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Perkins: 'I want to clear my name'

■ Mayor defends himself against past allegations of wrongdoing in passionate address to city.

BY HENRY VENERACION
STAFF WRITER

DOWNEY—In one of his last acts as mayor, and in a voice shaking with emotion, to-be-termed-out Mayor Meredith Perkins lashed out at “those who would sully my name” in connection with a matter that came to a boil more than a year ago, implicating him and two other members of the City Council with violation of the Brown Act.

Later naming names, Perkins mentioned Councilmember Anne Bayer, former Mayor Dianne Boggs, Atty. Joe Lumsdaine, and Lenny Wittington as initiating steps, at times, in the latter’s case at least, “demanding and disruptive,” to hold him and two other Councilmembers, Keith McCarthy and Kirk Cartozian, to task for possible violation of the Brown Act in relation to an ongoing (closed session) performance evaluation of the City Manager, Gerald Caton.

Perkins thundered that never in his life had his character been impugned, and that he was using Tuesday’s meeting to “clear his character” of any hint of impropriety. He then dared anyone to show enough guts to come up to him and cast aspersions, vowing that he would emerge in the clear each time, as he “has nothing to hide.”

Explaining later to this reporter why he was so upset at a situation that

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Holiday Lane Parade comes this Sunday

■ Annual tradition will take place Sunday along Downey Avenue, starting at 1:30 p.m.

DOWNEY – The Holiday Lane Parade, a yearly Downey tradition enjoyed by young and old alike, will proceed down Downey Avenue this Sunday, Dec. 3, starting at 1:30 p.m.



55th Annual

Holiday Lane Parade

More parade coverage, including a map and complete list of participants, can be found on pages 7-10 of this issue.

“Every year, our committee of hard-working members wonder if it will happen as we wish it to,” said parade chairman Maria Larkin. “Then the last few weeks everything comes together as it should. And the miracle happens! The Downey Chamber of Commerce, producers of the parade, and Downey Regional Medical Center, major sponsor, are pleased to provide this event for the community.”

The parade, now entering its 55th year, starts at Lexington and Downey Avenues and continues south on Downey to Third Street, where it turns left and then disbands near City Hall.

Trophies and awards will be given at

a ceremony in front of City Hall.

Certain streets will be closed on Dec. 3 for the parade, starting at approximately 11:30 a.m., including 10th and 11th Streets between Brookshire and Birchdale; Lexington Avenue between Downey and Brookshire; and Brookshire between Florence and Cherokee.

Those streets should be open by approximately 3:30 p.m.

Fifth Street between Brookshire and Downey will be closed between noon and 5:30 p.m. Downey Avenue will close at noon as well.

The Downey and Warren High School bands, Downey Boy and Girl Scouts, and the Downey Elk’s Lodge, all of whom have been in the parade for all 54 years, will again participate Sunday.

Also joining the parade again will be the Compton Sounders, Job’s Daughters, Divine Talents, Downey Fire and Police Departments and the

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Time Traveler

Patton spent summer months in Downey

BY JOHN ADAMS
EDITOR EMERITUS

As allied and Iraqi armies maneuvered like pieces on a sandy chessboard two years ago, the desert tacticians on both sides probably didn’t know the man they tried to copy, the greatest general of armored maneuver the world has ever known, grew up here in Downey.

George S. Patton, Jr., the “Blood and Guts” general who threw fear into the hearts of the Nazi war machine and outmaneuvered Erwin Rommel in World War II, summered in his youthful years here.

He even practiced generalship by marching young conscripts from the local sandlots up and down the dusty roads.

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FAITHS UNITED – Clergy from different denominations and congregations throughout Downey joined together for a community-wide Thanksgiving service held at Christ Lutheran Church. Six local clergy led the celebration, which ended with a blessing of the hands and pie in the fellowship hall. Left to right: Father Mark Warnstedt (Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church); Rev. Candie Blankman (First Presbyterian); Dr. Richard Kurrasch (Downey Memorial Christian); Rev. Nancy Hamm (Christ Lutheran); Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon (Moravian Church of Downey); and Rev. Elizabeth Habecker (St. Mark’s Episcopal).

