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Count blessings, health history at dinner table

Contributed by States United for Biomedical Research

While turkey and football may come instantly to mind when you mention Thanksgiving, history should have a place at your holiday table as well this year. Living Proof, a national educational campaign aimed at older Americans is urging families to participate in the Surgeon General's National Family History Day this Thanksgiving.

"I encourage all families to take time on this day — or at any other family gathering throughout the year — to collect important health history information that can benefit all family members," U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona, M.D., M.P.H., stated at a recent press conference announcing the day. "Even with all the high-tech tests, medicines and procedures available in today's modern health-care setting, family health history remains the cornerstone of our efforts to prevent disease and promote personal health. It's clear that knowing your family history can save your life."

Dr. Carmona released an updated, Web-based version of a free, computerized tool that organizes family health information into a printout that people can take to health-care professionals to help determine whether they are at higher risk for disease. The tool, called "My Family Health Portrait," is available at www.hhs.gov/familyhistory.

According to Gale Davy, Director of Living Proof, "National Family History Day is one critically important way that sharing history can benefit you and your loved ones. Sharing your stories about health and medicine with others, especially with young people, is another."

The Living Proof campaign recognizes that Americans 55 years of age and older have a unique perspective on health and advances in medical care — that they are living proof of the value of research - and the campaign asks these citizens to share their stories with others through the Living Proof website: www.living-proof.us. Living Proof educators provide additional information on the diseases or conditions cited and describe the history behind the medical advances.

"Medical advances are often called miracles," Davy explains. "But in reality they are the results of many years of research. By combining personal experiences with the research history that makes the story possible, we hope to make research real for the public."

"Behind the educational campaigns is the notion of history," Davy continues. "Your medical history is important to your family members and needs to be shared. It may even help save a life. But your personal history also intersects with the history of research and the thousands of scientists and physicians who have sought treatments and cures over the years. Sharing history this Thanksgiving is one great way to give thanks."

Living Proof is a not-for-profit educational campaign of States United for Biomedical Research, www.statesforbiomed.org, and is funded by the National Institutes of Health, www.nih.gov.

Gateway study of 91 and 605 set

PARAMOUNT—The Gateway Cities Council of Governments, a regional study group of 27 cities which includes Downey, will undertake a study of traffic congestion on the Artesia (91) and San Gabriel (605) Freeways.

The study will take about two years and will include recommendations for improvement.

The population in Southern California is predicted to increase by six million in the next 20 years. The 30,000 trucks that leave the ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles every day now will increase to more than 75,000 by the year 2025. Now is the time to take a serious look at improving these vital transportation arteries.

A priority of the study will be to minimize the impact of freeway improvements on adjacent residential property.

A preliminary study has already addressed the impact of the opening of the new 210 Foothill Freeway, a Long Beach 710 Freeway gap closure in South Pasadena, dedicated truck lanes on the 710 and Pomona 60 Freeways and the impact of 24-hour port operation.

The study will be a major step in the process which empowers corridor cities to join in planning strategies to reduce congestion.

Downey was a participant in the preliminary study.

Protected-permissive left-turn explained

DOWNEY—The City of Downey has recently upgraded many traffic signals in order to enhance traffic safety and mobility. Some improvements include changing some left-turn signals from protected operation to protected-permissive.

This is an effort to provide help in understanding the new left-turn signal operation.

Protected left-turn signal operation has been widely used so most drivers are familiar with this operation. When the green arrow is displayed, motorists are given the right-of-way to make a left-turn. The green arrow is followed by a yellow arrow, which warns the driver that the left-turn signal is ending. Then the red arrow is displayed to inform the driver that left-turns are no longer permitted. The left turn here is called "protected" since it can only be made when opposing through traffic is stopped by a red light. However, when there is no opposing traffic during non-peak

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JOAN WARNER-PLETTINCK – Wraps up 12 years of continuous service as the Executive Director of the Downey Chamber of Commerce at the end of December. An event honoring her will be held next week.

Retirement nears for Downey Chamber leader

DOWNEY – Joan Warner-Plettinck, executive director of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, will be honored at a Retirement Party and Roast on Friday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Events Center, 10627 Old River School Rd., Downey, as she nears retirement after serving in her post for the past 12 years.

The dinner buffet is \$20 per person and, as space is limited, RSVP's are mandatory by calling either Fionnuala Anderson at 928-2658 or Jan Scott at 806-3701.

Warner-Plettinck, a chamber veteran of 36 years, has served previous Chambers of Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and Garden Grove. She has been with Downey for the past 12 years.

She has served as president of Federated Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, president of the Southern California Chambers of Commerce Executives (SCACCE), president of the Gateway Chambers Alliance for the mid-cities area of Los Angeles County, president of WACE (Western Association of Chamber Executives) as well as several other offices and chairmanships in those organizations.

She was "recycled" on the SCACCE board, and served more recently on the SCACCE conference committee and served as SCACCE newsletter editor. She is a graduate of six years of Institute for Organization Management as well as five years Post Graduate classes for the Institute. These courses are sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

She has written articles and given numerous seminars on a variety of topics at WACE and SCACCE including membership retention, membership drives, fundraising, fiscal management, board and chairman training, director and volunteer relationships, newsletter editing, Operation Thank You, planning conference facilitation and chamber management. She taught a class on Women in Management at Long Beach State College, and has been a guest speaker for a course on chamber management at Cal Poly Pomona.

In addition, Warner-Plettinck was co-author of the *Guidelines for Publishing a Membership Directory/Chamber Publications* produced by SCACCE. She has counseled numerous new Chamber executive directors and gives advice to seasoned managers as well as conducts planning conferences for other chambers.

For the Downey Chamber of Commerce, she has instigated many major fundraisers and new ideas including the push to plan and implement a Street Faire for the city of Downey and the Downey Chamber. In its 13th year now, the faire provides a venue for business, crafters and community organizations to be showcased, and is a major fundraiser for the chamber, raising over \$25,000 annually. Over 20,000 attended this event.

Warner-Plettinck will be succeeded by her longtime administrative assistant, Sue Nordin, who was named by the Chamber Board of Directors to start her new duties in January.

Free flu vaccines while supplies last

DOWNEY – DRMC (Downey Regional Medical Center) Home Health Services will hold a free flu clinic on Friday, December 3, from 9 am to 3 pm. for homebound residents, area seniors and other at-risk populations. The clinic will be held at the DRMC Home Health offices at 9040 E. Telegraph Rd., Ste. 205, while its vaccine supply lasts.

The Los Angeles County Health Department has granted DRMC 2,000

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Council expected to finalize art move

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, The Downey Patriot went to press prior to the Nov. 22 Downey City Council meeting. The following is a list of items that were expected to be approved.

DOWNEY— The Downey City Council was expected to approve its new "Art in Public Places" ordinance through the addition of a new Chapter to the Municipal Code.

Included in the new chapter is a policy manual which sets the terms and limits on the new art and its application in the City.

The program goals include:

*Distinguishing Downey as a special place to live, work, play and visit.

*Integrate the vision of artists with the perspective of other design professionals into the planning and design of the urban landscape.

*Provide every member of the community easy visual access to sculpture from vehicles on major public streets.

*Provide a means to counterbalance what many consider to be "negative effects" of development (e.g., construction noise, traffic, congestion and pollution).

*Strengthen cultural awareness, creativity, and innovative thinking in the community.

Funded by 1 percent building fee

The funding will come from a 1 percent tax levied on new construction or reconstruction in the city which involves more than \$500,000. For custom home developments this will be based on an estimate of the homes market value, based on lot size and the existing market.

