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## The Story of the Rives Mansion



The Rives Mansion has been the subject of much speculation in recent months as it was recently put on the market. It sold in October to Carmen Rivera, a realtor, for \$1,751,000, according to public tax records. Photo by Art Montoya

## Marie Callender's: 'Warming hearts and tummies' at same location since 1966

BY SCOTT COBOS  
CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – Serving pies since 1948, Marie Callender's established itself with its first shop in Orange County. Tasty apple and pumpkin pies were being delivered fresh to your doorstep in a truck. Years later the pie shops started featuring full service menus, featuring some of Marie's own recipes.

Shops started to pop up all over the United States. Not too far away from the original location, a small shop opened up on Florence Blvd. right near Griffiths Middle School. Marie Callender's shop No. 9 opened in Oct. 1966 and still bakes fresh pies daily.

The first thing you see when you walk in the front door is the list of pies offered. Apple, pumpkin, pecan, chocolate crème, and a customer favorite banana crème pies are made from fresh ingredients everyday for you.

A smiling face is waiting behind the counter to help you select your after dinner treat. Pies sit in coolers behind the cashier.

If you're feeling like lunch or dinner, a host also awaits with menus in their arms to seat you at an open table.

Here, you can get anything from a turkey sandwich to a steak dinner. The menu differed from generation to generation along with the crew and

process in which things were done.

Sitting at the counter, someone waits as their server comes over to help. Lori Brooks who has now been at the restaurant for three years takes her customer's order then engages in some small talk.

She describes how just years ago, they didn't have a computer system to take orders. A ticket is taken out of her black apron, a standard part of the staff's uniform. She shows the scribbling on the ticket that an order was taken on.

Shrimp and chips with extra pieces of shrimp and no lemons, two salads with Thousand Island dressing and slices of avocado, and a slice of coconut crème pie cost this particular customer around 30 dollars.

The name Trudy appears at the bottom of the ticket along with her phone number. This order placed was specifically for take out as indicated by the big X crossed through the paper.

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## Mervyns helps spread a little holiday cheer

BY JACQUELINE MEJIA  
CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – On Dec. 9, the organization Para Los Ninos and Mervyns Downey in the Stonewood Center joined together to spread some holiday cheer to 25 Downey children with \$100 shopping sprees.

Supervisor David Torres, who has been working with the organization for seven years, described the focus of this program as an after school haven for children, where they receive a snack, tutoring, and are taught different activities that focus on specific values every month. Usually, a shopping spree is given by Mervyns the month before school starts; this was the first year that it was done during the holiday season.

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Angelica Castaneda, 7, picks out a dress during a shopping spree at Mervyns in Downey. Photo courtesy Jordan Roberts

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## Rives Mansion mysteries debunked

■ Realtor gives rare insider's view of Downey's most historic - and talked about - home.

BY BARBARA BRILEY-BEARD  
REALTOR, ACTION REALTY

There have been a few articles written about the Rives Mansion on Paramount Boulevard and Third Street in Downey and there is much speculation as to the real story.

I happen to know the true story as I am the realtor who sold the mansion, with all its wonder and mystery.

So the history lesson for today for those who want to know it is as follows:

The Rives Mansion is by far the most impressive imposing residence in the Downey community when completed in 1912.

The Rives Mansion was built for Judge James C. Rives, who was born in 1864 and came to Downey as a young child from Atlanta. Judge Rives was the publisher for a time of the *Downey Weekly Review*, admitted to the bar in 1887, at age 23, became a successful lawyer and served two terms as district attorney, from 1898 to 1902, before becoming a superior court judge for almost two decades.

The judge was a walnut grower in his later years before the orange groves of Cherokee Estates were put in. Rives Avenue is named for Judge Rives.

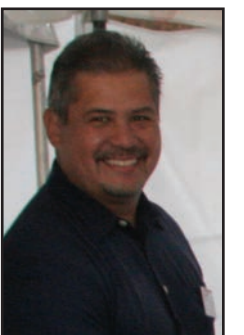
The Rives Mansion was put on the National Register of Historical Places on January 25, 1978 (#78000681). The exterior of the home is to stay white, it is not supposed to be torn down, and that is for all four buildings on the 35,719 square foot lot. 10921 is a small 547-square foot com-

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## Trejo takes over as mayor from Perkins

BY HENRY VENERACION  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—In a year-ending transition ceremony awash in what somebody referred to as "a little pomp and circumstance," the City Council Tuesday installed erstwhile Mayor Pro Tem Rick Trejo as Mayor and Councilmember Dave Gafin as Mayor Pro Tem. Both will serve in these capacities for one year, in accordance with the city's rule of rotation.



TREJO

Trejo replaces termed-out colleague Meredith H. Perkins, who went out in a shower of encomiums from a standing room only crowd of appreciative officials, colleagues, and friends.

Taking their oaths of office were newly-elected Councilmember Mario Guerra, who took over Perkins' District II seat, and Councilmember Anne Bayer, who won re-election uncontested and retained her seat representing District IV.

Trejo said he would intensify his focus in the coming year on his two pet projects, Keep Downey Beautiful and construction of the planned new park in the old NASA property.

Guerra, after thanking his supporters and "everybody who had a hand

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## Businesses cited for alcohol sales to minors

■ Downey Police issue nine citations to bartenders and store clerks in decoy operations.

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Police Department, accompanied by officers of the Alcohol Beverage Control, recently conducted compliance checks at 53 local alcohol-related businesses to see whether stores would sell alcohol to minors.

Underage department employees attempted to purchase alcohol on 68 occasions. Alcohol was sold to minors nine times, police said. The minors were also used to check compliance at 14 on-sale locations. Six of those locations sold alcohol to minors.

In each case, the store clerks or bartenders furnishing the minor with alcohol were issued misdemeanor criminal citations. The cases were also forwarded to the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control for administrative action against the license holder.

Officers also conducted what are known as "shoulder taps." During these operations, underage decoys asked adult patrons to buy them alcohol. Twenty-four people were approached at nine locations; seven purchased alcohol for the minor. These people were issued misdemeanor criminal citations.

The operations were made possible by a \$45,000 grant agreement with the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control. The grant provides funding for the purpose of educating business owners in alcohol beverage control laws, in addition to training of Downey Police and an increase in enforcement of liquor laws.

## District's ROP program wins statewide acclaim

■ 'Careers in Education' will be model program to the state for three years.

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Unified School District ROP "Careers in Education" program was honored with the "Model Practice Program" award last month at the California Association of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs Conference in Rancho Mirage.

The award, given once every three years to a program that meets strict criteria of excellence as outlined by the State Department of Education, was presented at the closing meeting in front of hundreds of statewide representatives.

Last October, three representatives from the Department of Education spent a full day at Downey High School where they met with students, parents, teachers, counselors, school site administrators, district office administrators, LACOE coordinators, and Cerritos College Teacher Trac administrators and teachers. They also visited private schools within the city of Downey where students are currently working, as well as DUSD schools where students are getting on-the-job experience in elementary classrooms.

