward to working collectively with the board and the superintendent in order to promote further excellence in Downey. Downey has a wonderful staff of classified, certified and administrators and I look forward to working

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### Downey Unified School District Trustee Area 1

**Martha Sodetani** 62.84 percent

**Joseph Serrano** 37.16

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Martha Sodetani	9,457	62.84
Joseph Serrano	5,592	37.16

### Trustee Area 5

**Nancy Swenson** 49.65 percent

**Luis Marquez** 31.04

**Ricardo Salazar** 19.31

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Nancy Swenson	7,042	49.65
Luis Marquez	4,402	31.04
Ricardo Salazar	2,739	19.31

### Trustee Area 7

**Barbara Samperi**

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Barbara Samperi	9,072	100.00

### Cerritos Community College Governing Board

**Bob Hughlett** 29.97 percent

**Robert Epple** 23.46

**Carmen Avalos** 23.37

**Bob Verderber** 23.19

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Bob Hughlett	31,083	29.97
Robert Epple	24,332	23.46
Carmen Avalos	24,236	23.37
Bob Verderber	24,054	23.19

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of adware on the infected computers.

#### First conspiracy charge

The first conspiracy alleged in the indictment accuses Ancheta of modifying and disseminating the Trojan horse program "rxbot," which allowed him to create botnets, each with thousands of Internet-connected computers reporting to an Internet Relay Chat (IRC) channel that Ancheta controlled. In a separate IRC channel, Ancheta advertised the sale of his botnets to those interested in launching DDOS attacks or distributing spam without detection.

After receiving payment from customers, according to the indictment, Ancheta would give customers control of enough botnets to accomplish their specified task. Ancheta would also provide an instructional manual that included the commands needed to instruct the botnets to launch DDOS attacks or send spam. The manual would also include the malicious code that would allow the botnets to spread or propagate.

As part of his fee, Ancheta allegedly set up and tested the purchased botnet to ensure that the DDOS attacks or spamming could be successfully carried out.

#### Second conspiracy charge

The second conspiracy outlined in the indictment alleges that Ancheta

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## Second study session on 'mansionization' control

**DOWNEY**—Downey residents are invited to attend the second study session sponsored by the city of Downey Tuesday, Nov. 15 to discuss the revision of the city's residential code, especially issues relating to second floor additions to single family homes. The study session will be held from 7-10 p.m. at the Downey Civic Theater, 8435 Freestone Blvd., Downey.

The session will include a panel discussion of the Downey Planning Commission, as well as provide a format for citizens to address the panelists and submit their concerns and suggestions about the residential code issue. The consultant who has been hired to assist the city of Downey with this issue, Mark Brodeur, who is the director of Urban Revitalization for Downey Solutions, will be present.

For information, call Development Services at 904-7152.

### Pet adoptions at Petsmart November 19

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Landing Petsmart will be celebrating their grand opening in alliance with Fail-Safe 4 Felines, Inc. Saturday, November 19.

Rescued kittens and cats in need of loving, caring indoor homes will be available for adoption.

### Champagne brunch at Downey Elks

**DOWNEY** – Fail-Safe 4 Felines, Inc. will be hosting a champagne brunch and silent auction at the Downey Elks Lodge on Sunday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a donation of \$20.



**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 267**—Poses in front of collected trash in a Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up held Oct. 29 at a park-and-ride site on Lakewood Boulevard and the 5 Freeway. Several Downey neighborhood Girls Scout troops participated.

## 3 offerings at Downey City Library next week

**DOWNEY**—On Tuesday, Nov. 15, the Downey City Library conducts a class on “Arts & Crafts Resources on the Internet” from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Computer Lab. The class will highlight Internet sites that give ideas, directions and patterns for making craft projects for the holidays or anytime. Students should be familiar with using a computer mouse. Says instructor Kris Buller: “This free class is a must for anyone who wants to find websites on paper crafts, sewing, knitting and candle making. Reservations are recommended by calling 904-7360. Ext. 32.

#### Essay writing tips

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Cormack Room, former English teacher Jean Brazelton will lead a free workshop for college-bound students as she offers tips on essay writing, an important part of the college application process. She points out that students should emphasize their strengths when answering common questions on their college applications. The library also offers a number of books to assist students in the essay writing process. Information: 904-7360, ext. 32.

#### Special puppet show

On Thursday, Nov. 17, dinosaurs enter the picture at a special puppet show for children ages 3-12 from 7-7:45 p.m. in the Cormack Room. Here, the parents may join Harry, a young mammal, as he enlists the help of a friendly dinosaur to chase away a Tyrannosaurus Rex. The audience will discover other dinosaurs of that time, including the Ankylosaurus, Triceratops and Pteranodon. Free tickets will be distributed 30 minutes before show time. Information: Children’s Services at 904-7360, ext. 27.

# Fond memories of DRMC Charter Ball

**HUNTINGTON BEACH**—The Downey Regional Medical Center Charter Ball Saturday, Oct. 29 drew a throng of nearly 750 guests to the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort and Spa for a gala “fundraising and friend raising” event in support of the Medical Center and its purchase of cardiac monitors for the Outpatient Surgery Center.

The 30th Annual, Pearl Anniversary Charter event, was sponsored by the hospital’s fundraising arm, the Memorial Trust Foundation.

Guests were welcomed by MTF Board Chairman Deacon Mario Guerra, Honorary Ball Chairman Robert Mayer, and DRMC President and CEO Allen Korneff. Korneff told guests, “I have attended all 30 of the charter balls, and I’m glad to be reunited with so many of our supporters. Thank you to everyone attending, and special thanks to our founders here who over the years have given generously to support medical care in our community and helped ensure the hospital’s existence.” Founders are donors who have provided the hospital with gifts of more than \$150,000. Both Korneff and Guerra also thanked the main sponsors for the Charter Ball, Bank of the West and Schafer Group Inc.

An invocation by DRMC Boardmember Karol Morrison followed as guests dined on an elegantly presented dinner. She said, “May we be evermindful of the freedom and privileges we enjoy and use them for the good of all.”

Following a performance by comic Don Rickles, Don and Mary Lou Schmidt took center stage as the evening’s honorees. A video showed highlights of their life in Downey over the past 40 years, and congratulated Mary Lou for her courage, persistence and integrity as Chairperson of the DRMC Board of Directors, as well as her position and leadership with the Assistance League of Downey. Three Dog Night then took the stage rocking the ballroom with their classic tunes.

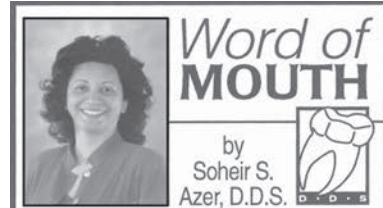


**CHARTER BALL FUN**—From left, Milt Weiss, Don Rickles, Bob Goldstein and Dr. Neil Klein share a laugh at the Charter Ball Oct. 29. The event raised funds needed to buy new cardiac monitors at Downey Regional Medical Center.

### 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.

Assisting with the celebration is the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Information: 923-2191.



If you are scheduled to undergo gum surgery, a recent study suggests that you stop taking ibuprofen. According to researchers at Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, blood loss during gum surgery is two times greater for people using ibuprofen than for those not taking the over-the-counter drug. Ibuprofen is one of a family of pain relievers called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), which also includes the prescription drug Celebrex and such over-the-counter medications as aspirin and naproxen (Aleve). Researchers found that the difference between patients using ibuprofen versus non-users was an increase of about 15 milliliters of blood loss, which was approximately double the amount of blood loss seen in patients not using ibuprofen.

If you have questions about gum disease, or any other dental concerns, we invite you to call us at (562) 923-3714. We provide quality, personal dental care in a comfortable, immaculate, professional environment at 10800 Paramount Blvd., Suite 307. From preventive and routine care to elective cosmetic procedures, our staff will make you feel comfortable during your visit. Our emphasis is on problems after they occur. Let us help you bring out that natural smile.

P.S. About half of the ibuprofen users in the above-mentioned study said the drug eased their pain while the other half indicated that ibuprofen use resulted in similar or increased pain.

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## Annual Stauffer Scholar Awards Nov. 16-17

**DOWNEY**—Dr. Mary R. Stauffer will once again honor the 5th and 6th grade students who received straight A's in the 2004-05 school year, at the 4th annual Stauffer Scholar Awards Wednesday-Thursday, Nov. 16-17, at the Barbara Riley Center.