In phased developments, a detailed plan must be included and art work provided for each building of \$500,000 or more value. All plans are subject to review by the newly formed Public Art Advisory Committee. Phased developments have two options: 1) Install an art piece for each phase of the project in which individual buildings are valued at \$500,000 or more, as each building is completed, resulting in multiple sculptures at the site. 2) Submit an art plan which combines some or all of the projects art allocations. The plan must be approved by the committee prior to completion of the first building of the project.

What fee will pay for

Expenses allowed include:

*The work of art itself, including the artist's fee for the design, structural engineering, and fabrication.

*Transportation and installation of the work.

*Identification plaques.

*Mountings, pumps and motors or subterranean equipment, pedestals, bases and installation materials.

*Lighting of the immediate work.

*Art consulting fees which should not exceed 20 percent of the total art allocation.

*Art appraisals required by the City staff and/or art committee.

The Art in Public Places Advisory Committee will be made up of appointees by members of the City Council and must be residents of Downey who demonstrate a commitment to the betterment of the City.

In other action Tuesday, the City Council was expected to:

*Present the Mayor's Award for Service to the City to Jason Riddle, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor for Public Works.

*Hear an update on the City's lobbying efforts in Sacramento by Lobbyist Richard Lehman.

*Approve a contract and accepted improvements for traffic signal installation on Lakewood Boulevard in the sum of \$1,268,085.

*Approve the expenditure of \$11,763 for the purchase of Police Radio Receivers.

*Approve an agreement for Mobile Data Computer System of

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Holiday Lane Parade readied for Dec. 4

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lane Parade Committee is making final preparations for this year's parade, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4.

The parade begins at 1:30 p.m. at Downey and Lexington Avenues and continues south, making a left at Civic Center Drive and ending 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.

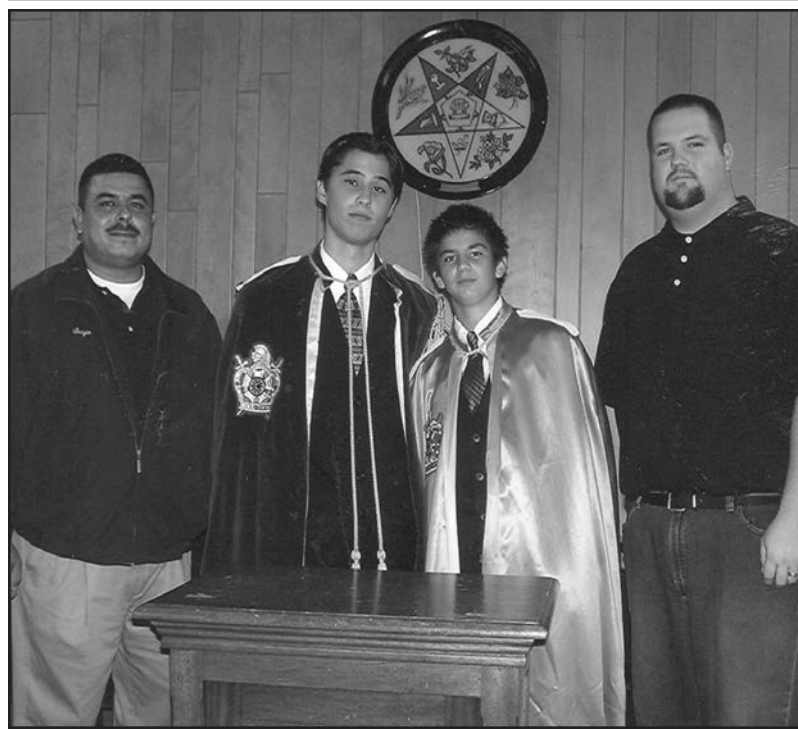
Eight-year-old Matthew McHenry, a third-grader from Maude Price Elementary, was the winner of a drawing and will ride the parade route with Santa Claus.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe will serve as celebrity grand marshal of the Holiday Lane Parade before returning to the broadcast booth to co-host the event with Downey Civic Light Opera Executive Director Marsha Moode. It will be Moode's 18th year broadcasting the event and Knabe's 14th.

The Downey Chamber of Commerce is still accepting sponsorships for the parade. Individuals and businesses can sign up as a Trophy Sponsor for \$100 or Parade Participant for any amount less than that.

Downey Regional Medical Center is the parade's Major Sponsor.

Trophy sponsors so far include: A Unique Florist; AARP; Downey Chapter 262; Jean & Bob Brazelton; David Buhler; Escrow Results; Golden West Pipe & Supply; Mark Keller; Los Amigos Country Club; Don Duffin; Mambo Grill; Mark Minkes and Robert C. Deere, M.D.'s; Mouniar's Hair and Fashion; Meredith Perkins; and Marian Perumean.



DOWNEY DeMOLAY - Boys ages 12-21, perform several services locally and also get involved in sports. Pictured left to right are Sergio Martinez, Chapter Dad; Eric Martinez, Master Councilor; Christopher Baker, Preceptor, and Chairman Michael Yolton. The Chapter meets the first Monday of each month at the Masonic Temple, 8244 E. 3rd St. Membership information may be obtained by calling Yolton at 869-0974.

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.

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Spy case falling apart on the feds

LOS ANGELES—The federal case against three Chinese immigrants who were first accused of a plot to steal secrets key to U.S. warship technology shrank last week to a single reduced count of failing to register as foreign agents.

Although authorities said they may seek more charges the case began to look much like other similar cases involving allegations of Chinese spies that later fell apart.

Chi Mak, 65, of Downey, his wife and brother were indicted last week on a single charge of acting as agents of a foreign country without prior notification to the U.S.

This compared to last month when all three were accused by the FBI of stealing government property, aiding and abetting transportation of stolen goods and conspiracy. The earlier charges could have resulted in 25 years in jail. The charges this week can result in a maximum of 10 years.

According to the federal affidavit, Chi Mak stole computer discs from, Anaheim defense contractor Power Paragon where he was lead engineer on a sensitive research project involving marine propulsion systems.

It is alleged that he and his wife copied information to CDs and delivered them to his brother, Tai Wang Mak, who was scheduled to fly to Hong Kong, then proceed to China.

None of these charges are in the indictment.

Prosecutors may have held off on more counts because of the highly sensitive material involved.

Healthy aging expert to give presentation

DOWNEY—Dr. Monika White, a leading authority on eldercare services and healthy aging, will give a presentation called “Aging Smart, Aging Well” at Downey First Christian Church, 10909 New and 4th Streets, Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. It is the first in a series of free presentations directed at those who have aging parents or significant others, to provide insights into the issues of aging and becoming effective caregivers.

Her presentation will focus on the perceptions and realities of aging today, and what we can learn from healthy centenarians (100-year-olds). She will discuss important considerations of aging: dealing effectively with housing, financial matters and legal matters, obtaining care and support, mobility (driving), and the importance of religion/spirituality. She will also provide useful information about various care-giving resources available in the area.

A nationally-recognized author and lecturer in the aging field, Dr. White is the president and CEO of the Center for Healthy Aging in Santa Monica, an Adjunct Associate Professor at the USC Davis School of Gerontology, and a Senior Research Associate at the USC Andrus Gerontology Center in Los Angeles. She has received numerous awards for her contributions to the field and to the community.



VICKI SPEARMAN - Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate agent, received the Realtor Community Service Award. She is the only Realtor who has received this award more than once from the Downey Association of Realtors.