The visiting team, lead by Clay Matthews, said they were not only impressed with the "Careers in Education" program, but with the overall climate of the Downey Unified School District.

The program, developed by teacher Frida Vadgama, will now serve as a model for the State of California for the next three years.



The late John Hume, shown above in this undated photograph from his days with the Childrens Theatre, would have celebrated his birthday today. See Letters to the Editor, page 5

## Christmas musical event at local church

**DOWNEY** – Final touches are underway for the upcoming Christmas musical event, "The Glorious Impossible" at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, which includes presentations of the chancel choir, instrumental ensemble, string quartet, and harpsichord.

The program also includes soloists and "GIVEN," a contemporary Christian group which entertained shoppers at Stonewood Center just this week.

"Christmas is a wonderful time to appreciate the ambience of our historical sanctuary with its subdued lighting and holiday greenery," Musical Director Evelyn Oglesbee said. "Everyone is invited to take a break from the holiday rush and come re-ignite the spirit of Christmas."

Programs will be held Saturday, December 16 at 3 p.m. and Sunday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for the program and handicapped access and childcare is provided. There will be a light reception after the program.

The church is located at the corner of Downey Avenue and Seventh Street. For additional information call (562) 861-6752.



Residents of The Island in Downey hosted their annual "Holiday on the Island" celebration last Saturday at Treasure Island Park, which included a special visit from Santa Claus himself. Children were given a special gift by Santa and were allowed to take pictures with him. As part of the evening's activity, children also decorated photo frames to commemorate the day. Meanwhile, residents mingled, enjoyed refreshments, sang along to Christmas carols and some even danced. Residents praised the Downey Police Department for their presence and involvement.

## St. Raymond's planning golf tournament

**DOWNEY** – The St. Raymond School Class of 2007 is planning a golf tournament Feb. 5 at the Candlewood Country Club in Whittier. All golfers are welcome.

Cost is \$130 per golfer and includes golf, cart, lunch and tee prize. The tournament is a four-person scramble format.

Registration time is 8 a.m. with a tee time of 10 a.m. Checks should be made payable to St. Raymond School Class of 2007, 12320 Paramount Blvd., Downey, CA 90242, Attention: Dianne Pacheco.

For information, call Pacheco at (562) 889-3816 or Ramiro Leiva at (562) 904-3101.

## Free yoga classes in Bellflower

**BELLFLOWER** – Universal Care in Bellflower is offering free yoga classes every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon led by experienced yoga master Yogi Ramesh.

The class teaches strength, stamina, balance and breathing exercises.

Universal Care is at 17660 Lakewood Blvd. For information, call Lizzie Garcia at (562) 233-6752.

## Last chance for Little League sign-ups

**DOWNEY** – Northwest Downey Little League is holding their final sign-ups for the 2007 baseball season on Jan. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Furman Park.

All children ages 5 to 18 are eligible to play in seven different divisions.

For more information, call Lance Torgerson at (562) 806-7054 or James Veloff at (562) 861-2696.

## Preparedness meeting cancelled

**DOWNEY** – Due to the Christmas holiday, the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the City of Downey has cancelled its Dec. 27 meeting and will meet on Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey Fire Department Headquarters EOC, 12222 Paramount Blvd.

## Book drive for Ward Elementary

**DOWNEY** – Downey Federal Credit Union is sponsoring a book drive for new or used books in English or Spanish to donate to Ward Elementary School, the credit union's Adopt-A-School.

Stop by the credit union's main branch at 8237 Third Street or at the Express Service Office at the Downey Regional Medical Center to make your donation.

There is an entry form to fill out for each book donated and a winner will be chosen at random to win a \$100 supermarket gift certificate on Dec. 18.

## Kids invited on skating excursion

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering an excursion to Skate Zone in Huntington Beach on Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for middle-school age youth who live in Downey or attend school in the Downey Unified School District.

Skate Zone is a facility that gives participants the option of either ice or roller skating in a safe, fun environment. The fee of \$15 will include the bus transportation (leaving from the City Hall parking lot), skate admission and lunch.

For more information or to register, call the Community Services Department at (562) 904-7238.

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## Santa Claus making stop at library

**DOWNEY** – Santa Claus will find time out of his busy schedule to visit the Downey City Library's preschool storytime on Dec. 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 11 in the Cormack Room. Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to bring their Christmas wish list to share with Santa.

After listening to holiday stories read by Children's librarian Gina Orello, kids will get the opportunity to meet Santa.

"This is a perfect photo opportunity," Orello said. "Parents and grandparents are invited to bring their cameras for a holiday pictures."

The library is located at 11121 Brookshire Avenue. For information, call Children's Services at (562) 904-7360, ext. 27.

## 'Christ – A Present Worth Giving'

**DOWNEY** – The Vineyard Family Christian Fellowship, 10355 Paramount Boulevard, invited the community hear a message based on the theme "Christ – A Present Worth Giving," delivered by senior pastor Frank Campos.

The three-part presentation will be delivered Dec. 17 at 5 p.m., Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

Fresh insights surrounding Jesus, His mother Mary, Simeon and Anna the prophetess.

## MANSION

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merical parcel, built in the 50's, and has a business license. There is a water tower with a well that isn't being used presently, and the huge building in the back is a barn, which is now the current garage, after the city took via eminent domain the covered alcove area and four-car garage, tore them down, and it is now Third Street. The second owners, the Mocabee's felt if they did not put the home on the registry, the rest of the property might be taken also.

The historic significance is the architecture and engineering. The architect/builder engineer was Neher & Skilling of Los Angeles. The style is colonial revival. The period of significance is 1900-1924, and the owners have always been private. The historic and current function is domestic, and the self-function is single family dwelling.

The property is zoned multi-usage, with the first 100 feet from Paramount Boulevard to the four ionic columns on the front porch being zoned commercial and the rest of the parcel zoned residential. The taxes are commercial and the loan is residential. The usage of the home is supposed to be residential and no one is to build in front of the home as to block the view of the historical site.

The third floor is a ballroom, eight-foot ceilings, with one balcony looking towards City Hall down Third Street. The second floor has nine-foot ceilings, and six bedrooms, with two baths, jack and jill bedrooms and bath on the south side, so the bedroom doors open into the bathroom, then into another bedroom. The bath houses an original claw-footed bathtub in case iron to the floor. There are four balconies on floor two.

Coming down the birch wood stairway, the main floor has two 10-foot sliding pocket doors separating the foyer and dining room, and one between the library and parlor/living room. The ceilings are 10 1/2 feet so the feeling is spacious in this 4,584 square foot home living area, not to include the basement off the back porch under the home. The home is built of redwood.

There is a breakfast room, which many homes in the south have, and that is where the Gothic structure gets its flare from the South A pantry separates the kitchen and dining room.