One student from each participating DUSD school will be named Stauffer Scholar of the Year 2004-05. The students were notified of their eligibility, whereupon they submitted applications where they wrote about their future plans for college. These were reviewed by Dr. Stauffer and the Mary Stauffer Foundation Committee.

The selected students will have their name engraved on their school's perpetual plaque, and will receive a \$500 check to start their ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan. All other students recognized will receive a Certificate and a \$50 check to start their plan.

## Veteran's Day luncheon tomorrow

**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 tomorrow, 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. John Vincent of the Downey Historical Society will provide displays of our rich heritage."

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

## NARFE meets at Furman Park Nov. 16

**DOWNEY**—The National Association of Active & Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) holds its monthly meeting at Furman Park-West Bldg., 10419 S. Rives in Downey, at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Emily Merina, management analyst from the city of Cerritos, will speak about "Disaster Preparedness."

Retired federal workers and their survivors, as well as current federal employees and members of the general public, are invited. Contact Chapter president Bob Knerr, (562) 943-5513, for details.

## Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet Nov. 22

**DOWNEY**—The Rise 'N Shine Networking Group's meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22 at Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd., will feature Chamber member Robert Amezaga of Card One International as one of the scheduled speakers. To RSVP, call (562) 923-2191.



**OVER 300 PARTICIPANTS**—Turned out for the "Pumpkin Patch" held on Halloween Night at Furman Park, with each participant (ages 1 month to adult) receiving a participation ribbon. The event was sponsored by the city of Downey, and the Optimist and Soroptimist Clubs. Doing the judging were, from left, Soroptimists Martha Sodevani, Mayor Anne Bayer, Vicki Spearman, and Dorothy Pemberton.

## Alameda Elementary does its part

**DOWNEY**—In response to a challenge made by Jack O'Connell, California's Superintendent of Public Education, to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, the students at Alameda Elementary School raised \$624.83, the money to be channeled to aid the schools in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana.

Alameda Elementary is one of many California public schools to get involved in the "California Kids Care" campaign.

## First Presbyterian hosts craft workshop

**DOWNEY**—First Presbyterian Church of Downey will be hosting a craft workshop on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 11:30 a.m.

Visitors will be invited to build an Advent Candle Craft, which features a candle that is lighted each of the four weeks leading up to Christmas in anticipation of the birth of Christ.

The cost for the craft materials is \$5 and a light complimentary lunch will be served. For information, call 861-6752.

## Monthly study sessions at Temple

**DOWNEY**—At 6 p.m., prior to Nov. 25 evening services at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow will conduct the first in a series of monthly Study Sessions. The community is invited.

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# Residential Code Public Input Session

This is a public workshop to gather information from the public for the development of new building codes relating to second story residences within the City of Downey.

**Downey Civic Theater**  
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**Tuesday, November 15, 2005**  
**7:00 – 10:00 PM**

**Questions? Please Call (562) 904-7152**

## Art

site. Applicants may submit an art plan combining all of the project's art.

The minimum art allocation for each development equals one percent of the total building evaluation of the project.

In public comment, Harold Tseklenis made the following suggestions: 1) change the title of the ordinance, 'Art in Public Places,' to 'Art and Culture in the City' or just simply 'Art and Culture,' to give it more scope; 2) increase the number of advisory committee members from 5 to 10; and 3) to mention 'murals and other art' together with 'sculptures' when referring to "easy visual access from vehicles on major public streets."

In other action the City Council Tuesday:

\*Scheduled a public hearing on an oil franchise agreement with BP West Coast Products LLC, for Dec. 13 at the applicant's request.

\*Adopted the 2004 edition of the California Electrical Code by reference and amendments; and adopted an ordinance amending an article of the Downey Code.

\*Declared November Chamber of Commerce Month.

### Police promotions

\*Congratulated recent police promotions Capt. Rick Esteves; Lieutenant Phil Rego; Sergeant Mark McDaniel and Sergeant Ed Kelly. Downey Police Chief Roy Campos introduced each one, saying that he was proud of all of them and that the officers shared four common values: dedication, hard work, spirit of teamwork, and were all great family men.

\*Congratulated Fire Department members for their response to Hurricane Katrina. In presenting the firefighters who went to the Gulf Coast region to aid in the hurricane recovery effort, Fire Chief Mark Sauter said they all "did a commendable job" and that their efforts have been duly recognized.

\*Accepted improvements and maintenance for the Bellflower Blvd. Water Main Improvement project.

\*Approved specifications and granted authority to advertise for bids for the demolition of the Spartan Lacquer building at 9255 Imperial Highway as well as lead abatement at the site.

\*Approved extension of an agreement with Global Learning for evaluation of services for the after-school program in the sum of \$15,624.

\*Approved extension of the agreement with Major League Softball for operation of the Adult Softball program.

\*Approved the retention of the law firm of Best Best & Krieger as special counsel in litigation filed by the Central Basin Municipal Water District.

\*At the urging of councilman Dave Gaffin, appropriated \$22,383 from the general fund for opening the Library on Sundays. Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Perkins commented that, as city revenues improve, programs as vital as library service on Sundays "ought to be put back."

\*Approved the carry-forward of \$801,910 for fiscal year 2004-05.

### 'Mansionization' meeting

\*Appropriated \$4,500 for advertising of a public study session on Thursday, Nov. 15 regarding residential code revisions. The meeting will be from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Downey Theater, and will include the issue of the growth of 'mansionization' in R-1 zones of the city. Councilmember Dave Gaffin expressed the hope, shared by fellow councilmembers, that the choice of the 738-seat theater will be a right one, to accommodate a greater number of people who wish to vent their views.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

## Hacking

caused adware to be downloaded onto the infected computers that were part of his botnet armies.

Ancheta had allegedly become an affiliate of several different advertising service companies who paid him a commission based upon the number of installations. To generate the roughly \$60,000 he received in advertising affiliate proceeds, Ancheta allegedly caused the secret installation of adware on approximately 400,000 compromised computers.

### Military infected

According the U.S. Department of Justice, Ancheta used programs powerful enough to cause the infection of computers at the Weapons Division of the United States Naval Air Warfare Center in China Lake, as well as computers belonging to the Defense Information Systems Agency, a component of the United States Department of Defense. Both networks are used exclusively by the federal government in furtherance of national defense.

Ancheta was charged with two counts of conspiracy, two counts of attempted transmission of code to a protected computer, two counts of transmission of code to a government computer, five counts of accessing a protected computer to commit fraud and five counts of money laundering. Count 17 of the indictment seeks the forfeiture of more than \$60,000 in cash, a BMW automobile and computer equipment that the indictment alleges are the proceeds and instrumentalities of Ancheta's illegal activity.

If convicted of all charges in the indictment, Ancheta faces a statutory maximum sentence of 50 years in prison. He is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 27.



MR. DOWNEY/LITTLE MR. DOWNEY CONTESTANTS—Who will compete against one another Nov. 19, relax at mini-golf facility.

## Young men competing to be next Mr. Downey

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float Association presents its 4th annual Mr. Downey/Little Mr. Downey Competition at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Downey Civic Theater. The event consists of interviews, sportswear, formal wear and on-stage question for the young gentlemen.

Mr. Downey contestants are between the ages of 15-23 and must live, work or go to school in Downey. Little Mr. Downey hopefuls are between the ages of 5-8 and must live or attend school in Downey. All contestants have been working for 8 weeks preparing for the event.

The Mr. Downey contestants are: Francisco Martinez, Diego Beas, Efrain Ledesma, Marvin Jerez, Chris Gutierrez, Gray Hilario, Jorge Rodriguez, Todd Bleak, Frank Case, Michael Allhands, Oscar Moguel, Josh Torres, Armando Martinez, and Michael Deleon.

Competing for the Little Mr. Downey title are: Alejandro Calleros, Kevin Jerez, Leo Valencia, and Quinn Vazquez.

Tickets are available from any contestant or by calling (562) 824-7172.

## Van Leuven is guest art demonstrator

DOWNEY—The Downey Art League (DAL) and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount (TAG) will hold their joint meeting at Progress Park, 15530 Downey Ave. in Paramount, Sunday, Nov. 20. The board meeting is at noon, and potluck is at 1 p.m.

