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Cha and Leon honored for teaching skills

By John Adams

DOWNEY—David Cha, a teacher at Warren High School, and Jacqueline Leon, who teaches at Rio Hondo Elementary, were honored by the Downey Unified School District Board Tuesday for their achievements as instructors.

Cha was presented by his principal, Eileen Wannett. Leon was presented by her principal, Dolores Goble.

David Cha

Wannett says of Cha, "When he ended up on the doorstep of Warren High School six years ago, was it divine intervention or luck? David immediately went to work on all of us extolling the virtues of the AVID methodologies for classroom instruction. The fortunate thing for Warren High and its students is the fact that David did not give up easily. He was, shall I say, 'Like a dog with a bone.' He talked Socratic seminar and Cornell note-taking to anybody who would listen, or even if they wouldn't listen. Slowly but surely, without financial support, he began to build a program. When given the opportunity to earn money for the program through a Saturday testing program, he was more than eager to make it his project. He has won over the entire staff and has recruited a cohort of teachers who are as (crazy) passionate about AVID instruction as he is."

He is described as everything anyone could ever want in a teacher.

Jackie Leon

Dolores Goble, Principal of Rio Hondo Elementary, said of Jackie Leon, "She has been instrumental in establishing the strong instructional program offered to the students. She was recognized as the district level representative in the LACOE Teacher of the Year Program in 2001. Her career has been peppered with various 'other' commitments that include Staff Development Mentor, BTSA Presenter, Master Teacher and a Stauffer Grant Award Recipient. Along with all of this she coordinates and maintains and oversees an exceptional GATE program, and is often called on by others in the district to assist in establishing GATE at other sites and/or training GATE lead teachers.

It is easy to see why she was chosen.



THE DALAI LAMA—Being interviewed by Rick Ray, whose film will be presented Sunday at the Downey Theater.

'Armchair Adventure' travelogue continues

DOWNEY—This Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20, at 2:30 p.m., the Downey Theater will present its 4th program of the "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series, "Ten Questions for the Dalai Lama," filmed and narrated by Rick Ray. Ray is a full-time professor of cinema, teaching documentary film at the prestigious Brooks Institute of Photography film school in Ventura.

Based around an interview with his Holiness the Dalai Lama, Ray has created a film that explores some of the fundamental questions of our time by weaving together the experience of his own journey throughout India and the wisdom of this exceptional man.

Tickets for "Ten Questions For The Dalai Lama" may be purchased on the day of performance only, Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Downey Theater box office (8435 Firestone Blvd.) beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for seniors/students, cash or check only accepted. This film and the remainder of the series may still be purchased as a season subscription. For more information and subscription details, call the Downey Theater box office at (562) 861-8211, Monday through Friday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Other films remaining in the "Armchair Adventure" Travelogue Series, all scheduled in 2006, are:

- *Jan. 8: Exploring The Colorado River
- *Jan. 29: Hawaii Paradise
- *Feb. 12: Cruising To Bermuda
- *March 26: Natural Wonders Of The East Coast
- *April 9: Along The Continental Divide
- *April 23: Inside Ireland



LEON HONORED—Rio Hondo School teacher Jackie Leon receives a trophy for excellence in the field of instruction from Downey Unified School District Superintendent Wendy Doty as Principal Dolores Goble, who nominated her, and Downey School Board President Barbara Samperi look on at Tuesday night's Board of Trustees meeting.



CHA HONORED—Warren High School teacher David Cha receives a trophy for excellence in the field of instruction from Downey Unified School District Superintendent Wendy Doty as Principal Eileen Wannett, who nominated him, and Downey School Board President Barbara Samperi look on at Tuesday night's Board of Trustees meeting.

Berdelis' honored for Red Ribbons

By John Adams

DOWNEY—Mel and Rita Berdelis were recognized Tuesday by the Board of the Downey Unified School District for their efforts as part of the Prudential 24-Hour Real Estate's support for the celebration of Red Ribbon Week in Downey.

Berdelis' employees lined the walls of the School Board's Auditorium Tuesday, to hear the value of their effort applauded. Red Ribbon Week is a nationwide program which works to enlist youngsters in a vow to remain drug-free.

When Red Ribbon Week lost its national funding, Mel and Rita stepped in to ensure that it would continue in Downey schools.

In other action Tuesday, the Board:

*Honored teachers David Cha of Warren High School and Jacqueline Leon of Rio Hondo Elementary for outstanding service in the area of education.

Wage increase

*Approved a successor agreement to the Master Agreement with-the DEA/ACTA/NEA allowing a 3.75 percent salary increase, effective Sept. 1, 2005, and added to the rates and stipends already in effect.

*Approved a 4.2 percent salary increase for the superintendent, assistant superintendents, certificated and classified management and confidential employees, effective July 1, 2005, with increased medical benefit contributions from 5 to 10 percent by members.

*Accepted with gratitude donations from the private sector, including various toys valued at \$700 for use at the preschool at Alameda Elementary from Nicholas Arco; and a cash donation of \$1,000 to support the TLC Center, from Sam's Club.

*Approved the payment of fees and registration expenses for conventions and conferences.

Ratified agreements

*Ratified a general agreement with the Center for Autism and Related Disorders for the 2005-06 fiscal year effective July 1, 2005 through Dec. 31, 2006.

*Ratified an agreement with Lovaas Institute of Early Intervention

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Ferraro goodbye at Board meeting

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District, noting it was Betty Ferraro's last Board meeting Nov. 15, had some fond words for the tough little board veteran.

One after another said how she has been a mentor, a model for them to use for conduct. Board President Barbara Samperi in particular stressed how much Ferraro has meant to her through the years on budget wars.

Ferraro's contribution through her support for the Gangs Out of Downey program (GOOD) was mentioned, as was her advocacy of the Kids on the Block puppets for youngsters.

Ferraro, on her behalf, said the Board has been a source of fond ties through the years, and promised to come back often.

Guidance

William Gutierrez and Tod Corrin said Ferraro has been one they could always look to for guidance, and Mark Morris said she has maintained high standards and honor.

The Board heard Bob Becker, head of the DEA/CEA teachers union, thank them for a relatively easy bargaining session in the reopener of the Master contract which resulted in a 3.75 percent wage increase which the Board approved Tuesday. And Becker added he sensed a new alliance on the part of the school board and union in terms of a common threat in Sacramento (Arnold Schwarzenegger).

Andrew Harrod

The Board also presented Andrew Harrod with a special award for more than 30 years of service to the district. Retired from service with the maintenance department in 1983, he returned to serve the district as a special checker of student addresses and other special tasks.

The Board also noted the presence of the victors in the recent election, Nancy Swenson and Martha Sodevani, Tuesday.

And Gutierrez and Corrin congratulated Downey High for athletic achievement in football and water polo.



MORE HONORS—John Adams, editor and publisher of *The Downey Patriot*, was honored by the Downey Rotary Club at its Nov. 15 luncheon meeting for his many "invaluable contributions" to the community. Photo shows Club president Carol Pearce about to present Downey Rotary Club plaque which reads: "With Grateful Appreciation for the Exceptional, Outstanding and Creative Work You Have Done and Your Dedication to the City of Downey."

Latest vote count has Verderber a winner

NORWALK—According to the latest tally of election votes, Downey Unified School District substitute teacher Bob Verderber has overtaken Carmen Avalos for a seat on the Cerritos College governing board.

The latest count taken this week has Verderber barely leading Avalos 25,329 to 25,309. The vote count will not be considered final until Nov. 28. Another count will be taken today.

As of Wednesday, incumbent Robert Epple had 25,595 votes. Bob Hughlett led all with 32,632 votes.

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EARLY DEADLINES

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday our advertising deadlines will be early.