The nooks and crannies throughout the home are charming with no expenses being too great in 1911 as the beveled glass was being built in the china cabinets in the dining room with the splendor of an era past showing the china used to set a kings table.

The king and queen of Sweden came to dine with the Hendricks, after their family took possession of the Mansion in 1983 until October of 2006. There are floor buzzers under the original oriental carpets and are still workable in the dining room to summon the downstairs maid, or call the upstairs maid from the second floor level, down a stairwell that would open into the kitchen. There is a 1/2 bath off the kitchen so one could wash before entering the home from the grounds. The new owners, the fourth owners, are in restoration and preservation of the property and landscaping.

Walking through the front door you feel the warmth and laughter, the gracious beauty or this home calling you to go further to explore the beauty and history.

Personally, I have enjoyed my journey in selling this mansion over the past year and have received over 1600 phone calls. I am happy to report the original offer did close escrow. Only four prospective buyers met all the qualifications just to view and tour the home for purchase.

Thank you for letting me share the truth about the Rives Mansion, to put to bed, so to speak, the myth about the calls I would receive, 'Was I selling the haunted house?', 'I have pictures of ghosts standing in the windows,' but when I asked if the caller would share their pictures, the answer was "no." There were many other stories in the past year, none being true. I continue to drive by the property every day a few times and am always in awe of this beautiful mansion and its grounds. The Rives Mansion is truly unique.



Warren High School ASB students volunteered on a Friday afternoon to help raise money for former classmate T.J. Peacock. Students called the event a success. Photo by Art Montoya

## Students wash cars for former classmate

Warren ASB students hold car wash for T.J. Peacock in efforts to raise much-needed money.

BY ART MONTOYA  
CONTRIBUTOR

**DOWNEY** – The ASB students at Warren High School held a car wash last Friday, December 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. in hopes of raising money for a former graduate, T.J. Peacock, diagnosed with a brain tumor and currently undergoing chemotherapy.

As soon as the gates opened to let the cars on campus, the line formed and seemed to never end. It stretched all the way across the parking lot, and cars continued to arrive, even after 5 o'clock. The carwash idea seemed to be a huge success.

When ASB Advisor Cindy Vega was asked how the thought of a car wash came about, she said, "Someone called in to see if Warren could help." Vega also said that a lot of donations were made from the students and teachers, but they felt that could also come up with a fundraiser to raise more money. So the thought was brought up at an ASB meeting.

ASB President George Guzman brought the topic up with his council. They all thought it was a good idea to find some way of raising money. ASB Vice President Brianna Arcero came up with the idea of having a car wash, the idea was motioned and it was confirmed to have a car wash to raise money for their former bear. When Guzman was asked about all the money they were raising was going to their recipient he stated, "The money they make from all the donations and the car wash is going to T.J."



Kids from the Gauldin Dolphin Fitness Club traveled to Griffith Park last week to compete in the 5K "Say No to Drugs Race." Sponsorships from people in the community helped to make the trip possible. Photo courtesy Alex Gaytan

## They'll run five miles to say 'No' to drugs

BY ALEX GAYTAN  
GAULDIN DOLPHIN FITNESS CLUB

**DOWNEY** – On Sunday, December 10, in our quest to be fit and build character, the Gauldin Dolphin Fitness Club ran the 5K in the "Say No to Drugs Race" in Los Angeles.

The race took place at Griffith Park on a very cold winter morning where more than 800 runners gathered to support a noble cause. What was really encouraging is that Price Elementary allowed us to team up with them and both schools represented the city of Downey with pride!

Our kids in the Gauldin Dolphin Fitness Club have been focusing on caring for the month of December and I think it was great that they ran to raise money for a cause that will benefit many communities throughout Los Angeles. The money raised will go to anti-drug education programs, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Drug Free Marshals and other local charities including the Narconon Drug Rehab Program.

I was astounded to see how many parents, teachers, and different people in our community were willing to sponsor our kids. Two of our good councilmen, Kirk Cartozian and David Gafin, came through for us by sponsoring several kids. In total, we were able to send 50 kids to the race.

When the race was over, two of our kids from Gauldin won medals for 1st and 2nd place in their respective age group (9-10). Overall, it was an experience that the kids will never forget because they learned the value of caring for others and they strengthened their convictions in saying no to drugs.



Santa Claus will make a special appearance at the Downey City Library this Tuesday, Dec. 19. Kids ages 3-5 can hear a story and then meet Santa while parents snap their pictures, all at no cost.

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# MAYOR

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in my election," said he was humbled by the assumption of his new duties, calling the current governance of the city "a class act," and singling out the police and fire departments as particularly vital components of an excellent and dynamic city staff.

By prior arrangement, practically all the parting gifts for Perkins who was extolled by a stream of well-wishers consisted of books, earmarked for the city library. The presenters included representatives from the offices of U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and State Senator Alan Lowenthal, Assemblyman Hector De La Torre, County Supervisor Don Knabe, the mayors/representatives of Bellflower, Cerritos, Norwalk, South Gate, and Bell Gardens, the Downey Unified School District, the Downey Chamber of Commerce, the Family Downey YMCA, Downey Soroptimist, Downey Optimist, the Downey Second Century Foundation, the Downey Sister Cities Association, Unity in the Island Community, the City Contract Cities Association, the Downey Rose Float Association, Keep Downey Beautiful, the Downey City Employees Association, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and former Councilman Bob Winningham.

In his structured valedictory remarks, Perkins reviewed his record of accomplishments versus his stated goals over his eight-year term, against a backdrop of oft-repeated mantras and maxims, including "pro-active" vs. "reactive"; "on time" vs. "below budget"; his character-assessing "triangle" concept; and this favorite: "I've never done anything without the help of others."

He mentioned projects he either initiated or passionately endorsed, such as the construction of medians on Paramount; the undergrounding of utilities along the Downey portion of Imperial Highway; the Skateboard Park within Independence Park; the Downey Park; his active participation in the building of SEAACA's state-of-the-art facility; and, most of all, the

remodeling of the Rio Hondo Golf Clubhouse, meanwhile saluting the laudable contributions of three persons in particular: Asst. City Manager Lee Powell, Public Works Director Desi Alvarez, and former Community Services Director Bonnie Kehoe, then unveiling a commissioned painting of the three by Steve Clay.

His year-old projects he also briefly went over. In addition to the Mayor's Soaring Eagle Awards, Perkins said he hopes the Council will see fit to continue the long-term yard consolidation, water and records projects that he thought deserved attention.

Punctuating the evening ceremony that saw a galaxy of well-remembered faces, notables among notables, was a celebratory buffet, as well to Downey's "50 Years of Progress."

The next public meeting of the City Council will be on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue.

# SHOP

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Basically, these youngsters "shopped 'til they drop", and then were given a breakfast of McDonald's and donuts to fuel them back up again.

Mervyns also offered a 15 percent discount on all purchases during the event.