Panic grips Downey in mock terror attack

DOWNEY - To become better prepared to respond to an actual terrorist event or natural disaster, hospitals, clinics, ambulance providers and governmental agencies participated in a statewide medical and health disaster exercise on Thursday morning, November 17. Medical personnel throughout Downey Regional Medical Center, as well as volunteers acting as patients, concerned family members and friends, media and suspicious persons, responded to a terrorist attack.

According to the scenario used, the president was speaking at Downey's 1st Baptist Church. During the nationally televised event, an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated. Mass hysteria erupted among spectators. Cellular and land lines began flooding into 911. Within minutes, two more bombs exploded.

Before mass casualties ever reached Downey Regional Medical Center, the hospital moved into disaster mode. Inhouse personnel were alerted, the medical staff notified and a call tree was activated to bring in off-duty personnel. Supplies, such as blood product inventory, were closely monitored. In light of the terrorist threat, all doors were locked down and secured, and non-essential business was directed out of the facility. To make matters worse, a suspicious device has been located in the main Operating Room. The OR was closed and the operator has announced a “Code Internal Triage.” Soon after the bomb was removed, the president, who has been impaled, arrived for treatment. The enactment took nearly four hours, and throughout the drill actual patient care continued.

“The training that staff receive through these exercises is invaluable,” states Deb Gale, R.N., nursing director of DRMC's Emergency Care Center and Disaster Program coordinator. “We take very seriously our state-of-readiness, communication with other emergency agencies and response to victims.”

The hospital had asked for Disaster Drill volunteers from the community and local high schools. “We very much appreciate the community's help with these drills,” Gale stated. “Giving this time makes Downey a safer place for everyone.”

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Character Counts is a new program sweeping the Downey School District. The program is based on the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. At Rio Hondo Elementary School, they have ambassadors who greet other students as they start their day and help remind the students of the new program. Joceline Rodas, 3rd grade, is pictured with Vice-Principal Dr. Bertsch and Josue Castillo, 3rd grade, is pictured with teacher Mary Jo Enyeart, a creative force working on the Character Counts Program. CENTURY 21 My Real Estate firmly believes that character does count and are happy to pay tribute to this great program.

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MR. DOWNEY AND LITTLE MR. DOWNEY—Sit for a group picture with their courts. The contest held Nov. 19 at the Downey Civic Theater is a major project of the Downey Rose Float Association.

Mr. Downey, Little Mr. Downey chosen

DOWNEY—Franciso Martinez, a former student at Warren High, has won the title of Mr. Downey for 2006, while Kevin Jerez emerged as winner of the Little Mr. Downey contest in the competition sponsored by the Downey Rose Float Association held Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Downey Civic Theater. Attendance topped 200, composed mostly of family and relatives.

Mr. Downey 1st Runner Up was Diego Beas, Martinez' best friend, while Efrain Ledesma was 2nd Runner up. The other 10 Mr. Downey contestants were: Corey Doss, Chris Gutierrez, Josh Torres, Frank Case, Todd Bleak, Marvin Jerez, Michael Allhands, Michael DeLeon, Gray Hilario and Oskar Moguel.

Little Mr. Downey 1st Runner Up was Alejandro Calleros, 2nd Runner Up was Quinn Vazquez and Leo Valencia was 3rd Runner Up.

In addition, the following awards were given: Volunteer Award, to Josh Torres; Academic Award, to Frank Case; Athletic Award, to Marvin Jerez; Little Photogenic, to Quinn Vasquez; Mr. Photogenic Award, to Francisco Martinez; Little Congeniality Award, to Kevin Jerez; Mr. Congeniality Award, to Diego Beas; Little Sportswear Award, to Kevin Jerez; Mr. Sportswear Award, to Efrain Ledesma; Little Formal Wear Award, to Kevin Jerez; Mr. Formal Wear Award, to Diego Beas; Entrepreneur Award, to Francisco Martinez; Little Directors Choice, Leo Valencia; and Mr. Directors Choice, Michael Allhands.

All awardees received cash awards, except Directors' Choice. Mr. Downey received \$1000 while Little Mr. Downey received \$500. Both titleholders also received free tuxedo rentals from Downey Rent-A-Tux. Awards were chosen based on the highest score in sportswear and formal wear categories. Voting was done by a panel of five judges.

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.

Tickets are \$25 per, and are available though 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.

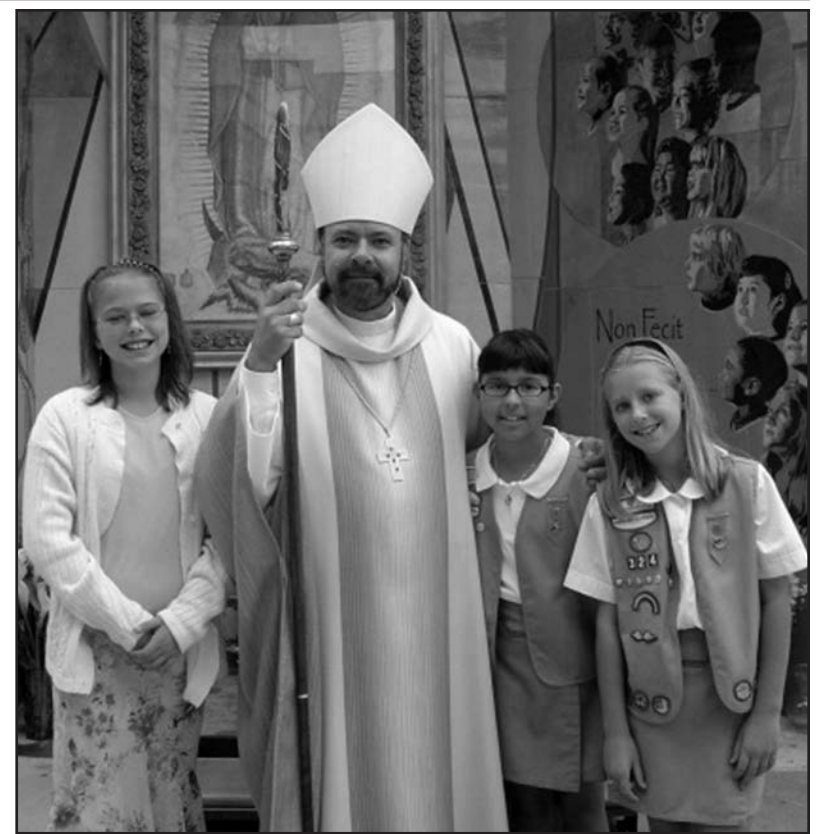
Softball sign-ups at Rio San Gabriel

DOWNEY – Early registration begins Saturday, Dec. 3 at Rio San Gabriel Park from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. for Downey Ponytail Softball.

Price is \$55 for the first player and \$35 for sisters. Registration will also be held Dec. 4, noon – 4 p.m. and Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., also at Rio San Gabriel. Registration cost increases to \$70 for the first player and \$50 for sisters after Dec. 10.

Free-throw contest for kids at Apollo

DOWNEY – Downey Elks will hold their annual basketball free-throw contest on Dec. 10 at Apollo Park from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. All Downey school and parochial children ages 8-13 are invited to participate.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 324 MEMBERS—(From left), Bonnie Shilling, Carina Barbosa and Marissa Santana, representing Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Raymond's parishes in Downey, after each being presented this fall with the "I Live My Faith" award from Bishop Salazar at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in Los Angeles. Each girl completed an extensive workbook filled with photos and activities that expressed their growing Catholic faith. Troup 324 Leader is Renee Santana.