- Display advertising deadline Today, Friday, Nov. 18
- Classified advertising deadline Monday, Nov. 21 at 11 A.M. The Patriot office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24



DOWNEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS – President Angie Pierce and Past President Francisco Gomez present Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County with a \$2250 donation at DAOR's 59th Annual Installation of Officers & Directors. By the end of the ceremony, Arc had received a total of \$5250. Kevin McDonald of Arc is seen second from left.

Realty offices collecting food items

DOWNEY—Re/Max Online and Red Carpet Heritage Realty are holding individual Thanksgiving food drives. Father Mark Warnstedt of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey is assisting with the distribution. Items may be dropped off at either realty offices.

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Man shot dead on Quoit Street

DOWNEY—A man who was standing by his car in a driveway in the 8200 block of Quoit Street was fatally shot by a male gunman who fled in a light-colored SUV driven by an accomplice.

The shooting occurred Friday, Nov. 11 at about 7:10 p.m., police said. Bavelio Chaidez, 32, was rushed to St. Francis Medical center where he was pronounced dead.

The gunman was described as a husky 5-foot 10 inch tall Latino with a shaved head, who wore a black sweater and dark baggy pants.

Police say they know of no motive for the slaying and are seeking clues in the case. Anyone with information is asked to call Det. Dwayne Cooper at (562) 904-2391.

Retirement party for Warner-Plettinck

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a retirement party and a "roast" Friday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd. in Downey, for Joan Warner-Plettinck, who is retiring at the end of this year.

The dinner buffet is \$20 per person and, as space will be limited, RSVPs are mandatory by calling either Fionnuala Anderson, (562) 928-2658, or Jan Scott, (562) 806-3701.

DUSD to bid farewell to Ferraro

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District's Board of Education will hold a reception in honor of Betty Ferraro Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the ROP Conference Room of the Manuel Gallegos Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave. in Downey, as she competes her 15th and final year as a Board Member.

The farewell reception is scheduled from 3-4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Presentations will begin at 3:45 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness meeting

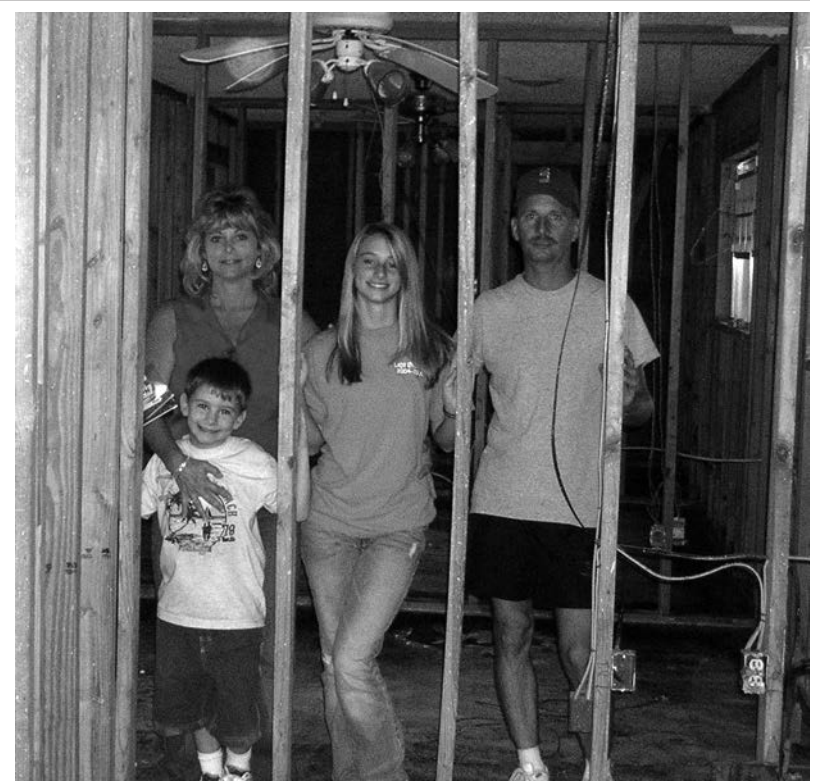
DOWNEY—Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Emergency Preparedness Committee has rescheduled its Nov. 23 meeting to Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey Fire Department EOC, 12222 Paramount Blvd.

Volunteers needed for Rancho Gift Shop

DOWNEY—The Rancho Gift Shop, a major source of income for the Amigos Fund which has provided funding for physical, social and recreational services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center since 1954, is in need of volunteers to work in the shop.

The Amigos Fund serves adults and children with severe disability that follows spinal cord injury, brain injury, stroke neurological disorders and birth defects.

The shop is looking for anyone who can volunteer for a minimum of four hours each week. Contact Marty Krumm, manager, at (562) 401-7667 or (562) 401-7218.



THE BROWN FAMILY – Lost everything to Hurricane Katrina, according to Keller Williams Realty, so the real estate office is sponsoring a yard sale tomorrow, Nov. 19, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 7920 Gallatin Road for their benefit. Donations will also be accepted.

Chipotle Mexican Grill opens shop in Downey

DOWNEY – Chipotle Mexican Grill, the self-proclaimed "gourmet burrito joint," opened last week in Downey at the corner of Firestone Blvd. and Brookshire Ave. across the street from Downey High School.

Chipotle (pronounced Chi-POAT-lay) marked its opening day with a fundraiser for Downey High where 100 percent of the day's sales were donated to the school to help renovate the lunch/break area.

"When I opened the first Chipotle more than 12 years ago, I wanted to show that something served fast didn't have to be a typical fast-food experience," said Steve Eells, founder and CEO of Chipotle. "From the food we serve to the design of the restaurants and our support for local communities, we look to put our own twist on everything we do."

Food preparation at Chipotle more closely resembles that of higher-end restaurants than typical fast-food. From toasting and crushing whole, premium spices; making guacamole in-house daily with grade A Haas avocados; continuously grilling never-frozen, marinated meats; preparing tortilla chips seasoned with fresh lime juice and kosher salt; to steaming a new batch of rice every hour – or more often – before tossing it with freshly chopped cilantro and citrus juice, the menu at Chipotle is a reflection of Eells' tastes and cooking styles.

Customers at Chipotle watch, rather than wait, as their orders are prepared and servers pile selected ingredients onto soft, hot tortillas (or sans tortillas for a burrito bowl) and roll them into a burrito or taco, for the price of about \$6. Or choose a salad made with your choice of ingredients on a bed of fresh cut romaine lettuce and topped with a Chipotle-honey vinaigrette, made in-house daily.

Chipotle secures most of their pork from Niman Ranch, a network of family-owned hog farms. All Chipotle restaurants serve naturally-raised pork, with naturally-raised chicken in 45 percent of its restaurants and naturally raised beef in more than 30 percent. All of its naturally-raised meat comes from animals that are fed a vegetarian diet and never given antibiotics or hormones, according to the restaurant.

In all, Chipotle says it serves more than 15 million pounds of naturally-raised meat, more than any other restaurant in the country.

In 2004, Chipotle started purchasing organic beans and this year nearly 20 percent of all its beans (about 750,000 pounds) are served organic. Chipotle Downey is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

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

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

Downey Unified School District Voters

We would like to thank you for your support and confidence in electing us to the Downey Unified School District Board of Education



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

'Back again'

Dear Editor:

I am forwarding an e-mail which my daughter, Allison, sent after she returned from a week in Mississippi, doing recovery work for the victims of Katrina. I know that Katrina has become "old news," but I think it's important that we not forget that the damage will take a long time to heal.

I was so moved by Allison's reflections that I wanted to share them with your readers. Allison has lived in Downey all her life. She is spending this year in Colorado, at Covenant Bible College. The school made a trip to Mississippi to help the victims of the hurricane, and this is Allison's record of that trip.

