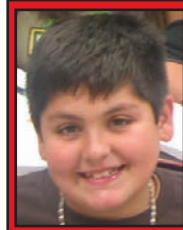




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## Free flu shots offered at local fire stations

■ People of all ages are invited to get their immunizations tomorrow at Fire Stations 1 and 2.

BY ERIC PIERCE, CITY EDITOR

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Fire Department will be administering free flu shots tomorrow, Dec. 1, at two local fire stations, a preventative health measure as flu season approaches.

The Fire Department is specifically targeting children ages 2 to 8, although people of all ages are welcome to receive an immunization, according to Fire Chief Mark Sauter.

Flu shots will be available from 9 a.m. to noon at Fire Stations 1 and 2, located at 12222 Paramount Blvd. and 9556 Imperial Hwy, respectively.

The immunizations are a collaborative effort between the Downey Fire Department, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the City of Downey, and Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC).

The flu accounts for more than 200,000 hospitalizations and 36,000 deaths each year, according to public health officials.

“Each year thousands of Downey residents are impacted by the complications caused by the influenza virus,” said Sauter, who added that he received his own flu shot two weeks ago. “The young and the old are the most vulnerable populations. However, community members of all ages are at risk.”

Officials also said they hope to reduce the call-load at DRMC, which has significantly increased since the closure of Martin Luther King Jr.-Harbor Hospital.

Influenza (flu) is a contagious disease that typically lasts only a few days, according to DRMC. Its symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, headache, chills, muscle aches and fatigue.

In some cases, the flu can lead to pneumonia and can pose a danger to people with heart or breathing conditions.

Children ages 9 and under will receive a free gift Saturday when they receive a flu shot, while supplies last. People with allergies to eggs, or who have an otherwise serious illness, are asked to see their doctor before receiving an immunization.

For more information on the flu shot, call (562) 904-7344.



Downey Federal Credit Union Executive Vice President Orlandus Waters, right, presents a \$6,200 donation to DUSD Superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty. Photo courtesy Stan Hanstad

## Credit union donates thousands to DUSD

■ Donation will be divided up between 31 local teachers and staff, who already have plans for its use.

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—Thirty-one winners of the sixth annual Student Enrichment Grant Program drawn from 85 entries representing, with one exception, Downey Unified School District teachers and non-teaching staff were each presented with a \$200 check Tuesday, to be used mainly for enriching their students' classroom learning experiences.

The \$6,200 total was donated by longtime education ally Downey Federal Credit Union (DFCU). There was one winner this year from out of the DUSD fold, a teacher from Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

The participants were encouraged to submit their ideas on how they would utilize the prize money. The winning student enrichment uses ranged from taking students from low-income families to see a live stage show (submitted by Williams' Barbara Stapp) to the purchase of a digital camera for a class project (by Griffiths' Duen Rou Chen and Unsworth's Nora Ortiz) to the purchase of a life-size skeleton for use in art classes on how the bone structure works (Warren's William Russell) and a model of the human body for learning organs and life science (West Middle's Alyda Mir).

A few said they would use the money for special math programs for the kids, while others eyed field trips to museums, libraries, and science centers. An entry (Rio San Gabriel's Samantha Martin) would channel the money to buy landscaping materials for growing grass and a garden at her school, another (West Middle's Deanna McConnell) would get a projection machine to teach her disabled students “on a visual basis,” while still another (Ward's April Okimoto) is bent on purchasing eggs or caterpillars for her “lifecycle” science projects, and yet another (Downey High's Tina

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## Holiday Lane Parade this Sunday



A local Brownie Troop ushers in the Downey Holiday Lane Parade last year. The parade, now in its 56th year, will be presented this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. along Downey Avenue. Photo by RD Salyer

## Holiday Lane Parade has festive history

■ Storied parade has been an annual Downey tradition since its inception in 1951.

BY BROOKE KARLI, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – In 1951, a group by the name of the Downtown Merchants Association began an annual tradition known to Downey as the Holiday Lane Parade. A few years later, the Downey Lions Club took over and for over 30 years, produced the parade. In 1986, the Lions Club resigned from parade responsibilities and the Downey Chamber of Commerce picked up the reigns and carried on with parade tradition.

Since the Chamber took over, the parade has hosted a plethora of Grand Marshals and Honorary Marshals.

“I choose parade marshals based on the people I read about in our local paper,” said Parade Chairman Maria Larkin, TGIF Travel & Real Estate. “Those chosen are people that have impacted our community in one way or another.”

This year the Holiday Lane Parade Committee has appointed Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard as Grand Marshal and Sebastian Sidi as Honorary Marshal.

Roybal-Allard, California's 34th Congressional District representative, has served three years in the California State Assembly and became the first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress in 1992.

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### Parade lineup on page 9

**What:** 56th Annual Holiday Lane Parade  
**When:** This Sunday, Dec. 2, at 1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Downey Avenue, between Lexington Avenue and 3rd Street  
**Who:** Floats, marching bands, equestrian units, and more.



This Penske Toyota float from last year's parade was a crowd favorite. This year's Holiday Lane Parade will be presented Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Photo courtesy Sue Nordin

## Sidi plays his way into Honorary Marshal

BY BROOKE KARLI, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – At the Downey Chamber of Commerce's 56th Annual Holiday Lane Parade, local talent Sebastian Sidi will take the reigns as Honorary Marshal, a first for the musician.

“I was very flattered when I was asked to participate in the parade,” said Sebastian, a 17-year Downey resident. “To be honest, I was shocked that they chose me of all people.”

Sebastian may be shocked at the picking, but anyone that has ever heard his music or seen him perform knows that he is deserving of the position. In fact, some may even wonder why it's taken so long for him to have been chosen.

Sebastian, 32, has been in love with music since he was 12 years old, when he taught himself how to play the drums. In addition to the drums, he can also play guitar, bass, piano and percussion, all of which he learned on his own. Although he does not sing, Sebastian creates instrumental compositions that contain – what is best described as – Latin, rock, classical, tango and New Age sounds.

His professional career began eight years ago, establishing Sidi Music Records and releasing four albums: “Prelude” (1999); “Electrified” (2000); “Passion” (2002); and “Desperate Journey” (2005). Collectively, the albums have sold over 150,000 copies, Sebastian said.

He has performed at many Southern California venues including Universal City Walk, Downtown Disney, Irvine Spectrum, The Block at Orange, Citadel Shopping Center, Fashion Island, Horton Plaza, Orange County Market Place, and Long Beach Shoreline Village, to name a few.

However, Sebastian favors theater performances, where he can produce and present concerts that are complemented by a full band, lights, props, cameras, dancers, singers, big screens, and a full audience.

In March of next year, Sebastian will be granted the opportunity to film a concert in similar circumstances for his first PBS special. He will be working alongside 12-time Emmy Award winner and producer George Veras, who has produced numerous PBS specials including *Doo-Wop 50*, the biggest fund raising music special in the history of PBS.

“I can't wait to perform for PBS – it's the perfect avenue to get my career launched,” said Sebastian, adding that the concert will air in June 2008. “And we all benefit from the pledges that the program receives.”

For more information on Sebastian Sidi, visit [www.sebastiansidi.com](http://www.sebastiansidi.com), or [www.myspace.com/sebastiansidi](http://www.myspace.com/sebastiansidi).



Sebastian Sidi has been named the Honorary Marshal of this year's Holiday Lane Parade, which takes place this Sunday. Photo courtesy Sebastian Sidi



## NASA site revitalization nets city Phoenix Award

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey has been honored for their redevelopment of the former NASA property with the 2007 Phoenix Award, a “prestigious environmental award (that) honors individuals and groups who are working to solve the critical environmental issue of transforming abandoned industrial areas into productive new uses.”

Downey, along with their application partners, NASA, United States General Services Administration, and International Risk Group (managers of Downey Studios), won for the revitalization project, “Former NASA/Downey Industrial Plant Project.”

“We are proud to honor your group who, with all its hard work, used innovative and creative techniques to revitalize blighted, contaminated lands to a productive new use,” the Phoenix Awards Executive Committee wrote in a letter congratulating the City.

The committee went on to praise the project as, “an excellent model for other communities and groups to replicate.” As a 2007 Region 9, which includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Islands, Phoenix Award winner, the city of Downey will be honored, along with the other nine regional recipients, at the National Brownfield’s Conference, “Brownfield’s 2008,” to be held in Detroit in May 2008.

Additional recognition may be forthcoming, as three of the 10 regional award recipients will be recognized with the “Community Impact Award,” “UST Award,” and the “People’s Choice Award.”

“The City is extremely honored to have been chosen for this prestigious award,” said Mayor Rick Trejo after learning of the final selection. “Many individuals at all levels of government are to be congratulated for the success of this project. I want to thank everyone who participated in this project for turning what could have been a potential eyesore into a thriving economic center in the heart of Downey.”

The former NASA plant, which produced the nation’s Apollo capsules and space shuttles, has been transformed into a state-of-the-art medical facility complex, movie studio and bustling retail center. Named Downey Landing, the site features a \$500 million Kaiser Permanente hospital facility; a commercial retail center occupying 34 acres; a renovated film studio with over 1 million square feet of studio space; a 13-acre public park; and the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center, which will honor the legacy of America’s space program through interactive science programs.

The Phoenix Award was created in 1997.

## New fire safety rules in the works

BY HENRY VENERACION, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY**—The City Council Tuesday introduced an ordinance, which will be discussed in a public hearing on Dec. 11, mostly updating the current Fire Code, save for seven new guidelines in the interest of fire safety and life-safety requirements for the city.

All of this is in consonance with the 2007 California Fire Code (CFC), which prescribes the minimum fire and life-safety requirements in the state. It is based on the 2006 International Building Code (IBC) and the International Fire Code (IFC).

The state recognizes the importance of local control and local fire issues by giving the communities latitude to set their own codes, based on certain community criteria. Downey has maintained a local code (incorporated in the Downey Municipal Code) for over 30 years. During this time, amendments have of course been made.

Some provisions will be eliminated this time because they are already covered by CFC, and some are updates. The significant new sections proposed by the Downey Fire Department include: 1) designation of fire lanes by the use of signs, red curbs, roadway striping or any combination of the above; 2) the ‘electronization’ of the submission of building plans, as this would give operational advantages in times of emergency; 3) requirements for limiting the area of construction during development; 4) building construction requirements to ensure adequate reception/transmission of radio communications; 5) recreational fire requirements; 6) special requirements for a vacant building property; and 7) public fireworks display requirements.

Certain provision updates, such as fire sprinkler requirements and automatic fire extinguishing systems, are deemed urgent.