Elsa Van Leuven, recipient of many awards and whose paintings hang throughout the U.S., Canada, France and England, will demonstrate at 2 p.m. Van Leuven's first love in painting is florals, excelling in roses, but her versatility extends to landscapes and seascapes as well as other subject matter. Just recently, she started working in watercolors. A singer with a major in music at Los Angeles City College, she sang with the Hollywood Bowl Chorus and appeared as a soloist with the Los Angeles City Opera and the Downey Symphony Orchestra in earlier years.

For information, call (562) 925-5331.

## 'Shabbat' Dinner at Temple Nov. 18

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey, will be enjoying a catered Shabbat Dinner (a complete Chicken Dinner with soup, chicken, veggies, salad, choice of dressing, rolls, and beverages) at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. There will be door prizes.

There is a donation of \$10 per person for the Chicken Dinner. Prepaid reservations are a must. For information and/or registration, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

## Stroke workshop for caregivers Nov. 15

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center is hosting a Caregivers' Workshop Tuesday, Nov. 15 from 9-10:30 a.m. to help families and friends of stroke victims. Healthcare professionals from the hospital's Stroke Program, Home Health and Rehabilitation departments will share their insights with lay persons caring for victims of stroke.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. The Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation and DRMC's Memorial Trust Foundation are partners in empowering the community with knowledge of stroke. For information about future Stroke Awareness Days, call (562) 904-5162.

## Reflexologist to speak at meeting

DOWNEY—Randy Osuna, who specializes in the ancient healing art of Reflexology using various styles from around the world and has been certified as a Thumbwalker Therapist since 1986, will be the guest speaker Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the monthly meeting of the Eldorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) at Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. in Downey.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. For information, call Debbie Stuver, (562) 884-6429 by Sunday, Nov. 13.

## The poets' corner

### Midnight Explorer

every daylight hour  
I stay strict in my grammer

sticking to school-house rules  
no erasures no mistakes

at night I climb aboard  
my narrow craft of dreams

needing no circumference  
wider than my self

first I lie back  
easy oars

then the straits  
gray water white foam  
planks creaking bolts loosening

waves slapping under the swift bow  
plunging on a magenta ocean  
scribbling all over the margins of the sea

till I jolt up hard  
on the shore of morning

—Lorine Parks,  
Downey

(In Parks' poem, "Elegy for a Bird Watcher (for Jean Beaton)", 10/21/05, line 15 should have read 'takes down the prize' instead of 'takes down the trap'. We regret the error.)

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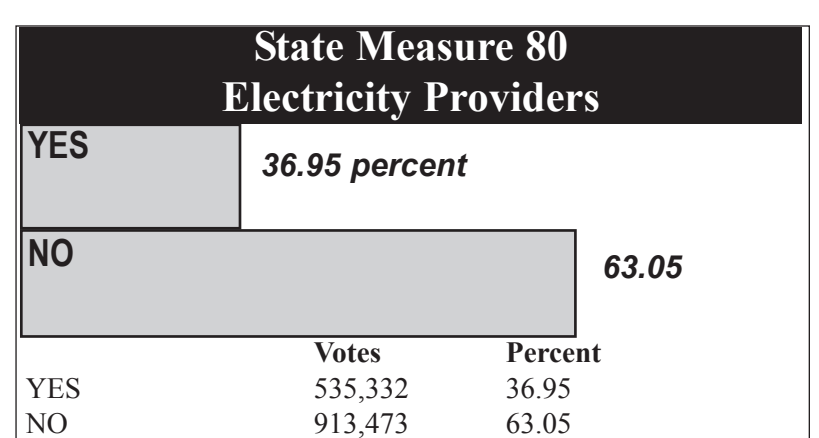
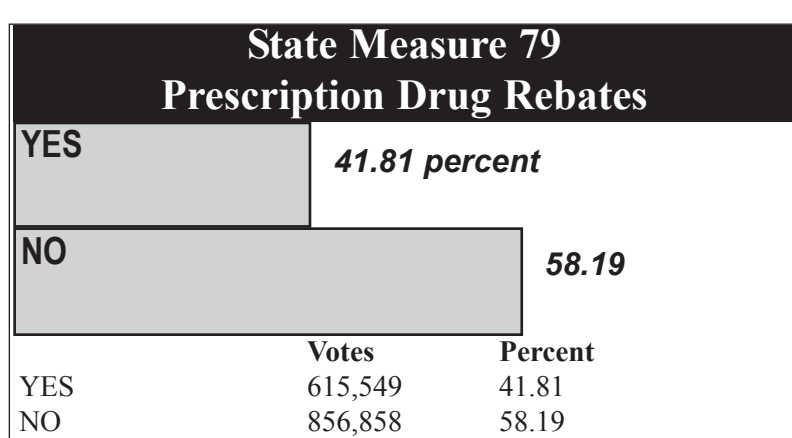
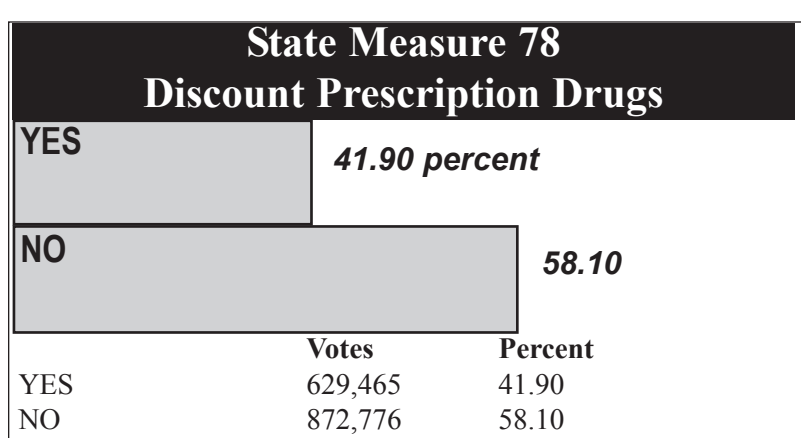
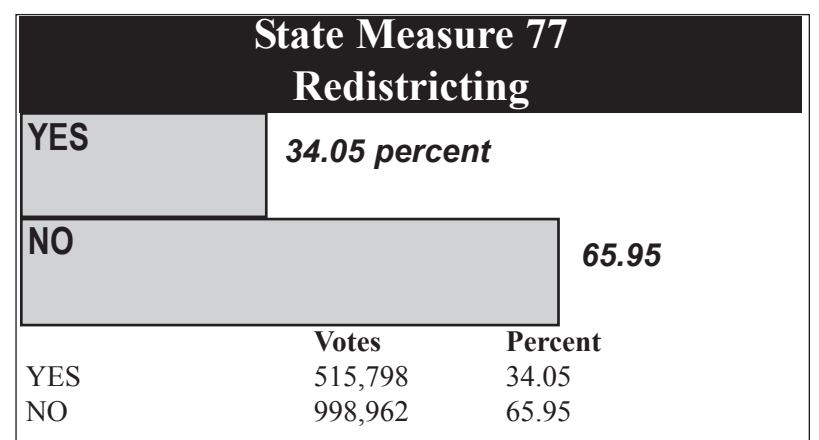
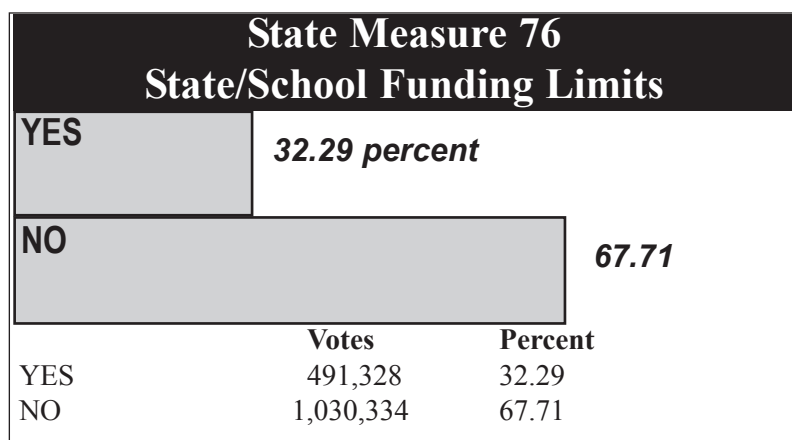
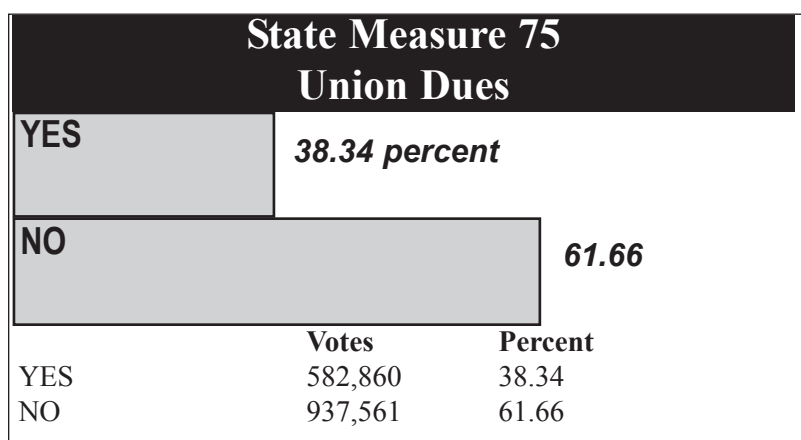
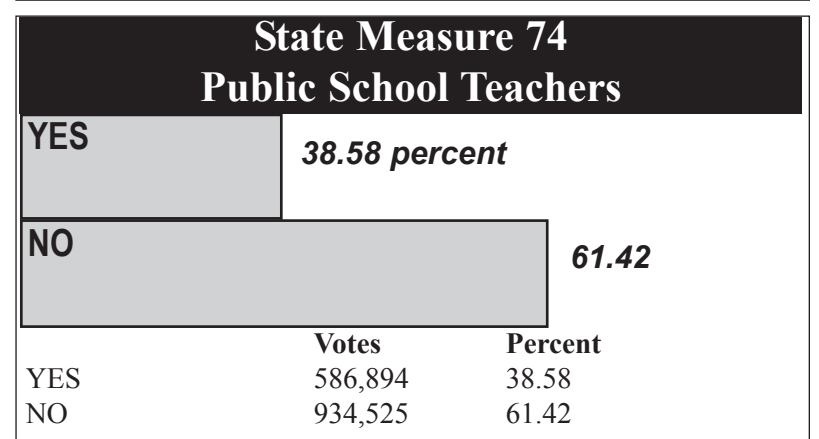
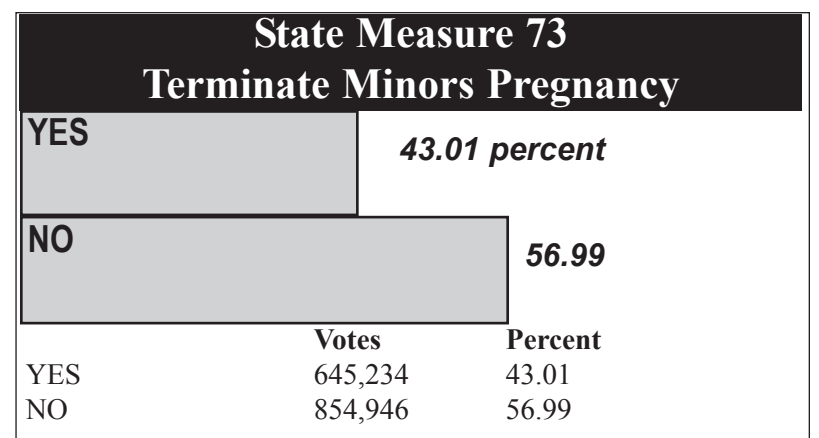
"My first priority is to champion programs that will support increasing student achievement and meeting state standards. I want to encourage open communication with parents as I believe partnership with parents is vital to helping students achieve. I encourage parents to be involved with the schools.