—Bonnie J. Mansell,

Downey

"Hey y'all! I'm back from the Deep South and missing it mucho. It was such a great experience. My time there really set me back a few paces as to where I really am in this whole wide world and how small I truly am in this place we call home.

The clothes I brought, for instance, were my 'grunge clothes' and I had gotten them for the purpose of being able to ruin them. I had a shirt for every day of the week plus extra for after work, I had jeans and different pairs of shoes and other things that the people there only knew of as soggy memories. When we got there, we saw people with the one outfit that they had saved (the one they had been wearing during the flood) or picking out mismatched clothing from cardboard boxes donated from who knows where.

We started the mission trip in prayer and a 28-1/2 hour bus ride. Cramped seats and a stuffy atmosphere hit our spoiled butts pretty hard. We slept periodically and rested never. We had McDonalds for meals and then climbed back into the bus to let the grease sit. We were exhausted when we got off the bus and we hadn't even started the labor.

We thought we were going to have to eat M.R.E.s but it turned out to be a Red Cross-like truck that served us food. It was really humbling and honoring at the same time to stand in line with some of the survivors waiting for our portioned helping of food; to hear some tidbits of their stories, to look in their faces and see only a part of their suffering.

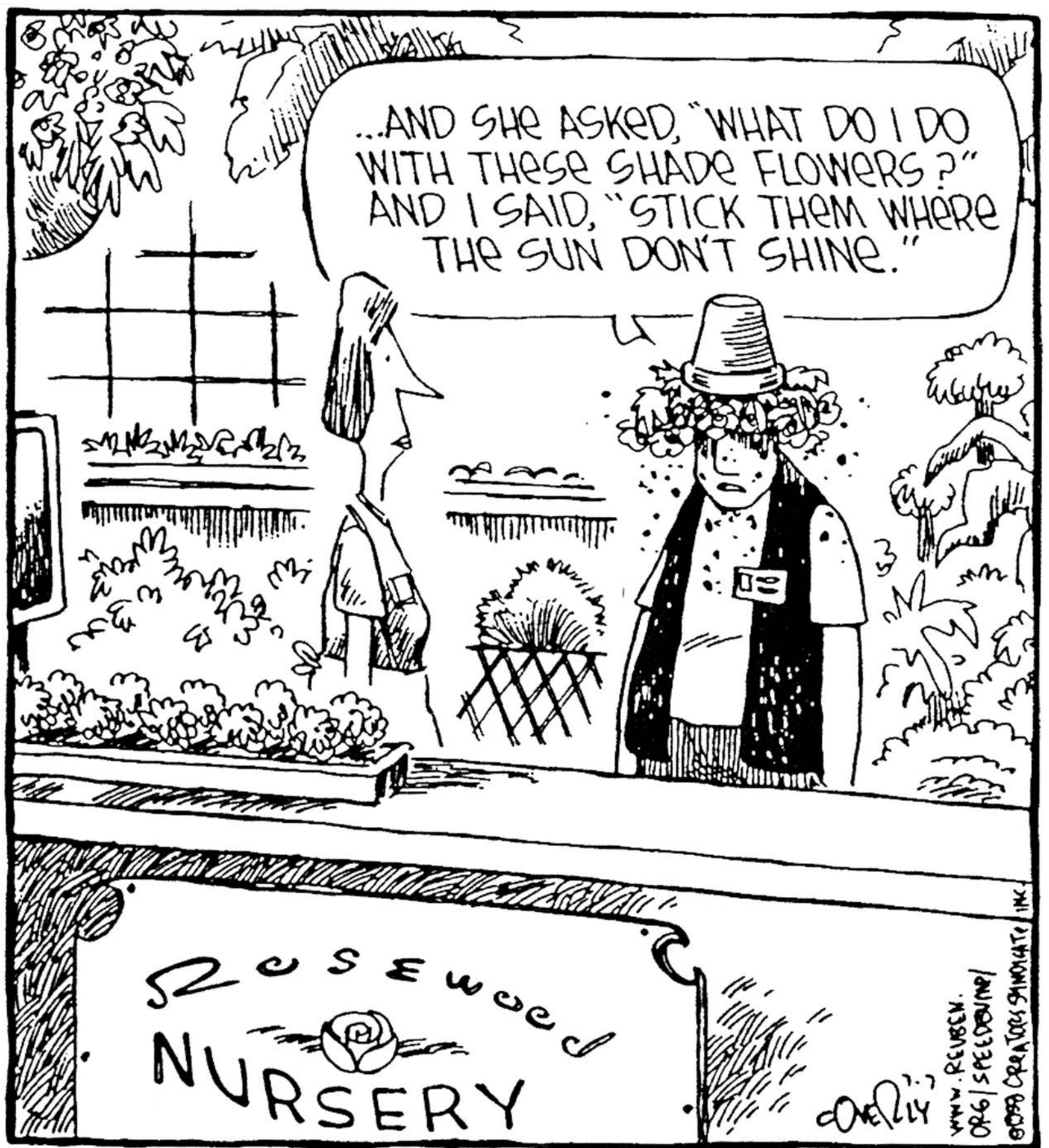
We saw first-hand some things that no one should ever have to go through. We mucked out houses that had been in families for a hundred years. We had to throw out soggy Bibles, moldy teddy bears and ruined family photos. It was heart-wrenching to hand stuff to the owners and in turn, see them break down and cry over the dismal remains.

I was exhausted by the end of every day. Physically, I had never been pushed so hard. I had to lift and carry things heavier than I ever thought was possible for me, push and pull water-logged carpet out of houses, take out drywall and insulation with usually just my hands, destroy sinks and marble counter tops, raze trees that had been knocked into the house, tear down roofs, and sweep for an hour after everything so my hands were blistered and bleeding. It was 100 degrees with 100 percent humidity and I am not sure I have ever sweated so much in my life. I was sore and tired and uncomfortable in the damp and sticking jeans. I smelled like sweat and mold and I couldn't breathe normally for a couple minutes after every house. It took all I had to not give up, sit down and let the others do the work for me. I was banged in the head multiple times and was shocked by an outlet. I lost sight in one eye for about an hour from some dust that got in. A lot of the students were throwing up, fighting fevers, and just getting sick from the black mold. We had fiberglass all over us and we were in prickly pain from the rashes. We were hungry and tired and hot and sore.

Spiritually, I was exhausted from helping all these people whom I had never met with matters that seemed trivial. We would sweat over a house for a day only to have it condemned the next. I was tired of praying and saying it was going to be alright and comforting others when I was suffering too. I was challenged to stay positive and prayerful with the many things that were so incredibly out of my control.

Emotionally, I was exhausted and thoroughly unprepared for what was coming. We mucked out a couple schools and I was not ready to throw away 1st grader's newly finished and completely ruined projects. One of the teachers had had a picture of every student she had had for 20 years and had to throw each one of them away. The pain in her face was enough to make half the guys break down. I had to clean tiny chairs, tiny desks and tiny mats full of mold and grossness. Being there though unleashed a desire so deeply compressed in me that I had forgotten it was there. My heart reached out for the young souls that would occupy these desks and once again I longed to be the one teaching them. I can't quite put into words the urgency I felt right then; the yearning to watch the students learn and grow. My emotions were haywire that day to begin with and were finally unleashed kneeling over the tiny chair that I had been cleaning. I wept for the children that were going through this traumatic time that would probably scar them. I prayed for the hundreds of souls that would be lost and searching for hope in the dark. And I sat there, thinking of the small yet steady work my community was doing in the lives of the "future generation." We laid a base for them to come back and grow on. God would be working in them long after the 50 of us left. And then I started cleaning again because someone was walking into the room. There was one story of a boy who had lived in New Orleans during the Hurricane Katrina and then barely escaped to come to Mississippi to have Hurricane Rita blow in. He is five years old and now is traumatized thinking that the storm is following him. More stories were flowing in from people who just need an outlet. Some one to hear them talk.