Library book lover's club meets Dec. 8

DOWNEY—If you are interested in discovering the best in literary fiction, biography and popular nonfiction, you should consider joining the Downey City Library Book Lover's Club. The free monthly book discussion group meets Thursday, Dec. 8 from noon-1 p.m. in the Cormack Room.

This month's featured selection is *The Gift of the Magi and Other Stories* by O. Henry. Group members are also invited to review a favorite book at this session.

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Child immunization shots at Alameda

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District and St. Francis Medical Center, in cooperation with the LA County Department of Health Services Immunization Program, are giving free immunizations for children ages 4-18 from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the Alameda Elementary Cafeteria, 8613 Alameda St. in Downey.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and the child's immunization record must be brought. For information, call 904-3589.

Council

Montebello, Whittier, for Fire Department Communications Center work.

*Allocate \$11,000 for a Fire Data Line Improvement project.

*Accept \$204,000 in Federal Fire Grant Funds and appropriated \$120,000 in City funding for the Fire Department radio equipment improvement.

*Introduce an ordinance approving a parking lease agreement with 3627 Tweedy Lane LLC (8350 Firestone).

*Adopt a resolution appointing Brent Gable to the Emergency Preparedness Committee representing Council District One.

*Adopt a resolution establishing an all-way stop at the intersection of Downey Avenue and Sixth Street.

The next public meeting of the City Council will be Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Mayoral Transition Ceremonies at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave. The next regular meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 13 at City Hall.

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Both teams headed for 2005 National Championship in Tucson, Arizona in December.

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Tribute to former Congressman Roybal

(Full text of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's remarks as she was joined by more than 25 Members of Congress in a Special Order Tribute in the U. S. House of Representatives to her late father – as read into the official congressional record on Nov. 15)

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Roybal family, I sincerely thank my colleagues for tonight's Special Order and for their kind words about my father, former Congressman Edward R. Roybal.

I thank the President and Mrs. Bush for their considerate letter of condolence, Speaker Dennis Hastert for his graciousness in presenting my mother the flag flown over our nation's capitol in my father's honor, and Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid for sharing his special memories about my father on the Senate floor.

For their kind and eloquent words during the memorial services in Los Angeles, I thank Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, the Minority Leader, Congressman David Dreier, Chairman of the Rules Committee, Congressman Solomon Ortiz, my father's good friend and colleague from Texas, Congressman Xavier Becerra, from California Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles, Supervisor Gloria Molina of Los Angeles, Judge Harry Pregerson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Sheriff Lee Baca of Los Angeles County, Councilman Alex Padilla, President of the Los Angeles City Council, Antonia Hernandez, Dan Maldonado, Evelyn Verdugo-Tabarez, Brenda Sutton-Wills, Ricardo Olivarez, Eloise Sotello, Linda Newton, and Manuel Gonez.

The Roybal family is also extremely grateful to my father's former Chiefs of Staff, Ed Avila, Henry Lozano, Dan Maldonado, Jorge Lambrinos, Harry Pachon and the Mayor of Los Angeles Antonio Villaraigosa and his staff, for providing so much help and support during this difficult time.

My family also sends a heartfelt thank you to my many colleagues, constituents and friends who gave their condolence, attended the services, and/or sent flowers.

Mr. Speaker, my father Edward R. Roybal loved our country and this House of Representatives, where he served proudly for 30 years.

During the past weeks, we have heard stories of my father's many legislative accomplishments and, oftentimes, lonely battles on behalf of the sick, the elderly, and the disadvantaged.

As one of the 13 cardinals of the House Appropriations Committee, colleagues from both sides of the aisle have related to me stories of his fairness and ability to work in a bipartisan way on behalf of his constituents and our nation.

We have also heard about his many tributes, including the naming of the Atlanta campus of the Centers for Disease Control in his honor.

And, the recognition received for his lifelong leadership when he was awarded our nation's highest civilian honor: The Presidential Citizens Medal.

I would like to end this Special Order Mr. Speaker, by talking about Edward Roybal, the father, from the personal experiences of his three children.

As many families do in such times of sadness, my brother, sister and I sat and talked about our memories of dad or pop as we lovingly called him.

We recalled how deeply he loved our mother and his wife of 65 years, Lucille Beserra Roybal.

Always by his side, her hard work and devotion was the glue that held our family together and provided the strength and support that helped to make possible our father's many accomplishments, which started when he was only a teenager, successfully leading a fight against discrimination at a local swimming pool and continued when he was a public health educator in the state of California.

We remembered his strong belief in the value and strength of family.

And how he, with my mother, shaped our values and modeled for us deep personal integrity.

He taught us faith in God, the value of family and friends and the importance of giving back to one's community.

And without a doubt, he taught us the importance of participating in the political process.

My sister, Lillian, my brother Ed and I, remembered how we never sat down to dinner at a normal hour with just the immediate family, but always surrounded by our political family and friends.

We remembered how at any time our house could fill with people and another emergency meeting would be convened, for our house was always the gathering place.

We remembered triumphant elections, painful defeats, high expectations, and fearful realities.

The fearful realities were particularly vivid during the forties and fifties when we were young children growing up in the Boyle Heights community of Los Angeles.

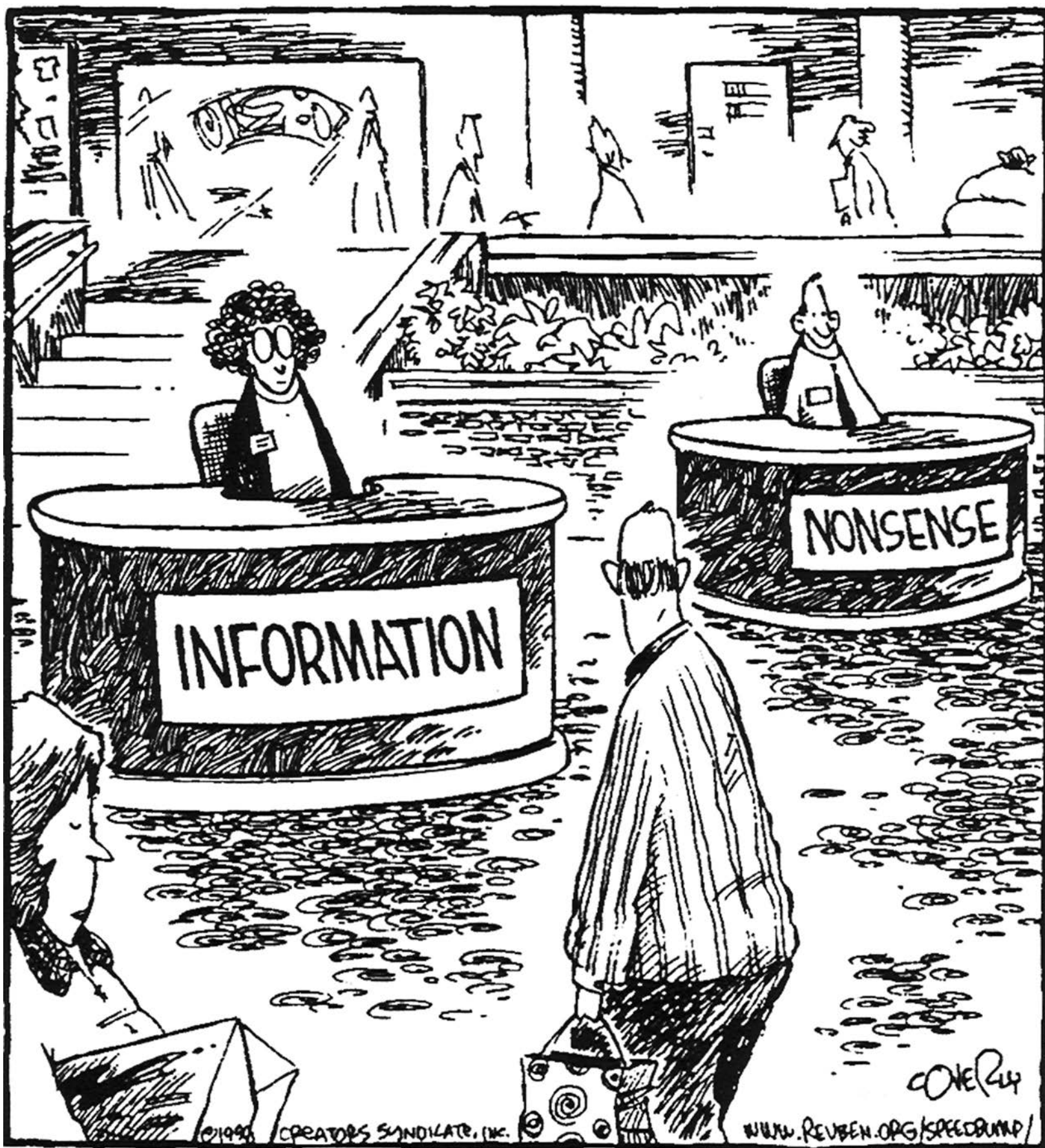
During that time in our city's history, Mexican Americans and other minorities were not welcomed in many parts of our city.