Linda Aguirre, a Mervyns employee, was almost as excited as the kids were when breakfast started. She stated, "Once it gets to this point, I get excited because they [the children] take out all of the stuff they bought." She also felt it was a nice experience, which was evident from not only the children's faces, but also from those of the employees at Mervyns, who were volunteers in this event.

"It is very rewarding to see the excitement and pride on the children's faces as they get to pick out the winter clothing they need," Shane Knoy, Mervyns Downey store manager, said.

Mervyns and Para Los Ninos truly showed this Christmas season that giving is much better than receiving.

# The Poets' Corner

## Christmas

We were walking in the snow  
Shouting, Ho-Ho-Ho  
Wishing Merry Christmas to one and all.  
In the distance children sing  
and we pretend to hear them the ring  
of bells on horse drawn sleighs of long ago  
In our minds we see a tree,  
Like the ones that used to be  
With the tinsel, and the Angel at the top,  
Though our hearts are breaking so,  
For the Christmas of so long ago  
We know we must be glad for what we've got.  
As we walk in from the snow, and the happy Ho-Ho-Ho  
We realize something that we have forgot,  
The Christmas of our youth  
If we would except the truth,  
Lies not within the past  
But in our hearts.  
—Tom Conner,  
Downey

## Fly Fishers invite residents to join club

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## Something Special

By Eric Pierce

I think *The Downey Patriot* is a particularly good read this week as we have intriguing stories on the historic Rives Mansion, the late and highly influential John Hume and a run-down on the shift in power in our local city council.

And this is in addition to our special commemorative magazine, a supplement found inside this week's *Patriot*, celebrating Downey's 50th anniversary as a city.

History buffs, consider this an early Christmas present.

I consider our newspaper lucky that people like Pauline Hume, Barbara Briley-Beard and others, all with unique and interesting stories to tell, turn to us to help share their stories. I've heard a lot of comments about how lucky Downey is to have their own newspaper. Well, I think we're lucky to have a city that wholly supports it.

Plus, due to popular demand, we have more holiday recipes from Downey Adult School's Harriett Paine on page 8. Harriett is quite the accomplished chef, and even had her own recipe book published a few years back. She's been nice enough to let us share some of those recipes.

If anybody else from the community would like to contribute a recipe, we'd be happy to publish those too. Our address can be found on the bottom of this page.

On page 9 you'll find a very funny piece by our own Brooke Karli. Read it, and if you like it, I encourage you to write in and request more stories from her. I've been trying to get her to write, but she just won't listen to me.

All in all, a good issue. So grab a copy of this week's *Patriot*, the magazine inside and consider holding on to it for a while. I think it's something special.

## TRAVELER

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never inside. "It was an eyesore to the community, sitting there on the main corner of town," said Morris. "There were a lot of drunks, and people would just hang out there."

Morris said the café across the street was better and cleaner. In earlier years the old town marshal's office was just up Downey Avenue next to where Johnnie's Salon is today.

That was convenient, Morris said, because the marshal had to make many trips to cool down the rowdies at the old 101.

It was so seedy the nice girls in town wouldn't be seen there. And there was almost constant trouble.

It was a basic saloon, seedy, but apparently oozing a certain charm created largely by its customers. There is nothing like it today in Downey, and for that the police are thankful.

But some very well known folks once drank there, although most of them and their families hope it has been forgotten by now.

John Vincent of the Downey Historical Society has restored the old painting from the 101's wall, "The Night Watch." And John could probably tell you the names of some of the old customers, if you beg him.

### Blood drive volunteers wanted

**DOWNEY**—The American Red Cross is in immediate need of volunteers to assist with their blood drives in Downey and surrounding cities.

Volunteers assist the nursing staff by greeting and registering donors, instructing donors to read necessary paperwork, providing refreshments, monitoring for donor reactions and promoting public relations.

Training is provided, and no experience is necessary. For more information, call Zeidy Cabrera, Recruitment Representative, American Red Cross Blood Services, 1-800-498-9910, ext. 7.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### Likes his smile

Dear Editor:

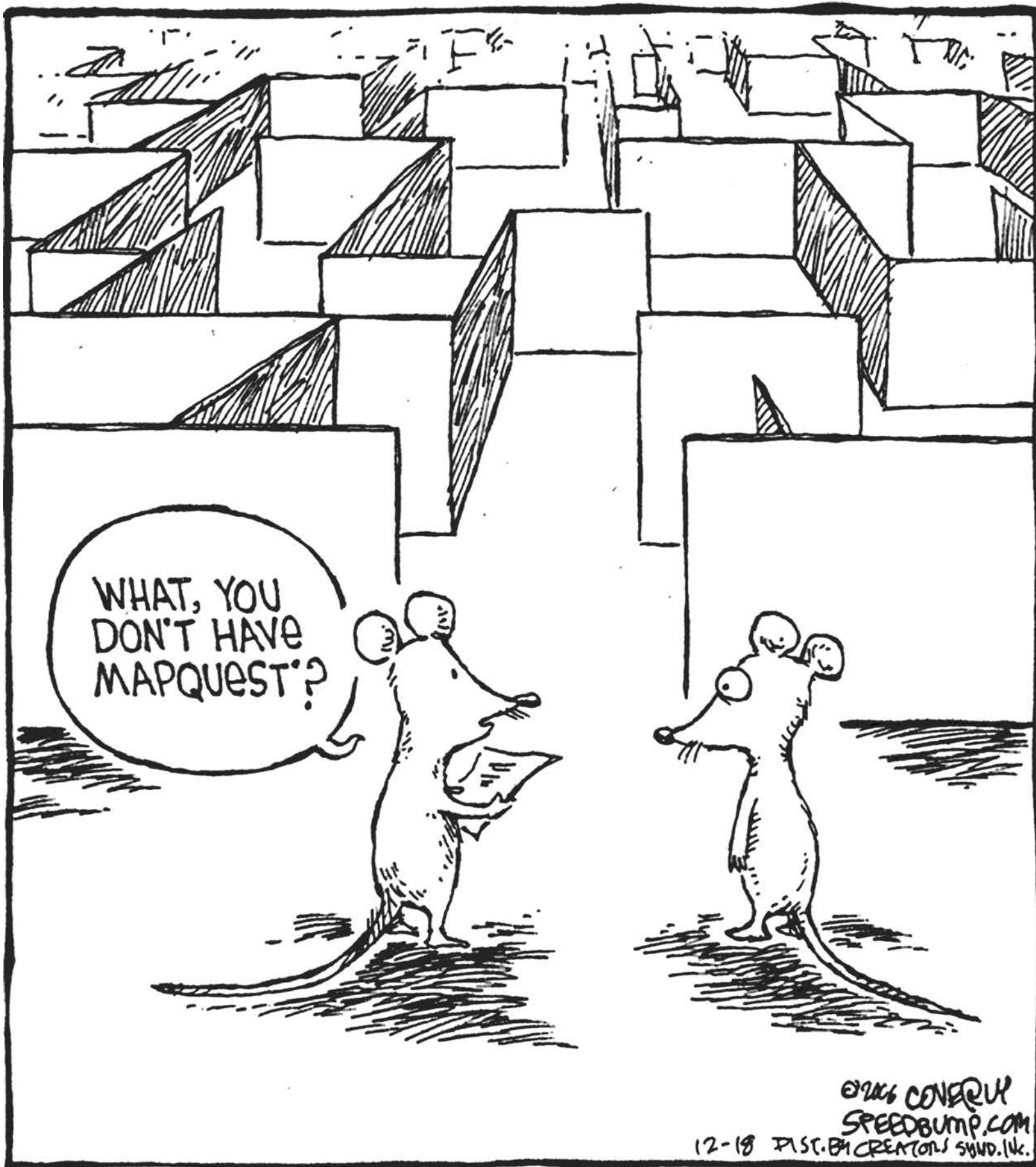
Unlike the writer, Thomas F. Smith, I am sorry to see Meredith Perkins leaving service to my city (*The Downey Patriot*, 12/8/06). I met Meredith in the mid-eighties when he would come in periodically to get a manicure at my salon. At the time, I did not know he was involved in city government. He was just a very nice man who patronized my business. From the time I met him, he remained the same smiling gentleman wherever I would encounter him. Even after I withdrew from some of the city activities, Meredith always greets me with a hug, smile and interest in what I am doing "these days."