And last and maybe least, I was mentally exhausted. Some of the days I was handing out rations to the neighborhood. They would stand in a long line in front of the church gym and wait to be fed or clothed or other necessary items. I gave out baby food, feminine products, diapers, tissue, toi-



let paper, towels, cleaning supplies, food and more. I had to sort and decide who got what and I had to decide it in seconds. I made decisions as to what could be given out (quantity plus quality) and what couldn't. I was in charge mainly because everyone was a volunteer and no one knew exactly what they were doing. I was sweating and pacing and hurrying and making decisions and hurting for the people I couldn't give more to.

On a happier note I did get to play with some kids. I got to give out some lollipops and little plastic games to take their minds off the flood for a while. We 'adopted' a cat for the week which someone sardonically named Katrina. We laughed a lot during the week, most likely due to fatigue-turned-silliness. We played cards and pool at night and almost everyone slept soundly during the short nights. We went fishing, caught bass and trout and catfish. Unfortunately, the water was toxic and we had to throw all the fish back and were warned many times not to touch the water. The sunrises were something else there. It was over the ocean and a group of us would wake up at about 5:30 just to hike down there and wait for it to come. The sunsets (also breathtaking) set in the ocean too because the ocean faced the south. This reminded me a lot of home.

This brings me to my last bit of info from Colorado. My nostalgia really kicked in during the nights in Mississippi. I would toss and turn thinking about home and how long it would be before I could be with my family and friends again. It hit really hard knowing that, instead of coming home after the mission trip, I would be coming 'home' to my dorm room. No parents to greet you when you tumble out of the van, no home-cooked meals or hugs or my own bed. Not until Christmas. With all my strength thrown into the mission at hand, I was not prepared for the emotions of homesickness that overcame me every night. I want to go home...I want it to be the middle of December.

Don't get me wrong, I love it here. It's beautiful and comfortable and safe. I love the people and the relationships I have built that grow stronger every day. But it's not where my heart is and we all know the saying. Isaiah 41:10 says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

May I be reminded of that every day. May I have the strength He provides me with to do with each day as He desires. Thank you for all your continued prayer and support. I feel them every day.

Loves and hugs,

Ally"

Sen. Feinstein's tribute to TLC

Dear Editor:

Among the tributes paid to DUSD's True Lasting Connections (TLC) at its well-attended annual fundraising luncheon on Oct. 28 was this late-arriving citation from Sen. Dianne Feinstein, which we wish to share with your readers:

"Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered to support the Downey Unified School District's True Lasting Connections (TLC) Center.

I applaud the TLC Center for its steadfast dedication to the health and wellbeing of the Downey community. Through their remarkable work to serve children by connecting children and families to services within Downey, they have proven their continuous devotion to assisting those in need. Their enduring commitment to the Downey community has truly made a difference in the lives of many.

In addition, I would like to extend a special thanks to the many organizations that have generously donated their time and services to make the TLC Center possible. The tireless dedication, perseverance and hard work of the TLC Center, and all of the organizations involved, serve as a shining example to all.

As your United States Senator representing the state of California, I am proud to commend the TLC Center for their extraordinary contributions. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable luncheon and continued success in the years ahead.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,
Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator"

—Rose Boland,
DUSD Special Programs

Submit your own letter to the editor by writing to *The Downey Patriot*, 11525 Downey Ave., Suite A, Downey, CA 90241 or online at www.TheDowneyPatriot.com.

Allard applauds funding of projects

WASHINGTON D.C.— Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA-34) has announced that on Nov. 9 the U.S. House of Representatives passed spending measures that included millions of dollars in federal funds for major programs and projects she has championed in her district, which includes Downey.

The funds were for the following projects in the final version of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal 2006.

Dispatch center

*\$50,000 for upgrades to the City of Downey's police and fire department dispatch services, and \$1 million for the City to house a model replica of the Space Shuttle as a scientific exhibit.

*\$250,000 for an at-risk youth program in Bell Gardens, and \$150,000 for that city's police department to expand its communications technology.

*\$175,000 for the "Safer Cities" initiative in Ramona Gardens in East Los Angeles, a collaborative effort between the City of Los Angeles, the business community, and local social service groups to reduce crime in

target areas.

*\$200,000 for "Phoenix House," a drug treatment residential center, to expand adolescent methamphetamine drug treatment services.

"Despite an extremely challenging budget year, I am very pleased that my colleagues in Congress recognized the importance of these worthy community projects that help strengthen our families, our neighborhoods and the entire Los Angeles region," said Congresswoman Roybal-Allard who sits on the appropriations committee.

In addition, funding was included in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for fiscal 2006 for major water projects in the area including:

*\$2 million for studies of the Los Angeles River, including \$750,000 for a study by the Corps of Engineers at the Cornfields site. (Convert land adjacent to the river to parks and housing and environmental projects).

*\$2.7 million for continued dredging of the channel of Los Angeles Harbor.

*\$3 million for the Harbor South Bay Recycled Water project.

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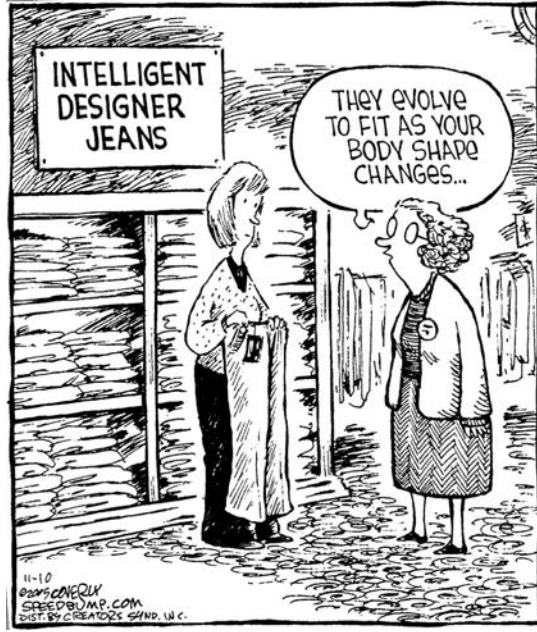
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

Sun. Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m.: "Ten Questions For the Dali Lama" filmed and narrated by Rick Ray, part of the Armchair Adventure Travelogue Series at the Downey Theatre, Firestone at Brookshire. For information call 861-8211.

Sun. Nov. 20, 6:00 p.m.: Rob Syphax entertains with vocals and acoustic guitar with hits of the '70's and '80's at the Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call 869-1414.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: Redevelopment Project Area Committee, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library. 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall. 1st 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 967-6438. 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 Wed., 10 a.m.: Woman's Club of Downey, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493. 1st Wed., 11:30 a.m.: Downey Coordinating Council, for information call 927-9790. 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028. 1st Wed., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Emblem Club #309, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386. 2nd Wed., 7 p.m.: Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce, for information call 867-1087. 2nd Wed., 7:30 p.m.: Downey Sister Cities Ass'n, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197. 2nd Wed., 11:45 - Downey Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488. 3rd Wed., 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.