In other action, the Council:

- Approved the appropriation of \$24,353.14 for two cameras and a computer server associated with the City Council/Community Development Commission broadcasting project;

- Awarded a cash contract in the amount of \$1,988,635.05 to Palp, Inc. dba Excel Paving Company, for Phase 2 of the Lakewood Blvd. Improvements Project; said Phase 2 is the third segment in the multi-phased construction project along Lakewood Blvd., which covers the segment from Dalen St. to Gardendale St.; previously completed segments are those between Bellflower Blvd. and Meadow Road, and between Fifth St. and Bellflower Blvd.; these improvements are all aimed at promoting orderly traffic flow, enhancing pedestrian and traffic safety, as well as beautifying the Lakewood Blvd. corridor;

- Approved the use of fire stations as flu-shot centers;

- Adopted a resolution approving the submittal to Caltrans, with administrators the state-funded program, of the “Woodruff Ave. at Via Amorita Pedestrian Traffic Signal” and the “Blodgett Ave. Pedestrian Improvements” applications, designed to help K-8 schoolchildren negotiate safe routes to school;

- Set public hearing for Dec.11 for extension of the moratorium on development of the property at 7447 Firestone Blvd., commonly known as Johnie’s Broiler;

- Presented pins to Mr. Downey and Little Mr. Downey, and their courts; and

- Heard a presentation by the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation of a Citation Award to Kevin Ellis, Community Services Department recreation supervisor, and the Golden Shield Award to the city of Downey.

This was the last Council meeting presided by incumbent mayor Rick Trejo. The Mayoral Transition ceremony, in which the gavel passes from Trejo to Mayor Pro Tem Dave Gafin, takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. The next regular public meeting of the City Council will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey.



Students from Carpenter Elementary School’s Fifth Grade Student Council traveled to Downey Cemetery on Veterans Day, sharing speeches and meeting with active and retired veterans.

## Students learn from local military vets

■ Carpenter Elementary students celebrate Veterans Day with trip to Downey Cemetery.

BY ANNA DIAZ, STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

**DOWNEY** – On Nov. 9, Carpenter Elementary School’s Fifth Grade Student Council organized a school-wide assembly outside on the blacktop. The treasurer, Marina Estrada, lead the entire student body in the Pledge of Allegiance. That was followed by most of the Student Council members giving speeches they wrote about what Veterans Day meant to the.

Three veterans came and spoke in front of the whole school. One of our teachers, Mrs. Buenrostro, who is also a veteran, spoke to the student body, too. The Student Council also presented a red and white carnation wreath, which they dedicated to all veterans, past and present, in honor of Veterans Day.

After the blacktop assembly, the Fifth Grade Student Council walked to the Downey Cemetery on the corner of Lakewood and Foster Road. When the students arrived at the cemetery, they all walked to the Memorial Wall and Plaque that has been dedicated to all the veterans who have been buried in the Downey Cemetery.

Two veterans from WWII talked to us about their experiences while they served in World War II defending our country and freedom. The Student Council then said their speeches to the veterans and gave the speeches to the veterans in honor of their service to our country.

This is what Carpenter Elementary School did in honor of our heroes and in celebration of Veterans Day! What did you do on Veterans Day?

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## Advanced math class equals success for bright students

■ Eighth graders are conquering an advance geometry course in early preparation for high school.

By BROOKE KARLI  
STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – It's no wonder why West Middle School is one of California's Distinguished Schools – they are the only Downey Unified School District middle school to offer a high school Honors Geometry course.

The class, offered only to eighth grade students who excel in math and are involved with GATE, AVID and/or additional honors courses, allows the students to enter high school as Algebra II students. On average, students do not take Algebra II until their sophomore or junior year of high school.

Prior to the class being offered, students could only advance as far as Honors Algebra. If a student took Honors Algebra while in the seventh grade, they would have to retake the class while in eighth grade because a mathematics course must be taken every year and Geometry was not offered.

"We just had too many students last year that stood out in our Honors Algebra classes," said Carolyn Katsuftrakis, West Middle School's Honors Geometry teacher. "We didn't think it was right to make them take Honors Algebra again when they had so much potential, so we decided to challenge our students and adopt the same Geometry program implemented at Warren High School."

Katsuftrakis works closely with Warren's math department,

using the same textbooks, tests and curriculum as Warren's Honors Geometry classes.

"We wanted to make sure the students were getting a real taste of high school Geometry," said Katsuftrakis, a West Middle School teacher for 15 years. "And even though it's a difficult class, every student is very bright and it's a pleasure to work with such talented minds."

"We would love to see this program continue year after year and could only hope that the other middle schools would jump onboard."

As far as the students are concerned, they have mixed feelings on the course.

"It's not easy, but it's great to take this class in the eighth grade because it gives us a head start," said Mathew Johnson. "It gives us a preview of high school and what it takes to get good grades."

The majority of the students agreed that the only downfall to the course is that if you don't get a "C" or higher, you must retake it.

"It's hard not to worry about failing," said Lauren Ross. "The last thing we want is to have to retake this class after we've put so much hard work into it."

And when asked if he would recommend the course to future eighth graders, Isaac Manriquez said, "Only if the person likes to be challenged and can handle a lot of homework."



Select students at West Middle School are getting a head start in their high school career by taking an optional Honors Geometry course that, if passed, would qualify them for an Algebra II class as high school freshmen. Photo by Brooke Karli

### Two separate winter camps for kids

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering two distinct winter camps – one for kids ages 6 to 14 plus a "Camp for Champs" for ages 6 to 18 from Dec. 26-28 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 4 at Wilderness Park.

The fee for each camp is \$80 per week, and \$75 for a second child from the same family. Extended care is also available for \$35, and \$30 for a second family member. The weekly fees include supervision, lunch beverage, daily snack and the weekly excursion.

Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and extended care is available from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The traditional camp will give children an opportunity to make new friends, enjoy holiday crafts and activities, and participate in weekly excursions.

The Camp for Champs is a comprehensive camp for kids who have permanent physical and mental disabilities that limit their mobility and inhibit their participation in able-bodied programs. The children represent a wide variety of diagnoses, including spina bifida, autism, Down syndrome and other disabilities.

The excursions will be a combined trip to Downtown Disney the first week and the Long Beach Aquarium the second week.

Registration is now open at the Community Services Department, 11111 Brookshire Ave. For more information, call (562) 904-7238.

### Free immunizations for children

**DOWNEY** – St. Francis Medical Center, in cooperation with the Downey Unified School District, will be providing free immunizations on Dec. 5 to children ages 4 to 18.

Children can be immunized for chicken pox, hepatitis A and B, DPT/Tdap, MMR, polio, meningococcal, and receive a TB skin test.

Immunizations will take place at Alameda Elementary School, 8613 Alameda St., from 3 to 7 p.m. All immunizations are free and no appointment is necessary. A parent or guardian must accompany children.

Children should bring their official immunization card with past immunization history.

### Dinner and dance for Downey kids

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey Community Services Department is holding a Holiday Dinner and Dance for middle school-age children Dec. 14 at the Gary P. McCaughan Gymnasium at Apollo Park. Kids should dress in semi-formal attire.

Children must attend school or live in the city of Downey to attend. The cost is \$10 and includes an Italian dinner, dessert and dance music provided by DJ Rudy. The dance runs from 7 to 10 p.m.

For an additional \$5, kids can have their pictures taken and receive a CD of the pictures as a holiday keepsake.

For more information about the dance, call (562) 904-7238.



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## Santa Claus will be calling Downey kids

**DOWNEY** – Children ages 4 to 8 can receive a surprise phone call from Santa Claus through a program by the City of Downey Community Services Department entitled, “North Pole is Calling You.”

To participate in the free program, parents or guardians must fill-out a card from the Community Services Department at City Hall with information on each child, including their name, pronunciation of name, parents or guardians’ name, sex of the child, address, hobbies and interests, school, and holiday “wish list.”

Those who are filling out cards for multiple children in the same family need to fill-out cards for each child and staple them together before turning them in.

The cards will be available beginning Dec. 6 and must be submitted back to Community Services by 5 p.m. on Dec. 14.

Santa Claus will make his calls Dec. 19-20 between 6 and 7 p.m. He will have a brief chat with each child.

For more information on the program, call (562) 904-7238.

## DONATION

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Campos) would buy booklets to support college and career searches. OLPH’s Victoria Neal plans on getting thematic teaching trunks from the Natural History Museum.

Other winners whose rich ideas impressed DFCU’s judging committee were: West Middle’s Mary Jo Enyeart; Griffiths’ Jeanetta Wolfe; West Middle’s Marlene Camacho and Alexandra Duncan; Williams’ Rebecca Cannady; Unsworth’s Jaynee Fox and Jill King-Adamo; Downey High’s Josette Bean; Griffiths’ Jessica Ortiz-Bejarano; Warren’s Irene Bergh and Kelly Jones; Alameda’s Tamika King; Gaudin’s Mare Cherie Williams; Gallatin’s Melissa Simon; Old River’s Sarah Jamison; Rio Hondo’s Danielle Mendenhall and Suzan Wilson; Lewis’ Brad Mathews; and Ward’s Barbara Sue Carter.

Coordinating the program and the reception for the winners Tuesday was 2007 Miss California runner-up and DFCU business development representative Kari Johnson, who said she plans on matriculating at CSU-Long Beach next year.

DUSD Superintendent Wendy Doty praised and thanked the teachers and staff for their earnest and heroic efforts at striving to teach the children more than just the curriculum basics.

DFCU president/CEO Barbara Lamberth said, “The credit union is honored to be a sponsor of the program. As a graduate of DUSD, I am proud to be part of an organization that supports the school district and make the lives of the students and educators richer.” Meanwhile she encouraged the teachers to avail of the services at DFCU by calling on its staff to provide on-site information/education to the schools on financial matters.

Founded in 1957, exactly 50 years ago, DFCU offers savings and checking accounts, vehicle and home loans, credit cards, as well as phone and electronic services. Its headquarters are located at 8237 Third Street, with branches at Downey Regional Medical Center and DUSD. For information, call (562) 862-8141, or click on [www.downeyfcu.org](http://www.downeyfcu.org).



More than 140 kids visited the Downey City Library to celebrate Children’s Book Week, Nov. 12-16. The Pokey Little Puppy book character was on hand to greet kids during Preschool Storytime (Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.), Bilingual Storytime (Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.) and Family Story Night (Thursdays at 7 p.m.) For information on other free programs, call (562) 904-7360, ext 4. The children pictured are, left to right: Alex Gonzalez, Laura Jimenez, Cristian Barajas, Simone Steverson, Amado Necochea, David Velador, Sarah Steverson, Liliana Hernandez, Rodrigo Soria, Tiffany Ruiz, Astrid Lopez, and Daniel Pacheco.

## Meeting includes Hanukkah luncheon

**DOWNEY** – The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid will have their next meeting on Dec. 12 at 11 a.m.

Following the business meeting, members will enjoy a Hanukkah luncheon.

The community is invited to attend and donation for the luncheon is \$6 for Sisterhood members.

Temple Ner Tamid is located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey. For information, call (562) 861-9276.

## Nursing orientation Dec. 4

**DOWNEY** – Orientation and registration for the Downey Adult School Career and Education Center’s Certified Nurse Assistant Program is Dec. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. Students should take a photo I.D., social security card and \$200 (cash or money order) for the registration fee.

Classes begin Jan. 7 and continue through May 1. Students who complete the course are given first priority for the school’s License Vocational Nurse program.

For more information on the class, call (562) 940-6200.