Sharing the ‘community service spirit’ in Africa

BY GWYNN GUSTAFSON
KIWANIS CLUB OF DOWNEY

DOWNEY – Thuy Nguyen and Renee Choi are two remarkable young ladies to whom the Kiwanis Foundation recently awarded grants, aiding in their trip to assist at the Maventibao clinic in Madagascar, Africa.

Both are the product of Downey’s educational system. Thuy Nguyen attended primary and East Middle schools here and graduated from Downey High School. She is a past-president of the Downey High School KIWINS, and the recipient of the Kiwanis Citizen Scholarship. Thuy now attends UCLA in a pre-med program and remains active in Kiwanis through the university Circle K Club.

Renee Choi attended Griffiths Middle School and graduated from Warren High, where she held several class offices. She was a member of the Key Club, and volunteered at Downey Regional Medical Center in the Family Birth Center. Renee now attends UCLA as well, with a major in Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics.

It is the love of volunteering that steered Thuy and Renee to the Maventibao clinic. Renee stated, “I want[ed] to go to Madagascar because Africa is the most devastated continent in terms of disease and poverty, and needs the most assistance”. Thuy echoed those sentiments, “Today the clinic welcomes any volunteers who have the desire to help them with their work. I am going on this trip to help out people less fortunate than myself...”

The Maventibao clinic is a free clinic, operating entirely on donations and volunteers. Its founder, Ben Shipley, had to rebuild the clinic in 2003 when a tornado destroyed the entire town. Thuy said that they were proud to “share the Downey community-service spirit there” and hopes to return one day.

Additional information on the Maventibao clinic can be found at www.madaclinic.com.

Police, Café n’ Stuff deliver another Thanksgiving dinner

■ Restaurant teams up with Downey Police to deliver meals to less fortunate.

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Officers Association and Café n’ Stuff worked together to make this Thanksgiving a happy one for some families in Downey who otherwise may not have had a traditional meal on their table.

The staff at Café n’ Stuff woke up early Wednesday of last week to prepare eight full Thanksgiving dinners, including a whole roasted turkey, homemade stuffing and all the trimmings which were delivered to families by officers of the Downey Police Department.

Detective Aubuchon of the Downey Police Department said officers were greeting with an overwhelming outpouring of appreciation. One family member needed to compose herself she was so touched and invited the officers to stay for dinner.



MEDICAL MISSION — Thuy Nguyen and Renee Choi interacted with children during their recent volunteer trip to Madagascar.



TIME OF GIVING – Members of the Downey Police Officers Association delivered traditional Thanksgiving meals to select families last week. Café n’ Stuff in Downey donated turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings.

Happy 50th Anniversary,
City of Downey!

Special commemorative magazine
coming December 15

Olive Garden worker gets a taste of Italy

■ Local employee spends week in Italy learning intricacies of fine wine and dining.

DOWNEY – For Christopher Paredes, a service assistant and certified trainer for the Olive Garden restaurant in Downey, a recent trip to Italy was all in a day's work.

Paredes joined 23 other Olive Garden certified trainers who spent a week in Italy as part of the company's ongoing employee education and training initiative. Within Olive Garden, certified trainers are service leaders, responsible for training new team members in their restaurants and at newly opened locations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

In Italy, the group enjoyed the freshest foods and flavors of *trattorias* and *ristoranti*; toured some of the finest wineries and vineyards, went sightseeing in the cities of Rome, Florence, Siena, Trento, Verona and Milan; and experienced the hospitality of the country and its people.

"We spent time learning how to pair food and wine to create the most flavorful meals, and also that, in Italy, every meal is a warm and inviting celebration," said Paredes. "I look forward to sharing that same welcoming spirit and generosity with my team and guests at Olive Garden."