Therefore, one can well imagine the reception my father received in 1949, when he was the first Latino to be elected to the Los Angeles City Council in the twentieth century.

The racial slurs and not so quiet whispers directed at him and our family when we attended events and dinners remain vivid in our minds even today.

But equally as vivid is the strength and the courage he demonstrated as many in our society tried to humiliate and intimidate him to give up his cause.

Giving up was something he would never consider because he clearly understood, and reminded us often, that the struggles, and even the victo-



-ries, were not about him and our family, but about creating a foundation of opportunity for future generations of Latinos and other disenfranchised Americans and communities.

In the midst of all the political turmoil, we also remembered that there was laughter and fun; and we always knew we were loved.

We remembered family gatherings when dad played his guitar and sang with our mother.

We remembered his love for his sons-in-law, Michael Rose and Edward Allard.

And the deep love and pride he had for his grandchildren Lisa Elliott, Ricardo Olivarez, Michael R. Rose, Louisiana R. Rose and his great grandchildren Emily Rose, Diego, Santiago, and Lourdes Olivarez and Mason Elliott.

The void my father leaves behind will always be filled with these and many more fond memories and values he left with us as part of his legacy.

We miss him and he will always be in our hearts with great love and pride.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Roybal family, I again thank my colleagues for tonight's Special Order and for sharing their thoughts and special memories of my father, Congressman Edward R. Roybal."

Flu shots

doses for its immunizations.

If the recipient has special needs, such as difficulty getting out of the car, a Home Health nurse will come out to their car for curbside service. For information, call (562) 622-5900.

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.

Operating since 1994, DRMC Home Health is a division of Downey Regional Medical Center. Home Health Services is fully licensed by the Department of Health Services to offer a broad range of nursing, medical and rehabilitative care all under the supervision of personal physicians.

Left-turn

hours, a protected left-turn signal can cause unnecessary delays.

The new "protected permissive" left-turn signal contains five sections instead of just three. Under its operation the green arrow is displayed and followed by a yellow arrow, similar to the protected signal. After the yellow arrow, a solid green ball is displayed instead of the red arrow. During the solid green ball motorists are permitted to make left turns while yielding to opposing traffic. The green ball is followed by a solid yellow ball, and then a red ball.

This type of light greatly enhances left-turn traffic flow, by allowing motorists to turn during both "protected" and "permitted" situations. During peak hours, most left-turn vehicles will be accommodated through the protected operation. During light traffic hours motorists are spared from having to wait when there is no opposing traffic and when there are sufficient gaps in traffic. The new lights have been installed along Lakewood and Firestone boulevards.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

In praise of Mrs. Leon

Dear Editor:

The award for excellence in the field of instruction presented to Mrs. Jackie Leon (The Downey Patriot, Nov. 18) is well-deserved, past overdue and a confirmation of what those of us, whose children were fortunate to have Mrs. Leon as their teacher, have known for a long time.

As a volunteer parent at Rio Hondo Elementary I have witnessed first hand Mrs. Leon's didactic skills and the motivation for higher achievement that she inspires in her students. Her royal bearing also motivates her students to emulate her.

Mrs. Leon's commitment to her students does not end after they leave the 2nd grade she teaches. She keeps in touch with them and is the first one to congratulate them in writing and with a book gift when she learns of a particular achievement they have accomplished.

I am hopeful that cloning technology improves in the next few years so that we could clone Mrs. Leon. Society needs more teachers like her.

—Jorge Montero,
Downey

City collecting toys for underprivileged kids

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Public Works Department's Recycling Office is again running a toy collection drive among residents and businesses from Nov. 28 to Dec. 16 to benefit underprivileged children.

The toys will be distributed to children through the Downey Council PTA H.E.L.P.S. "Holiday Basket Program," the Downey Sister Cities Association, and other local children's programs.

In the past, both new and used toys were collected, but beginning this year, only new toys are requested. All toys are to remain unwrapped.

For participants' convenience, designated toy drop-off points are: Downey City Hall, Downey City Library, Downey Police Station, Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, all Downey Fire Stations, all Downey public schools, and many local businesses displaying a City toy collection box.

For information on how you or your organization can get involved in the Holiday Toy Collection Program, contact the City's Recycling office at 904-7103.

DUSD to bid farewell to Betty 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.

Perkins sworn in as mayor Dec. 6

DOWNEY—Downey city councilman Meredith Perkins will be sworn in as the mayor of Downey at ceremonies Dec. 6 at City Hall.

The Mayoral Transition Ceremonies begin at 6 p.m.

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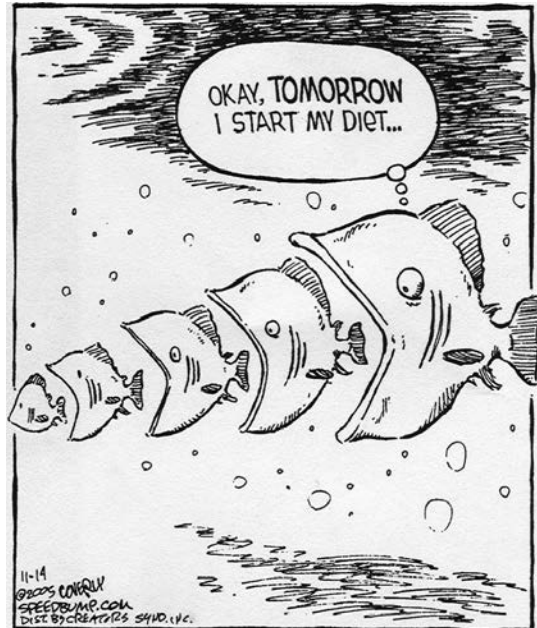
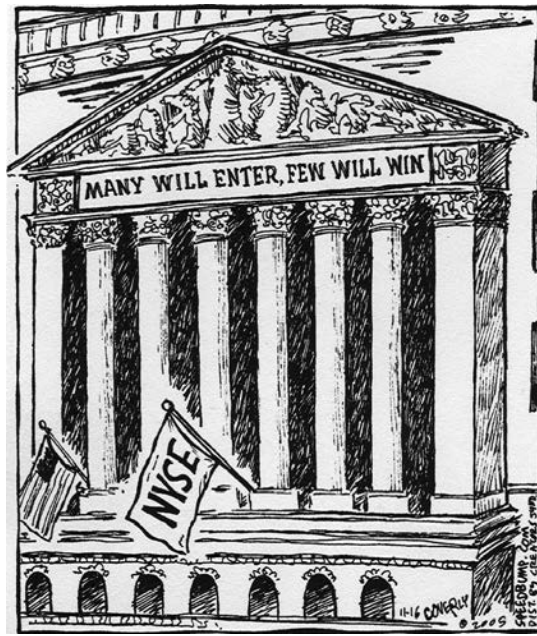
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November