"I want our children to be safe while in school and support the zero tolerance policy as regards weapons, alcohol and drugs."

Marques, a deputy to State Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach and Downey), had stressed his unique association with Lowenthal, and added a triangle of success linking students, parents and teachers. He had vowed to put children and community first.

Swenson, a management systems analyst for Raytheon, has strong local ties and ran on grass-roots issues such as parents walking their children to and from school at least twice a week, not just for the physical, but also the psychological good it does. She also maintained she was both a good listener and talker, with the ability to go forward.

Samperi, while running unopposed, had appeared at the candidate forums, stressing the DUSD Board was a team that notably cares for the children and teachers of the district.



## New GI Bill would truly honor our veterans

By Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-34th

WASHINGTON, D.C.—This Veterans Day, we pause to remember the noble service and tremendous sacrifices of those who have worn our nation's uniform.

First officially recognized by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 who proclaimed November 11 our nation's first Armistice Day, this special day of remembrance and rededication originally marked the one year anniversary of the cease fire agreement that brought an end to WWI. Thirty-five years later in 1954, President Eisenhower broadened the observance as Veterans Day. From that day forward, our country observes Nov. 11 as a day to pay respect to our nation's veterans of all wars.

This Veterans Day holds additional importance because it marks the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Veterans Administration, now the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

While I am proud of the VA and the benefits and health care services this grateful nation provides our veterans and their families, I am concerned that if we do not remain vigilant in support of the VA and the veterans it serves, we will fail to uphold our nation's sacred commitments best articulated in 1865 by President Abraham Lincoln in his second inaugural Address, "...to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan..."

One way for our nation to fulfill our commitment to our servicemen and women is by Congress passing the "New GI Bill of Rights for the 21st Century." More than 60 years ago, Congress enacted the original legislation to provide WWII veterans with needed medical assistance, educational benefits and loans to buy a home. The new GI Bill would build upon the commitments of the past to address the current needs of our veterans and of those returning home from the theater of war.

The new GI Bill would help reduce the long waits for appointments at VA hospitals and the unacceptable backlog of disability claims by significantly increasing funding for veterans' health care and mental health care services. Currently, more than 50,000 veterans are waiting up to six months for veterans' health care. This problem will get worse with the growing number of returning service members from Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. In fact, next year, the VA expects to treat 5.2 million veterans — double the number cared for in 1995.

The new GI Bill would also provide members of the National Guard, the Reserve and their families with military health care coverage. In addition, the measure would provide enhanced educational benefits to help veterans acquire the marketable job skills they need to begin a new life.

I will continue to work with my congressional colleagues to gain final passage of this important measure. As the wife of a 10-year Marine and Vietnam veteran, I know personally how important these programs are to all our veterans.

On this Veterans Day, let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to our veterans, their families, and especially the loved ones of service members who gave their lives in defense of this nation. The new GI Bill of Rights is a meaningful way to thank them for their sacrifices and their patriotism on behalf of all of us. For as a free and democratic nation, we are truly and forever in their debt.

## Free 4-year college education workshop

DOWNEY—U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-34th) will host a free information workshop for high school students interested in attending a U.S. service academy Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m.-noon at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., next to City Hall. The academies offer an elite college education at no cost, in exchange for an agreement to serve as a military commissioned officer for five years following graduation.

High school students' parents are also invited to attend so they can meet with representatives from the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. They will learn about the application process, including requirements for receiving a nomination from the congresswoman.

For information, call 904-7360.