During the trip, Paredes and the other certified trainers traveled to the Rocca delle Macie winery in Tuscany, one of Italy's leading producers of Tuscan wines, the Grezzana winery in Verona, and the Caviti winery in Trento, where they learned about Italy's illustrious history of winemaking. In between winery tours, Paredes spent time sightseeing and dining in some of Italy's most scenic cities.

The group also visited Olive Garden's Riserva di Fizzano restaurant, which has inspired many dishes on Olive Garden's menu, and the company's Culinary Institute of Tuscany, where more than 100 Olive Garden managers travel each year to learn the time-honored traditions of Italian cooking. Both are located in the scenic rolling hills of Castellina in Chianti, Italy, and were established as a result of a partnership between Olive Garden and Sergio and Daniela Zingarelli, a local Italian family that owns and operates the Rocca delle Macie winery.

Olive Garden general managers must recommend certified trainers for the trip. Servers write an essay explaining why they would benefit from the training program, and then Olive Garden directors and senior vice presidents make the final selection.

"Our goal is for each certified trainer to return with a deeper understanding of the Italian dining experience, and the partnership between food and wine," said Valeria Insignares, executive vice president of operations for Olive Garden.

Olive Garden operates 584 restaurants and employs over 70,000 workers with annual sales reaching \$2.6 billion, according to the company.

Chamber hosting open house

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

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



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK – Christopher Paredes, a certified trainer for the Olive Garden restaurant in Downey, traveled to Italy recently where he toured leading wineries and was trained in Italian cooking.



YOUTH GOVERNMENT – The Downey YMCA Youth and Government delegates attended their first training at Camp Roberts recently along with 2200 other high school students from around California. The program culminates in Sacramento at the State Capitol in February for five days. There, "real" government makes way for the participants to use the historic halls and chambers of the State Capitol and Supreme Court. For information on the program, call Cecilia Butler, Teen Program Director, at (562) 862-4201, ext. 1740.

Santa making calls to Downey children

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering an opportunity for children ages 4-8 to receive a surprise phone call from Santa Claus through a program called "North Pole is Calling You."

The program is free. Parents should fill out a card inside City Hall with information on each child, including name, pronunciation of name, parents or guardians name, boy or girl, address, hobbies/interests, school and holiday wish list.

Cards will be available at the Community Services Department beginning Dec. 5 and must be turned in by Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. Santa Claus will make calls to children either Wednesday or Thursday, Dec. 13-14, between 6 to 7 p.m. He'll have a brief chat with each child and "check Santa's Workshop" to see what he can do.

Those filling out cards for several children in the same family are asked to fill out one card per child and staple the cards together.

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

Holiday camp for kids offered by city

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering a holiday camp for children ages 6-14 which the city says will give them the opportunity to make new friends, learn new activities and enjoy a fun excursion.

The camp will be managed by trained Community Services personnel for the two-week camp.

The first week of camp runs Dec. 18-22 and includes a trip to the Long Beach Aquarium. The second week is Dec. 26-29 (Tuesday through Thursday) with a trip to Skate Zone in Huntington Beach.

Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with extended hours offered to assist working parents. Extended hours are 7 to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. each day of camp.

Cost is \$75 per week for the first family member and \$70 for each additional family member (fees will not be pro-rated for week two). Extended camp is \$35 for the week and \$30 for each additional family member.

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

Seniors invited to celebrate Christmas

DOWNEY – The Downey Senior Citizens Recreation Club will celebrate Christmas with a banquet at the Los Amigos Country Club on Dec. 11. The event is from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and is open to all seniors 55 and over.

Price is \$5 per person for members and \$11 for non-members.

Reservations are due by Dec. 4 by calling Nadine at (562) 923-9422.

PTA holiday meeting Dec. 4

DOWNEY – The Downey Council PTA will have their holiday programmed meeting on Dec. 4 at the Barbara J. Riley auditorium at Apollo Park starting with an 8:30 a.m. breakfast.

The program will include an honorary service recognition, Founder's Day and holiday entertainment. The council executive board meeting will immediately follow at 10 a.m.

