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## Council's Perkins eye to coming year

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—Councilman Meredith Perkins has listed what he considers the greatest challenges the Downey City Council faces in the year 2005.

He leads off with The Budget. "We are a full service city and need to keep a watchful eye on our budget. The State according to a nonpartisan analysis shows a deficit of \$6.7 billion next year. Last year our premium for PERS went from \$3 million to \$7 million, and the premium is scheduled to go even higher for the coming year."

The threat is that the state has established a sad precedent by meeting past financial needs by taking revenue sources expected by the cities. Despite promises to the contrary, both sides are in wait-and-see mode.

Perkins then lists Downey Landing. "This is the retail site on the old Boeing property that is to be completed by December 2005. However, I don't feel this will be much help for the upcoming year. It will help the following year."

It appears that it will be at least two years before the taxes and lease revenue arrive to help with the City budget.

Perkins then lists the new Rio Hondo Club House. "The opening of our new clubhouse will improve our revenue from golf tournaments. This revenue is used to help run the Theater and the Barbara Riley Community Center."

The list then includes Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. "We have started talks with the County of Los Angeles on a master plan for the North and South Campus of the hospital along Imperial Highway. A master plan can serve both the City and the County. The advantages of the City working with the County can be profitable for both parties."

While this is an unexpected source of revenue, it is several years away.

Perkins then listed long range goals. "A long-range goal (5-10 years) would be to put in place a treatment plant for our water. Part of the goal would include working with CalTrans to recover the water that is being pumped from beneath the I-105 Freeway to the Pacific Ocean. Water is important to our region and is needed to ensure our health and future growth."

The City does indeed face a serious financial challenge in 2005.

Perkins, the City's Mayor Pro Tem, closes by wishing the community "Happy New Year!"

## Cartozian list also keys on the Landing

**DOWNEY**—The "wish list" of Councilman Kirk Cartozian delivered to the Downey Patriot in response to a request this week is very similar to that of Councilman Meredith Perkins, and places the early opening of Downey Landing at the top.

Cartozian lists his wishes as 1) An opening of the Downey Landing Retail Center before Christmas 2005. 2) A new and improved City permit process that serves the needs of Downey property, home and business owners. 3) A willingness by the City Council to make decisions for the community that are not necessarily popular, nor recommended by the staff. 4) Leadership by City management to create a vision and direction for our wonderful city employees at all levels. 5) Continued health and happiness for all of Downey's 115,000 residents in 2005.

## Gafin seeks harmony on the new Council

**DOWNEY**—David Gafin, the new addition to the Downey City Council, says he wants to see the funds which the State has withheld from the cities restored. And he adds he would like more harmony on the Council.

Gafin's five wishes for 2005 include 1) A state government that relinquishes the funds that were withheld from city government. 2) Harmony on the City Council. Differences are good if they go towards the betterment of our community. 3) Improvements to the Imperial Highway Corridor to show all visitors to the Kaiser/Downey Landing site the beauty that is Downey. 4) A more friendly and efficient City Hall. 5) More police officers to protect and serve our city and its citizens.

And in closing, Gafin adds a wish for a safe and prosperous year for all citizens, businesses and visitors to the city.

## Rancho carnival spells fun

By Henry Veneracion

**DOWNEY**—The scheduled special variety talent show at two o'clock outdoors and the participation of a marching band at Rancho Los Amigos' 10th annual New Year's Carnival for Rancho patients and their families were cancelled out by rain Wednesday, but festivities still proceeded, thanks to the determined efforts of sponsoring Lions Club members and especially their junior counterparts, the Leo's.

Patients in wheelchairs, in various stages of therapy, commingled with relatives and attending counselors.

Highlight of the festive afternoon was the arrival in mid-afternoon of six un-uniformed young Hooters girls from Anaheim (the Lakers girls came in October), which created quite a stir among patients and families alike. A washout the Rancho affair was not.



**THE RACE WITH FLOWERS**—This young woman was one of many volunteers working to get flowers on the Downey Rose Float Tuesday in preparation for its trip down Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena as part of the Rose Parade tomorrow (Saturday, Jan. 1st).



**STRETCH!**—This volunteer stretched to reach a difficult part of the Downey Float Tuesday. The race is on to get the flowers completed before parade day tomorrow.



**THE BALD EAGLE**—Awaited the addition of flowers before taking its place as part of the decoration of the Downey Rose Float, whose theme is "Together with Nature."



**FOCUS!**—This volunteer is the picture of concentration as she tries to finish work on portion of sanded float bed.

## Downey news for the year 2004

### Development of NASA land tops

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The successful development of the former NASA property was the primary concern of the city in the year 2004, although there were other themes as well.

The City Fathers were faced with a dilemma: How to finance the infrastructure to support a huge new development while income from sources such as the state dwindled, and costs such as contributions to the state employee retirement system (PERS) soar?

At its meeting of Jan. 16, 2004 the Council diverted \$300,000 from the Federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Loan allocation to the City's NASA Park fund to expedite planning and preconstruction work on the park portion of the development. The City council showed it would brook no delays in the project.

Cost of the new park is estimated between \$2.8 and \$3.1 million. The action allowed the amount of CDBG funding available for the development to reach \$2.8 million.

### Market strike

The community was plagued by a lengthy strike and lockout at Vons, Ralphs and Albertson's markets which began in October of 2003 and extended through January 2004. It involved members of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770, in protest of the rising costs of health insurance.

Prominent Downey resident Edward DiLoreto died after a short illness in January.

A group known as Friends of Johnnie's Broiler continued a lengthy fight to save the former restaurant and sign from destruction. It has been converted into a used car lot and showroom. The building was constructed in 1958 and was known as Harvey's drive-in for many years.

### Restrictions on used car dealers

The City Council passed an ordinance in January placing stricter limits on the numbers of used car and truck sales/display lots in Downey.

Downey Unified School District continued its massive overhaul of its buildings through the passage of a \$65 million Downey School Bond, hearing periodic reports of progress. The buildings include new grandstand and stadium facilities at both Warren and Downey High School. Both structures will also form athletic complexes that include classrooms.

### Space Science Center

The City Council in February approved an agreement with the Challenger Center for Space Science Education to provide a Challenger Science Center at the new Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center to be built here. The learning center will include a hands-on robotics lab, interactive exhibits on space science, and a history and resource center for teachers and researchers.

Faced with a record area accident rate, the Santa Fe Springs Office of the CHP assigned a record number of officers to the Santa Fe Springs station which patrols an area including Downey.

### Kaiser

Kaiser Permanente held a gala groundbreaking ceremony Feb. 27, for its new medical center to be built on a 30-acre portion on the southern boundary of the former NASA/Boeing property.

The huge 1,002,528-square-foot medical center will be state-of-the-art and ensure patients the latest in medical innovation as well as convenience.

The first of two big medical office buildings is slated for completion in late 2005, with the hospital building and parking structure completion date set for 2008. It will include a 360-bed medical facility and an 85-bed emergency department.

The Council approved a Hazard Mitigation plan for the City at the urging of FEMA. (Federal Emergency Management Agency.) Downey is located in civil defense area E. The plan outlines assessment of natural hazards that threaten the community; determination of potential financial impact; mitigation measures; and an implementation plan to reduce the impact of natural disasters.

### Cerritos College

Voters on March 2 approved a \$210 million General Obligation Bond measure to update the aging buildings at Cerritos College. Construction will include expansion and renovation for the campus.

Bob Epple was named Aug. 18 to fill the vacancy on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees left by his wife Cheryl Epple's sudden death.