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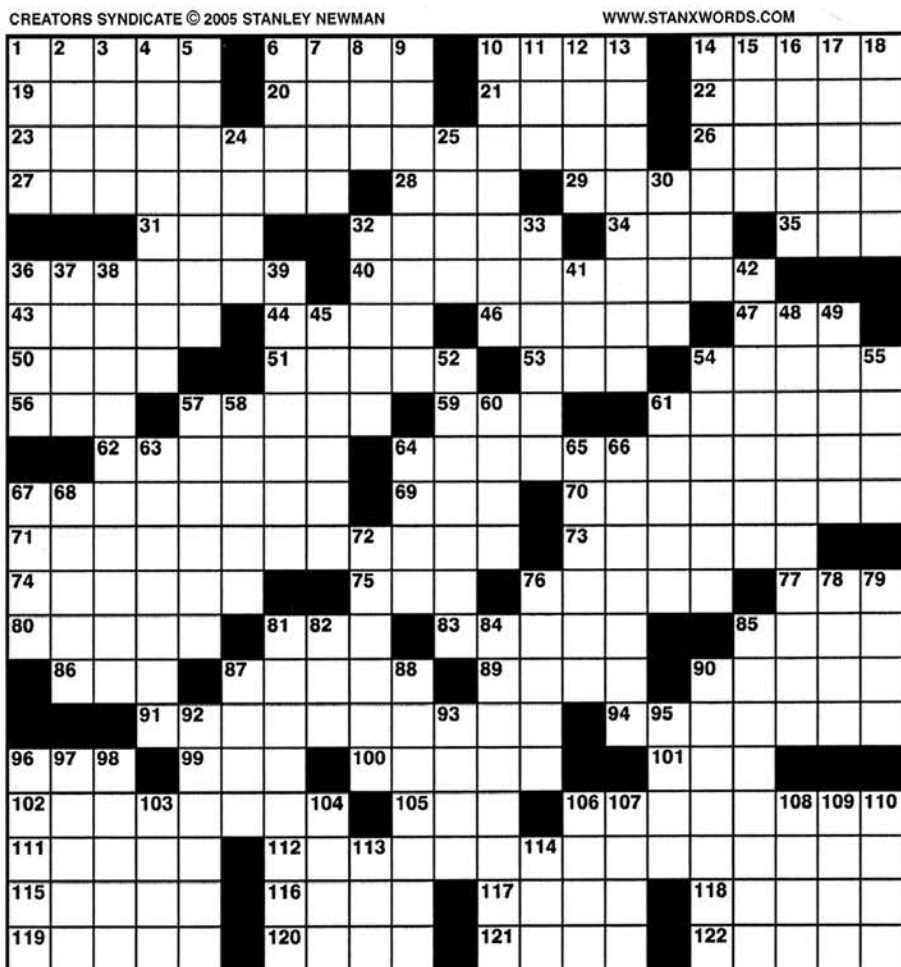
7:30 a.m.: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

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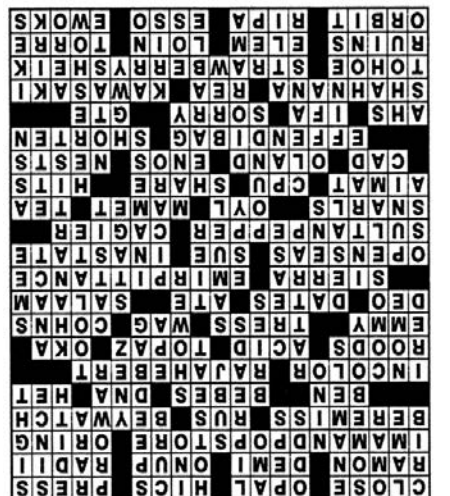
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1 Intimate
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19 Actor Novarro
20 It means "half"
21 "Movin'..." (The Jeffersons theme)
22 Circle lines
23 Small business in Iran?
26 NASA gasket
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34 Source of evidence
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36 '60s TV intro boast
40 Film critic from India?
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44 Low-pH substance
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47 River to the Volga
50 Sela Ward award
51 Lock of hair
53 Jokester
54 Movie mogul Harry et al.
56 Gloria in excelsis...
57 Tropical fruits
59 Put away
61 Big bow
62 High (Bogart film)
64 Small potatoes in Kuwait?
67 Middle of the ocean
69 Seek damages
70 Upset
71 Ottoman condiment?
73 Harder to outwit
74 Utters unpleasantness
75 Thimble Theatre name
76 American Buffalo playwright
77 Hot drink
80 Draw a bead on
81 PC part
83 Piece of the action
85 Visits to a Web site
86 Ill-mannered man
87 Chan portrayer
89 Grandson of Eve
90 Homes in branches
91 Turkish pocketbook?
94 Abridge
96 Sounds of relief
99 "___ woodchuck could chuck..."
100 Word after "Oops!"
101 Co. now part of Verizon
102 Persian oldies group?
105 Irish actor Stephen
106 Harley competitor
111 A hard row ___
112 Mideast ice-cream parlor order?
115 Totals
116 K-6
117 Cut of beef
118 1998 AL Manager of the Year
119 Go around
120 Philbin cohort
121 Erstwhile pump name
122 Star Wars series creatures
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1 Nursery buy
2 Shiny fabric
3 "A jug of wine..." poet
4 Important person
5 Paint selections
6 Pari-mutuel quote
7 Livens (up)
8 Latin 101 verb
9 Listens with one's eyes
10 Stressful position, so to speak
11 Rescuer of Odysseus
12 Parking area
13 Apparatus for Ali
14 For fighting
15 ___ avis
16 Novelist Wharton
17 From that point on
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30 California's Santa ___ Valley
32 Soft cheeses
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49 What a pretender puts on
52 Adams and Tilden
54 Watch Mom's Maltese, maybe
55 Barrie baddie
57 Make drinkable, as water
58 Former Israeli prime minister
60 Level
61 Tour de France leg
63 By exchange
64 Catch a glimpse of
65 Adventurer
66 Very disorganized
67 Peak near Olympus
68 ___ Wars (Rome)/Carthage conflict)
72 Hits hard
76 Contemptible
78 Major ending
79 NBA or NAACP
81 Tile-scrubbing need
82 Give a bad review to
84 Within earshot
85 Common toast
87 "Like water ___ duck's back"
88 3-D scene
90 Flaw for a recipe
92 Superlative
93 Liquid concoction
95 Interstate: Abbr.
96 Jetsons' dog
97 Military launch time
98 Master, in Madras
103 Hägar's daughter
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108 Space starter
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Acress Sela Ward (50 Across) has won two Emmy Awards, "Once and Again," Harry COHN (54 Across) founded Columbia Pictures, which is owned by Sony today. Composer NINO Rota (24 Down) is best-known for his score to "The Godfather."



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THE WINTER FESTIVAL—In Laguna Beach, which opens Nov. 19 and runs for four weekends, is all about the magic of snow.

Winter Fantasy in Laguna Beach

LAGUNA BEACH—Opening for its 15th season on Saturday, Nov. 19, The Winter Fantasy in Laguna Beach features 170 artists from around the country who will exhibit and sell their original artwork at the holiday arts and crafts festival. Visitors to the Winter Fantasy, cousin to the world-famous Summer Sawdust Art Festival, will find a variety of unique art items, from hand-blown glass to jewelry, ceramics to paintings, and more, aimed at fulfilling visitors' holiday shopping needs.

There is also live entertainment. All entertainment is included in the admission price: \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under. A season pass is available for \$7.

The holiday season's star ambassador at the Winter Fantasy is Santa Claus, who will be there daily from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Two groups of carolers, the Xmas Belles and Lil Dickens, will entertain each day of the festival. There will be other attractions.

The Winter Fantasy runs for four weekends: Nov. 19-20; Nov. 25-27; Dec. 3-4; and Dec. 10-11. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The Winter Fantasy is located at the Sawdust Art Festival, 935 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach. Information, (949) 494-3030, or visit sawdustartfestival.org.

Adult School to take Welk Resort tour

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.

Preview performance of 'The Loud Red Patrick'

LONG BEACH—A special preview performance of "The Loud Red Patrick," a comedy by John Boruff, will be shown today, Nov. 18, at the Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage Theater.