## The Poets’ Corner

### It’s not Merry Xmas!

’Twas the month before Christmas  
When all through our land,  
Not a Christian was praying  
Nor taking a stand.

See the PC Police had taken away,  
The reason for Christmas - no one could say.  
The children were told by their schools not to sing,  
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.  
It might hurt people’s feelings, the teachers would say;  
December 25th is just a ‘Holiday.’

Yet the shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit  
Pushing folks down to the floor just to get it!  
CDs from Madonna, an X-BOX, an iPod  
Something was changing, something quite odd!  
Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa  
In hopes to sell books by Franken & Fonda.

As Targets were hanging their trees upside down  
At Lowe’s the word Christmas - was nowhere to be found.  
At K-Mart and Staples and Penny’s and Sears  
You won’t hear the word Christmas; it won’t touch your ears.

Inclusive, sensitive, Di-ver-si-ty  
Are words that were used to intimidate me.  
Now Daschle, Now Carden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen  
On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton!

At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter  
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matter.  
And we spoke not a word, as they took away our faith.

Forbidden to speak of salvation and grace,  
The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged and discarded.  
The reason for the season, stopped before it started.

So as you celebrate ‘Winter Break’ under your ‘Dream Tree’  
Sipping your Starbucks, listen to me.  
Choose your words carefully, choose what you say.

Shout Merry Christmas -  
Not Happy Holiday!  
--Randy Evans,  
Downey

### A Simple Change of Heart

To simmer in your presence ravages my heart  
Brings down my soul and labels my grim start  
How many girls have I thought to be nice  
Beauty masked their sinful bold heart suffice  
My eyes failed all too well to match these snakes  
Embedded I was, center of hokes delight  
Bobbing questions, once there, for higher stakes  
Still I wonder, for what cause sincere sheds light  
Honestly, thread I on such blatant a course  
If a heart wins its love was it not by force.  
--James Hernandez,  
Downey

## Masonic Lodge elects Worshipful Master

**DOWNEY** – Nonato Palomar has been elected Worshipful Master of Metropolitan Masonic Lodge No. 352 and will be installed at the lodge tomorrow at 5 p.m.

A resident of Glendale, Palomar heads a board consisting of Ygnacio Alva, senior warden; Wilfredo Sia, junior warden; Ray Balbin, P.M., treasurer; Federico Perez, Jr., P.M., secretary; James Shea, P.M., chaplain; and Federico Perez III, senior deacon.

Also included are Cyrus Perez, junior deacon; Edmund Leviste, marshal; Marc Gatchalian, senior steward; Carlos Antonio, Jr., P.M., junior steward; and Caesar Dela Cruz, tiler.

The Metropolitan Masonic Lodge No. 352 is located at 8244 E. Third St. in Downey. For information, call (562) 869-3521.



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# Oh, Holiday Tree

By Eric Pierce

The city of Downey will host a Christmas tree lighting ceremony Dec. 3 outside the Downey City Library.

Technically speaking, the City will not be lighting a Christmas tree (for PC reasons I assume).

I suppose it could be a lighted palm tree (like in the Corona beer commercials), or maybe a ficus of some sort. A fern?

Whatever it is, it sure won't be a Christmas tree.

My personal opinion is society has gotten way too carried away trying to be "politically correct." The Lowe's home improvement stores came under scrutiny recently after they were caught advertising "holiday trees" in the winter catalog.

I don't know what a "holiday tree" is; at my house, we decorate a Christmas tree.

But I am proud to report that the Downey Women's Christian Club will celebrate the season with a "Christmas luncheon."

The Downey Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host a free "Christmas concert."

St. Raymond's Church is planning a "Christmas boutique" Dec. 2.

And the OLPH Women's Guild's Dec. 8 luncheon is appropriately titled, "Christmas around the World."

Anyone offended yet?

If an unscientific poll were conducted, I'd be willing to bet 98 percent of Downey citizens would not be against the City erecting a Christmas tree.

As a matter of fact, I'm a tiny bit offended that it's not being called a Christmas tree.

Still, I can't really blame the City though. In today's world, a small minority of people probably would raise a ruckus over a Christmas tree on City property, and that's a shame.

I suppose we should be happy with our "holiday tree," or whatever the heck it's called, and move on our merry way.

# American Red Cross promotes preparedness

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LOS ANGELES – The American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles responded within hours to the California wildfires, providing shelter, food and comfort.

After immediate needs were met, clients received clean-up supplies, counseling, basic healthcare and other family connecting services. Those whose homes were damaged or destroyed continue to receive assistance for housing and clothing replacement. In the coming weeks and months, the Red Cross will continue to work with community partners to identify resources that can aid in the long-term recovery of survivors. As we prepare for future disasters there is always a need to significantly increase material and human resources, and the numbers of volunteers.

The wildfires showed the need for continuing the *Catastrophic Disaster Preparedness Plan* the American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles began earlier this year. The Los Angeles Chapter has a *Catastrophic Disaster Plan* to increase the number of trained volunteers and equipment necessary for disasters in the Los Angeles Area. An orientation will be available at the American Red Cross East Los Angeles Service Center on Dec. 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Center is located at 2227 S. Atlantic Blvd.

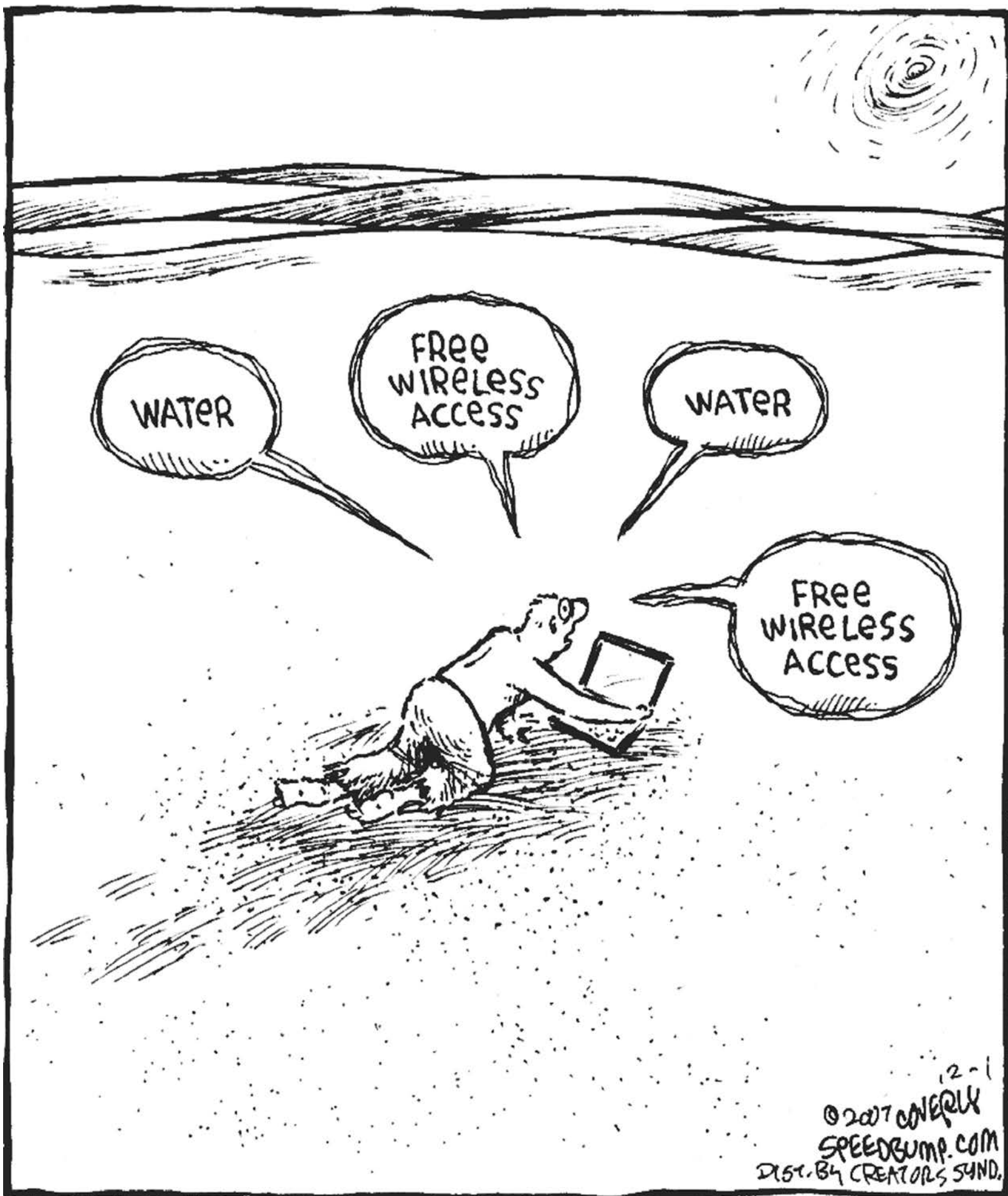
Disaster can come in many forms – fires, earthquakes, floods and man-made incidents of destruction. American Red Cross estimates that nearly a quarter of a million people will be left without shelter in the aftermath of a major 7.8 magnitude earthquake centered near the greater Los Angeles area. The American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles will need to be able to care for the immediate needs of these people for approximately seven days before additional resources and assistance will be brought into the area.

The American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles has begun to strategically place shelter resources in the greater Los Angeles area, including cots, blankets, food and water supplies. The Chapter is also working with key partners such as the City of Los Angeles to train thousands of employees to serve as Disaster Service Workers in the wake of such an event. In addition, recruitment of individual citizens to serve as volunteers has been stepped up.

To attend the orientation session, contact Maria Elizondo at (818) 840-1084. To learn more about disaster preparedness, visit [www.RedCrossLA.org](http://www.RedCrossLA.org).

## CORRECTIONS

• A wedding announcement in last week's issue incorrectly stated that Maria Cortez's father was deceased. He is not. *The Downey Patriot* regrets the error and has printed a corrected wedding announcement on Page 13.



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## Letters to the Editor:

You're welcome...

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing our Downey Community Folk Jam announcement for November.

We had a wonderful old-time fiddler, Larry, come to play with us. He's 90 years young and remembers so many tunes. What a tribute to Americana. Also, another visitor stopped by – all from your paper.

We are finding we have all levels of people attending, from lookie-loos and curiosity-seekers, to novice/wanna-be players, to professionals. What a great time! We are all playing music together and learning from each other too.

December's jam date falls on Christmas, so we're off until Jan. 22, which is the regular fourth Tuesday session at Downey's Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

Oh, another great thing happened because of your article: Time Warner/CNN news will be visiting our January jam. Whoopie! Now if we can just get some high school kids and young adults...

Thank you!  
—Bea Romano,  
Downey

## Tree lighting ceremony opens holiday season

DOWNEY – The City Council will kick off the holiday season with a tree lighting ceremony Monday at 6 p.m. in front of the Downey City Library. The actual lighting will occur at approximately 6:30 p.m.

The ceremony will include entertainment by local schools and the sale of light refreshments by the Downey Rose Float Association, said Assistant to the City Manager Scott Pomrehn.