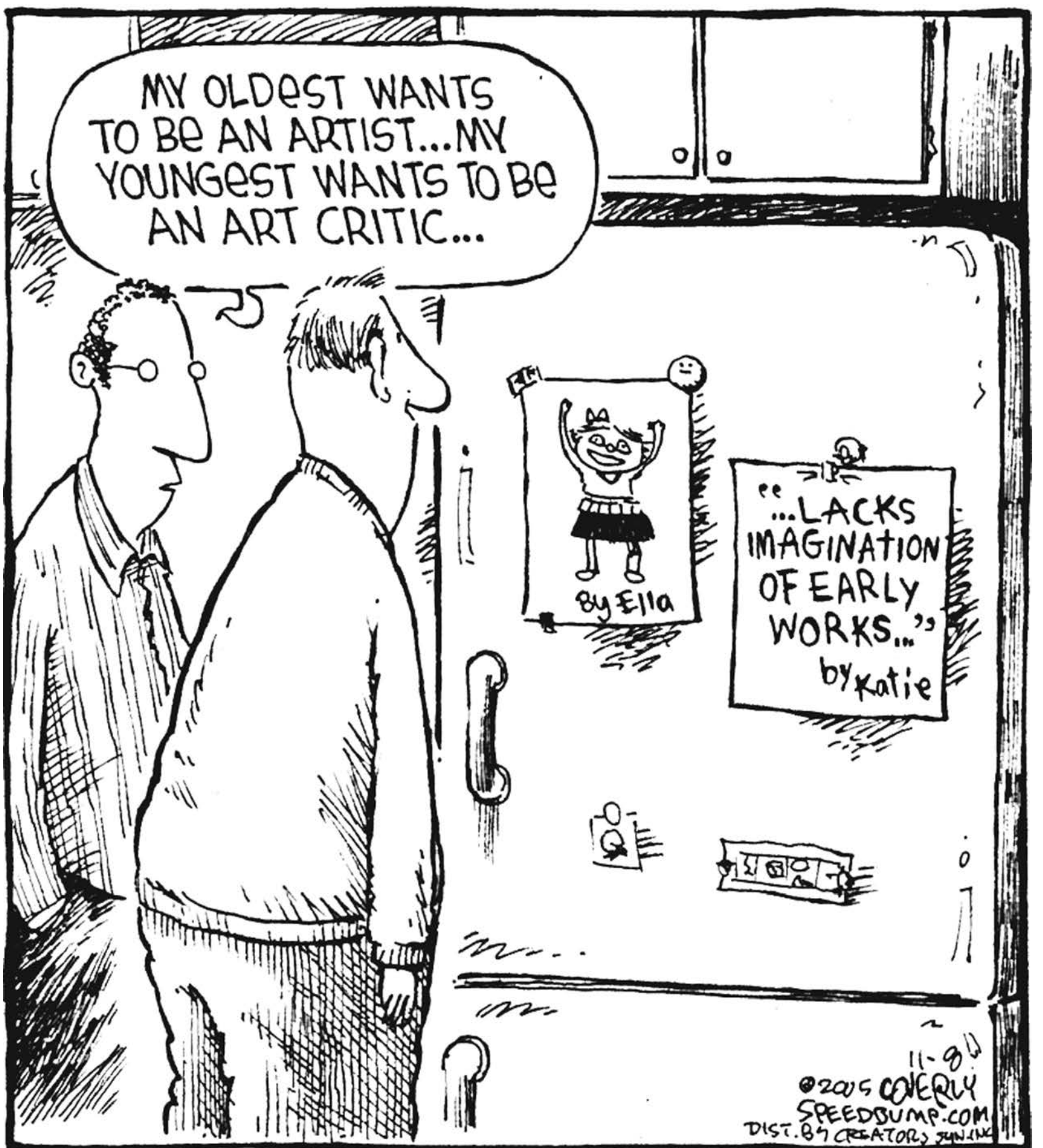
## 'Fast track' hiring for medical personnel

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe announced Nov. 1 that the Board of Supervisors approved his motion to direct county departments to explore a "fast track" hiring mechanism for medical personnel who have been displaced by the various natural disasters that have recently hit the country.

The motion, introduced by Knabe, directs the Department of Health Services to work with the Department of Human Resources and the Los Angeles County Medical Association to look at the feasibility of a "fast track" hiring mechanism for displaced medical personnel living in Los Angeles County.

The departments will analyze the situation and report back to the Board of Supervisors in 30 days with any recommendations.

"This fast track hiring will allow quality doctors and nurses who have been uprooted from their homes to quickly find work within our health-care system," said Knabe. "This is a win-win situation. These displaced healthcare professionals will have quick access to a job and we will be getting experienced medical professionals."



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### Re recent 'mansionization' meeting

Dear Editor:

I feel the citizens have been misled. First, I feel only people who live in Downey should be able to participate [in these meetings], but the Planning Commission said, "No, anyone may participate — it's an open meeting." Please tell me, what right do people outside Downey have to come and tell homeowners in Downey what we can and can't build?

Second, I was told by City Councilmembers that there would be no time limit on speaking. In other words, I thought it would be an open discussion. However, the Planning Commission said we would be limited to 5 minutes (they did give me 10 minutes). There will only be one more meeting. At the first meeting approximately 1-1/4 hours was allowed for citizens (5 minutes each) which would allow 15 people to speak. At the next meeting perhaps as many as 18-20 people will have time to speak. Not enough time for such an important issue!

Third, I understand that the City Manager told the City Councilmembers not to attend. How ridiculous! Not only should the Council be there, but also the City Manager. They need to know what is happening since they voted \$38,000 of our tax money to hire Downtown Solutions!

I had hoped the issues about which we have been concerned would have been addressed. Perhaps Mr. Brodeur hasn't been told what has transpired at the City Council meetings these past months. What we want addressed is obeying Downey Code 9110.14c. Instead, we got several photos of big "mansions" and were asked which we liked and which were objectionable. This was not the issue! These homes would be nice in the proper neighborhood. Not one large ranchstyle home was shown, and there are many in Downey. Also, not one was shown with the surrounding homes, probably on purpose.

Again, the issue is, we want homes that fit in with the character, style and scale of the neighborhood.

One on the Planning Commission said there are so many different styles, etc., that he couldn't tell what the character and style was, and would challenge anyone to say what the style was. I would take his challenge.

There is one more very important issue, which no one will address, probably because they haven't looked far enough ahead. In a few short years Downey will be required (no one at State level seems to know who mandated it) to house 580 families in Downey. The only answer I've gotten so far is we will have to rezone R1 to R2. Since there is almost no open area in Downey. My question is, to accomplish this are you going to use eminent domain and take our property? Or are you going to rezone certain areas? Are we going to have a "rich" Downey and a "poor" Downey? Will this rezoning be scattered throughout Downey? I would say, before the City Council and Planning Commission fill up a big part of Downey with these so-called "mansions," perhaps you should consider overpopulation, because according to law, as many as 15 people may be housed in these large homes. Infrastructure must be considered, schools, hiring more police, traffic, water resources, crime that comes with high-density population, perhaps new sewers, etc.

We, who have been fighting to have a commonsense approach to this over-building, want a fair hearing and the above questions answered and not to just have to choose which of the "mansions" we want to disrupt the character and style of our neighborhood.

—Elsa Van Leuven,  
Downey

## Deal with old age now and buy a cool sports car

By Eric Pierce

If the teenage years are the times of angst, then the early twenties are those of emotional maturity.

It's a slow progression, and you really need to do a double take to realize that it's happening. It starts with seemingly simple acts, like drinking beer without getting into a jump-on-the-bar blitzkrieg every time. Parties become barbecues, jobs become careers.

I wonder if I'm the only person my age (23) that realizes what is really happening: We're getting old. Just this morning I think I spotted a single silver hair on my head, and when Rogaine commercials come on TV, I secretly watch out of the corner of my eye.

Friends you've known since childhood as "Bobby" suddenly becomes "Robert" or, worse, "Bob." Khaki pants are worn outside of work, and Saturday Night Live just isn't what it used to be.

And you know for sure you're getting old when you start referring to things as "not what it used to be."

Older people are probably reading this wishing they were 23 again, and that makes me feel better.

The worse part of getting old is that there's nothing you can do about it. The secret I think is to acknowledge that you're getting old and confront the problem early on. For example: When I'm 50 and looking back at my early 20's, I probably will wish that I drove a sports car. So, if my theory is correct, the secret to old age is to buy a sports car? I don't know, but it's worth a shot.

Of course, the irony is that people grow smarter as they grow older. So any ideas a person of 23 might have may seem ridiculous at 63. With that in mind, how are we supposed to get any work done? Everything we're doing is probably wrong. Evolution is working *against* us.

Then there must be an age where humans peak; an age where physical and emotional maturity are at uniform levels and a person reaches his absolute prime. But what's the number? Twenty-five? Thirty? Thirty-five? It's impossible to know because it's different for everybody.

And maybe it's a question best left unanswered because there could be nothing more depressing than knowing your best days are behind you.

Twenty-three? It's all downhill from here.