The official opening is tomorrow, Nov. 19, with a champagne reception with the director, cast and crew following the performance.

"The Loud Red Patrick" is the story of an Irish American widower faced with bringing up four daughters, ages seven through seventeen, in 1912. A believer in democracy and higher education, he runs his family on the parliamentary principle. A family council decides all issues.

When Maggie wants to quit college to get married, he refuses permission so Maggie puts it before the family council where he loses. He repudiates the council and kicks Maggie's suitor out of the house. The four daughters declare war on father who finally surrenders to the marriage.

A parallel plot finds the widower's old friend, Finnegan, a woman hater who is fleeing alimony payments, sponging off the family. He complicates the situation in an already crowded household and adds a comic secondary love story when pursued by the housekeeper.

Gregory Cohen directs the production that features Jesse Groth Olson, Tom Killam, Matt Landig, Sarah McKenna, Kellie Nitkin, Mike Robertson, Chloe Stager, Shay Stager and Allison V. Taft.

Sunday matinees are Nov. 20, 27 and Dec. 4 and 11 at 2 p.m. and regular Friday and Saturday evening performances are at 8 p.m. Special Thursday evening performances are scheduled for Dec. 8 and 15 at 8 p.m.

Tickets for tonight's performance are two for \$20 or \$12 each. Regular ticket prices are \$20 and \$18 for seniors. Student ticket prices are \$18 Friday and Saturday with valid student ID. Children ages 10 and under get in for \$8. For tickets, call 494-1014.



SANTA—Inspects hand-blown glass vases at the Winter Fantasy which opens in Laguna Beach tomorrow. The festival, cousin to the Summer Sawdust Art Festival, features 170 artists from around the country who will exhibit and sell their original artwork.

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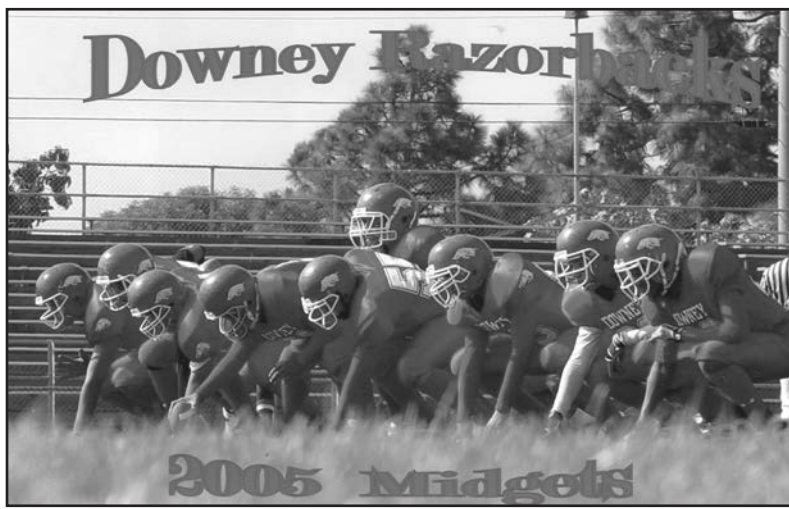
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Car wash tomorrow for stricken Explorer

DOWNEY—Members of the Downey Police Department's Explorer Program are hosting a car wash from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 19 at the All American Home Center, 7201 Firestone Blvd., in an effort to raise funds for Veronica Quinonez, a member of the South Gate Police Department's Explorer Program. Veronica, 17, has been struggling with health issues that resulted from a brain aneurysm that she suffered in late October.

She is currently at the UCLA Medical Center and her family is in need of monetary support due to expenses arising from her condition.

Donations to Veronica can also be sent to the South Gate Police Department Explorer Post, care of Veronica Quinonez, 8620 California Ave., South Gate, CA 90280.



DOWNEY RAZORBACKS – Will compete tomorrow in the Pacific Coast Conference Championships at Allen Layne Stadium.

North Downey Little League signups Nov. 19

DOWNEY—Northwest Downey Little League will hold signups for the 2006 baseball season from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 19 and Dec. 10.

Signups will be at the meeting rooms at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave. Players must bring copies of their birth certificate and proof of address at time of registration.

For information, call James Velloff at (562) 861-8696 or Anthony Guastella at (562) 923-8675.

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.

Razorbacks vie to be conference champions

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football will host the Pacific Coast Conference Championships tomorrow, Nov. 19, at Allen Layne Stadium at Downey High School.

There will be six games at different levels played throughout the day with the first game starting at 9 a.m. and the final game beginning at 7 p.m.

In addition to hosting the event, the Razorbacks will represent Downey in championship games at the Pee Wee and Midget levels. The games are as follows:

Time	Level	Home Team	Visiting Team
9 a.m.	Mitey Mite	Santa Monica Vikings	Lakewood Eagles
11 a.m.	Jr. Pee Wee	Torrance Panthers	Palos Verdes
1 p.m.	Pee Wee	Downey Razorbacks	Lawndale
3 p.m.	Jr. Midget	Palos Verdes Stallions	Inglewood
5 p.m.	Midget	Downey Razorbacks	Palos Verdes
7 p.m.	All American	Long Beach Jaguars	Bakersfield Rams

The Razorback Pee Wees (8-2) were seeded fourth in the conference when they held off a determined Paramount Pirate team last week in a semifinal game played at Redondo Beach High School. Razorback Darrius Powe led off the scoring with a 30-yard touchdown run. A TD run by Shane Baumann put Downey ahead 12-0 in the second quarter.

Paramount retook the lead, 14-12, in the third but another touchdown run by Baumann put Downey ahead 18-14. Eddie Moreno scooped up an errant lateral pass late in the game, allowing Downey to run out the clock for the win.

The Midgets, also the fourth-seeded team with an 8-2 record, jumped to an early 16-0 lead over the Palos Verdes Cowboys last week. Strong running by Steven Williams, Joe Hill, Justin Iams, Jason Logologo, with accurate placekicking by Diego Mira, helped lead Downey.

The Cowboys mounted a second-half comeback and eventually took a 18-16 lead. But with less than a minute remaining, quarterback Johnny Zavala tossed a strike to Josh Guerrero for the score and the victory.

With the wins, the Pee Wee and Midget teams qualified for the NFL-sponsored AYF National Championships in Tucson, Ariz. Dec. 5-11. The teams are already working on fundraising activities to cover travel expenses. To donate or help with the fundraising, call Louis Morales, president of Downey Youth Football, at 928-0655. All donations are tax deductible.

Tickets for tomorrow's championships can be purchased at the door for \$5.

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.

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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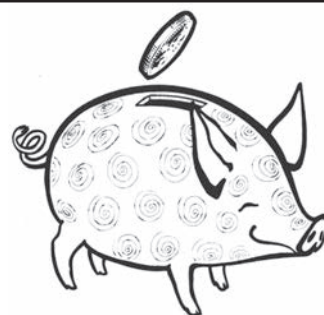
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Cabaret-style show features Sebastian Sidi

DOWNEY – A cabaret dinner show will take place today, 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.

Singer Val-C will open for Sidi with original music.

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.val-c

To make reservations, call 904-6652.

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.

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.

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 cats in need of indoor homes will be available for adoption.

Embroiderers’ Guild meets today

LONG BEACH—The meeting today, Nov. 18, of the Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America, Inc. at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St. in Long Beach, will feature the start of a five-month program exploring 20 different stitches, presented by the Long Beach Chapter EGA Band Sampler. The meeting/program is at 11:30 a.m.

Guests are welcome and are requested to pay a \$2 donation. For information, call Vicki Young, (562) 421-6975.