### The Island

A grass-roots, community drive to take back the park and neighborhood from growing gang and drug incursion on "The Island" gained the support of Downey police and members of the City Council in late March. The formation of a Unity in the Community (UTIC) focused the community's effort which included several cleanup drives as well as improved lighting and police surveillance.

### Canine drug patrols

Non-aggressive Labrador dogs were introduced for use on campuses of the Downey Unified School District as part of the Drug Detection Canine program. The specially trained dogs will be used to sniff out illegal drugs which may have been introduced on the high school campuses. Sweeps using the canines will be periodic.

### Lakewood undergrounding

The City Council moved to underground utility lines along Lakewood

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**CENTURY 21 MY REAL ESTATE**—Has welcomed Jason Cierpiszewski to the company. He has worked for Northern Life Insurance and was a general manager for Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf. "Jason has shown a lot of motivation, drive and persistence. It is a pleasure to welcome this bright young man to the company," stated Steve Roberson, My Real Estate broker/owner. For real estate questions, Cierpiszewski can be reached by calling 927-2626.

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## Yoga class teaches the art of self-healing

**DOWNEY** — Yogi Ramesh, with 45 years experience as a spiritual healer, is launching the Science of Self-Healing Workshop, a yoga program that promises to burn calories at a dramatically higher rate than conventional exercises while at the same time inducing mood-enhancing endorphins that promote feelings of happiness.

Among other benefits of the program, as outlined by Ramesh:

- \*Save time
- \*Save money
- \*Lose pounds and inches
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- \*Increase strength and endurance

Ramesh's methods have been practiced by yogis for centuries. For more information, call (877) 367-9642 or visit [www.universalyoga.org](http://www.universalyoga.org). Classes are conducted out of the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.



**DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY** — Yogi Ramesh's weekly yoga classes are healthy, gentle and a lot of fun, as these ladies demonstrate.

## Stater Bros. raises money for charities

**DOWNEY** — Stater Bros. Markets recently awarded \$185,000 to 37 different local charities, including a donation to Southern California Rehabilitation Services here in Downey.

The funds were raised in partnership with a program operating in all 159 Stater Bros. Stores called Food For All, which provides customers with the opportunity to purchase \$1, \$3 or \$5 donation cards when checking out. Over \$2 million has been raised since the program's inception in 1987.

A \$5,000 grant check was presented to Southern California Rehabilitation Services earlier this month.

"The Stater Bros. family of employees is pleased to present these checks in the hometowns that we serve," said Jack Brown, Chairman and CEO of the supermarket. "Helping our friends and neighbors in need is the Stater Bros. way."

Southern California Rehabilitation Services is a nonprofit group that works towards bettering the lives of people with disabilities.

## Red Cross needs help with blood drives

**DOWNEY**—The American Red Cross immediately needs volunteers to assist with blood drives in the Rio Hondo area which covers Downey and Norwalk. No experience is necessary; training is provided. Bilingual volunteers are highly encouraged to apply.

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

## Free child ID kits while supplies last

**DOWNEY** — Rockview Farms, a Downey-based dairy company serving Southern California, is providing free child ID kits to parents, their way of celebrating their partnership with Quality Chekd, an organization of dairy processors committed to the highest quality products and processes.

"As the only Quality Chekd member dairy in Southern California, it is our mission to meet the highest standards in the industry — and Rockview Farms delivers on that pledge every day," said Carole Roquemore, director of marketing, Rockview Farms. "Through our distribution of the ChildPrint ID Kits, we hope to show people in and around Downey that Rockview Farms and Quality Chekd are committed to food safety and providing families with the highest quality dairy products while promoting the importance of children's safety."

Each ID kit contains an ink strip for fingerprinting, a hair sample baggie, two ID labels for one pair of shoes, two pages of safety tips for parents and a clear, plastic protector to store the kit.

To request a free kit (while supplies last) call Rockview Farms at 927-5511.

## Cancer support group at DRMC

**DOWNEY** — Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a free cancer support group each Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

The hospital is located at 11500 Brookshire Ave. For more information call 806-2790.

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**WELDING**—A Rose Float volunteer was busy welding detail work on the float Tuesday. It will all be worthwhile when the big float appears as part of the Pasadena Rose Parade tomorrow.

## Christmas a sure bet at Rancho Los Amigos

**DOWNEY** – The children at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center didn't have to gamble this year when it came to getting their Christmas presents.

The children were treated this year to a Christmas party, complete with petting zoo and an appearance from Santa Claus, courtesy of The Bicycle Casino, which was celebrating its 20th year of business in Bell Gardens. The party was in addition to another celebration put on by the casino Dec. 22, at which they hosted over 1,800 underprivileged children from surrounding communities.

The Rancho party was held the afternoon of Dec. 15. Julie Helgran, Recreational Therapist for Rancho Los Amigos, had the children put together wish lists. Representatives from The Bicycle Casino purchased the items, wrapped them, and were delivered personally by Santa Claus.

The children, all suffering from some form of physical disability, also browsed a petting zoo constructed in the hospital parking lot.

### 'The Khazars' EZRA Center topic Jan. 4

**DOWNEY**—Rabbi Daniel Korobkin, 'Rosh Kehilla' of Kehilla Yavneh in Los Angeles, will talk on the "Lost Tribe? The Khazars and Their Impact on Judaism" when the EZRA Center for Mature Adults meets Tuesday, Jan. 4 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

Rabbi Korobkin is the author of a new translation of the classic work, "The Khuzari: In Defense of the Despised Faith." The book deals with dialogues between King Bulan of the Khazars and an unnamed rabbi.

A catered Kosher luncheon is served after the 10 a.m. program. The community is welcome to these "warm, friendly" meetings.

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

### Free-throw shooting contest for kids

**DOWNEY** – The local Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a free-throw contest for kids ages 10-14 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Jan. 15, beginning at 9 a.m.

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by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

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## New Year's Eve party still available

**DOWNEY** – As of press time there were still some reservations available for the gala New Year's Eve celebration at the Nordic Fox in Downey tonight (Friday) December 31.

"All About Me," the same rock band that entertained at last year's event will again play for dancing and listening.

A \$25.00 cover charge also includes an unlimited buffet, a glass of champagne to toast in the new year, party hats, noisemakers and streamers. Doors open at 9 a.m. and the event will last until 1 a.m.

While they last, reservations may be made by calling 869-1414.

Nordic Fox is located at 10924 Paramount Blvd.

### Christmas tree collection/recycling

**DOWNEY**—Downey residents receiving automated curbside trash collection service may place their Christmas trees curbside on their regular trash day. Collection of trees will run from Dec. 27 through Jan. 14.

The trees will be collected by CalMet Services, the city's franchised refuse hauler, and taken to the Puente Hills Landfill, where they will be composted or ground up and used for the County Sanitation Districts' Landfill Cover Project.

Here are a few reminders before placing your tree out:

- \*All tree stands must be removed
- \*All decorations must be removed
- Trees over 4 feet should be cut in half
- \*Do not place your tree in a bag
- \*Flocked trees are OK

Commercial accounts may call CalMet at 869-0901 for free pick-up of holiday trees. However, trees must be set out at the curb, not by the trash bin.

Residents and businesses may also place their Christmas trees in a bin at the City's Public Works Yard parking lot. The drop-off bin will be available from Dec. 27 through Jan. 14. The Public Works Yard is located at 12324 Bellflower Blvd., next to Independence Park.