Fri. Nov. 25, 6:30 p.m.: **Shawn Morgan entertains** at the keyboard with popular hits at Granata's restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. Also Saturday night For information call 861-2997.
Sun. Nov. 27, 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 (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: **Huff and Puff Respiratory**, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
6 p.m.: **Downey Space Toastmasters Club 513**, at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center, for info. call Mark at 803-5203.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
2nd Weds., 7 p.m.: **Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce**, for information call 867-1087.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: **Diabetes Support Group**, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
9 a.m.: **Senior Californians of Downey**, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.
12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Samb's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

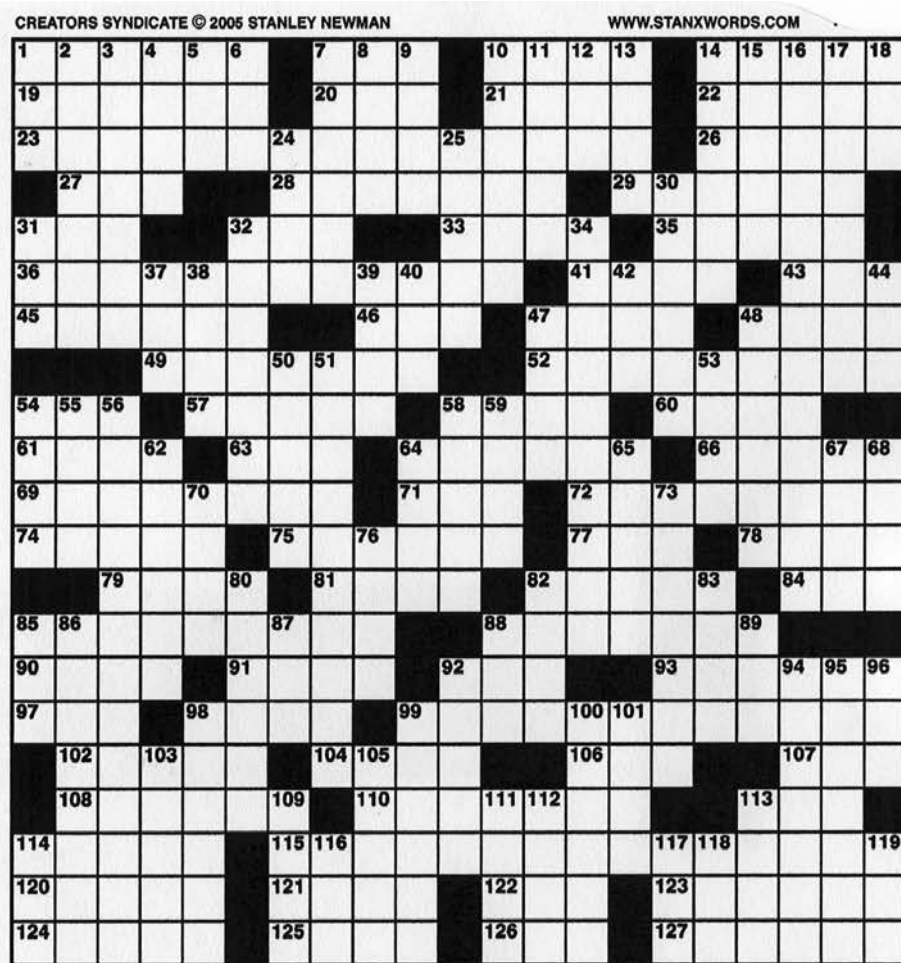
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

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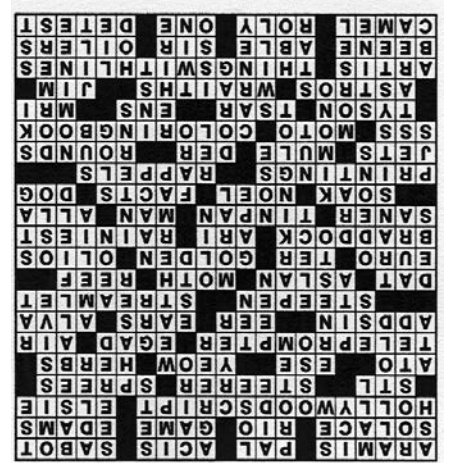
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GOING STRAIGHT: With the theme revealed at 115 Across
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- 1 One of the Musketeers
 - 7 Close associate
 - 10 Galatea's love
 - 14 Clunky shoe
 - 19 Give comfort to
 - 20 Copacabana city
 - 21 Hearts or handball
 - 22 Party cheeses
 - 23 Screenwriter's output
 - 26 Borden symbol
 - 27 Mo. metropolis
 - 28 One at the helm
 - 29 4 Down binges
 - 31 From ___ Z
 - 32 Language suffix
 - 33 "That smarts!"
 - 35 Chef's shellful
 - 36 Orator's aid
 - 41 "Zounds!"
 - 43 Go public with
 - 45 Contributes to the mix
 - 46 Suffix with rocket or racket
 - 47 Dumbo's wings
 - 48 Thomas ___ Edison
 - 49 Increase the angle of
 - 52 Tiny brook
 - 54 "Can't Help Lovin' ___ Man"
 - 57 *Chronicles of Narnia* lion
 - 58 Closet pest
 - 60 Nautical hazard
 - 61 Dublin dough
 - 63 Three times, in prescriptions
 - 64 Auric
 - 66 Mixed bags
 - 69 Boxer played by Crowe
 - 71 *Exodus* hero
 - 72 Most monsoonlike
 - 74 Not as Inane
 - 75 Harsh-sounding
 - 77 Sixth-day creation
 - 78 ___ breve
 - 79 Loll in the tub
 - 81 Year-end tune
 - 82 Almanac filler
 - 84 Pluto or Pongo
 - 85 Publishers' lots
 - 88 Cliff descents
 - 90 Airworthy fleet
 - 91 Stubborn sort
 - 92 German article
 - 93 Bar orders
 - 97 Draft org.
 - 98 Marquand sleuth
 - 99 Crayons partner
 - 102 '80s heavyweight champ
 - 104 Erstwhile autocrat
 - 106 USNA rank
 - 107 Hosp. test
 - 108 National League team or racket
 - 110 Apparitions
 - 113 Huck's raftmate
 - 114 End of MGM's motto
 - 115 Theme of the puzzle
 - 120 Geoffrey of fashion
 - 121 Up to the task
 - 122 ___ Sean Connery
 - 123 Crude carriers
 - 124 Skating spln
 - 125 ___poly
 - 126 Word on a dollar
 - 127 Can't stomach
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Blonde shade
 - 2 Slept on a perch
 - 3 Counting everything
 - 4 Shopaholic's hangout
 - 5 Frosty
 - 6 Make zigzags, maybe
 - 7 For now, for short
 - 8 Right-hand person
 - 9 Get bested
 - 10 Amenable sort
 - 11 Capital on the Nile
 - 12 Sitter's handful
 - 13 Firms up
 - 14 Get really ticked
 - 15 Freud contemporary
 - 16 Place to play
 - 17 Neglecting
 - 18 Literary monogram
 - 24 ___ buco
 - 25 Colonial newsman
 - 30 Sci-fi weapon
 - 31 ___ loss for words
 - 32 Che's real name
 - 34 Local TV news display
 - 37 Sink-trap shape
 - 38 Gyro bread
 - 39 Hammer end
 - 40 Sawbuck
 - 42 Watchdog's greeting
 - 44 Beans spiller
 - 47 Business sign abbr.
 - 48 Aviator Earhart
 - 50 Send to office
 - 51 4 Down adjunct
 - 53 Long, long time
 - 54 First American Railway Union president
 - 55 Mystique
 - 56 DC's Metro, e.g.
 - 58 Aesopian closer
 - 59 *Lena of Havana*
 - 62 Concert halls
 - 64 Be slack-jawed
 - 65 Spingarn Medal org.
 - 67 Capital on a fjord
 - 68 For men only
 - 70 "Phooey!"
 - 73 New physicians
 - 76 Victory measure, maybe
 - 80 Dressing gown
 - 82 Casino card game
 - 83 Walk wearily
 - 85 Nightwear
 - 86 Interstate stop
 - 87 Filbert, for one
 - 88 Fam. member
 - 89 Bench rider
 - 92 Hair-covering scarf
 - 94 Name on a slate
 - 95 Windows in gables
 - 96 Go downhill fast
 - 98 Tasty bit
 - 99 He played Norton
 - 100 Take back on board
 - 101 Research ctr.
 - 103 *Goosebumps* author
 - 105 Foul fare
 - 109 Restaurant rating unit
 - 111 "This ___ sudden!"
 - 112 Romulus or Remus
 - 113 Leave at the altar
 - 114 Elementary trio
 - 116 *The Sopranos* network
 - 117 Bricklayer's burden
 - 118 Tell it like it isn't
 - 119 Retired speedster