Raffles will also be held beginning at 6:15 p.m. and concluding at 7 p.m. Raffle winners need to be present to claim their prize.

"The start of the holiday season is a good time to remind residents that shopping Downey not only helps local businesses, but keeps a portion of sales tax revenue local as well," said Mayor Rick Trejo. "Spend your holiday shopping dollars in Downey will have a positive direct effect on public safety and the youth of our community."

A portion of sales tax paid on merchandise purchased from Downey merchants returns to the city of Downey to fund public safety and recreational programs.

## Is your Medicare drug plan naughty or nice?

BY GRACE-MARIE TURNER

The holidays are here again. That means it's time for decorations, gifts, family, friends and food. But during all the celebrating, seniors enrolled in Medicare Part D should carve out time to consider whether they want to stay with their current prescription drug plan.

At the end of each year, from Nov. 15 through Dec. 31, Medicare Part D provides seniors with an open enrollment period, an easy and convenient way to switch plans – or sign up for the first time.

Thanks to the plan's unique design, seniors can choose from a variety of plans offered by private insurers. Unlike traditional government programs, where there's just one plan for everyone, Medicare Part D is structured so that insurance companies must compete for customers. Consequently, prices have stayed relatively low while coverage options have flourished.

In fact, some plans cost just a few dollars a month.

That's why more seniors than ever before have prescription drug coverage. This past year, Medicare Part D provided benefits to almost 24 million people. Meanwhile, polls have indicated that most seniors are happy with their coverage.

This isn't to say the program has no pitfalls.

Many plans don't cover every brand-name drug, so members might have to take a generic medication instead of the brand they were using prior to signing up for Part D. Furthermore, for brand-name drugs that still are under patent protection, a generic version won't even exist. To access these treatments, members might have to pay more out of their own pocket. Or they might have no choice but to take an alternative drug.

So be sure to go over the options carefully, as different plans cover different drugs. And the drugs covered by each plan may change from year to year.

Other problems with Part D include the dreaded "doughnut hole," or the gap in coverage between moderate and high drug expenses.

By making smart, informed choices, however, seniors can often avoid

the hole. In California, for example, Part D enrollees can choose between 14 different plans that offer coverage within the gap. These plans often lowers costs by promoting generics, but at least one of them still covers brand-name drugs.

And paying for the drugs need not be a problem either. All the major drug companies have set up patient assistance programs for seniors who need a little extra help paying the bills, even if they don't qualify for Medicaid.

Eligibility and application procedures vary by company and drug, but doctors can assist patients with understanding how these programs work.

Everyone who uses Medicare should also consider a Medicare Advantage program. About 20 percent of Medicare enrollees currently utilize an Advantage plan, most of which offer "coordinated care" by covering Medicare Parts A, B, and D.

These plans work through private insurance companies in order to combine medical and drug coverage, doing away with the need to deal with separate providers.


The Medicare prescription drug benefit works because it utilizes the choice and flexibility that comes from the private sector.

At the same time, Part D makes purchasing prescription medications safer, freeing seniors from the scary prospect of going online in search of cheap drugs from foreign distributors. With 10 percent of the world's prescription drug supply now estimated to be counterfeit, it's extremely dangerous to purchase medicine from fly-by-night Internet pharmacies.

All those seeking drug coverage have a multitude of options to choose from, so there's no reason to stick with a disappoint plan. Meanwhile, anyone who isn't covered should take this opportunity to sign up. With all the options that are available, there's a plan that's right for everyone. Now's the time to find it.

Grace-Marie Turner is president of the Galen Institute, a research organization based in Alexandria, Va., that focuses on free-market ideas for health reform.

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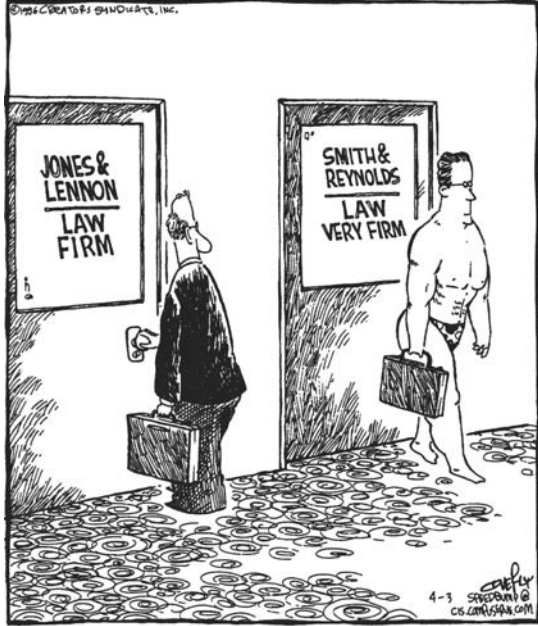
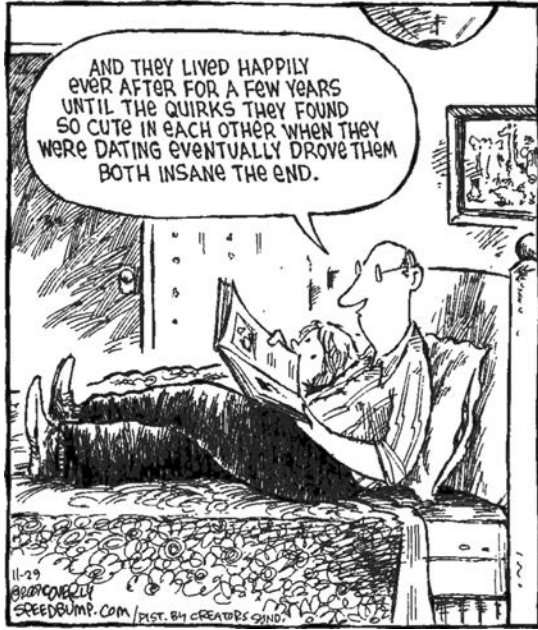
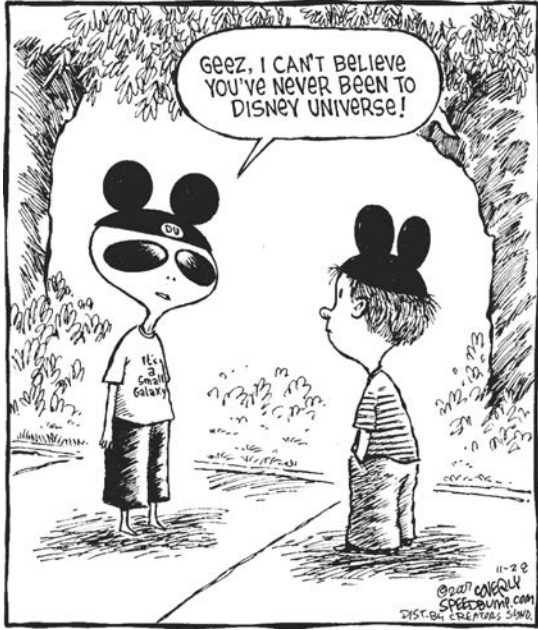
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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For December

- Sat. Dec. 1: **Free Flu Shots**, Fire Stations 1 & 2, 9 a.m.
- Sun. Dec. 2: **56th Annual Holiday Lane Parade**, 1:30 p.m.
- Mon. Dec. 3: **New Century Singers**, Downey Adult School, 3 p.m.
- Wed. Dec. 5: **Immunization Clinic**, Alameda Elementary School, 3 p.m.
- Thurs. Dec. 6: **Blood Drive**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2:30 p.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.
- 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.
- 3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### 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 at Downey High School library, 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 Barbara Briley-Beard 869-7618.
- 1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call 923-4357.
- 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 a.m. - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC, Call 927-8488.
- 2nd & 4th Weds., 11:00 a.m. - **AARP**, at Barbara J. Riley CC, Call Lorene Frazier 861-6075.
- 3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club** Apollo Park.
- 3rd Weds., 6 p.m. - **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
- 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 Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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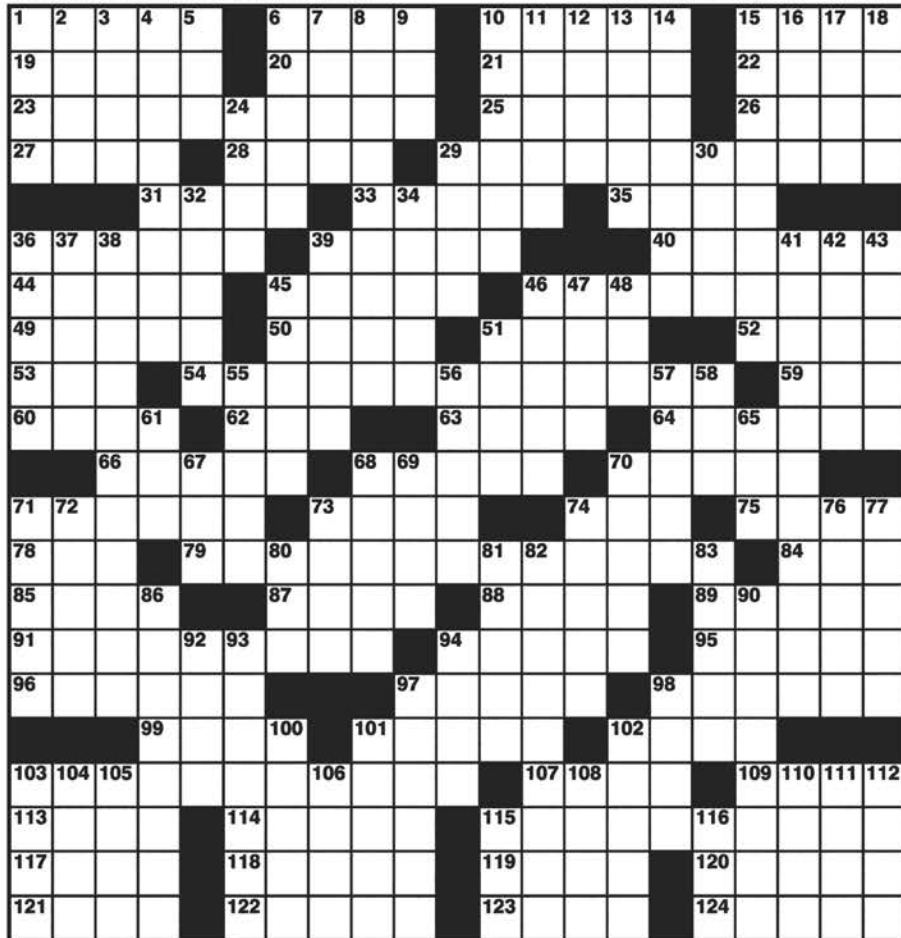
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 1965: Comedic actor Ben Stiller is born. Also born on this day: Mark Twain (d. 1910), Dick Clark (78), Billy Idol (52), Bo Jackson (45), Clay Aiken (29) and Jordan Farmar (21).  
 1979: Pink Floyd releases the classic rock album, "The Wall." It would go on to sell an estimated 30 million copies worldwide.  
 1994: Rapper Tupac Shakur is shot five times and robbed of \$40,000 of jewelry.  
 2004: "Jeopardy!" champion Ken Jennings' consecutive winning streak ends. His final winnings totaled \$2,520,700, the biggest prize in game show history.