### Adult School's Vegas Tour Jan. 9-12

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Adult School offers an all-new Las Vegas Adventure Tour Jan. 9-12, which will start at the Mirage Hotel and will include: a guided tour of Madame Tussaud's Museum at the Venetian, one breakfast at Caribe Restaurant and \$50 of food vouchers, admission to Dolphin Habitat and Secret Garden, a visit to the famous Shark Reef in the Mandalay Bay Hotel and a tour of the Casino Legends Hall of Fame in the Tropicana Hotel

Package price is \$269 double per person, and \$359 single. Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. Call 940-6213 for more information.



**THE CONTRIBUTIONS**—Of volunteers such as these two youngsters are prized by float organizers, especially at crunch time (the day after Christmas). Here, they are trimming stems of roses.

### Team USA victorious over Riverside

**DOWNEY** – Downey's DJAA fifth grade football team defeated Riverside 28-16 to capture the Schmaff Riverside Flag Football Tournament Consolation Championship played over the Dec. 11-12 weekend.

The team also advanced to the finals of the Bell Gardens Tournament before finally losing to a bigger sixth grade squad.

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## Work to be done!

By John Adams

The holiday season is a wonderful time for family and memories and hopes.

The Downey City Council, after a refreshing sprinkling of rain in the Holiday Lane Parade, has had a chance to reconsider the recent push-pull of political wills that almost resulted in the firing of the City Manager, Gerald Caton.

This would have been unwise, we believe, because Caton is the only person at City Hall with experience and skill enough to face the next big challenge. That challenge is getting the best deal the City can strike with the County for a portion of the Rancho Los Amigos property, which the County finally seems willing to discuss seriously.

There are uses for this Rancho property, that if dealt with properly will benefit the City immensely. A park and school site come to mind. If not approached judiciously, however, it can also result in a tragic loss of opportunity for both the City and County.

While the County has sole title, it is in the County's interests to keep the City happy so that the resulting development goes smoothly.

Caton is the only man with contacts close enough to broker a City-County deal. Like him or not (and we happen to like him), it is important for members of the Council (whom we also like) to set aside personal agendas and try to pull together.

Caton has served the City of Downey for many years. It is unreasonable to think that someone who has done so many good things in the past has suddenly lost his talents.

At the same time, the councilmembers can and should proceed with their particular City Hall programs such as expediting the permit process in the building and planning divisions. Now that problems here are out in the open for discussion, the old Citadel-City Hall approach can be done away with. This is a great opportunity, Gentlemen (and Lady). Your talents as individuals are not in question. It is your temper, patience, and your ability to work together that is in doubt. Please don't blow it.

### Offerings at the Autry National Center

LOS ANGELES—The Autry National Center's Museum of the American West and Southwest Museum of the American Indian and their Museum Stores are open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Starting Saturday, Jan. 8 and every second Saturday and third Sunday of every month thereafter until June, the Museum of the American West starts its bimonthly program, "Let's Make History!," where families with young children can learn together about the diverse cultures of the West and make an object to take home.

Its Jan. 20 seminar which is part of its year-round Western History Workshop (Thursdays at 7 p.m.) bears the rather lengthy title, "The Parallel Twentieth Century: Imagining Jewish Cultural Work in Los Angeles, Beyond the Movie Screen," by Norman Klein of Cal Arts. This will be a joint meeting with the UCLA/Autry National Center/Huntington-USC Project on "History of Jews in Los Angeles."

Over at the Southwest Museum (which is also open Martin Luther King Day on Monday, Jan. 17), one can explore history in a mouth-watering way with the series, "Comida y Cultura: A Taste of Mexico," which pairs historians with local chefs to examine the hidden stories of Mexican cuisine. On Sunday, Feb. 13, for example, you can celebrate Valentine's Day by tasting tantalizing samples as a local chocolate connoisseur and a chili expert share the fascinating origins and recipes of these ever-evolving aphrodisiacs.

For other upcoming programs and activities, call the Autry National Center, (323) 667-2000. The Center is located at 4700 Western Heritage Way in Los Angeles.

### 'Shabbat Beschalach' service Jan. 21

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., invites the community to its family night service, "Shabbat Beshalach," Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30- p.m., conducted by Spiritual Leader Cantor Kenneth Jaffe. Following services, an Oneg will be enjoyed. The Oneg includes delicious refreshments provided by the Sisterhood.


Anybody needing a ride to the services or information about any of the Temple services, should call the Temple office, 861-9276.

### Radio theater series at Skirball Center

LOS ANGELES – The Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles will host L.A. Theatre Works' nationally-syndicated radio theater series "The Play's the Thing," which broadcasts weekly on public and satellite radio during special recorded-to-air productions.

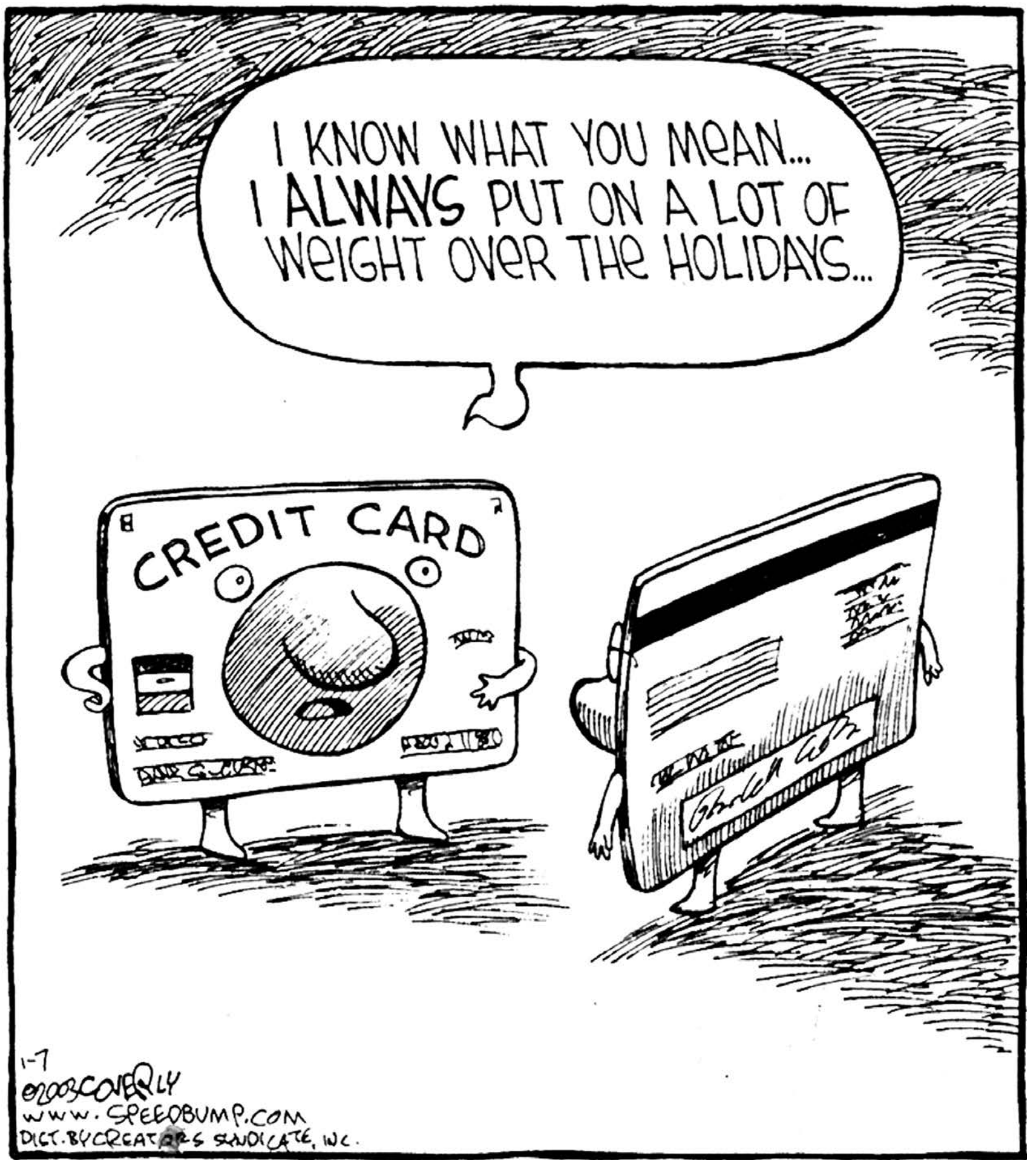
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## Some thoughts for the New Year

By Henry Veneracion

Being flawed as anyone, I didn't hesitate to snatch up a copy of *Newsweek's* Dec. 27, 2004-Jan. 3, 2005 double issue the other day because it had for its cover article the title, "50 Ways to Improve Your Life in 2005."