## \$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.

## Council agendas available online

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

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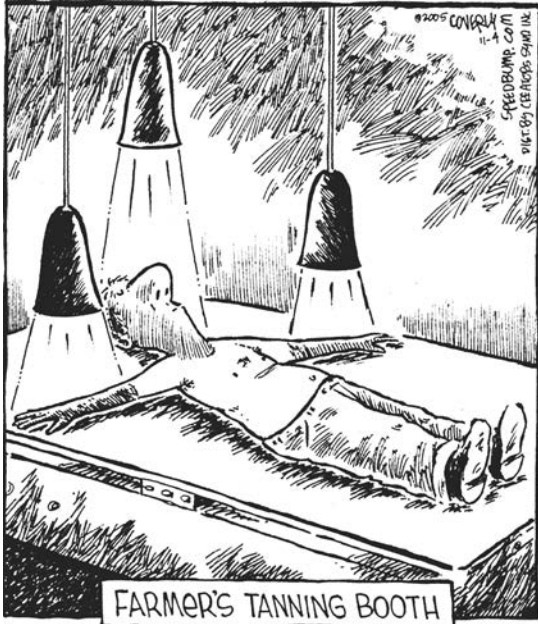
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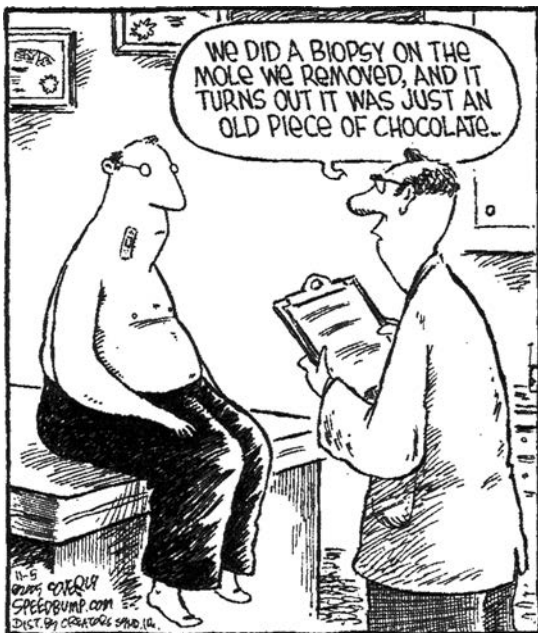
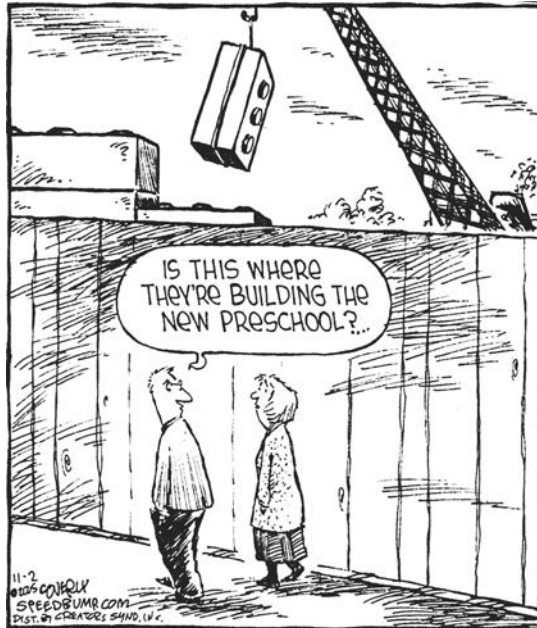
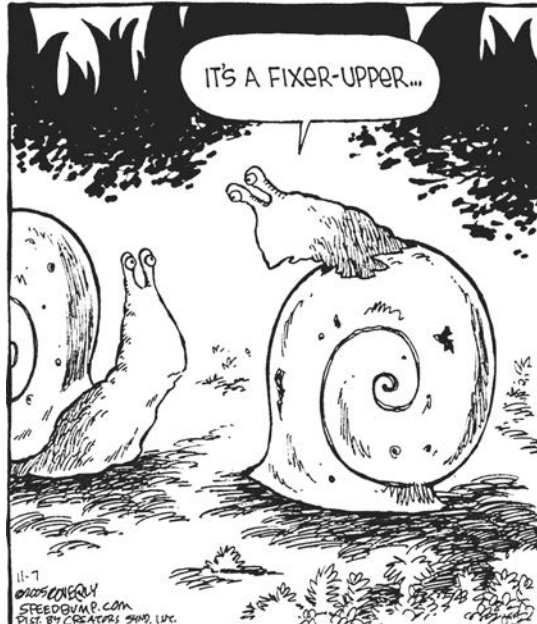
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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For November

Sat. Nov. 12, 11:00 a.m.: **A Salute to Veterans** by the Womans Club of Downey and American Legion Post #723 with honor guard, luncheon and musical program at Downey Womens Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd. \$20 per person. For information call 869-0377.  
Sun. Nov. 13 1:00 p.m.: **Bingo Luncheon** by the Italian Catholic Federation at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 12843 Paramount Blvd. \$10 donation. For information call 869-8981.

### 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 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 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.

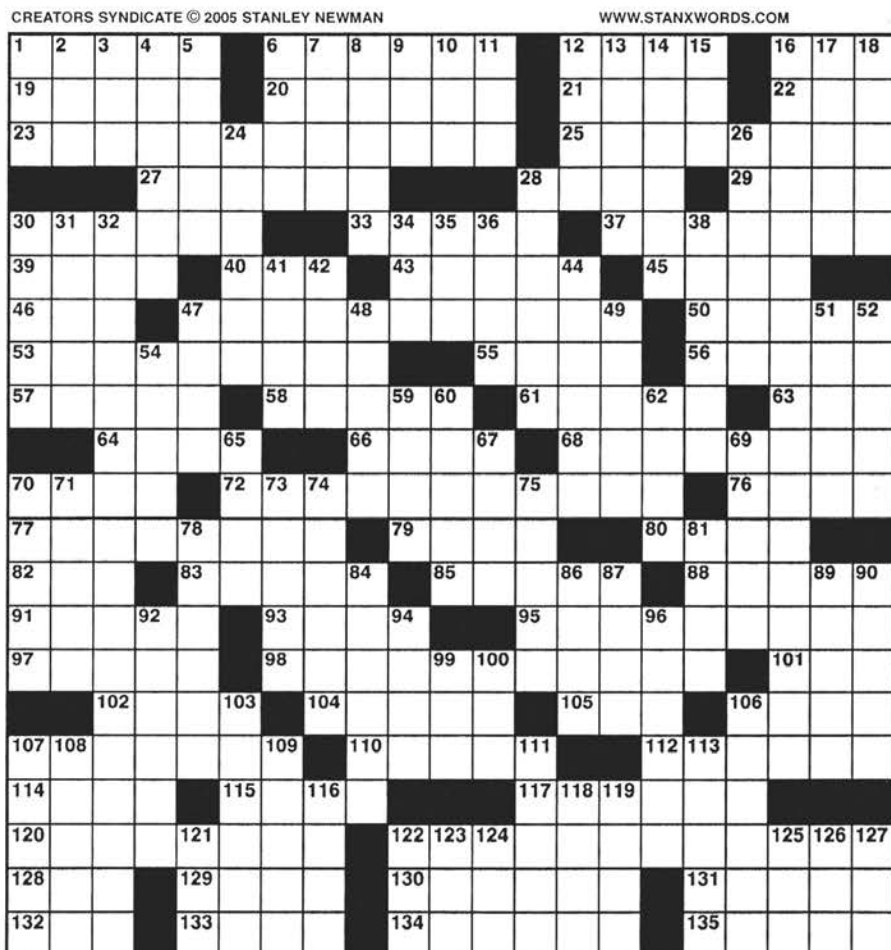
#### Fridays

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

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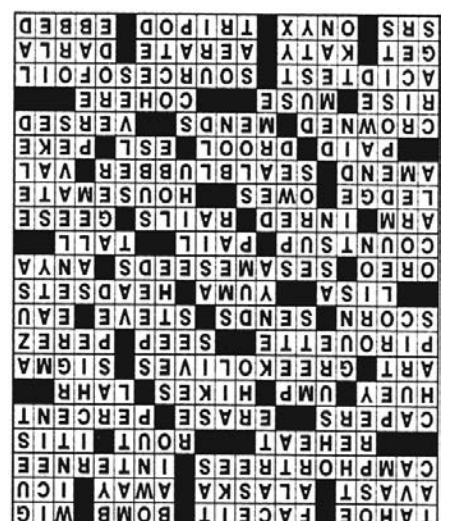
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## Cabaret style show features Sebastian Sidi

**DOWNEY** – A cabaret dinner show will take place Friday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Events Center, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey.