Over the years, I watched Meredith's dedication to this city and his efforts to better the life in Downey. Personally, I guess I like his "televangelist smile." We could use many more citizens in Downey with smiles rather than down-turned mouths set in sneers.

To Meredith, I say thank you for your service to Downey and God bless you in all your future endeavors.

—Edy Grayson,

Downey



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### Remembering John Hume

Dear Editor:

In October, on the occasion of the first concert of the Downey Symphony season, I was thrilled and excited by the wonderful, richness of the music being performed by our first rate Downey orchestra and the auditioning conductor. How lovely. What a pleasurable musical experience we all enjoyed that evening.

While listening, I thought to myself, how fortunate we are to have this excellent symphony, this superior music right here in Downey. In this beautiful theatre. And the next thought, who among this audience realizes how this "house" happens to be in our community? I do. And with your permission, I'm going to tell you.

This theatre, this "house" (a theatrical reference to a theatre) was the culmination of a dream and the inspiration of John Griffith Hume, a Downey resident and one of the first (hire date July 1, 1958), maybe even the first, employee of Downey when it became an official city. Prior to that Mr. Dan Furman (for whom Furman Park is named) of the Los Angeles County Park and Recreation hired him to develop a children's theatre program for Downey (not yet an official city).

"Hansel and Gretel" (the first production) was performed in 1955. The turnout for auditions was huge and so Mr. Hume began the custom of double casting all the plays. Can you just imagine...two casts of children ages 9 and older to rehearse, costume and manage? In the programs all children were recognized and their names spelled correctly. They presented four performances per weekend (for three weekends) in the Rio Hondo Elementary School Cafetorium and were invited to travel to, and perform in, various theatres in Southern California.

They had a nationwide reputation for excellence in children's theatre. The Downey community was enchanted. There were sports for some children and now there was theatre for all children.

And so it went through the years until the need for a theatre, a true theatre was recognized and again the community was excited by the prospect. Where to build it? Who to build it? And donations were collected for its construction. Locations were sought. The land where Stonewood Center currently is was suggested. And plans were actually drawn for a Furman Park site. The designs for Furman Park and the present theatre were Mr. Hume's. Mr. Hume's designs were used by Adrian Wilson Architects to draw the plans. Parenthetically I want to say that Mr. Hume's design and the Architects' renderings were subsequently altered (to the detriment of the building) in some ways to save money.

With the agreement of the City Council and in particular the support and direction of Mrs. Priscilla Dunnun (with a law practice in Downey, wife of Judge Carroll Dunnun, city council member and mayor) the push to build the theatre was to be funded by accumulating monies from a tax on either cigarettes or motels - I can't remember which. And the theatre which we now enjoy was built. There were tremendous discussions regarding the size of the building. Mr. Hume wanted 500 seats (for the intimacy and proximity to the stage) while some members of the City Council wanted a multi-use, generic building that seated thousands, which was popular then. A compromise was made at 748 seats (as it is now).

Time has shown us that the multi-purpose venue would not have served us as well. And we have a true theater, not just a glorified auditorium. After the previously mentioned Symphony concert last October, the conductor and members of the orchestra were effusive in their praise of our theatre, its size, its acoustics and their pleasure in performing in such a warm and friendly house.

After the move to the theatre in 1971, more programs were developed. At Rio Hondo there was the Children's Theatre, Inc., Teen Theatre, Proscenium Club and the Adult Theatre programs. Now there was added: The Marionette Theatre, Adult Experimental Theatre and The Downey Civic Light Opera.

All but the Downey Civic Light Opera was discontinued after Proposition 13 passed and the City withdrew all support of all arts programs. The Downey Civic Light Opera, which paid for itself, was continued. Mr. Hume retired, Mrs. Margene Glenn and a cadre of faithful volunteers assumed leadership until Mrs. Glenn's illness. At that time Marsha Moode assumed her present role as Artistic Director. And the show goes on.

Well, if you've read this far, I congratulate you on your perseverance and I thank you. December 15 is Mr. Hume's birthday and this is my way of honoring that day and his memory. He deceased three years ago. I hope you will join me in gratitude for this beautiful performing arts theatre and the wondrous productions we enjoy on its stage.

— Pauline Hume,  
Downey

### Take precaution

Dear Editor:

Well, here is another "It can never happen to me" story. Last week while my wife and I were visiting friends in Canada, our home of 21 years in Downey was robbed. The detectives tell me it was probably a very experienced group of two to three individuals who follow a "script" used to identify unprotected homes.

Our feelings of rage, frustration, violation and vengeance are almost too much to bear, but are not the reason for this letter. We are trying to come to the realization that it was only "things" that were taken and not a life, for thankfully no one was hurt.

Our reason for this note is to see if we can prevent this from happening to anyone else. In our changing world, we can assume nothing. Do not wait one more day to make your house a difficult target. Have the police department do an evaluation of your home to make recommendations. Make sure you tell them of your average day so they can make a good evaluation. Have an alarm system installed or do one yourself. For just a moment, try to think like a robber and ask yourself, "How would I break into my home?" Do not assume that because you live in a nice neighborhood that you are safe, you are not.

All of us have insurance, right? Well let us assure you that not all insurance is the same. Make a detailed list of the valuables in your home, document on film or video and contact your agent to make sure that everything you value in insured. Once again, do not assume that the policy you have includes what you think it does. Getting robbed twice is almost as painful. In today's world we hear "lowest" price all the time and we assume that the quality is the same. Having the wrong insurance is like paying for horse and manure and expecting a horse.