To my delight, the article started with the sentence, "Americans have long been captivated by the notion of self-improvement—none more so than Benjamin Franklin." Ben Franklin has always been a favorite persona of mine, and I knew early on when I chanced upon his "Autobiography," back in my high school days, of his attempts at bettering his condition. He of course succeeded where others, including this poor soul, have not. But that is not the point. The point is, his practical advice on many matters still has relevance and, being on the cusp of a New Year, we can do ourselves a heap of favor by heeding his words of wisdom. Anyway, take heart if you flounder: the article offers this soothing assurance—"Of those who attempt lifestyle change, 70 to 80 percent are ultimately successful, though it may take two, five, 10 tries or more."

Echoing Emerson, the article is big on simplification. Clear your closets, it says. "If you haven't worn a piece of clothing in two years, it's time to toss it or donate it." On leading a stimulating existence: "Crossword puzzles, serious literature, even billiard games can help your brain stay healthy and grow. The important thing is to make your brain do some work." Grow a plant, listen to new music, read more books, have more (legitimate) sex—to get out of that rut; get your

finances under control, maintain better files, kick the clutter for good—these are hard steps to take, but the rewards are enormous; exercise, even a little, quit smoking (if you haven't already done so), become a birder, and so on—if you want to get, and stay, well, the article enjoins. And, lastly, for better peace of mind and more enjoyment out of life and therefore to attain greater happiness, take up philosophy, it suggests, for the examined life is worth living. All in all, a good read, I might say, and a good springboard to a brand new set of New Year's resolutions.

The above, of course, is a mere ripple in a sea of sound and sage advice. Practical do's and don'ts in the art of living can be gleaned from drama and poetry, from history, from biographies, from everywhere. Epigrams, weighty words, pregnant propositions, even the admonitions of parents and concerned individuals abound—to be mullied over, digested, made one's own. For what? Or what for?, one may ask. If your answer is to make yourself a better person, you're not far off the track.

The world cries out for more civility, for more generosity, for more sensitivity to one's purpose and plight. The presence of much greater evil—crime, violence, war—may be beyond our powers to mitigate, but, with our better awareness and heightened consciousness arising from our efforts at self-improvement, we can perhaps better control our baser instincts—and contribute to a more orderly and more serene world. And this is not such a bad thing at all.

### Our Patriot guest editor is Hal Nelson of Downey Los Amigos Club, part of Kiwanis International, who this year celebrate 80 years of community goodwill

Kiwanis – the name was adopted from a Native American expression meaning, "We have a good time" – and the parent organization, Kiwanis International, are celebrating 80 years of service to communities around the world. No groups exemplify that spirit better than the two Kiwanis Clubs in Downey.

The Downey Los Amigos Club, chartered in 1966, has a current membership of 43 community-minded members who devote countless hours to deserving projects and organizations throughout the city. With an annual budget of \$40,000, it provides financial support to a wide variety of local organizations, including Downey Regional Medical Center, the YMCA, the Downey Symphony, and the Arc. Because the motto of Kiwanis is "Young Children – Priority One," the majority of sponsored events are youth-centered.

In conjunction with Penney's in the Stonewood Mall, an annual Christmas Shopping Spree is hosted for mentally and physically handicapped children from Downey Unified School District. The combination of financial assistance from the Kiwanis Club, a generous discount from Penney's, and personal assistance from the Warren High School Key Club, provides these grateful students the heart-warming opportunity to buy presents for family members, usually for the first time in their lives.

Other youth-sponsored events include "Christmas with Santa" for disadvantaged students in the elementary schools held at the Rio Hondo Country Club; support for the "Music in the Schools" program with the Downey Symphony; scholarships for deserving students who intend to go on to college; funding for a team in the Challenger Division of Northwest

Downey Little League; and the annual Pathfinder Leadership Program.

The Pathfinder program, provided by club members for local high school sophomores and juniors, is held at YMCA's Camp Whittle just north of Big Bear Lake, where a 'personality inventory' is used to help the participants identify their strengths and weaknesses. They are then exposed to a multitude of challenging indoor and outdoor activities in an effort to build their team-building skills. The knowledge gained from this experience can be used to solve problems at the school level, and later on in their leadership roles as adults.

While our main focus is on the youth of the community, Kiwanis funds are also used for many other worthwhile community endeavors: tickets for seniors to attend the productions of the Downey Civic Light Opera; the Rio Hondo Temporary Home; Gangs Out Of Downey; the Living Help Clinic; and the Downey City Library.

Like other area organizations, our annual fund-raising events consist of a golf tournament, an auction, and peanut sales at Christmas time. Unique to this club, however, is the annual play at the Downey Theater. The brainchild of a member who belongs to the Screen Actors Guild, it has proven to be an innovative and successful means of raising money. This year's production of "The Odd Couple," the sixth in a series of comedies put on by the club, promises to be one of the best yet.

For more information about the club, or an application to join this energetic, fun-loving group, you can call the current president, Steve Roberson, at (562) 927-2626.



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Boulevard as part of the improvements to coincide with the Downey Landing and Kaiser Hospital developments on the former NASA property. The plan is to widen the roadway to six lanes plus additional turn lanes at key intersections to facilitate traffic at Downey Landing and Kaiser. Undergrounding of utility lines will be between Fifth Street and the I-105.

The Downey Unified School District granted employees a 1.5 percent across the board wage increase in April.

The Downey Street Fair was a great success the first week of May staging a fine recovery considering the previous year's rainout.

**GOOD Luncheon**

And the GOOD Luncheon recognizing the work of Gangs Out of Downey was a great success featuring an overflow crowd at the First Baptist Church April 28. Featured speaker was Police Chief John Finch.

The Council approved the naming of the Theater Plaza for former councilman and mayor Ken Miller. A plaque details his service to the city.

The Downey Patriot's Jerry Brady was installed as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce June 25 in ceremonies at the Embassy Suites hotel.

**Downey Landing**

The City Council approved purchase and sales agreements of ground leases with Downey Landing LLC for 33.55 acres of the former NASA property for construction and development of a new retail center. The action was Tuesday, June 22.

The Council grappled with the problem of reducing a \$1.6 million deficit in the proposed \$123.5 million City Budget for fiscal 2004-05. Deep cuts in revenue from the state plus increased payments to the Public Employees Retirement system were the major causes of the deficit.

Kirk Cartozian and Rick Trejo won re-election to the City Council, easily defeating challengers Xavier Reyes and Gary De Remer. And David R. Gafin defeated Jose Trujillo for the seat in the 1st District vacated due to term limits by Keith McCarthy. Hector De La Torre downed Gladys Miller for the seat in the 50th State Assembly District. And Ron Calderon defeated challenger Rita Topalian in 58th.