Featuring the instrumental sounds of local musician Sebastian Sidi, the presentation will also have special guests Javier Lima on guitar and vocalists Georgia Waggenor and Tonya Hoodye.

The show is free, but by reservation only. Fees apply for dinner and drinks. The evening is presented by Colin Clarke of Century 21 Jervis and Associates.

To make reservations, call 904-6652.

## Country gospel group sets concert date

**DOWNEY** – Bluegrass Brethren, performers of “down home country gospel,” will be at Trinity Bible Church in South Gate Sunday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.

The Bluegrass Brethren ministry began in the spring of 1977, performing at church services, retreats, banquets, concerts and other special occasions. Their original music has been recorded by other musical groups and their own recordings have received air-play both nationally and internationally, the group said.

Their music includes a “tasteful humor” and spiritual emphasis.

Trinity Bible Church is at 12025 Industrial Ave. in South Gate. For information, call 634-6690.

## ‘Coffee House Night’ at Christ Lutheran

**DOWNEY** – Christ Lutheran Church invites the public to a special event Friday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of sounds and music. Christ Lutheran will be hosting a “Coffee House Night” to be held in the Fellowship Hall.

There is no charge and coffee and desserts will be provided.

Piano, guitar and vocal performances by USC’s Thornton School of Music will provide entertainment.

For more information, call 927-4421.

## Christmas comedy at La Mirada Theater

**LA MIRADA**—“Sister’s Christmas Catechism,” a Southern California premiere production of the La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts, 14900 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada Nov. 4-20, is a “hilarious forensic examination of the ‘mystery of the Magi’s gold,’” according to a spokesman. Maripat Donovan, the originator of the role, will play “Sister.”

It’s “CSI goes to Bethlehem” as Sister delivers side-splitting holiday laughs when she involves audiences in the creation of a living nativity in her search for the missing gold. Sister hunts under the manger and over camel humps, always looking for that “teaching moment.” Along the way she gives the audience a lesson about the origins of nativity sets and lets it in on a few assumptions and secrets no one could have imagined.

“We know Mary used the frankincense and myrrh as a sort of potpourri – they were in a barn after all.” But what became of the gold? “Mary and Joseph could have afforded a hotel room if they had it.”

Performance times are Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2:30 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 and \$32 and are available online at [www.lamiradatheatre.com](http://www.lamiradatheatre.com) or the box office at (562) 944-9801 or (714) 994-6310.

The McCoy Rigby Entertainment Broadway Series continues in January with “Over the River and Through the Woods,” followed in March by “Swing!,” in April with two nights of the world-famous “Count Basie Orchestra.”

## Rob Syphax plays at Nordic Fox

**DOWNEY** – Guitarist Rob Syphax performs hits of the 60’s and 70’s every Sunday at Nordic Fox restaurant. For reservations, call 869-1414.



**NORDIC BLUES BROTHERS** – John McFarland is one of the duo that performs every Friday evening at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd., Downey. For information, call 869-1414.

## Neil Simon comedy now playing

**LONG BEACH**—The Broadway hit, “Laughter on the 23rd Floor” written by Neil Simon, has begun its run at the Long Beach Playhouse Studio Theater, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach. It closes Nov. 26.

The comedy is a homage to the author’s early days in show biz when he worked as a junior jokesmith for Sid Caesar’s “Your Show of Shows.” He was stuck in a room with a bunch of the looniest comedy writers ever, who grew up to be the likes of Mel Brooks, Larry Gelbart and others. The play is a memoir told by Neil Simon’s alter ego, Lucas. As the writers try to top each other with gags while competing for the attention of head madman Max Prince (the Sid Caesar character), Max contends with the NBC brass who fears his humor is too sophisticated for middle America.

Tickets are \$20, \$8 for seniors and students. Ticket information is available by calling the box office at (562) 494-1014. Tickets are also available online through [www.lbph.com](http://www.lbph.com).

Meanwhile, “The Amorous Ambassador” was voted by the Playhouse patrons Playhouse’s “best production” at its 2nd annual *Taste of the Playhouse* event held on Oct. 16. The event honored excellence in outstanding performances with the Ethel Case Award. Ethel Case was the first administrator of the Playhouse as well as a frequent performer during the theater’s inception.

The “Amorous Ambassador’s” David Colley won the ‘lead actor’ award, with Yvonne Robertson winning the ‘lead actress award’ for “Don’t Dress for Dinner.” Famous movie and TV actresses Beverly Garland and Lee Meriwether presented the awards.

## Afternoon bingo with Woman’s Club

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**'Light of Love Service' at mortuary**

**DOWNEY**—Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary, 10229 S. Paramount Blvd. in Downey, holds its third annual "Light of Love Service" Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the chapel, in memory of all whose who have passed away this year.

Families have been encouraged to bring a picture of their deceased loved ones to the mortuary by Tuesday, Nov. 15. All photos received will be placed on a memory table for the celebration, and will be returned afterwards. Information: (562) 927-2644.

**Christmas tree sales to benefit YMCA**

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Y Service Club will again be operating a Christmas tree lot for the benefit of the Downey YMCA. The lot will be at 9066 Firestone Blvd., next to Arby's and across from Stonewood Center.

Flocking and fire retarding will be available and the lot delivers. It opens Nov. 29 and will operate Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Orders: 862-9123.



**APPLAUD RANCHO ART**—From left, Mary Lou Schmidt, County Supervisor Don Knabe, and Downey Regional Medical Center Executive Vice President Don Klosterman view the art show and open house at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center Nov. 4.

**Rancho Art shows power of creativity**

**DOWNEY**—Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center held an Open House and Art Show Friday, Nov. 4, which brought back 40 artists who are "graduates" of Rancho to display the skill they had developed while rehabilitating there.

Among the many who walked down the aisles of artists and their works was Mary Lou Schmidt, board chairman of nearby Downey Regional Medical Center, who said, "I am amazed by the talent of these artists." She also helps the art program at Rancho through her position with the Assistance League of Downey.

County Supervisor Don Knabe also viewed the art work, and has been a constant advocate of the program.

Rancho is rated among the top 10 rehabilitation centers in the nation by U.S. News and World Report.

**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.

**Volunteers needed for community 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.

In this, California's 7th annual statewide Medical and Health Disaster Exercise, many hospitals, clinics, ambulance providers, public health and local governments will voluntarily participate. 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.

To volunteer, call 904-5580.

**16-week 'Intro to Judaism' class offered**

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 19629 Lakewood Blvd., will begin a 16-week course in Jewish holidays, rituals, history, and beliefs on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The synagogue's student rabbi, Bryna Milkow, and its cantorial intern, Ellen Jaffe-Gill, will teach the classes. Students will become familiar with the Jewish calendar and its cycle of holidays; Jewish worship services and their signature prayers; the history of the Jewish people and the special role of the land of Israel; the doctrinal and ethical teachings of Judaism and the sacred texts from which they are taught.

Although the course will use materials developed by the Reform movement, students will gain an understanding of the wide range of Jewish practice and belief, from secular to strictly observant. "If there's one thing we want people interested in Judaism to come away with from this course, it's that there are many, many ways to be Jewish," Milkow said.

Student rabbi Milkow is in her final year of studies at Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion in Los Angeles and will be ordained as a rabbi in May 2006. Cantorial intern Jaffe-Gill, who has written for many Jewish periodicals, is the author of *Embracing the Stranger: Intermarriage and the Future of the American Jewish Community* (BasicBooks, 1995) and editor of *The Jewish Woman's Book of Wisdom* (Citadel Press, 1998). She is completing the process of certification as a Reform cantor.

The Introduction to Judaism course is open to anyone, Jewish or non-Jewish, who is interested in learning more about Judaism. While it is not a course for prospective converts, it will satisfy the educational requirements of Reform Judaism for conversion to Judaism.

For information about times, dates, fees, and how to register, call the synagogue at 861-9276 or e-mail [templenertamid1@juno.com](mailto:templenertamid1@juno.com).

**Grief counselor available at OLPH**

**DOWNEY** – The Bereavement Ministry of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is hosting a meeting Monday, Nov. 21 for people finding the upcoming holidays difficult because of the loss of a loved one.