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Irland adopted the EURO (61) Scotland and Wales have not. In figure skating, a CAMEL (124) Across is a spin done in arabesque position, with one arm and leg extended back, and the other arm forward. The Spingarn Medal (65 Down) is awarded annually by the NAACP for outstanding achievement by a black American.



First Baptist presents an original musical

DOWNEY—The Worship Arts Department of First Baptist Church of Downey, 8345 E. Third St. in Downey, will bring to life the music, clothing and culture of 1941 when it presents "Pearl...a Christmas Musical" Friday-Sunday, Dec. 9-11 at 7:30 p.m., and also at 4 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11.

The story shares the friendship of two children living adjacent in two Los Angeles apartments in 1941, and how they come to teach their Japanese-American and Caucasian families the "benefit of love that knows no color or bias."

The originally-scripted musical features the First Baptist 50-voice choir, as well as dance, drama, costumes and special effects that will transport the audience into the "happy-go-lucky days of 1941, and how the optimism of the music and culture sustained a nation—and two families—through the darkest of times."

Complimentary tickets for "Pearl" are available now by contacting the Pearl ticket office, (562) 923-1261, ext. 275, or by visiting www.fbc-downey.org or e-mail info@fbcdowney.org.

Snow for first time at the Aquarium

LONG BEACH—In a miracle of sorts on 100 Aquarium Way in Long Beach, Scuba Santa will make it snow for the first time at the Aquarium of the Pacific on Dec. 3-4 during the Holiday Treats for the Animals event, as Scuba Santa delivers an ocean of gifts to the Aquarium's sea otters, seals, sea lions, birds, fish and other animals, in celebration of the holiday season. The event is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Guests will be able to see Scuba Santa dive with sharks and watch the Aquarium's animals receive their special treats and enrichment gifts through special holiday presentations. Families can also enjoy live holiday music, children's crafts, storytelling, unique photo opportunities, shopping, and more. Scuba Santa will make special appearances at the nearly 3-story tall Blue Cavern exhibit, where he will dive with leopard sharks and barracudas and will let it snow for guests. Next to the Blue Cavern, an enormous holiday tree, surrounded by a special train display, will provide the backdrop for pictures with the Santa of the sea, Santa Sea Otter.

The seals and sea lions will savor frozen "fishmas" treats and will be surprised with holiday gifts left by Santa. Guests can also watch the sea otters savor candy cane-shaped ice treats, gourmet lobster tails, and their own snowman. Throughout the day Aquarium staff will give gift delicacies to other animals, including the binturong ("Asian bear-cat") and Lorikeets (birds from "down under"). The public can also purchase a holiday treat to feed a Lorikeet, available for \$1.

The Aquarium's gift stores, Pacific Collections and Shark Shack, will feature an array of unique marine-related gifts for all ages.

General admission is \$18.95 adult (12+), \$16.95 senior (\$60+), \$10.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members. Information: (562) 590-3100, or www.aquariumofpacific.org.



TOUR DIRECTOR JANET FURGERSON - Outside the Southeast Entertainment "Fun Bus" with driver Phillip Blick. The group will tour Las Vegas Jan. 10-12.

Southeast Entertainment to tour Vegas

DOWNEY - Southeast Entertainment is organizing a three-day, two-night trip to Las Vegas from Jan. 10-12.

Cost is \$120 per person, double occupancy, at the Plaza Hotel & Casino in Downtown Las Vegas. The tour includes transportation, deluxe rooms, baggage handling and taxes. The bus boards Tuesday at 5:30 a.m. and returns Thursday at 5 p.m.

For reservations or information, call Alen at 923-1755.

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* **HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE PG-13** (11:00, 11:45, 2:30, 3:30, 6:15, 7:00, 9:45, 10:30)

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'Nunsense' to play the DCLO

DOWNEY - Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has announced the second production of the 2005-06 season.

"Nunsense," the side-splitting comedy about a talent show staged by the Little Sisters of Hoboken to pay for the burial of one of their own (accidentally poisoned by the convent chef), has delighted audiences Catholic and non-denominational for decades. Playing dates are February 23 - March 12, 2006.

For ticket information, call 923-1714. Group discounts are available.

Musical group to sing carols at library

DOWNEY—The public is invited to a free performance Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the lobby of the Downey City Library by Divine Talents, a non-profit music education group who have performed for the Holiday Lane Parade, Kids Day and at Stonewood Center Mall. Young singers in grades kindergarten through 8th grade will perform holiday carols inside the library.

The program starts at 6:30 p.m. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave. For information, contact (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

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Automotive program unveiled at college

NORWALK – Cerritos College will host a free informational session on Tuesday, Dec. 6 for a new program allowing students to earn their bachelor's degree in automotive management.

The bachelor's degree offering starts Jan. 9, 2006 -- the first day of spring semester at Cerritos College -- through an agreement with Northwood University, headquartered in Michigan.

Students in the new program attend all classes on Cerritos College's campus and take higher-level courses from Northwood University instructors after meeting general degree requirements.

The information session will be presented twice, first from 1:30-3 p.m. and again from 7-8:30 p.m., in the Wilford Michael Library's teleconference center on the school's campus. Cerritos College is at 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk. Call 860-2451, ext. 2912 for more information.