Get a safe deposit box for those items that you have that you don't want on display. Once again think like a thief. If you don't want it stolen, use your head and the experts available to protect your treasures. As much as our hard working law enforcement agencies enjoy catching the bad guys, I believe they would prefer preventing the problems in the first place; it is much less work and not as heart wrenching.

Good luck and get moving!  
—Tony and Martha Hatfield,  
Downey

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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For December

Sat. Dec. 16: **'The Glorious Impossible'** musical at First Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m.  
 Sun. Dec. 17: **'Christ - A Present Worth Giving'** sermon at Vineyard Family Christian Fellowship, 5 p.m.  
 Tues. Dec. 19: **Santa Claus** visits Downey City Library, 10:30 a.m.

### 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 Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 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 Nadine Morris at 923-9422.  
 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 Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.  
 12 p.m.: **Exchange Club of Downey**, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.  
 6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 928-2658.  
 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.  
 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.  
 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.  
 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., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.  
 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.  
 4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.  
 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.  
 12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.  
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.  
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.  
 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 Harry Sacks at 319-1063  
 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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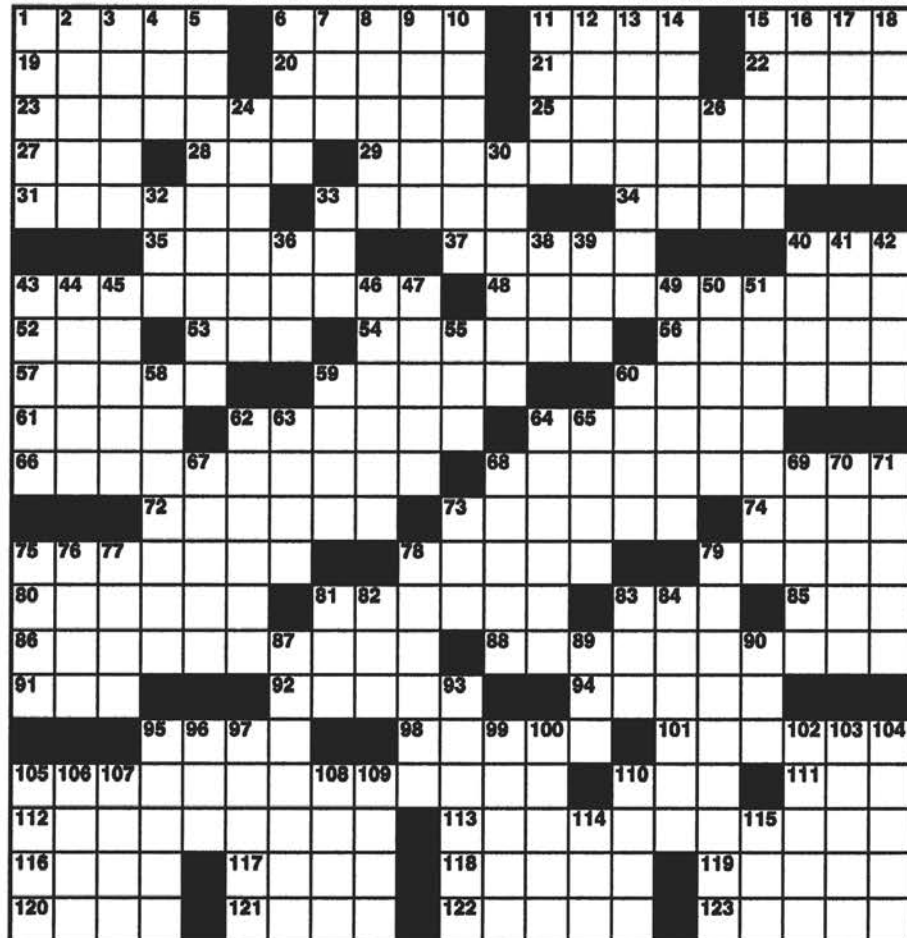
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 1890: Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull is killed along with 11 other tribe members by Indian police in Grand River, South Dakota.  
 1939: "Gone With the Wind" makes its world premier in Atlanta.  
 1966: Walt Disney dies at age 65 after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

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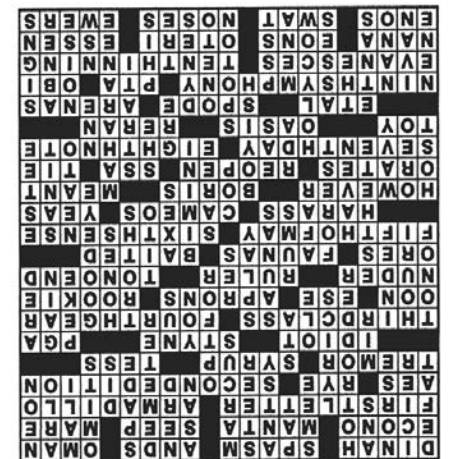
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"Hopes" and "My Kind of Town." LYRICS (24 Down) include "High land, Sammy Cahn's best-known foreign island to the U.S. mainland, Bimini (64 Down) is the closest of the South Florida coastline, St. Bernard. Lying 50 miles east has always been portrayed as a family's dog in "Peter Pan," is described as a Newfoundland but NANANA (116 Across), the Darling



# Kids can enjoy holiday fun at Downey parks

■ 'Holiday Haven' program starts Monday. It's free to Downey children.

**DOWNEY** – Children ages 6 to 11 have the chance to enjoy holiday activities at local parks through the drop-in program, "Holiday Haven," Dec. 18-29. The City of Downey Community Services Department is sponsoring the event.

The program will operate from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with several activities per day, the first beginning at 11:30 a.m. Activities include: Deck the Halls, Lunch with the Leaders (children bring their own lunches), Caroms, Snowball Play and crafts. The program will be closed on Christmas Day.

"Holiday Haven" will be offered at Apollo, Brookshire, Dennis the Menace, Rio San Gabriel, Furman, Crawford and Golden Parks. The program will operate from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Brookshire and Crawford Parks.

The program is free but registration is required. Registration can be completed at the parks Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

## Hospice searching for volunteers

**LONG BEACH** – Hospice Touch, Inc. is looking for men and women over 18 willing to offer compassionate support to terminally ill patients and their families. Being bilingual is helpful but not required.

Volunteers are needed throughout Orange County, Long Beach and surrounding areas to visit with patients, provide life review, play music, sing, read or just hold a hand. Help is also needed in providing haircuts, helping in the office and creating lap blankets, shawls or slippers for the patients.

Free 12-hour training sessions will be provided on four consecutive Mondays from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning Jan. 8. Classes will be held in the conference room at Long Beach Care Center. Once training is completed, assignments will be made according to where the volunteer lives.

To register for classes or more information, call Ginger Askew at (866) 553-5553.

## St. Raymond's taking trip to state line

**DOWNEY** – The St. Raymond's Class of 2007 invites the community a trip to the California-Nevada state line on Dec. 9. Coffee and donuts will be served on the bus and there will also be entertainment, bingo and raffles.