Sheila DeLuca, a bereavement counselor and Pastoral Associate in the diocese of Green Bay, Wis. will speak about grief and share ways to make the holidays easier. Losses do not have to be recent.

The session begins at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Parish Center behind OLPH School, 10441 Downey Ave. RSVP to Adele Alexander, 861-3685, or Jackie Bernal, 927-7188.

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To register or for more details please contact: **The Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation**, 23332 Mill Creek Rd., #120 Laguna Hills, CA 92653, email [Rthfoundation@aol.com](mailto:Rthfoundation@aol.com), or call: **562-904-5162 or 949-305-8450**



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**Assistance League holiday luncheon**

**DOWNEY**—The Citrus College Singers, who have won national and international acclaim over the past 37 years, will be the featured entertainers at the Assistance League Holiday Luncheon Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Long Beach Hilton. The special event, proceeds from which will be used to support Assistance League philanthropies, starts at 10 a.m.

The young singers comprising the Citrus College Singers have performed throughout the U.S., including Hawaii, and have traveled to Russia, Japan, England, Italy, Austria, Germany, Poland, Norway and others. Many of the graduates in this music program have become music educators, recording artists, sung on Broadway, and become leaders in the industry.

Assistance League philanthropies include: Operation School Bell, H.O.M.E. (Housing of Medical Emergencies), Dental Center, Kids on the Block, Hug-A-Bear, Books-on-Wheels and office space for Downey Meals on Wheels.

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**Million Laughs comedy at Rancho tomorrow**

**DOWNEY**—Million Laughs, a group of semi-professional comedians who perform stand-up comedy in front of audiences ranging from children to seniors, has been invited to entertain tomorrow, Nov. 12 from 2-3 p.m. at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center (2nd Floor Activity Dining Room/Jacquelyn Perry Institute, 7601E. Imperial Highway). The event is an innovative comedy program which utilizes therapeutic humor as part of the rehabilitation process at Rancho Los Amigos.

Recreation Therapists and other health-care professionals are finding that laughter may indeed be the best medicine, and are utilizing humor to reduce the stress of illness and distract a patient from pain for a better quality of life. Rancho Los Amigos has incorporated this concept into its therapeutic programs.

Information: Christina Webster, (562) 401-6335.



**ST. RAYMOND WALK-A-THON**—Held on Oct. 13 to raise money for people affected by blood cancers, raised \$3,951.65 which goes directly to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The students walked and/or jogged to show their support and were given donations for each lap completed.

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**OLPH Women's Guild Christmas lunch**

**DOWNEY**—"Christmas Joys" will be the theme for the annual holiday luncheon sponsored by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild Saturday, Dec. 3. Location for the gala event is Rio Hondo Country Club.

Guests will be treated with holiday music by pianist Christine Pohlen, including an opportunity to join in group singing of favorite carols. Ticket price is \$30, with proceeds to benefit OLPH School. The public is invited. Make reservations by Nov. 25 by calling 776-1177.

**Tips on graceful aging offered at church**

**DOWNEY**—Dr. Monika White will give a presentation titled "Aging Smart, Aging Well" at Downey First Christian Church Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. It will be the first in a series of free presentations directed at those who have aging parents to become effective caregivers. Information: 862-2438.

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**GENEROUS KIDS**—Rio Hondo Elementary 4th grader Kyle Somoano and 3rd grader Jessica Bazan, center, empty the contents of their piggy banks at the school's fundraiser held on Sept. 21 for the Katrina Hurricane Relief Fund, as cheering classmates and teachers look on. The school raised over \$3,000.

**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.

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**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.

Individuals and businesses can be a "trophy sponsor" for \$100 or "parade participant" for any amount less than that. 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.



**AIR NATIONAL GUARD AIRMAN**—1st Class Rhema M. Bailey, daughter of Toni Bailey of Downey and Ricardo Bailey of Inglewood, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She is a 1999 graduate of Dominguez High School in Compton.



**FRED PEREZ**—With over 21 years of experience in the financial industry, has been hired by Financial Partners Credit Union as vice president of real estate.

**FPCU has new vp of real estate**

**DOWNEY**—Financial Partners Credit Union has hired Fred Perez, a 21-year veteran of the financial industry, as vice president of real estate where he will insure all real estate programs are strategically aligned with the credit union's goals.

Perez previously worked for CUNA Mutual Group as account vice president where he achieved Presidents Club distinction his first year. He is also a recent graduate of Western CUNA Management School where he was elected class president for all three years. Perez' initial focus has been on a more streamlined real estate loan approval and funding process, to better serve DFCU's members.

"Speaking on behalf of the entire credit union, we are very excited to have Fred Perez join us as vice president of real estate lending," said James McMahon, senior vice president of lending. "Fred brings a level of enthusiasm and expertise which we believe is unmatched in the industry."

**Paramount Auto Center ribbon cutting**

**DOWNEY**—Ribbon cutting for Paramount Auto Center, 11221 Paramount Blvd., a new business in Downey but with a 15-year track record in the industry beginning with their first location based in East Los Angeles, takes place Friday, Nov. 18 at 4:30 p.m. The Downey Chamber of Commerce is assisting with the grand opening celebration.

According to founder Adela, the firm has created strong relationships with finance companies, banks and over 100 credit unions, a situation that has helped customers save "as much money as possible." Information: (562) 923-2191.

**Antique and collectible market Nov. 20**

**LONG BEACH**—The Antique & Collectible Market featuring over 800 dealers offering antiques, collectibles, home furnishings, decorative items and other unique bargains will again be held at the Long Beach Veterans Stadium, Lakewood Blvd./Conant St. in Long Beach Sunday, Nov. 20. The market is open from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is \$5, with children under 12 free.

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**ROGELIO TORRES** - A new agent with Century 21 My Real Estate, has been a financial loan officer and real estate associate for several years with Washington Mutual and Great Western Financial. "We are thrilled to have this dedicated and dynamic man as part of the team. Rogelio is professional and articulate. He is well-trained and we know clients will find him invaluable," stated Steve Roberson. To contact Torres call (562) 927-2626.

### British are coming to genealogical group

**LONG BEACH**—"Hidden Sources for British Research: Using Smith's Inventories" will be the topic at the Long Beach Questing Heirs Genealogical Society's monthly meeting Sunday, Nov. 20 at 1:15 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Long Beach.

### L.B. gets new water treatment facility

**LONG BEACH**—In a recent ceremony, the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) transferred operations of the Leo J. Vander Lans Water Treatment Facility (LVL Facility) to the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD).

"WRD and the Long Beach Water Department have been working together to provide a more reliable source of water and decrease our reliance on costly imported water," said WRD general manager Robb Whitaker. "I am proud to say that, together, we are looking to increase the use of recycled water that is normally lost to the ocean. We will continue to take on the duty of ensuring that the LVL Facility will continue to explore ways to protect our groundwater and conserve our most precious resource."

The WRD's innovative and advanced treatment of recycled water from the LVL Facility is the first water treatment center to use the processes of microfiltration, reverse osmosis and ultraviolet light to treat recycled water, distinguishing the LVL Facility as a leader in the treatment of recycled water.

The Water Replenishment District is a public agency governed by five board members elected by the public. WRD refills and protects 10 aquifers stretching from beneath the cities of Manhattan Beach to Whittier and Los Angeles to Long Beach. These aquifers store drinking water and reach depths of more than a quarter mile, exceeding the height of the Empire State Building.

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## Re/Max Online offices collecting food items

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Father Mark Warnstedt of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is assisting in the distribution.

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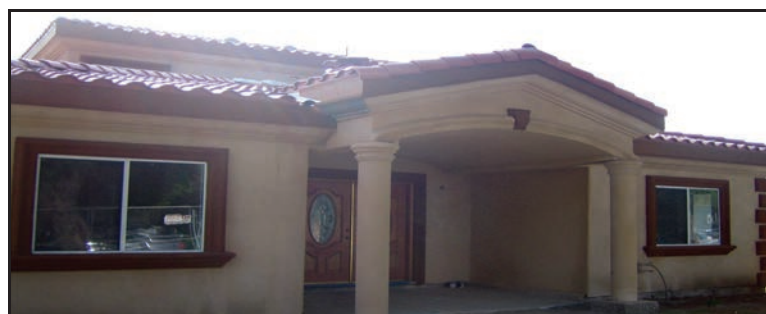
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