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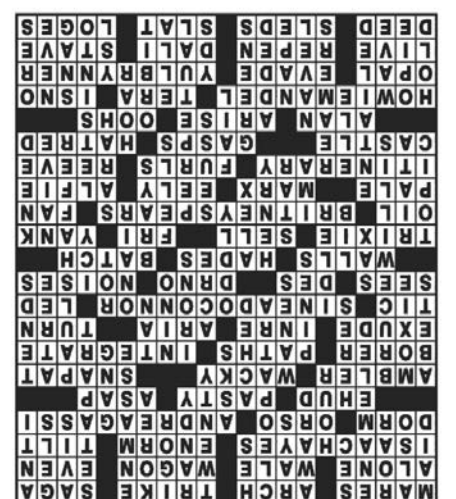
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ISAAC HAYES (23 Across) won an Academy Award and two Grammys for his music for the 1972 film "Shaft." A melody in the Borodin opera, "Prince Igor" (12 Down) was used for the tune "Stranger in Paradise." Patrick HENRY (68 Down) served as the first post-colonial governor of Virginia.





# Runners sprint towards Junior Olympics

■ Three Warren High School runners have qualified to compete at the Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships on Dec. 8. Unfortunately, the high cost of travel is proving to be a burden.

BY BROOKE KARLI, STAFF WRITER

**DOWNEY** – Following a successful cross country season at Warren High School, runners Chris Enriquez, Dani Moreno and Mario Castillo will bring fierce competition to the 2007 USATF (USA Track & Field) National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships in Lawrence, Kans. on Dec. 8.

The runners will attend the Championships as representatives of The Equalizers Track Club, a youth distance-running organization that trains for and competes in track, cross country and road racing. The club was created in 1986 and welcomes athletes under the age of 19 who are interested in long-distance running, regardless of capability and experience.

In order to qualify for the Championships, all three runners had to compete and advance through the Association (Southern California) and Regional (Southern California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii) levels.

The final level, the Championships, consists of 15 regions, with each region bringing at least 25 athletes to compete. The Championships are then broken up into six levels of competition, which are decided upon by age.

Enriquez, a freshman, will be attending the Championships for the first time, competing in the Youth Boys 4 km.

"I'm really looking forward to it," said Enriquez, who currently holds Warren's school record for Boys Frosh Cross Country. "It's my first national competition and I'm honored to be a part of it."

Dani Moreno, a sophomore, will be attending the Championships for a third time. She will be competing in the Intermediate Girls 5 km.

"I have gained a lot of experience from the Championships," said Moreno, who currently holds Warren's record for Girls Frosh Cross Country and one- and two-mile Girls Frosh Track. "I have met a lot of people from different states and it's a great way to get your name out there, especially if college scouts are there."

Moreno also received numerous letters from UCLA; UC Santa Barbara; Fresno State; and Pepperdine during last year's cross-country season, all schools showing interest in her athleticism.

Castillo, a junior, will be attending the Championships for the first time as well, competing in the Intermediate Boys 5 km.

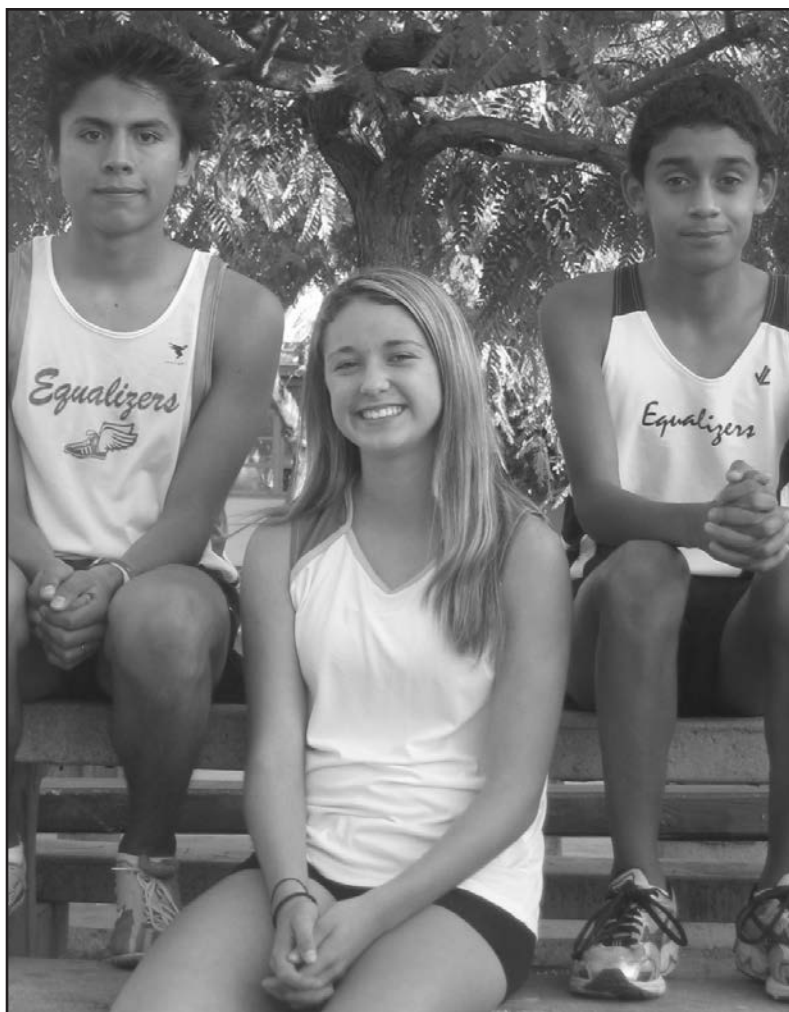
"I'm really excited to be able to race," said Castillo, who currently holds Warren's record for two-mile Boys Frosh Track. "I was out during our regular [high school] season because of injuries and I'm so glad I have this chance to compete."

Although excited to attend the Championships, all three runners agreed that the only downfall is the cost. Each athlete is responsible for their own airfare, hotel, and food expenses. The high cost forces many of the athletes to travel solo, leaving families behind.

Enriquez, Moreno and Castillo know that it is their talent that has provided them with this opportunity, but also know that their talent comes from hard work and the dedication of their coaches and families.

"We wouldn't be where we're at without our families and coaches from Warren – Mario Carrillo and Ramon Miranda – and The Equalizers – Jerry Palazzo and Roy Crawford," Moreno said.

On the Web: [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org).



Chris Enriquez, Dani Moreno and Mario Castillo will travel to Lawrence, Kans. next week for the 2007 USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships. Photo by Brooke Karli

## Ponytail registration starts Saturday

**DOWNEY** – Downey Ponytail will be hosting sign-ups for the 2008 spring season starting tomorrow at Rio San Gabriel Park, 9612 Ardine St.

The registration fee is \$65 per player, \$45 for additional sisters. The fee covers the girls' league shirt, trophy, pictures, and secondary insurance. Girls who sign up early will receive a Downey Ponytail pin.

Downey Ponytail is open to all girls ages 5 to 18 (as of Dec. 31, 2007). The season runs from February through May for T-ball through 14U divisions, while the high school season runs from April through June.

Registration will also be held Dec. 8 and 9.

Downey Ponytail is also in need of coaches, managers and volunteers for all divisions. Downey Ponytail is routinely forced to turn girls away because of a shortage of volunteers, officials said. For more information, call (562) 904-KIDZ (5449) or visit [www.eteamz.com/downeyponytail](http://www.eteamz.com/downeyponytail).



The Downey U16 Girls Tournament Team took first place in the Jamboree Thanksgiving Tournament held at Balboa Park in Encino last Saturday. After four undefeated games, Downey beat the home team from Balboa Park, 4-0, in the championship game. The team includes Assistant Coach Robert Correa, Amanda Harrison, Valeria Valadez, Brandi Neilan, Stephanie Gonzalez, Vicky Correa, Jessica Clavesilla, Coach Octavio Calvillo, Rebecca Flores, Robin Serpas, Amanda Hernandez, Jackie Garcia, Marysol Flores, Vanessa Calvillo, Stephanie Angulo and Stephanie Hernandez.

## Warren gets early start on winter break

BY SCOTT COBOS, CONTRIBUTOR

So here we sit, one day before December with no current football to talk about. Warren and Downey both are out of the football playoffs while Gahr and Dominguez continue to chug along.

Has anyone looked at the Western division playoff brackets recently? If Dominguez wins tonight and Gahr wins tomorrow, there's a possibility two San Gabriel Valley League (SGVL) teams will meet in the finals. What makes this even more interesting is that it has been at least 15 or more years since those two teams have met in the finals for football.

I'm willing to bet it's been longer than 15 years as Gahr's football tradition hasn't exactly been of the winning sort. For a while they were almost a nomad team. They played in no specific league for a couple years before returning back to the SGVL.

But this column isn't about the two SGVL teams still in the playoffs. This column is about the two teams that aren't. As they say, hindsight is 20-20 and there has to be a few opportunities that Warren and Downey are regretting they didn't take advantage of.

Warren has to be kicking themselves right now over the game at Gahr earlier this season. In a very winnable game, Warren's normally reliable defense tripped and stumbled their way to a 36-24 loss to Corey Nielsen and the Gladiators.

The next day's *Press-Telegram* headline read "Gahr's Nielsen ratings go up." Nielsen, the area's top passer, had a fantastic night statistically. The dirty truth is it's not hard to have that type of night with receivers wide

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 2pac - *Best of Tupac: Part 1 & 2*  
 Pink - *I'm Not Dead*  
 Kylie Minogue - *X*  
 Arctic Monkeys - *Teddy Picker*

Source: Amazon.com

### DVD Releases

#### MOVIES

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 "Superbad"  
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 "The Nanny Diaries"

#### TV/MISC.

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 "Saturday Night Live" - Season 2  
 "7th Heaven" - Seasons 1-5

#### BOXED COLLECTIONS

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 "Ford at Fox - The Collection"

Source: Amazon.com

### Video Game Releases

Alvin & the Chipmunks - PS2, Wii  
 Chaos Wars - PS2  
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 The Golden Compass - PS2, X360, PS3, Wii  
 Yu-Gi-Oh! The Beginning of Destiny - PS2  
 Dragon Ball Z: Budokai Tenkaichi 3 - Wii  
 Indoor Sports - Wii  
 Godzilla Unleashed - Wii  
 Pokemon Pocket Pokedex Vol. 2 - Wii

Source: ebgames.com

### Concerts

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

Ozzy Osbourne, Rob Zombie - Staples Center  
 Aimee Mann's 2nd Annual Christmas Show - El Rey Theatre  
 Brother - Coach House  
 Christian Castro - Gibson Amp.  
 Decemberists - Wiltern  
 Pepper - HOB Anaheim

SATURDAY

Adolescents - Galaxy Concert Th.  
 Cribs - El Rey Theatre  
 Dramarama - Coach House  
 Juan Gabriel - Gibson Amphiph.  
 Slightly Stoopid - Wiltern  
 Fall Out Boy - Coach House

SUNDAY

Juan Gabriel - Gibson Amphiph.  
 Lemonheads - HOB Anaheim  
 VHS or Beta - El Rey Theatre  
 Cake - Grove of Anaheim  
 Voxtrout - Henry Fonda Theatre

TUESDAY

Deborah Harry - HOB Anaheim  
 Jonathon Davis - Orpheum Theat.  
 Mae, Anberlin and Metro Station - Wiltern

WEDNESDAY

O'Jays - Gibson Amphitheatre  
 Spice Girls - Staples Center

THURSDAY

Cult - Wiltern  
 Marc Cohn - El Rey  
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Source: Casenet

### Book Releases

"T is for Trespass" by Sue Grafton  
 "Captain's Fury: Book Four of the Codex Alera" by Jim Butcher  
 "Jim Cramer's Stay Mad for Life: Get Rich, Stay Rich (Make Your Kids Even Richer)" by James J. Cramer

Source: barnesandnoble.com

## Roybal-Allard named Parade Marshal

Downey - Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard has been named Parade Marshal for the Downey Chamber of Commerce's 56th annual Holiday Lane Parade.