The bus leaves the St. Raymond's parking lot at 6 a.m. and will return at 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person and includes a buffet.

To purchase tickets or information, call Rosie at (562) 842-6370 or Diane at (562) 889-3816.

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Under the direction of John Heideman and Tim Garcia, Divine Talents have also performed in the Holiday Lane Parade and Kids Day.

Young singers in grades kindergarten through eighth grade will also perform holiday carols inside the library. The public is invited to the free event. For information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

## Library accepting food for fines

**DOWNEY** – The Downey City Library will begin accepting food donations as payment for overdue fines during the month of December. The food will then be donated to needy families.

The library will accept new canned and packaged staple goods as payment for overdue fines on library materials. People who don't owe fines are also free to donate.

The Downey Council PTA HELPS program will help distribute the food during the holidays.

Food used as payment for fines will be accepted through Dec. 31 at the library circulation desk. The donated value of each item will be 50 cents.

For questions, call (562) 904-7360 ext. 28.

## Chamber hosting open house

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual holiday open house on Dec. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The community is invited.

The Chamber office is at 11131 Brookshire Avenue. RSVP's are requested by calling (562) 923-2191.



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard thanked Hoda Elshishtawy of Downey for her assistance as an intern in her Washington, D.C. office this fall. Born in Downey, Elshishtawy is a senior at George Washington University majoring in political science. Following graduation, she plans to study Middle Eastern Studies in graduate school and one day work in government and possibly run for public office.



Downey Federal Credit Union (DFCU) recently made another large donation to the Downey Unified School District (DUSD) in support of their Student Enrichment Reception Program. From left: Barbara Samperi, DUSD; Barbara Lamberth, DFCU CEO; Wendy Doty, Superintendent DUSD; Orlandus Waters, Executive Vice President DFCU; and Stan Hanstad, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services of DUSD.

# Two locals complete training at Fort Jackson

**COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA** – Army National Guard Pfc. Randy Arambula and Pvt. Kevin Carranza have graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

Arambula is the son of Marlene Arambula of Downey. He graduated from Downey High School in 2002.

Carranza is the son of Rosa Carranza of Downey. He graduated this year from Century High School in Santa Monica.

During the nine weeks of training, the two studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

## Gonzalez graduates basic training

**SAN ANTONIO** – Air Force Airman Eugene Gonzalez, nephew of Gilbert Gonzalez and Rosa Ampudia of Downey, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, Gonzalez studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

He also earned credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

## Middle Eastern politics at Ezra Center

**DOWNEY** – The Ezra Center for Mature Adults, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month, will meet again on Dec. 19. The program runs from 10 a.m. to noon and the topic is "Mid-term Elections: Will There be Changes in Middle Eastern Politics?"

Ken Reich, retired reporter and journalist for Life magazine, United Press International, the Los Angeles Times, will analyze and predict U.S. Middle Eastern policy based on the results of the mid-term elections.

Reich has more than just a reporter's interest in the topic, as his son is starting his third tour of duty in Iraq as a member of Naval Intelligence.

A catered kosher lunch will be served after the program at a cost of \$6 for Ezra members and \$7 for non-members.

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## PIES

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A common person would not be able to decipher all the abbreviations on the ticket pointing to certain items. As old fashioned as it sounds, this was the system used up until about a year ago.

### Antiques

The system wasn't the only thing old fashioned as the layout of the restaurant itself was as well. Looking at the top of all the booths in the restaurant, you see antique tea kettles, pots, and pans.

Books also line up along the edges of the shelves they're placed upon. You see books like "The Secret of Donkey Island" by Lavinia Davis and "Michel, Michel" by Robert Lewis occupy space.

Signs of vegetables help provide backdrops for the decorations. Simple yet elegant pictures of vegetables such as lettuce, radish, and peas are displayed behind the books and antiques.

Walking through the restaurant, you get a warm feeling almost as if remembering memories of home when you were younger. Servers on duty described how a lot of the customers would come in and speak of memories they had of the actual restaurant.

### Customers

As memorable as the restaurant is to its customers, the customers made for good memories for the restaurant.

Server Joni Preece who has been working for the restaurant for almost five years described her most memorable customer citing the bizarre things he had her do.

"He would come in dressed in women's clothing and high heels," she says laughing. "He would always sit in the same booth and ask for the craziest things."

She went on to describe how he would tip for all the wacky things you performed for him. Things requested entailed filling his shoes with salt and pepper, strapping his feet into a child's high chair, and telling him which restroom to go in to.

"I've only seen him a few times," general manager Fidel Navarro says laughing after listening to Preece tell her story.

"He said he lost a bet," Preece says finishing up.

The restaurant continues to thrive because of its customers' loyalty and enjoyment toward the product put out.

Just this past Thanksgiving, Navarro expressed how the sales for holiday pies almost doubled from last year.

He says they sold over 10,000 pies compared to half that of last year. According to him, without surprise pumpkin pie at over 3,000 purchased was the top seller as him and his staff worked 24 hours a day for a week baking enough pies to accommodate the demand.

Although the demand is much more than what it was in the late '40s, one thing never changes. The restaurant continues to do what it says. Above the pie coolers in front on a banner, it makes sure you know what that is. "Warming Hearts and Tummies Since 1948."

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**50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE** – Gene and Donna Pemberton celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Rio Hondo Country Club with 50 of their family and friends. Their actual anniversary date fell on Thanksgiving Day this year. Gene and Donna have both been Downey residents for the past 43 years. Gene is retired from Trader Joes and bowls in three leagues. Donna is quite active and enjoys shopping and her three grandchildren, Shelby, Whitney and William. The couple received an eight-foot grandfather clock as a gift from their children, Diana and Steve Morris and Alan and Dorothy Pemberton.

## Local Concerts this week

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New Cars - HOB Anaheim  
**TUESDAY**  
Guns N' Roses - Gibson Amphth.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Kenny Loggins - Cerritos Center  
**THURSDAY**  
George Lopez - Gibson Amphth.

## New on DVD this week

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## Popcorn Macaroons

(makes 24 macaroons)

- 3 egg whites
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Finely chopped popped popcorn to measure 1 cup
- 1 cup finely chopped walnut pieces

1. In medium bowl, beat egg whites until frothy.
2. Gradually add sugar and continue beating until egg whites form stiff peaks. Beat in vanilla.
3. Fold popcorn and nuts into egg whites.
4. Drop by half-teaspoons onto lightly oiled cookie sheet. Bake in 300 degree (F) oven for 30 to 35 minutes.
5. Transfer to cooling rack immediately.

Submitted by Harriett Paine, former cooking instructor, Downey Adult School

Even brownies can be adapted to have less fat for enjoyment...occasionally!