Lucille Roybal-Allard won re-election in the U.S. Congressional 34th.

**New park**

The City Council approved a \$2.5 million loan by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the City for use in the development of a new park on a portion of the former NASA property. The action was June 8.

The beautiful new Rio Hondo Clubhouse opened with ceremony and ribbon cutting Aug. 28 at the golf course site. The new multipurpose, multi-level building features a scenic view of the golf course and waterfall. The construction was under-budget and ahead of schedule.

**Politics**

Citing politics Councilman Kirk Cartozian responded to allegations he was guilty of wrongdoing in accepting a councilman's stipend while on a trip to Armenia last summer. Cartozian produced e-mail and cellular phone records proving he had been in touch with the Council office here daily.

Emergency crews battled a giant sinkhole that suddenly appeared in Lakewood Boulevard at Firestone about 4:30 a.m. Sept. 8. There were no serious injuries but traffic was disrupted for more than a day.

**George to Duarte**

Downey Economic Development Director Darrell George accepted a job as city manager of Duarte. His last day in Downey was Oct. 15.

The YMCA unveiled its new Teen Zone complete with interactive boxing to help spur interest in exercise in early September ceremonies.

The City Council responded to complaints over conduct at public meetings with revised language concerning same. The problems arose at a Project Area Committee meeting in which sexist and racist remarks were apparently used.

The annual Rotary/YMCA benefit pancake breakfast was a great success at Downey High School Oct. 16. The event raises funds for YMCA youth programs.

**New power station**

The City certified that the granting of an easement for a new power station to power a new Kaiser electrical substation for the new hospital was in accordance with the state Environmental Quality Act.

An apparent effort to fire City Manager Gerald Caton failed, and the move backfired when after several delays, the Council approved a \$20,000 raise for the City Manager. The Council also approved a suggestion by the City Manager that City Attorney Charles Vose be hired full time to fill the void left by the departure of Economic Development Director Darrell George.

The Council cleared the way for construction of sidewalks on Downey Avenue between Firestone and Gardendale as part of the State Routes to School grant program, using federal funds administered by Caltrans.

The Charter Ball gala at the Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa in Huntington Beach raised more than \$80,000 toward the construction of the planned new Patient Care Tower.

The Holiday Lane Parade survived rains with crowds along Downey Avenue applauding the wet participants Dec. 5.

The Downey Unified School District approved a 2.41 percent across the board wage hike for employees.

**Bayer new Mayor**

Anne Bayer was sworn in as Mayor in ceremonies at City Hall Dec. 7. Also seated were councilmen Kirk Cartozian and Rick Trejo and newly elected councilman David Gafin.

**Einstein exhibit at Skirball continues**

LOS ANGELES—Described as the most comprehensive exhibition ever mounted on the life and legacy of Albert Einstein, the "Einstein" exhibit at the Skirball runs thru May 29, 2005, to coincide with the international celebration of the scientific genius' 'annus mirabilis', the miracle year of 1905, during which he formulated, at age 26, the theory of relativity and otherwise published 4 papers that completely revolutionized the concepts of time and space, and energy and matter, changing the face of science and our understanding of the world.

The exhibition, the product of a groundbreaking collaboration with the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), the J. Paul Getty Trust (the Getty) and USC, presents an ambitious mix of related public programs that explore themes of Einstein's life and science through dance, theater, film, lectures, continuing education courses, family activities, special school tours and related exhibitions. The exhibition affords glimpses of Einstein's original manuscripts, love letters, and personal belongings.

One such related exhibit is "Time/Space, Gravity, and Light," which runs thru Feb. 27. It presents ways in which artists use science and technology to evoke a subjective, emotional response from nature's physical properties. It was organized by the Getty.

On view in the Skirball's Ruby gallery is another exhibit which runs thru Jan. 30, "Celestial Nights: Visions of an Ancient Land," an exhibition of more than 30 works by American photographer Neil Folberg that "capture the timeless beauty of the land and sky of Jerusalem and Sinai."

Open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays thru Saturdays, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays, Skirball is located at 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd. in Los Angeles. Special admission prices: adults, \$12; seniors and students, \$8; 11 and younger, free.



**PICTURE OF BEAUTY** — Downey's Rose Float Princesses were invited recently to the Pasadena Rose Queen's 66th annual breakfast commemorating the 2005 Rose Queen and her Royal Court. The event was held at the Pasadena Hilton. Pictured with Rose Queen Ashley Moreno and her Court are, third from left, Kenia Andrade, Jennifer Andrade, Moreno, and Nicole Hale.



**RUDY PEREZ JR.** — A 2004 graduate of Downey High School, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. During six weeks of training, the airman 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. In addition, Perez received credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Lillian Larkin of Downey.

**"Play It Again Sam" in Long Beach**

LONG BEACH — "Play It Again Sam," a Woody Allen comedy of a 'homely hero [who] has this thing for Humphrey Bogart,' opens Jan. 8 at the Long Beach Playhouse Mainstage Theatre. A special preview performance will be held Jan. 7.

Tickets are priced between \$10 - \$20. For reservations and ticket availability, call 494-1014 and choose option 1.

**City Affairs committee meets**

DOWNEY — The City Affairs Committee of the Downey Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Chamber.

**The poets' corner**

*Watercolor Skies*

set loose from the usual pattern of weather  
December looks different this year  
bits of rain pearls of dew a feathery frost  
watercolor skies  
clouds smudged with blue  
I want to describe every day of it

I have a new garden  
freshly dug and planted for winter  
bordered and paved with pebbles  
a quilt of exquisite holiday flowers  
I gaze at it and think of you

--Lorine Parks,  
Downey, Dec. 14, '04

**106th birthday party for Lucy Randolph**

DOWNEY—Lucy Randolph celebrated her 106th birthday party at a special celebration on Dec. 23 at the Downey Retirement Center, 11500 Dolan Ave.

Downey Mayor Anne Bayer presented a special proclamation and the White House sent a birthday greeting card.

The birthday celebrant was born Dec. 24, 1898 in Comanche, Texas, the oldest of 12 children. Her family left Texas in 1902 for Oklahoma (an Indian Territory then) in a covered wagon, then traveled to New Mexico but had to return to Oklahoma where they settled into farming the land.

She met Homer Randolph in 1918 and they were married in 1919. They had 5 children over a period of 16 years, 2 boys and 3 girls.

In 1947, while working at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, in the tailor shop, Randolph sewed the gold Lt. Commander strips on then Vice-President Nixon's blue uniform. After a period of time, she was transferred to the tailor shop at Terminal Island Naval Station, which continued until she retired in 1972. The Randolphs were married for 43 years. When her husband passed away from a heart attack, she continued to live in their home in Long Beach until 1990, when she moved to the Regency Terrace Condominium. She lived there until March of 2003, when she moved to the Downey Retirement Center.

Randolph has five children, 16 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren, 34 great-great grandchildren, and six great-great-great grandchildren.

**SHHH convention Feb. 18-20**

BUENA PARK — The newest in hearing assistance technology will be on display at the Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH) convention Feb. 18-20 at the Radisson Hotel in Buena Park. The conference theme is "Surviving and Thriving in a Sea of Sound."

Twelve workshops are planned for the event and Heather McCallum, 1995 Miss America, will be a featured speaker on "Anything is Possible." Deaf since infancy, McCallum was the first woman with a disability crowned Miss America. She has since received a cochlear implant to improve her hearing.

Other speakers will include Dr. John House, president of the House Ear Institute in Los Angeles; Dr. Terry Portis, executive director of SHHH; and Miss Orange County, Jayna Altman, who is a hard of hearing college student aiming for a career in audiology.