Roybal-Allard, the representative for California's 34th Congressional District, served three terms in the California State Assembly, becoming the first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress in 1992.

She was also the first Latina in U.S. history when she was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee in 1999.

Roybal-Allard currently serves on three subcommittees. On the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Subcommittee, she oversees funding for public schools, workforce training programs, health research and preventative health programs. On the Homeland Security Subcommittee, the congresswoman oversees funding for immigration processing, border and port security, and a wide variety of emergency preparedness efforts, including providing training and equipment to police and firefighters. On the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee, Roybal-Allard oversees federal funding for critical federal transportation projects, including improvements to the region's bus systems, railroads and freeways, as well as federal housing initiatives to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing.

Since 2002, when she first began to represent Downey, Roybal-Allard has successfully secured federal funds for important community projects in Downey, including Gangs Out of Downey's 10-20 Club. She also secured \$500,000 for a coalition of cities, including Downey, to participate in an innovative study to address storm water runoff pollution into the Los Angeles River.

Roybal-Allard was instrumental in facilitating the conclusion of the NASA land transfer to the city of Downey. In October 2004, the congresswoman ushered through Congress a measure she authored to name the



Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard will ride in Sunday's Holiday Lane Parade as the Parade Marshal.

planned space science learning center in honor of the Columbia Space Shuttle and crew. One year later, she secured \$1 million for Downey to house a model replica of a mock space shuttle as a scientific exhibit in the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.

The congresswoman also secured approximately \$6 million to upgrade traffic signals and make major road and intersection improvements in the city.

## Moode, Knabe return as parade co-hosts

Downey - Marsha Moode, executive producer/director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, will host the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Lane Parade this Sunday for Time Warner Cable. It will be her 20th year calling the annual event.

Moode will be joined by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, now in his 17th year as co-host.

Moode, a Downey resident, is a USC graduate, where she was named Best Actress and Outstanding College Coed in the Southwest USA. She has appeared in films and on TV with Henry Fonda, Burt Reynolds, Goldie Hawn, John Forsythe and Shirley Jones.

For two years she wrote, produced and directed a radio show, "Poetry Live," in Los Angeles, in addition to teaching a Shakespeare seminar at Cerritos College for 10 years.

She also produced the "Campaign" and "Good Company" series for Time Warner.

Moode has been honored by Soroptimist International as a "Woman of Distinction," by the Chamber of Commerce as "Volunteer of the Year," by Coordinating Council as "Volunteer of the Year for the Downey Symphony" and the League of Women Voters as a "Woman Making History in the Southland."

Knabe was fire elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 1996, winning reelection in 2000 and 2004.

He represents the Fourth District, a uniquely diverse area that is home to over 2 million residents and includes the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and Los Angeles International Airport.

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

In 2006, he was appointed to the California Emergency Council by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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

Knabe and his wife, Julie, have been married for 39 years and have two sons, Curt and Matt.



Downey Civic Light Opera Executive Producer and Director Marsha Moode and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe are set to co-host the Holiday Lane Parade for Time Warner Cable this Sunday.

## Temple celebrates Hanukkah

Downey - Temple Ner Tamid will be celebrating Hanukkah next Friday at 6 p.m.

A chicken dinner, including salad, latkes (potato pancakes) and trimmings, will be served for a donation price of \$12. The community is invited and is asked to make reservations and bring their Menorahs to light candles. Door prizes will also be handed out.

Shabbat services will take place following dinner at 7:30 p.m.

For information, or to make reservations, call (562) 861-9276.



The 56th Annual Holiday Lane Parade will feature Ronald McDonald, pictured here with members of the Wood family. The parade is on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

## Holiday favorites Monday at OASIS

Downey - The New Century Singers of Whittier, a 35-member professional women's chorus, will perform favorite holiday songs at Monday's OASIS meeting at the Downey Adult School.

"We will also be celebrating the holidays with our holiday boutique," said OASIS instructor Harriett Paine. "Many of our students are very talented and it is always fun to see what they bring to sell."

The OASIS program welcomes all older adults and is located inside the Downey Adult School cafeteria. Enrollment is free and begins at 3 p.m., at which time an optional dinner ticket may be purchased for \$3.50. Dinner will be served after the program, which starts at 3:45 p.m.

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## Holiday Lane Parade Line-Up

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 Chamber of Commerce welcome banner  
 Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC) banner  
 DRMC marching unit  
 DRMC float  
 DRMC antique auto  
 DRMC board chair  
 El Monte mounted police color guard  
 Norm's Restaurant banner  
 Warren High School band  
 Warren High School tall flags  
 Warren High School drum major  
 Warren High School band  
 Washington Mutual Home Loan Center  
 Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard – Parade Marshal  
 Wells Fargo stagecoach  
 CareMore Medical Group banner  
 Sebastian Sidi – Honorary Parade Marshal  
 Mayor Rick Trejo  
 Mayor Pro Tem David Gafin  
 Divine Talents, Inc. float  
 Councilman Kirk Cartozian  
 Girl Scout Troop 27  
 Andrews Rancho Del Norte banner  
 Downey High School band  
 Downey High School tall flags  
 Downey High School drum major  
 Downey High School band  
 Councilwoman Anne Bayer  
 Skippy Dee Clown unit  
 Councilman Mario Guerra  
 Downey Girl Scout Troop 145  
 Guide Dogs of America  
 Chamber President Sue Nordin  
 Parade Chairperson Maria Larkin  
 C-Stars Pleasure Riders  
 Ronald McDonald  
 All-American Home Center & Pacific Western Bank  
 North Park Middle School band  
 North Park Middle School tall flags  
 North Park Middle School band  
 North Park Middle School drum major  
 Long Beach Charros  
 Downey Elks Lodge #2020 float  
 Downey Elks Lodge #2020 auto

Paramount Auto Center & Downey Character  
 Paramount Auto Center auto  
 No Mess Mouse, Recycle Rabbit & Deputy Dew Drop  
 Downey Let's Keep It Litter Free banner  
 Keep Downey Beautiful  
 McGruff & Downey Police Department  
 Hometown Buffet  
 Papa John's  
 Country Inn of Downey  
 Gloria's Cocina Mexicana & RMI International  
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 Madrid Middle School tall flags  
 Madrid Middle School drum major  
 Madrid Middle School band  
 Madrid Middle School drill team  
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 Coachella Valley High School drum major  
 Coachella Valley High School band  
 Coachella Valley High School drill team  
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 Estampas de Mexico  
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 Los Sombreros Restaurant  
 Workman High School band  
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### End

### Expect street closures Sunday

**DOWNEY** – The following streets will be closed Sunday beginning at 11:30 a.m.: 10th and 11th Streets between Brookshire Avenue and Birchdale Street; Lexington Avenue between Downey Avenue and Brookshire Avenue; and Brookshire Avenue between Florence Avenue and Cherokee Drive. The streets should re-open around 3:30 p.m.  
 5th Street between Brookshire Avenue and Downey Avenue will also be used between noon and 5:30 p.m.

## PARADE

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Sidi is a multi-talented musician who plays the drums, guitar, bass, piano and percussion. He has performed throughout Southern California and will be featured in an upcoming PBS special next year.

Past Grand Marshals, which may also be recorded as Citizen Grand Marshals and Parade Marshals, include Drs. Floyd and Mary Stauffer; Ed and Jill DiLoreto of Yale Engineering; Don Dixon; Pat and Doris Patterson; Diane Boggs and Bob Verderber; Larry and Helen Hoag of The Hoag Company, Inc., Realtors; Cliff and Pat Pratt; Dr. John and Crystal Sims; Lanny and Tamar Gertler of the All American Home Center; Police Chief John Finch and Fire Chief Mark Sauter; J. Arthur "Art" Morris; and Dr. Kenneth and Betty Ferraro.

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The Holiday Lane Parade Committee, which consists of nine sub-chairs that are responsible for the parade's publicity, booths, banners, convertibles, and more, not only choose the parade's marshals, but also find sponsors to fund the parade.

Every year, the parade is operated primarily through funds donated by sponsors. The most consistent major sponsor, Larkin said, has been Downey Regional Medical Center, who has sponsored the parade for over 15 years.

"We could not put on a parade if we did not have sponsors," said Larkin, 2003 Chamber president and parade chair since 1996. "They make it happen, we just organize it."

The sponsors that donate \$300 or more are treated to a Sponsor Appreciation Lunch at the Rio Hondo Event Center two weeks prior to the parade. This year's lunch was held on Nov. 15 and was provided by Jerry Andrews and Andrews Rancho Del Norte.

Another helpful resource the Chamber uses in organizing the parade is Pageantry Productions, a company that has helped produce the Holiday Lane Parade for over 40 years. The company manages applications, entry fees, parade line-ups and more. According to Debra Harn of Pageantry Productions, non-profit organizations do not pay an entry fee, but commercial entries pay \$100.

This year's parade line-up will include six equestrian teams, seven floats, 10 bands, 21 automobiles, and will feature the Downey Police Department, Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce, and more.



Six equestrian units, like the one above shown at last year's parade, will be featured in this year's Holiday Lane Parade. *Photo courtesy Sue Nordin*



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# Kiwanis learns ups, downs of conducting

BY GWYNN GUSTAFSON, KIWANIS CLUB OF DOWNEY

**DOWNEY** – Have you ever watched a symphony conductor and thought, “I can do that – up and down, back and forth...simple”? Meet Sharon Lavery, professor at the University of Southern California and conductor of the USC Thornton Symphony Orchestra, is the one that makes it look simple.

Lavery comes to Downey by way of Ossining, NY – infamous for Sing Sing Prison – Michigan State where she earned her bachelor’s degree in music education, and for whom she marched in the 1988 Rose Parade, and the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, earning her master’s of music degree in clarinet performance.

The journey brought Lavery to USC where music studies took her to a senior course in conducting – and her passion. Conducting, however, would have to wait.