## Snowy Brownies

(makes 12 brownies)

- ¾ cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 3 egg whites
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup walnuts, chopped
- ¼ cup powdered sugar

1. In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, cocoa and baking soda.
2. Add oil, egg whites and vanilla; beat well.
3. Stir in nuts
4. Pour into lightly greased 8x8-inch baking pan.
5. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes.
6. Cool on wire rack.
7. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Cut into squares.

Submitted by Harriett Paine, former cooking instructor, Downey Adult School

Do you have a special recipe you would like to share? If so, mail them to The Downey Patriot, 11525 Downey Avenue, Suite A, Downey, CA 90241. Or e-mail them to downeypatriot@yahoo.com. Please keep them as brief and simple as possible.

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## Bathroom literature is a must read

By BROOKE KARLI  
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT

You have waited in line long enough. A door swings open and you rush the cubical crowding the porcelain shrine. Toilet seat covers – check. Toilet paper – check. Working door lock – check. As you situate yourself, you look to your right and see, “Write test answers here,” written on a 1.5 x 2 foot brown chalkboard.

The chalkboards speak for themselves. At times, they serve as diaries to the hopeless romantics seeking advice, pulpits for those wanting to voice an opinion and simply a means to exercise First Amendment rights.

The chalkboards have been installed in the student union restrooms for more than 15 years and according to Robert Lara, director of the USU Event Center at Cal State Long Beach, they were installed to detour graffiti. “From what I understand, women tend to be more detailed and descriptive with what they write on their boards,” he says.

Point taken. On a particular rainy day, one board reads, “It’s raining men...hallelujah!” On another day, “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain...Philippians 1:21” (complimented by a cross with a heart in the center). And just recently, “Libras will fall in love around the 30th.” That’s too bad, I’m a Gemini.

Personally, I do not know what bothers me more – the concept that people fondle the chalk before washing their hands, or the fact that I actually look forward to seeing what my board says.

Let us look at the benefits of having the chalkboards. First, they provide for cleaner restrooms. Second, the boards and chalk are provided by the university (toilet paper is required if you need to erase). And lastly, at some point, you are bound to learn something new, whether it is, “Laura loves Mike,” or how to draw a proper stick figure.

On the flipside, are we really that consumed with ourselves that we can’t keep quiet while we dispose of our contents? Honestly, is that not why “blogging” was created? In addition, women now take even longer to complete the bathroom experience while men are again faced with the challenge of having to multi-task.

But for those who have yet to write on a chalkboard while going to the restroom, I urge you to do so. It is just part of the college experience.

Brooke Karli, a staff member of The Downey Patriot, is a senior at Cal State Long Beach.

## Holiday performance at Downey Library

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**Rio Hondo fifth grader Mariah Montero has received the Good Citizen award for the fifth consecutive year for her “good behavior, making good choices, being a role model and serving as Cross Age Tutor.” An honor student, she is also a Junior Girl Scout, collects food for needy families and picks up trash to “keep Downey beautiful.”**

## Long Beach genealogy group installing officers Sunday

**LONG BEACH** – Dr. Wendy Elliot-Scheinberg, president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies, will install the officers and directors of the Questing Heirs Genealogical Society of Long Beach when the group meets for its December meeting on Dec. 17 in the Parish Hall of the Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Also at the meeting, Neena R. Strichart, publisher and editor of the Signal Tribune, will be honored as the first recipient of the “Friend of Questing Heirs Genealogical Society” award for her service to the Society and the genealogy community.

The meeting starts at 1:15 p.m. For more information call Jeanette Jones at (562) 421-5610.

## Choralaires concert in Whittier Saturday

■ Popular men’s chorus will belt out Christmas tunes in family-friendly concert.

**WHITTIER** – The Choralaires Barbershop Chorus and Quartets are in final rehearsals to present “Christmas with the Choralaires,” their 14th annual family holiday show, Dec. 16 at the Community Center Theatre in Whittier.

The groups will sing a wide variety of traditional, secular and upbeat songs in their unique, close four-part harmony style. The afternoon show also features the Sunny Hills High School Vocal Ensemble, while the evening performance welcomes the La Habra High School Chamber Singers.

Both shows include a reverent telling of the Christmas story in music and an audience sing-along. Children are welcome and free cookies, punch and coffee will be served at intermission.

Two performances are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16: a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening show at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$6 for children under 13. All seating is reserved and doors will open 30 minutes before show time.

For tickets or information, call (562) 923-5951 or (562) 879-1404 or visit [www.choralaires.org](http://www.choralaires.org).

Men who love to sing are also invited to the Choralaires’ guest night on Jan. 16 at the La Habra United Methodist Church, 631 N. Euclid Street in La Habra, starting at 7:30 p.m. For information on the guest night, call Dick Stemen at (714) 256-5958.

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The Eagles soared to their third consecutive DJAA Midget Division championship. The Eagles also prevailed over Hawaiian Gardens for the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation (SCMAF) – Southeast Division title. Bottom row: Ernesto Rodriguez, Andrew Shin, Bryan Salazar and Earl Bernard. Middle row: Richer Vaudry, Jake Sarmiento, Eugene Lamoureux Jr. and Joey Lamas. Top row: Coach Ricardo Rodriguez, Isaiah Diaz, Joseph Estrada, Matthew Lostetter, Aaron Aragon and Coach Eugene Lamoureux. Not shown is Christian Armendariz.

## Woman's Club releases 2007 Pechanga schedule

**DOWNEY** – Due to the continued success of their monthly bus trips to the Pechanga Entertainment Center in Temecula to benefit their Scholarship Fund, the Woman's Club of Downey has released their 2007 bus schedule: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3.

All trips are scheduled on a Monday and ample parking is provided at the Woman's Club, located at 9813 Paramount Blvd. in Downey. The Woman's Club opens at 7 a.m. on trip days, offering donuts and coffee for sale.

The Woman's Club first-class bus, provided by Pechanga, leaves promptly at 8 a.m. and returns to Downey between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Bingo, featuring a grab bag of prizes, is played on the bus going and returning. Each guest will receive a \$5 voucher for casino play and is encouraged to register for a "Rewards Card" at the casino for additional benefits. Guests must be at least 21 years old.

Cost of each trip is \$6 for Woman's Club members; \$11 for non-members. All reservations must be paid one week prior to departure date. No refunds will be given for last-minute cancellations.

For reservations or more information, call Jeanine Keys at (562) 923-6620 or Doris Patterson at (562) 869-0377.

## Model A lovers meet at Gallatin

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Model A Club gathers at the Gallatin School cafeteria the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 928-4132.

## Kirkwood presented award for education

**DOWNEY** – Dr. William J. Kirkwood was presented an award by Dr. Jerry Haddock, regional director for the Association of Christian Schools International, at their recent convention. The award was presented for his continuing contribution to Christian education over the past 40 years.

Kirkwood and his wife, Connie, have been involved in early childhood and elementary school education almost their entire married life. During this period, Kirkwood and his team have developed an individualized, continuous progress educational system for preschool through third grade children.



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