Word of MOUTH
by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

While the dentist is at the center of any dental practice, dental hygienists perform most of the preventive and maintenance services so important to good dental hygiene. Among these are scaling and polishing patients' teeth, applying topical fluorides and impressions, ect. The dental hygienist makes sure that patients have a clear idea how to brush and floss their teeth most effectively. In light of the fact that hygienist have accumulated a considerable amount of dental and periodontal experience and expertise, patients are encouraged to avail themselves of this knowledge. Dental hygienists are preventive oral care professionals who can stop potential problems before they become difficult and costly to treat. This column has been brought to you as a public service. Dental hygienists are specially trained to work with the dentist in providing care to the patient. A complete checkup and cleaning should be scheduled at least every six months. Keeping teeth and gums healthy will contribute to overall health and enjoyment of life. We're located at 10800 Paramount Blvd., Suite 307, where teaching you how to prevent dental disease and preserving your natural teeth for a lifetime are our primary goals. Please call (562) 923-3714 to schedule an appointment. P.S. While most patients should have their teeth cleaned by the hygienist every six months those prone to plaque accumulation should schedule appointments more frequently.
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Memorial service held for Barbara A. Farquhar

DOWNEY—A memorial service was held recently for Barbara A. Farquhar, who was a longtime resident of Downey.

A retiree from Rockwell after 33 years of service, she was active in the Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church choir, Downey Christian Women's Club, was president of her TOPS group, and was an 18-year member of the Southeast Sapphires Downey Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA). At ABWA, secretary, Job Bank chair, Sunshine Lady, and voted "Woman of the Year."

She is survived by daughter Dawn (John) Shannon; three grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Interment was at forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress.

'Christmas Love' at Messiah Lutheran

DOWNEY – "Christmas Love" will be the theme for special Christmas services for Messiah Lutheran Church, 10711 Paramount Blvd.

The series will include "The Christmas Love of Time," Nov. 27; "The Christmas Love of Affirmation," Dec. 4; "The Christmas Love of Service," Dec. 11; "The Christmas Love of Touch," Dec. 18; and "The Christmas Love of Gift Giving," on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Sunday service times are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. For information call 923-1215.

Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen is pastor of the local congregation.

The poets' corner

The Bottle Brush Tree

It rained last night--
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The bottle brush, wet and heavy, has fewer-bird-visitors today
On a sunny day tens of them balance on the thinnest branches
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I wonder, how do their delicate claws
manage to hold on as they feed
swinging to and fro
up
and
down?

Hummingbirds occasionally dart in and out of that tree
and one day a bird with bright yellow plumage
joined his ordinary fellows

—Rosalie Sciortino,
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Chiropractic office collecting toys

DOWNEY – Mariscal Family Chiropractic, 8531 Florence Ave. #102, is participating in the Angel Tree program. New patients who visit the office between Dec. 5-8 will receive a free exam and computerized biomechanical stress test in exchange for two unwrapped toys (one for a boy, one for a girl) valued at \$10 each.

For more information or to set up an appointment, call 904-6990 or visit www.downeychiro.com.

Christmas Boutique at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – The St. Raymond's Seniors group are having their annual Christmas Boutique and raffle on Sunday, Dec. 4 in the church's small hall from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Many gifts will be available for purchase and prizes will be raffled off, including a large family basket.

Study session tonight at Temple

DOWNEY—At 6 p.m., prior to Friday evening services at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey on Nov. 25, Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow, together with Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Grill, and with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ, will conduct the first in a series of monthly Study Sessions, to which the community is welcome. There is no charge to the sessions.

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

Downey Council PTA's boutique Dec. 3

DOWNEY—Downey Council PTA will hold its 1st Annual Boutique Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center in Downey. Admission is free. For information, call 862-2141.

Golf tournament to benefit high school

DOWNEY—The 1st Annual Darren Doherty Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Dec. 23 at Rio Hondo Golf Club to benefit St. John Bosco High School. Call (562) 787-2905 for details.

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DOLORES SANTOLLA – DRMC Auxilian and BabyTrack Program Coordinator, keeps a preventive eye on newborns.



SCENE—At last Sunday's Thanksgiving Luncheon held by the Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Downey. Upcoming is their Christmas Luncheon/Boutique Dec. 3, as well as their Christmas Luncheon for the Homeless Dec. 10.

Ladies Philoptochos' Christmas Boutique

DOWNEY—The Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Downey hold their Christmas Luncheon/Boutique, "Christmas Around the World," Saturday, Dec. 3, featuring handcrafted items, homemade Greek sweets, gifts, jewelry, clothing, a raffle and a silent auction. The boutique is scheduled from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the St. George Parish Hall, 10830 Downey Ave. Luncheon tickets cost \$30.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 10, the Society holds its Christmas Luncheon for the Homeless.

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DOWNEY – Vaccines are considered one of the greatest public health achievements of the 20th century. Immunizations can prevent disability and death from infectious diseases for individuals and can help control the spread of infections within communities. Many once-common diseases now are controlled with immunizations.

Dolores Santolla of Bellflower understands how important childhood immunizations are for the community. Thus, for the past 12 years she has dedicated herself to making immunizations happen for all babies born at Downey Regional Medical Center.

Santolla, a member of the DRMC Auxilian, gives new moms what amounts to an "owner's manual." In either English or Spanish, they receive packets chock-full of literature on immunizations as well as nutrition, disease prevention, skin care, bathing and more. She also presents the parents with videotapes and baby care product samples to help them get a healthy start. In addition to the giveaways, Santolla calls each mom at 2, 4 and 6 months after their DRMC delivery with a friendly immunization reminder. If the parents cannot afford the shots, Santolla offers them resources for free immunization clinics.

Along with preventing the spread of disease and improving the child's life expectancy, immunizations have been shown to increase economic growth and development. Every healthy child who survives contributes to a country's increased economic productivity, not merely by virtue of their longer lives, but also because they become better students and more productive workers. Their good health also frees their parents and families to fulfill their roles in society.

"Sometimes I go bonkers because there's so much paperwork, but it's so very important," says Santolla about the DRMC BabyTrack program. "You'd be surprised how many people don't realize what immunizations are needed for their child."

All children born in the United States should receive 12 to 16 doses of vaccine by age 2 years to be protected against 10 vaccine-preventable childhood diseases: Measles, Mumps, Polio, Rubella (German Measles), Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Hepatitis A and B, Tetanus, Spinal Meningitis, Pneumococcal disease and Chickenpox. Viruses and bacteria that cause the current vaccine-preventable diseases still exist.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), newborn babies are immune to many diseases because they have antibodies they got from their mothers. However, the duration of this immunity may last only a month to about a year. Further, young children do not have maternal immunity against some vaccine-preventable diseases, such as whooping cough.

Parents seeking information about childhood immunizations should contact their pediatrician.



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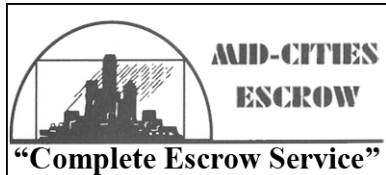


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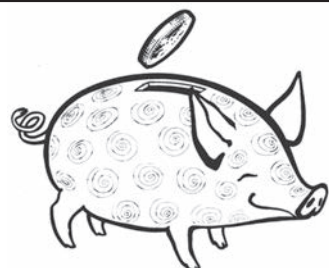
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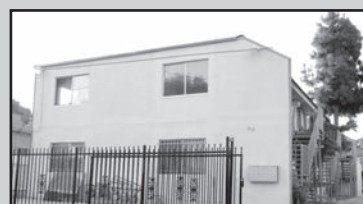
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