Genealogical group meets Nov. 20

LONG BEACH—The Long Beach Questing Heirs Genealogical Society’s monthly meeting Sunday, Nov. 20 at 1:15 p.m. features Beth McCarthy who will speak on “Hidden Sources for British Research: Using Smith’s Inventories.”

The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall of the Resurrection Lutheran Church, at Cherry and Carson Sts.

Adult school schedules now on-line

DOWNEY – Up-to-date Downey Adult School class information is available by calling 940-6200 or visiting www.downeyadultschool.com. Classes are offered at more than 20 sites.



ANGIE PIERCE – Was installed as the 59th President of the Downey Association of Realtors at the recent annual installation. She can be reached at Century 21 My Real Estate, 927-2626.

Church to feed the community Nov. 20

DOWNEY—The Love, Peace and Happiness Family Church, 11022 Old River School Rd., is holding its annual free Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, Nov. 20 after the 10 a.m. worship service. Bishop Leon and Jacqueline Martin say the congregation is going to minister to over 1,000 people, mostly the homeless and hurting. The church has held the event for the past several years.

The community (regardless of church affiliation) is also invited to the church’s annual Thanksgiving Day Celebration Thursday, Nov. 24 for one (1) Hour of Power, from 11 a.m.-12 noon. The Mass Choir and Praise Team will be singing songs of praise and worship, followed by a message from Bishop Martin.

For information/transportation, call 806-9890.

Toastmasters 587 meet Tuesdays

DOWNEY – Toastmasters International, Club 587, meets every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in room 115 at Downey First Baptist Church, 8348 E. Third St.

Aerospace Legacy meeting set Sunday

DOWNEY—The Aerospace Legacy Foundation, which is dedicated to preserving the memory of Downey’s extraordinary history of achievement in the conquest of space, will hold its regular meeting Sunday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 120 of the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 East Third St., Downey.

The public is welcome to attend the free meeting, led by Larry Latimer. Room 120 is reached by turning east off Downey Avenue onto Second Street, as though going to the Embassy Suites Hotel, and park on Second near the Verizon Building. A side door of the Baptist church leads to a set of stairs that lead upward to the meeting room.

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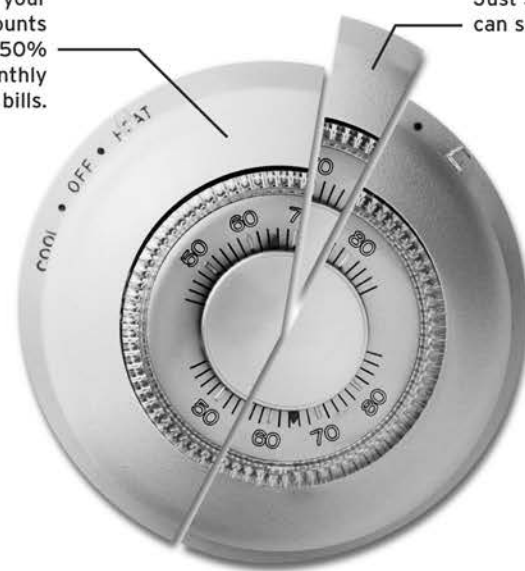
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Gift provides screening for hearing loss in babies

DOWNEY—Thanks to a \$20,000 donation from DRMC's Auxiliary, all newborns in DRMC's Family Birth Center will now receive a hearing test on a highly reliable screening device. Based on the hospital's 1,500 annual birth rate, clinicians expect to find about five cases of hearing loss per year.

Significant hearing loss is considered one of the most common major abnormalities in newborns. Studies show that hearing loss occurs in 1 to 3 newborns of 1,000 in well-baby nurseries and 2 to 4 infants per 100 in neonatal intensive care units (ICU). About 50 percent of babies born with hearing loss have no known signs or risk factors. Reliance on the doctor's or parent's recognition has been unsuccessful in detecting significant hearing loss in the first year of life. The average age of detection has traditionally been 2 to 3 years of age. If undetected, it impedes speech, language and cognitive development.

The new machine tests for two different problems — obstruction in the hearing canal and brain wave malfunction. To test the hearing canal, the microphone probe inserted into the baby's ear sends out tones. This causes the hairs on the cochlea to stand up, telling the screener if the infant is hearing normally. NICU Manager Linda Pace has been certified to train staff and perform the testing. Nurses and surgical techs have been trained. Testing began in November.

DRMC's Auxiliary raised funds for the screening device through Hospital Gift Shop proceeds and special fundraisers. For opportunities to volunteer with the Auxiliary, call (562) 904-5465.

Moode, Knabe to host Holiday Lane Parade

DOWNEY—Marsha Moode, executive producer of the Downey Civic Light Opera, will produce and host the Comcast broadcast of the Downey Holiday Lane Parade for her 18th year, while Supervisor Don Knabe co-hosts for his 14th year.

"Best Actress"

Moode, a longtime Downey resident, is a USC graduate where she was twice named "Best Actress." As a sophomore she was selected the "Outstanding College Coed in the Southwest USA."

She has appeared in films and television with Henry Fonda, Burt Reynolds, Goldie Hawn, John Forsythe, and Shirley Jones. She appeared for three years in the title role in the famed Ramona Pageant before a daily audience of 6,000.

Moode has been associated with the DCLO for 18 years. For 11 years she was the public relations director and principal fundraiser. She has been the executive producer for seven years, and has directed nine musical productions.

Moode has served as Mistress of Ceremonies for countless community and charitable events including Way Outer Broadway Talent Shows for 15 years, Downey Chamber of Commerce lunches and installations for 12 years, Downey Art Museum fashion show for 14 years, National Leukemia Society, Boy Scouts of America, Rancho Los Amigos, and the American Cancer Association. She was selected as a "Woman of Distinction" by the League of Women Voters and as "Volunteer of the Year" by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, and she was awarded "Volunteer of the Year for the Downey Symphony" by the Coordinating Council. She hosts two 90-minute programs for Comcast — the Campaign Series, with politicians, and Good Company, featuring artists and entertainers.

Board of Supervisors

Knabe was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in November of 1996 and was re-elected in 2000 and 2004.

Following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Knabe was appointed by the White House as a member of the State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee to the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council.

Knabe also serves as a member of the Coliseum Commission and is immediate past chairman of First 5 Los Angeles. He is a member of the Urban County Caucus of the California State Association of Counties, and sits on the Board of Governors for L.A. Care. In addition, he is the vice chairman of the Health Sub-Committee for the National Association of Counties and a trustee at the Aquarium of the Pacific located in Long Beach.

He was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 1980 and served as a councilman for eight years, including two terms as mayor. He was a leader in the development and implementation of the Cerritos General Plan during a time of unprecedented economic growth.

Married to wife Julie for 37 years, they have two sons, Curt and Matt, and two granddaughters, Kaitlyn and Christy.

Grand Marshall

Don Knabe will ride in the parade for the first time as the Celebrity Grand Marshall and then he will take his seat by Moode to co-host the 54th Holiday Lane Parade.



MARSHA MOODE AND DON KNABE—Will again co-host this year's Comcast broadcast of the 54th Holiday Lane Parade, scheduled for Dec. 4.