Cost for national SHHH members is \$100 until Jan. 10; \$125 for non-members (includes one-year SHHH membership). After Jan. 10, fees increase \$25.

For information on registration, e-mail Ellen Mathis at [epmathis@compuserve.com](mailto:epmathis@compuserve.com).



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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For January

Sun. Jan. 2, 6:00 p.m.: **Rob Syphax** entertains with vocals and acoustic guitar hits at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. No charge. For information call 869-1414.

Sun. Jan. 9, 2:30 p.m.: **"Inside Passage to Alaska"** a travelogue in the armchair Adventure series at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. For information call 861-8211.

### 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 Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.

3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, Barbara Riley Senior Center.

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 Med. Center Conf. Room A, for information call 426-6786.

1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.

1st and 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **Downey Post 270**, American Legion, for information call 861-8082.

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.

#### Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Perry Michienzi at 869-8782.

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.

12 p.m.: **Downey Exchange Club**, for information call Don at 927-5871.

12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Embassy Suites, for information call Dan Fox at 862-0744.

6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.

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 Agape**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for information call (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 the Nordic Fox. 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

12:10 p.m.: **Downey Lions Club**, at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Cafe, for information call 861-2899.

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 869-5444.

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 Norm Sipple at 927-1431.

12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambis, 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 803-4571.

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 Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

10 a.m.: **Compulsive Eaters Anonymous H.O.W.**, at 1st Christian Church. Call 884-5799.

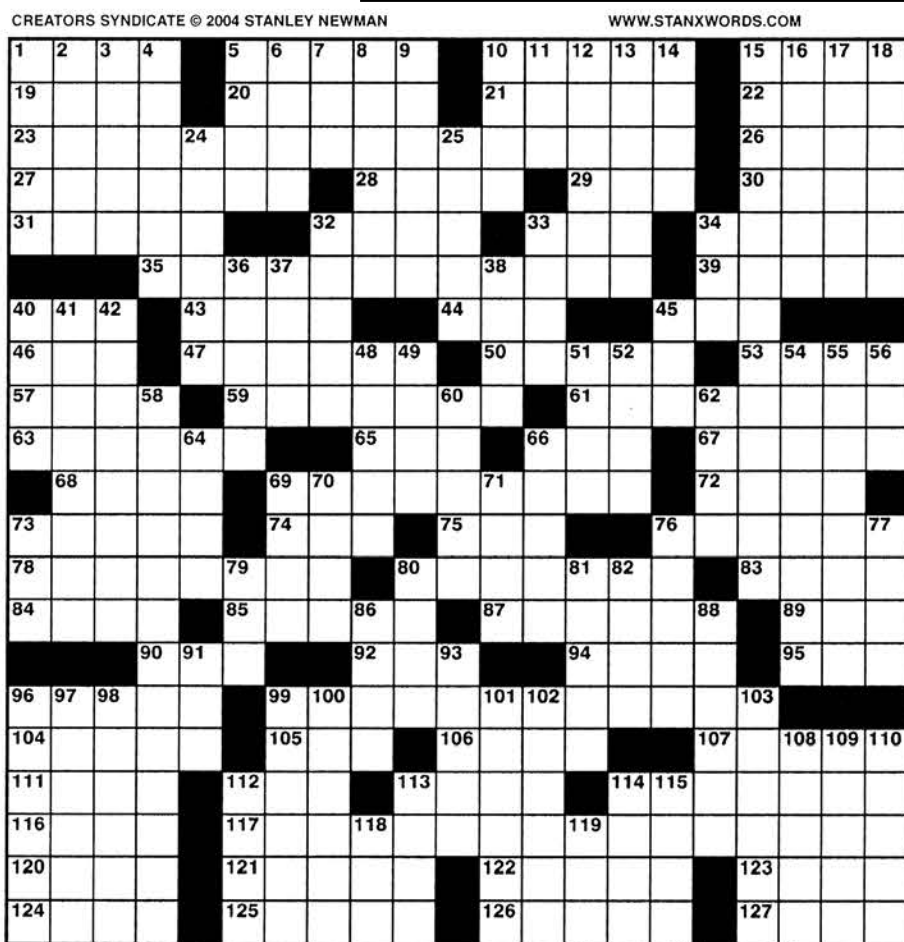
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**HIGH-FIBER GROUP: All with whole-grain goodness**

by Bob Frank

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FLORENCE AND MARSHA MOODE – All smiles are the order of the day as they anticipate the first production of 2005 for the Downey Civic Light Opera, the wonderful musical comedy, "Bye, Bye Birdie." It will play Feb. 17 through Mar. 6 at the Downey Theatre. For information on tickets and reservations, call 923-1714.



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## Woman's Club Pechanga trips schedule

**DOWNEY**—Buoyed by the success of its monthly bus trips to the Pechanga Entertainment Center in Temecula to benefit their Scholarship Fund, the Woman's Club of Downey recently released its 2005 all-Monday schedule: Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, Aug. 1, Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5.

"The trips are quite popular and help raise money for our Woman's Club Foundation Scholarship Fund, with the exception of a \$1 tip for our bus driver," says event chair Doris Patterson. "It's a fun way to spend the day."

The club's first-class bus, provided by Pechanga, leaves at 8 a.m. and returns to Downey between 5:30-6 p.m. Each guest receives a \$5 voucher for casino play. You are encouraged to register for a 'Rewards Card' at the casino for additional benefits. Bingo is played on the bus going and returning, featuring a grab bag of prizes.

Cost is \$11 per person, \$6 if you are a Woman's Club member. Tour guests must be at least 21 years of age. With ample parking, the Woman's Club opens at 7 a.m., offering donuts and coffee for sale.

All reservations must be paid at least one week prior to departure date. No refunds will be made for last minute cancellations.

For reservations/additional information, contact Jeanine Keys, 923-6620, or Doris Patterson, 869-0377.

## Concert at Temple Ner Tamid Jan. 8

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., invites the community to a Musical Concert Saturday, Jan. 8 featuring the "Best of American Composers," with performances by Cantor Kenneth Jaffe and special Guest Singer, Cantor Mindy Harris. The anticipated wonderful evening of music starts at 7 p.m.

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## 'Wait Until Dark' at Warren High

**DOWNEY**—Tickets to the Warren High Drama Department's presentation of "Wait Until Dark" Jan. 19-22 go on sale Jan. 3rd. They cost \$7. The curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m.

Call 869-7306, ext. 5618 for reservations. There will be no late seating. Due to suspenseful thematic elements, no children under 12 will be admitted.

## Southeast Entertainment travel schedule

**DOWNEY** – The Southeast Entertainment Fun Bus, helping the Downey community tour local attractions and destinations for the past 26 years, will depart for an 8-hour turnaround trip to Laughlin at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino Jan. 22 and Feb. 19. Part of the profits go towards students at Downey High School – so far, over \$2,500 has been raised.

Cost for the trip is \$17.50 per person.

The Fun Bus is also visiting Pala Entertainment Center and Casino Feb. 8, at \$12.50 per person. A three-day, two-night tour leaves for the River Palms Hotel & Casino in Laughlin March 15. Cost for that tour is \$79.50 per person, double occupancy, or a single room for \$109.50. Both prices cover room, transportation, taxes, baggage handling and a buffet.