Shortly after the USC graduation ceremonies, her father said, “it’s time to get a job.” Sharon headed back East to teach music in the public school system in Melville, Mass. Here, the summers can be long, so Lavery followed her passion, attending conductor workshops for five years, after which she headed back to USC to earn her master’s degree in orchestral conducting.

Conducting – you really want to know how? Here’s a little history first so you appreciate Lavery’s talent: It is the year 1640, a time when the conductor was more like a mechanical metronome, with a piece of metal strapped to his shoe to literally bang out the beat. A few decades later, conductors began using a long wooden staff to bang the floor. Watch your toes! Bang hard enough and you could lose a few. After one conductor died from an infection, the staff became a small stick, or a rolled sheath of papers, or just hands waving about. In fact, the conductor’s position was taken as so unnecessary that the lead violinist would often conduct when not playing.

In the 1800’s, chamber orchestra music is in vogue and there are more participating musicians. It is realized a conductor is necessary in order for the musicians to focus on the performance.

Music conducting was transformed when Wagner, one of the first to use the modern baton, changed perceptions by interpreting the music as he envisioned the composer intended the piece to be performed. What a concept – actually read the score and figure out what the composer was trying to convey.

Now the conductors’ job was to convey this “interpretation” to the musicians by way of physical gestures that could be followed – hand movements, body inflections, head nods and eye contact. While the right arm/hand controls the tempo, the left controls the volume and it’s these physical gestures that bring life to the music.

For more information on the Downey Symphony Orchestra, call the Downey Theatre at (562) 861-8211. For information on the Kiwanis Club of Downey, visit [www.downeykiwanis.org](http://www.downeykiwanis.org).



Ashvin Patel (left), director of production at Arc of Southeast Los Angeles County, was recently named Kiwanian of the Year. The award was given to him by Kiwanis past president Roy Jimenez (right). Patel has been a member of Kiwanis Club of Downey for several years, also serving as secretary.



Tom Houts (right), principal of Downey High School, presented a plaque to Kiwanis Club of Downey President John Casillas in recognition of the Downey Kiwanis Foundation grant that funded the school’s Computer Research Lab.

## Food Help provides food to needy

**DOWNEY** – Since 2005, the Food Help Program of the Downey First Christian Church has distributed food to the homeless and needy in our community.

Thus far, close to 500 families have been helped. Those in need can receive help by visiting the West Annex building on the church’s campus Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers from the First Baptist Church of Downey, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Christ Lutheran Church, and the Moravian Church of Downey help provide support in the collection and distribution of food items.

Food donations, as well as cash donations, are always welcome.

For information, or to make a donation, call Bob Varden, ministry team leader, at (562) 923-5649.

## COBOS

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open all the time as they were that game.

What a dagger that must have been to Warren’s championship hopes. Not only that, the loss inevitably determined who would take the No. 2 seed in the playoffs for their league.

What also made this loss even more devastating was they had an extra two days to plan, prepare and get healthy. Because of the California wildfires, the air quality was too poor for the teams to play on the previous Friday so the game was bumped to the following Monday.

Coaches and players were later asked about the loss to Gahr, and whether or not those extra two days played any part in the loss. While both coaches and players refused to attribute the loss to the extra days off, it was undeniably evident the Bears came out lethargic and flat.

Warren now sits back, relaxes and watches what possibly could have been them. The No. 2 seed turned out to be a gift for Gahr as they faced No. 3 Lancaster and pummeled them then took on a weak No. 1 seed in Palos Verdes and beat them as well.

The Bears on the other hand were handed the No. 3 seed coming out of the SGVL and what appeared like a death sentence facing the second toughest No. 1 seed in the playoffs, Palmdale. Onlookers said Warren had a chance to win the game but didn’t clutch up when they needed. They lost 38-7 ending their season. It’s hard to imagine being able to focus after what was probably a two-hour drive out to Palmdale.

Not a bad season though. They finished up with a 6-5 (0-1 playoffs) record which doesn’t properly represent their talent level. They’re much better than it looks.

If you like roller coasters then you probably loved Downey’s season this year. This team went up and down and all around the performance level spectrum. From getting blown out to upsetting teams, Downey had everything. Ok, well not quite everything. The one thing they lacked was consistency. One moment they looked unbeatable then the next moment they collapsed as a team who was often seen fighting on the sidelines.

The one game they must be kicking themselves about was their loss vs. Dominguez. The Vikings weren’t expected to even come close to winning this game. Now while the final score said they were ripped into oblivion, let’s talk about the first half.

Dominguez hands down is the most dominating team in the division without a doubt. They could pass, they could run and obviously they can play defense. Every great team has a moment of weakness. When those moments happen, the other team needs to be ready to step in and take advantage.

The one time they showed weakness this year was against Downey. At halftime, Downey was *winning* 9-3. The Vikings shut Dominguez down. The final score was 43-9. What happened? It’s still hard to explain after the fact, but the Vikings allowed 40 unanswered points.

If Downey had managed to beat Dominguez, they would have forced a coin flip between Warren, Gahr and themselves to determine who went to the playoffs. It’s a terrible way to get into the playoffs as one coach said, but if you get in, you get in.

But as it was shown, this loss went hand in hand with the way Downey played all season long. You have to admit, it was an uphill battle for the Vikings in the beginning. A new head coach being put in place a little later than wanted coupled with the loss of a ton of players adds up to a tough year.

The Vikings finished 3-7, one game out of the playoffs in their division. They don’t have much to show for it except the ability to hang with the toughest of teams when they want to.

Both teams now enter their winter workouts. Light agilitys, no pads, some weight lifting and probably some fun games that don’t involve football are probably in order. It wouldn’t be surprising to see both teams during their practice period play some pickup basketball games, slow pitch softball or anything else for that matter.

Football is over and now there are more important things to worry about. Seniors are getting ready to graduate, others are preparing for finals and most importantly people are gearing up for Christmas.

But we’re sure that both teams are being as well behaved as possible hoping that Santa will put a second chance for the 2007 season under their trees.

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## Kathryn Manfrin Copeland known for Children's Theatre

**DOWNEY** – Kathryn "Kass" Manfrin Copeland, who helped established the Downey Children's Theatre, the Downey Adult Theatre and the Downey Readers' Theatre with first husband John Hume, passed away on Nov. 20. She was 80.



Copeland was born on Nov. 15, 1927 in Chicago, Ill., the youngest of eight children. She attended Stanford University, majoring in theatre arts and later received her master's degree in theatre from California State University, Los Angeles.

She appeared in numerous productions throughout the years, playing parts such as "Desdemona," "Gertrude," "Joan of Arc," "Eleanor of Aquitaine," "Sabina," "Madame Arcati," "Mrs. Popper," and the "Wicked Witch of the West."

She was also very involved with theatre in Downey and was named "Teacher of the Year" by the Downey Unified School District.

Upon retirement, she moved to the Sierra foothills with her second husband, James Copeland, where she wrote and directed musical reviews and plays for the Wildwood Little Theatre. She also appeared in "Not Martha," a cooking show for local television, with her sister-in-law Carol Manfrin.

Copeland is survived by children J. Griffith Hume, Margery H. Ammon, Brenda McCroskey, Steven Copeland and Lisa Corso; brother Jim Manfrin; sister Lorraine Kirkwood; and their extended families, as well as many friends.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday at the Chapel of the Angels, 250 Race St. in Grass Valley, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her name to Music in the Mountains, (530) 265-6173.

## Loraine Sarell passes away from lung cancer

**DOWNEY** – Loraine Sarell, a longtime Downey resident, passed away Nov. 26 at the age of 83.



Sarell was born in Dodge City, Kans., later moving to California at the age of 17, following the death of her father. During WWII, she worked for Norris Stamping, making shell casings. Following the war, she worked for Owens-Illinois Glass Company, where she met husband Bill. In 1950, they moved to Downey.

Sarell was active in scouting, DJAA and the local schools. She was also a member of Trinity Baptist Church since 1967.

She is survived by husband Bill; sons Ed, Gary, Mark, and their wives; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be tonight at 6 p.m. and funeral services are tomorrow at the Rainbow Chapel in Rose Hills at 11 a.m.

## Chanukah presentation at Stonewood Center

**DOWNEY** – Stonewood Center will host a public Chanukah presentation by clergy and members of Temple Ner Tamid on Dec. 9 at 4:30 p.m. in the J.C. Penny court.

Chanukah is an eight-day Jewish celebration that commemorates the victory of faithful Jews against Syrian-Greek rulers who tried to destroy Jewish culture in 165 B.C.E.

Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill will explain the significance of Chanukah for Jews and describe some of its rituals. Members of the temple will then join the rabbi and cantor in lighting a "chanukiah," a candelabrum with nine branches, followed by the singing of holiday blessings and songs.

For information, call Temple Ner Tamid at (562) 861-9276, or email templenertamid1@juno.com.

## Pre-Christmas choir concert at church

**DOWNEY** – The public is invited to attend a free pre-Christmas concert on Dec. 8 at the Downey Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Located at 12425 Orizaba Ave., the Stake Center is one block north of Imperial Highway between Downey Ave. and Paramount Blvd.

The 100-voice choir will perform under the direction of Frank Turner. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m.

## Celebrate Christmas with Christian club

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Christian Women's Club will celebrate Christmas at their Dec. 12 meeting at Los Amigos Country Club.

The special feature will be Joy Grades of Edible Arrangements. Linda Bagley will be the meeting's speaker. Her topic is "Life is Like a Box of Chocolates." Diane Pierce will provide music.

The lunch meeting starts at 11:45 a.m. and the cost is \$12. The community (including men) is invited. Reservations are requested by calling Sonja at (562) 862-4347 or Delores at (562) 868-7135.

## Tickets available for holiday home tour

**DOWNEY** – Tour four decorated Downey homes, shop at a boutique and bake sale, and enjoy home baked goodies at "Homes for the Holidays" Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the San Antonio Guild of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles of Downey, a \$25 donation is requested.

Tickets are available at Saywell Florist, 10235 Paramount Blvd. or Relini Salon, 7817 E. Florence Ave. To request tickets by mail, contact SAG Home Tour, 7860 Baysinger St., Downey, CA 90241.

All proceeds to the event will benefit the Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. For more information, call Stacy Brabant at (562) 927-8511.

## City collecting toys for children

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey is hosting their 22nd Annual Holiday Toy Collection Program, collecting new toys for underprivileged kids that will be distributed through PTA HELPS and other local children's programs.

Organized by the Public Works Department's Recycling Office, drop-points include City Hall, Downey City Library, Downey police station, Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, all Downey fire stations, all Downey public schools, and local businesses displaying a City toy collection box.

Toys will be collected through Dec. 14.

For more information on how you or your organization can help in the Holiday Toy Collection Program, call (562) 904-7103.

## Corrections requested for Veteran's Monument

**DOWNEY** – A temporary list of names, taken from handwritten records, has been added to the Veteran's Monument at the Downey Cemetery.

The Cemetery is asking for the community's assistance in recognizing any errors or omissions before a permanent plaque is installed. The community is asked to notify the Cemetery if any of the names are spelled incorrectly, or if a veteran interred in the Cemetery is missing from the list of names.