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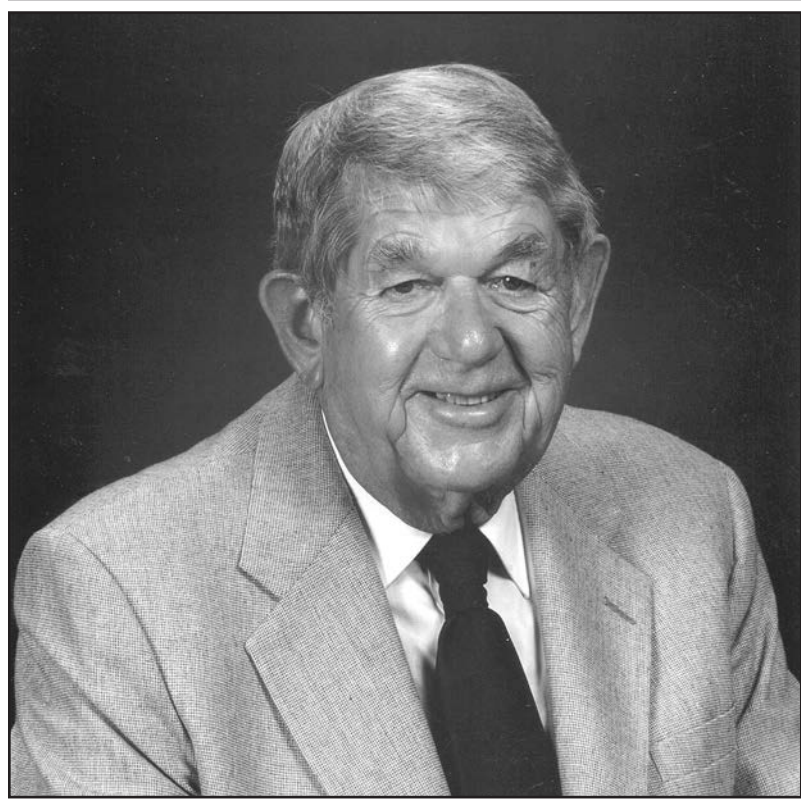
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TOM VICTOR CLARKE—Gave back to the community through his involvement in Kiwanis International, particularly those projects involving children.

Frank Brenier owned local liquor store

DOWNEY — Frank Brenier, a 45-year Downey resident, died Nov. 11 at Twin Cities Hospital in Templeton, Calif. He was 89.

He was born Aug. 11, 1916 in Los Angeles. He married Helen Gevaudan of Downey in 1944. They were members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and their three children attended OLPH School and St. Pius High School.

Together, the couple owned and operated Belvedere Liquor Store for over 25 years, formerly at the corner of Paramount Blvd. and Florence Ave. in Downey.

The couple relocated to Paso Robles to be near two of their three children. There they became members of St. Rose Catholic Church.

Brenier's wife preceded him in death in 1998.

He is survived by his son, Lawrence, of Paso Robles; daughters Therese (Mike) of Paso Robles and Mary of Downey; grandchildren Kerry, Maria, Matthew and Gina; eight great-grandchildren and a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and JoAnn of Phoenix.

Services will be held today, Nov. 18, at St. Rose Catholic Church.

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Tom Victor Clark was Kiwanis honoree

DOWNEY—Tom Victor Clark, who was a member of the Downey United Methodist Church for over 45 years and an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Downey at Rio Hondo Country Club, passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 15 with family members by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents George and Vera Clark, and by his wife of 42 years, Marianna. He is survived by Imogene; sister Rae Maree (Loy) Trowell; daughters Karen Kay (Marvin) Klein and Julie Ann (Bob) St. Clair; son Scott Clark; grandchildren Meredith Welch, Melissa and Tommy St. Clair, Joey Clark; and several special nieces and nephews.

Born June 24, 1918 in Merville, Iowa, he organized projects, fundraisers and Christmas dinners over the years. In June 2005, he was honored as George E. Hixson Fellow for his work with the Kiwanis International Foundation Worldwide Service Project. He was especially involved with projects supporting children.

Each morning he woke early to attend exercise classes at the Downey Senior Center. He traveled extensively with Imogene and his sister and brother-in-law across the country and around the world.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations should be sent to the American Cancer Society, Kiwanis International, or the Odyssey Hospice Program.

Services held for Ann Josephine Hagen

DOWNEY—Ann Josephine Hagen, who came to the Los Angeles area from Kansas City, KA in 1933 and lived in Downey for 30 years, has passed away.

Services were held at the Rainbow Chapel, Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier on Nov. 10, with Rev. Daniel Albarian officiating. Interment followed graveside services.

Born Jan. 12, 1917 in Kansas City, she died Nov. 5 in Whittier. Her husband, Joseph Hagen, predeceased her in 1973.

She is survived by daughters JoAnne Drake and Carol Cahow; sons Joseph and James Hagen; 11 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and 6 great-great grandchildren.



ANN JOSEPHINE HAGEN—Who was a Downey resident for 30 years, has passed away. Services were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park on Nov. 10. She was a native of Kansas City, KA.

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College professor receives DAOR award

NORWALK—Cerritos College Business Education Professor Mary Ellen Brady, who has been a full-time instructor at Cerritos College for two years and is also the department chair for the real estate program, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Downey Association of Realtors (DAOR) during its annual directors' installation luncheon on Nov. 9. The award is bestowed for services performed within the association, to the community, and for the advancement of the real estate profession.

Brady is a graduate of Cerritos College and received her real estate sales person's license in Dec. 1988. She has been a member of the Downey Association of Realtors since her certification. She has received several industry citations.

"I am honored to receive this award," said Brady. "Most realtors aren't even considered for it until after they have 30 years of experience or more, and I've only been in the business for 16, so it's really nice to be recognized in this way."

Crime prevention seminar in Orange

ORANGE—The National Rifle Association's "Refuse To Be A Victim" program will conduct a crime prevention seminar at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 at AllSafe Defense Systems, 1026 North Tustin St. in Orange.

The seminar is three to four hours long, open to the public, and costs \$20 to attend. Pre-registration is required and may be done by contacting certified instructor T.J. Johnston at TJ_Johnston@allsafedefense.com or calling (714) 744-4485.



CERRITOS COLLEGE BUSINESS EDUCATION—Professor Mary Ellen Brady was bestowed with the 2005 Distinguished Service Award by the Downey Association of Realtors (DAOR). "My goal is to not only give students the tools to pass the state exam, but it's also to give them first-hand experiences of what it's really like out there in the real estate world," said Brady, a full-time instructor at Cerritos College for the past two years.

Free flu shots offered to seniors, at-risk residents

DOWNEY—DRMC (Downey Regional Medical Center) Home Health Services is now administering free flu shots by appointment only to homebound residents, area seniors and other at-risk populations, at its offices at 9040 E. Telegraph Rd., Ste. 205, while supply lasts. The Los Angeles County Health Department has granted DRMC 2,000 doses for its immunizations.

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The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimate that each year in the U.S., 5 to 20 percent of the population gets the flu; more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications, and about 36,000 people die from flu. Rates of infection are highest among children, but rates of serious illness and death are highest among persons ages 65 and older, as well as persons of any age who have medical conditions placing them at increased risk for complications from influenza.

Precautions in addition to flu shots recommended by the CDC include avoiding close contact with people who are sick, covering the mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, frequent hand-washing, and not touching the eyes, nose or mouth.

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Rose Float's 'casino night' Dec. 2

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float Association wants you to get ready for a bigger and better Casino Night Friday, Dec. 2 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Woman's Club, featuring new authentic Vegas cards and chips, prizes and games.

Tickets are \$25 per, and are available through any Rose Float member or by contacting (562) 260-8503. A dinner and dessert buffet will be served along with DJ entertainment, 50/50, and a silent auction.

Public invited to church's craft workshop

DOWNEY—First Presbyterian Church of Downey will be hosting a craft workshop on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 11:30 a.m., following the 10 a.m. worship service.

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.

Bellflower art association meets Dec. 13

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Art Association will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 7-10 p.m. at Thompson Park, 14001 Bellflower Blvd. in Bellflower, with Penney Dermand giving a demonstration using oils for a floral painting.

For information, give Lou Scott, (562) 925-1414, a call.

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

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.

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 Amezcaga of Card One International.

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.

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