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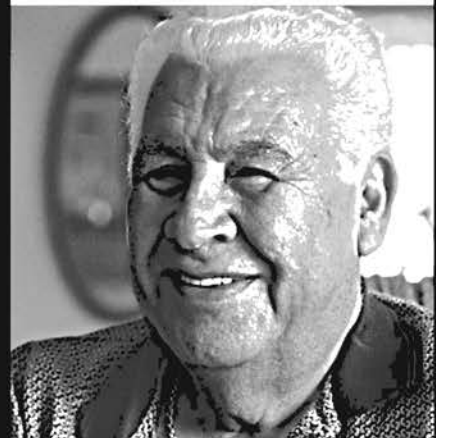
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## Services for Maggie Stempson-Carter

**DOWNEY**—Services were held on Monday, Dec. 27 at Downey United Methodist Church for Maggie Stempson-Carter of Downey, who was born April 21, 1950 in Pasadena and died on Dec. 22. She was 54. Pastor Michael Bankhead officiated at the services.

A resident of Downey for 35 years, she was employed at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. She was a member of Downey United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Carter; sons Douglas Stempson and Billy (Kathy) Stempson; daughters Kathi (Phillip) Versteegen and Peggy Stempson; stepsons Jarrod (Kelly) Carter and Donnie Carter; stepdaughters Malissa Carter, Jessica Carter, and Katie Carter; and grandchildren Hunter Versteegen and Jaedon Carter.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey assisted with arrangements.

### 'Judaism and Freedom' Ezra topic

**DOWNEY**—Rabbi Kenneth Milhander will present a historical overview and retrospective on "Judaism and Freedom" at the next meeting of the EZRA Center for Mature Adults Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.

Rabbi Milhander will connect the strands of the story of Moses leading the Israelite slaves out of Egypt—the moment of freedom in Jewish history—with the events leading to the laying of the foundation of the American Constitution and the freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

The Center says it's a particularly appropriate topic for the day after America celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

### Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

**DOWNEY**—Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 8244 3rd St for their dinner and meeting. For more information call 869-3521.



**EDITH TANDE** – Taught in North Dakota for nine years before relocating to Downey. A memorial service was held Wednesday.

## Edith Tande taught locally for 27 years

**DOWNEY**—Edith Tande, a kindergarten and first grade teacher in the Downey Unified School District for 27 years, died Dec. 21 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. A memorial service was held Dec. 29 in Tehachapi.

Born Aug. 14, 1913 in the town of Michigan, North Dakota, her local career began in 1951 at Ward Elementary. She moved to Imperial Elementary when the school opened in 1957. Before coming to Downey, Tande taught nine years in North Dakota's rural one-room schools.

She graduated with a masters degree in Education at Pepperdine University in 1974 at the age of 61.

Tande is survived by her children Gordon Lundene and Joyce McLeon; and grandchildren Randy Kershaw and Brenda Sheperd. The family requests donations to the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association and the American Cancer Society.

## Magdalena Tapia memorial service Jan. 3

**DOWNEY**—A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3 at the Downey Memorial Christian Church, 8441 Florence Ave. in Downey (Tel. 869-7291) for Magdalena Tapia, who was born the second of 4 children Sept. 8, 1915 in Batopilas, Chihuahua, Mexico and died on Dec. 27 in Downey. She was 89.

She was married to the late Amado Bernal Tapia and is survived by her 5 children, Robert Tapia, Richard Tapia, Anna Clayton, Rebecca Tapia and Steven Tapia, as well as 9 grandchildren (1 deceased).

An avid gardener, cook and reader, she was very active in Downey service organizations for many years, including the Downey Sister Cities organization, the Downey Lions' women's auxiliary (known as the 'Lionettes') and the Rio San Gabriel School PTA.

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

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# High school hoops starting to heat up

**DOWNEY** – The winning streak was lost when Warren High School's boys basketball team was downed this week in the opening round of the Brea Olinda Tournament, but not the confidence.

After putting up a season-low in points Monday in their 51-37 loss to Brea Olinda High School, the Bears recovered with a 65-51 win over Ganesha the next day. The split puts Warren at 8-4 on the season, who were winners of five straight before Monday. They have now won seven of their last eight games.

Warren plays two games – against Alhambra and St. Paul – before league competition begins Jan. 12.

The girls, meanwhile, have been even better, sprinting to a 12-3 mark after initially stumbling at the start. Like the boys, they have two games to take care of before beginning league play – a Jan. 3 match-up with South Gate and a contest four days later at Schurr.

Victories have been numerous and impressive for the girls, who have made habit of winning big: They've outscored their opponents 869-547 as of their last win over Cerritos. Their real test comes Jan. 19, when they travel to face formidable Paramount High School, the only current San Gabriel League team boasting a better winning percentage (9-1, .900), though in five fewer games.

By contrast, Downey's girls are struggling, having dropped four of their last five games as of Dec. 28. Talented enough, they opened by winning seven straight, including a 48-42 triumph over Warren. They can pick up some momentum if they're successful versus Katella and Montebello next week before heading to Gahr to open league.

The boys at Downey play one game, at Downey Calvary Chapel, and then rest for a week to prepare their league opener at Gahr. They were 8-5 heading into the final games of the Covina Varsity Tournament yesterday (scores not available as of press time).

The Vikings narrowly defeated Gahr 57-53 in mid-December, a bracket game in the North Orange County Tournament in which they put away five consecutive opponents. They then dropped two games before rebounding with a 67-40 victory over Loara High School of Anaheim.

## Women's golf club taking sign-ups

**DOWNEY** – The Rio Hondo Women's Golf Club, which enjoys a weekly tee time Tuesday mornings starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey, is accepting applications for membership for the '04-05 season.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month following play. For more information, contact the Rio Hondo Golf Course at 927-2420.

## Council agendas available online

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

Council and commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall.



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## Enrollment underway at Cerritos College

**NORWALK** – Enrollment for Cerritos College's spring 2005 semester is underway, and students are urged to register today for their classes, according to college officials. The college will offer more sections of some popular courses this year, such as English and mathematics.

"Lately we've seen a demand for certain classes," Vice President of Academic Affairs John Grindel explained. "We're answering the students' needs by providing them with better opportunities to fill their schedule this spring."

A full course schedule and application are available online at [www.cerritos.edu/admissions/schedule](http://www.cerritos.edu/admissions/schedule). Students also register by calling 865-3276. The spring semester begins Jan. 10.

"Students' best bet is to enroll before the end of the year," Grindel said. "They can still register in January, but students will encounter short lines and easier enrollment processes by registering early."

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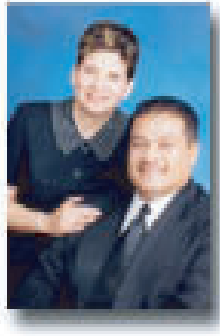
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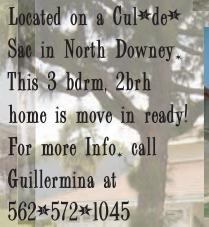
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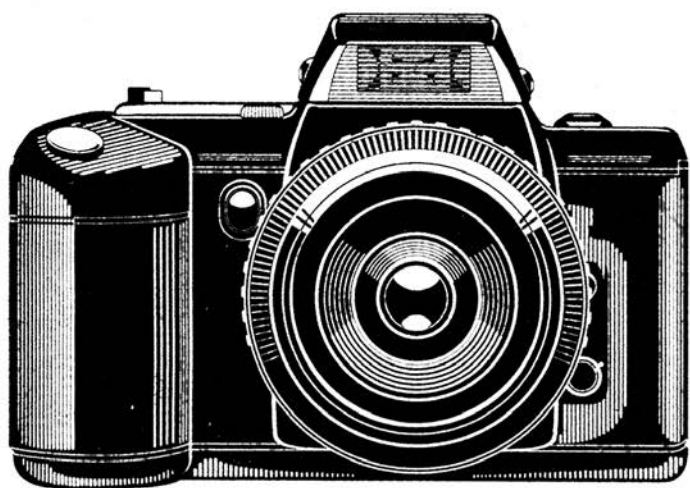
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**HOLLYWOOD**—Over the years, American Cinematheque has treated movie buffs to a steady diet of showings of old and contemporary film classics, tributes to movie stars and noteworthy documentaries in its Egyptian Theatre base in Hollywood (6712 Hollywood Blvd. between McCadden Place and Las Palmas Avenue).