The Cemetery can be notified by mailing inquiries to Downey Cemetery District, P.O. Box 7016, Downey, CA, 90241, or emailing ssshorthi@downeyca.org before Dec. 31.

The temporary list of names (some lacking first names) includes: Nick Adkins; Richard Agier; Robert Alexander; Ray James Allee; Allen B. Anderson; Daniel C. Anderson; Randolph Anderson; Leo Baird; David Henry Ballew; Robert T. Balthrop; Barnett; Joe Barros; Guy Beers; Fred C. Bigby; Mitchell Bowers; Chas Bozarth; Aubry Bradley; Clarence Brooks; Ralph Brooks; Joseph J. Buckles; John Patrick Burke; Joe T. Cadena; John Carlson; Robert V. Carpenter; Robert Carson; John Centino; Wm A. Christensen; George Harold Clark; Isaac Cochran; Cochran; Richard F. Cocke; John M. Colbert; Clarence Collins; Albert David Colwell; Corey Cook; Walter Marvin Cook; Jack Coursey; Ray Stanfield Craig; Leonard Curn; Arthur A. Czarapata; Albert Davis; Avery McKenley Davis; Henry Davis; Floyd Deits; Rey Delgado; Eugene Denton; George E. Dickerson; Lee Dickerson; John Dill; Carlo A. Dilorenzo; Raymond Dodge; Pablo Duran; Rudolph Dusseaw; Ben Dye; Johnny L. Edwards; John Eggli; Theodore R. Elders; L. P. Elliott; Henry Ells; Raymond Embree; Burton Elmer; Empson; David Bruce Ervin; Eshom; Virgil H. Evans; Charles S. Everson; Exline; Frank F. Fairbanks; Henry B. Farinholt; Jay Ray Frazier; James Ronald Frye; John Ganyon; Alfred Garcia; Jack Gardner; Ellis M. Garner; Arthur Garrison; James Giles; Gillies; Frank Glaab; Tony Gomez; Wm Harry Good; Harvey Goodro; Donnie Lee Goss; Alexander Gossuch; Edgar S. Gray; Harvey R. Gray; Herbert L. Greminger; Lee R. Griffith; Roscoe L. Grubbs; Frank Guarascia; Ray W. Hall; Fred Bryan Halloway; George E. Hamer; Paul Hamer; Robert Hamilton; Walter Hamilton; Everette Hammerton; Bill Hancock; Chas Hamman; Virgil L. Harp; Green B. Hart; David Hastie; John C. Haston; Roy J. Heal; Harry Hedegecock; Charles

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## Puliafito discusses the Keck School of Medicine

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) recently welcomed Dr. Carmen A. Puliafito, the new dean of the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, to our nation's capital.

Puliafito, whose deanship began on Nov. 1, is one of the world's premier health management experts and a renowned Ophthalmology clinician and researcher. The dean met with the congresswoman to discuss his future vision for the medical school and ways in which the school can better serve the health care needs of the congresswoman's constituents.

Located on USC's Health Sciences Campus in Boyle Heights, just east of Downtown Los Angeles, the Keck School of Medicine is home to the doctors of USC – a nationally recognized program in which the school's physicians practice in a multitude of clinical specialties. They practice in private clinics on the health science campus and also at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, USC University Hospital, USC/Norris Cancer Hospital, LAC+USC Medical Center, the Doheny Eye Institute and elsewhere around the greater Los Angeles area.

In addition, Puliafito discussed the importance of adequately funding National Institutes of Health research programs.

The health sciences campus is a major center for basic and clinical biomedical research, especially in the fields of cancer, gene therapy, the neurosciences, and transplantation biology. The health sciences campus is also home to several research institutes, including the USC/Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Zilkha Neurogenetic Institute, the Broad Center for Integrative Biology and Stem Cell Research, the Cardiovascular Thoracic Institute, the Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research, and the Institute for Genetic Medicine.

## 'The Nutcracker' playing in Downey

**DOWNEY** – Tickets are on sale now for "The Nutcracker" ballet to be presented by the Southern California Dance Theatre at the Downey Theater, 8435 Firestone.

Performances will be held Dec. 8 and 15 at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 9 and 16 at 2:30 p.m.

For ticket information, call (562) 496-1766.

## OLPH Women's Guild Christmas lunch

**DOWNEY** – The OLPH Women's Guild will hold their Christmas luncheon, "Christmas around the World," Dec. 8 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Christine Pohlen will provide the music and every centerpiece will be raffled off.

Socializing begins at 10:30 a.m. and a buffet lunch, including champagne, coffee and tea, will be available at noon.

Reservations are \$30 and are due by Dec. 1. Send your check, payable to Catholic Women's Guild, to Polly Glenn, 7314 Cleargrove Dr., Downey, CA 90240.

## 2008 Rose Parade tickets for sale

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey Community Services Department has been assigned grandstand seating for the 2008 Rose Parade, where Emeril Lagasse will preside as Grand Marshall.

Tickets are \$66 each and there is no limit on the amount of tickets to be purchased. The bus will depart from the City Hall flag pole area on Jan. 1 at 6:30 a.m. and will return around 2 p.m.

Sign-ups will be taken at the City Hall Community Services Department, as well as at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For information, call (562) 904-7238.

## Children's author at Downey library

**DOWNEY** – Children's author Marla Frazee will speak and sign books tomorrow from 1 to 1:45 p.m. at the Downey City Library.

Frazee, author of the picture book, "Santa Claus, the World's Number One Toy Expert," will discuss what it's like to be an author and illustrator. Adults and children of all ages are invited to the free program. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing.

"This is a rare opportunity to get the perfect holiday gift book signed by the author," said children's librarian Gina Orello.

For more information, call (562) 904-7360, ext. 4.



Dr. Carmen Puliafito (left), the new dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC, recently met with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to discuss ways the school can better serve the health care needs of the congresswoman's constituents.

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## Photography class geared towards handicapped students

**DOWNEY** – Downey Adult School will be offering a new class when its winter session begins Jan. 10, “Digital Photography and Photoshop Elements,” a class specifically designed for adults with a physical disability.

The distinctive class was developed in conjunction with Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

The class will teach students what to look for when purchasing a digital camera, the basic and more advanced functions of a digital camera and menu systems. Students will also learn how to download pictures, use a kiosk machine, and get pictures processed through a photo processing website.

In addition, the class will teach students how to take better pictures and how to touch up pictures and add special effects using Adobe Photoshop Elements, the world’s leading graphic arts software.

The class is a good opportunity for students to discover their creativity, develop a new hobby or gain skills for a potential career, said instructor Virginia Rooney, who received the Downey Unified School District’s “Teacher of the Year” award in 2005.

Michael Ziegler, a professional photographer who has owned and maintained a photo studio and lab for 30 years, will also help lead the class.

“Digital Photography and Photoshop Elements” will meet Thursdays 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Downey Adult School from Jan. 10 to March 20. There is a \$15 registration fee.

For more information on this or other classes, call (562) 940-6200 or visit [www.das.edu](http://www.das.edu).



Warren High School junior Danny Flores (left) met Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard while in Washington, D.C. for the National Young Leaders’ Conference.

## Warren student learns politics up close in D.C.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Danny Flores, a junior at Warren High School, visited with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) during his weeklong stay in Washington, D.C. as a participant in the National Young Leaders’ Conference.

Roybal-Allard said she is proud of Flores’ involvement in the program and success in school.

“The National Young Leaders’ Conference is a unique opportunity for young people to learn first-hand how our government operates,” Roybal-Allard said. “Danny is among the many bright students with leadership potential from across our country who will hopefully take what they’ve learned as part of this program and return home more knowledgeable about the political process and better prepared to one day serve their community and make a difference.”

The Conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, which is a non-profit, non-partisan leadership, educational organization dedicated to helping young people develop leadership skills.

Flores, who was in the nation’s capital Nov. 13 – 18, was among more than 300 high school students from throughout the nation participating in the conference this week, one of approximately 30 students from California and the only student from Los Angeles.

During the week, Flores and the other students visited with Members of Congress, conducted mock Supreme Court sessions, congressional and presidential deliberations and spent time sightseeing around the area.

## Domenzain finishes basic training

**DOWNEY** – Army National Guard Pvt. Berenice Domenzain has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, Jimenez studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core, and physical fitness. He also 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.

Domenzain is a 2000 graduate of Downey High School.

## Mormon church hosts blood drive

**DOWNEY** – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m.

All types of blood are needed, but donors with Type O blood are especially needed.

The drive will take place in Cultural Hall, located at 10511 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

For information, call Lois Buchanan at (562) 927-9790.

## Ezra Center clarifies Jewish idioms

**DOWNEY** – Temple Ner Tamid’s Ezra Center for Mature Adults will have their next meeting on Dec. 18 at 10 a.m.

Registration and refreshments begin at 9:45 a.m., followed by the program, which will feature “Mentsch, Bentch, and Kvetch: Demystifying Jewish Lingo,” presented by Rabbi Rebecca Yael Schorr.

Schorr, Associate Rabbi of Congregation B’nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley, will make Jewish idioms understandable and accessible during the presentation.

A catered Kosher luncheon will be served following the program. Cost is \$6 for Ezra members and \$7 for non-members.

For information, call Miriam Brookfield at (562) 943-3170.

## Patriot’s publisher to speak at meeting

**DOWNEY** – Jennifer DeKay-Givens, owner and publisher of *The Downey Patriot*, and Joline Huren of Downey Care Center, will speak at the Dec. 11 meeting of the Rise ‘N Shine Networking Group at Nordic Fox restaurant.

The community is invited to the meeting. The cost is an order from the menu.

RSVP with the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.



Rolando Martinez and Maria Cortez will marry in a Dec. 1 wedding at St. Vincent Church in Los Angeles. The couple has three children: Michael and Mathew Cortez, and Christopher Martinez. Rolando, a 27-year Downey resident and a home theater system installer, is the son of Carmen Martinez. His father is deceased. Maria, a 10-year Downey resident and a real estate agent at Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, is the daughter of Martha Valenzuela and Leocadio Cortez. More information on the wedding is available by calling (213) 396-2328.

## Chamber hosting holiday open house

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will host their Annual Holiday Open House on Dec. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Chamber is located at 11131 Brookshire Ave.

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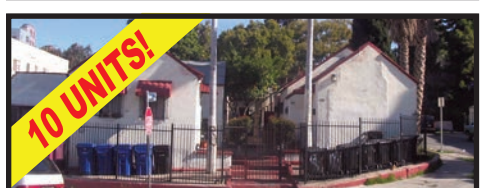


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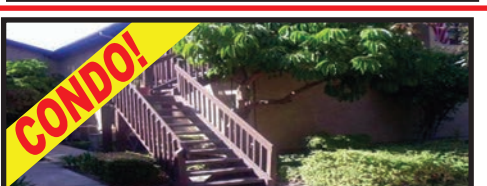
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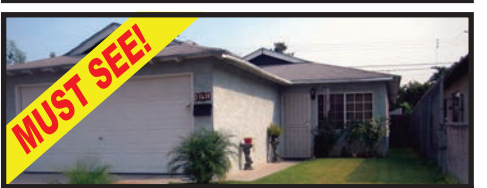
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