Look at its January 2005 fare (all programs at the American Cinematheque's Lloyd E. Rigger Theatre (616 seats) at the Egyptian unless otherwise noted):

**Monday, Jan. 3: Night with Tea Leoni**—The special evening with the actress of "extraordinary versatility and charm," who has done comic turns as well as action/adventure blockbusters, will explore her latest character portrayals in "Spanglish" and "The Family man."

**Tuesday, Jan. 4: Taylor Hackford Tribute**—The acclaimed director of such early hits as "Officer and a Gentleman," "Against All Odds," and "The Devil's Advocate" will take another deserved bow for his latest film, "Ray," which has received rave reviews for both his direction and Jamie Foxx's performance as Ray Charles.

**Wednesday, Jan. 5: Jeremy Irons Tribute**—British actor Jeremy Irons, who has brought "wit, elegance and a brooding magnetism" to a wide range of roles, including his breakout performance early in his career in "The French Lieutenant's Woman" and his more recent Academy Award-winning portrayal of Claus von Bulow in "Reversal of Fortune," is the subject of another tribute, in which he will discuss "Reversal of Fortune" and another of his films, "Lolita."

**Thursday-Friday, Jan. 6 & 7: John Travolta Tribute In Person**—Equally adept at dramas ("A Civil Action," "Ladder 49"), comedies ("Get Shorty," "Primary Colors") and big-budget spectacles ("Broken Arrow," "Face/Off"), this hugely popular star, identified with his breakout performances in "Saturday Night Fever," "Grease," and "Urban Cowboy," gets a 2-day tribute in which he will also discuss his new film, "A Love Song for Bobby Long."

**Saturday, Jan. 8: Tribute to Laura Dern**—She was once called "our greatest actress of weird, funky, run-amok femininity" by Vogue magazine and been Oscar-nominated for "Rambling Rose." Discussion with Laura Dern will follow after screening of her most recent performance in John Curran's "We Don't Live Here Anymore."

**Tuesday, Jan. 11: Val Kilmer Tribute**—He has been described as "one of the most striking and unpredictable American actors of his generation" ("Batman Forever," "Willow," "Tombstone"), and in his performance in the recent Oliver Stone epic, "Alexander," he shows he's "lost none of his ability to surprise."

**Friday, Jan. 14: John C. Reilly Tribute**—With performances in such features as "Chicago," "The Perfect Storm," "The Hours," and "Gangs of New York" John C. Reilly has solidified his position as one of the busiest and most sought-after performers working today. The tribute will also focus on his recent roles in "The Aviator" and "Dark Water."

**Saturday, Jan. 15: An Evening with Ray Harryhausen**—A special return visit from visual F/X legend Ray Harryhausen, featuring two of his

classic films plus more rarities from the Harryhausen archives.

**Thursday-Wednesday, Jan. 20-26: 70 mm. Festival**—Featuring newly-restored prints of the original "Doctor Doolittle," "The Agony & The Ecstasy," and others.

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### The alternative screen presents...

American Cinematheque's "Independent Film Showcase The Alternative Screen Presents" series has for its **Jan. 1** program beginning at 5 p.m. a double feature of "Abbott and Costello Meet the Invisible Man," which stars the two comics plus Arthur Franz, William Frawley and Sheldon Leonard, and a new 35 mm print of the Three Stooges short, "The Ghost Talks," directed by Jules White (this rare title hasn't been seen theatrically in decades).

Its **Jan. 2** double feature presents "Abbott and Costello Meet the Mummy" (which also stars Marie Windsor, Michael Ansara and Dan Seymour) and a newly-restored 35 mm. print of "The Three Stooges meet Hercules."

### At the Aero Theatre

Among American Cinematheque's offerings at the Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Ave. in Santa Monica:

**Thursday, Jan. 6: One night with Dennis Quaid**—A look into the acting career of Houston, Texas native Dennis Quaid whose credits include: Peter Yates' "Breaking Away," "The Right Stuff," "Traffic," and "Far From Heaven."

**Friday, Jan. 7: Jeremy Irons in Person**—A double feature of "The Mission" and "dead ringers" will include a discussion between films with the actor.

**Sunday, Jan. 9: Annette Bening Tribute**—She won Oscar nominations as Best Supporting Actress for "The Grifters" and as Best Actress for "American Beauty" (after garnering a Screen Actor's Guild Award). Her most recent screen appearance is in "Being Julia."

**Tuesday, Jan. 11: Actor Thomas Haden Church Tribute**—Church starred in "George of the Jungle" and "3,000 Miles to Graceland," with Kurt Russell and Kevin Costner. He made his directorial debut last year on "Rolling Kansas," which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival.

Information on these and upcoming Aero presentations is available by calling American Cinematheque, (323)466-FILM.

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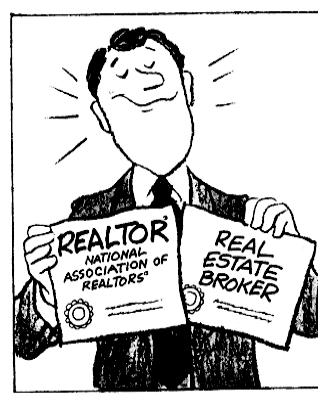
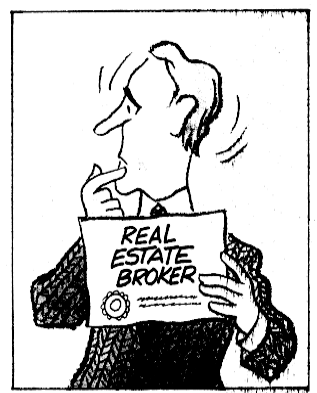
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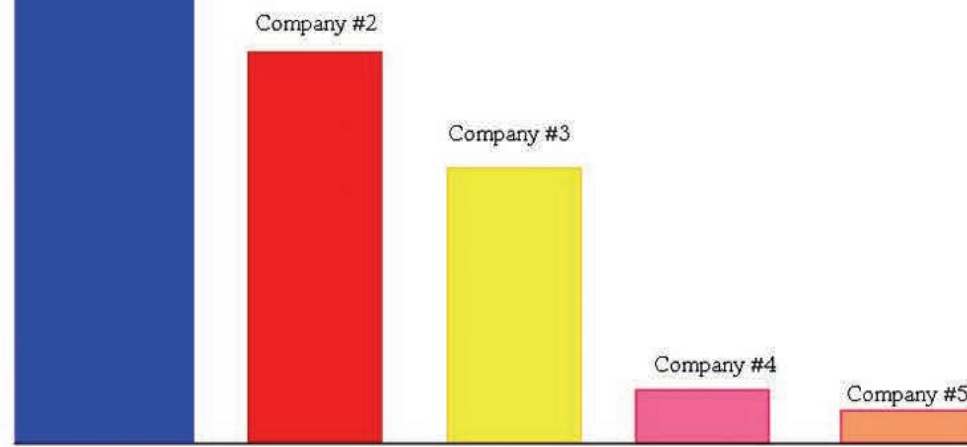
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