Cost to attend is \$5 and PTA units have already pre-paid for their principals and presidents. RSVP by Nov. 28 by calling Vera Johnson at (562) 927-7545 or send your check to Downey Council PTA c/o Vera Johnson, 9911 Wiley-Burke Ave., Downey, 90240.

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Outreach reaches local needy families

DOWNEY – Nearly 200 men and women from local missions and shelters were fed and clothed last week as Breath of God Christian Fellowship and the A.C.T.S. Foundation hosted their fifth annual holiday outreach at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Visitors to the outreach each received donated clothing and a hot meal prepared by church members and volunteers. Some visitors offered testimonies of hope after struggles with drugs, alcohol and homelessness.

Shelters that participated in the outreach were L.A. Mission, Salvation Army Bell Shelter, Harbor Light, Safe Harbor, L.A. Transitional and others.

“This would not have been possible without the generous donations from Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Olive Garden, Norm’s Restaurant, Pieloon Restaurant, Café N Stuff, Von’s Stater Bros. and others” said Breath of God Pastor Garnette Simpson-Grief, who also founded the A.C.T.S. Foundation. “We would like to thank all of the residents of Downey that responded to our ad and volunteered their time to help serve these men and women. Their willingness to help made this event a success.”

The A.C.T.S. Foundation also partnered with six local middle and high schools in Downey, providing food baskets for over 40 families in need.

Christmas boutique at Greek Church

DOWNEY – The St. George Ladies Philoptochos Society invites the public to their “Home for the Holidays” Christmas Boutique and Luncheon on Dec. 9 at 10830 Downey Avenue from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Unique Christmas items and pastries will be available for purchase. Sasha Vithoulkas and Georgia Covell are the event’s chairpersons.

Cost of the luncheon is \$50 per person and seating is limited. Reservations are requested before Dec. 3 by calling (562) 869-3533. Proceeds will benefit the Pantocrator Iconography Fund (interior of the dome).

Library accepting food for fines

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

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

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

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

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

‘It’s Christmas Time’ at club meeting

DOWNEY – ‘It’s Christmas Time’ is the title of the next meeting of Downey Christian Women’s Club, whose next luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 13 at Los Amigos Country Club.

The day’s special feature will be “Jewelry and Ponchos by Victoria.” Lillie Knauls will provide music and speak on “Songs of Songs.”

Men are invited to the meeting, which starts at 11:45 a.m. The price is \$12 for the buffet lunch and reservations are requested by calling Ginnie at (562) 927-8488 or Delores at (562) 868-7135.



CHAIRPERSONS – Georgia Covell (left) and Sasha Vithoulkas are this year’s chairpersons for the “Home for the Holidays” Christmas boutique and luncheon at St. George’s Greek Church on Dec. 9.



THOUGHTFUL DONATION – Ernie Garcia presents a \$200 check to Sister Kathleen O’Connor, principal at St. Raymond’s Catholic School. Garcia also presented enough food to feed 20 people.

Downey grad awarded medal for military service

■ Michael Aranda, 1993 Downey High School graduate, given Army Commendation Medal.

DOWNEY – Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Aranda has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal for supporting the mission of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The medal is awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

Aranda is a 1993 graduate of Downey High School. He serves as a member of the Fires Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) headquartered at Camp Liberty in Iraq.

Soldiers from Fort Hood’s 4th Infantry Division assigned to various special troops battalions, companies and batteries perform duties at several camps and forward operating bases in Iraq.

Aranda’s actions, dedication, professionalism and selfless service contribute to the successful accomplishment of combat missions assigned to the Fires Brigade. Upon completing the deployment to Iraq, the soldiers will return to their regular units at Fort Hood, Killeen, Texas.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations

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Home tours to benefit childrens hospital

DOWNEY – The San Antonio Guild of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles is again presenting “Homes for the Holidays,” a day of boutique shopping, lunch with friends and tours of beautiful Downey homes.

The event takes place Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Three Downey homes will be open for public tours during that time.

Tickets are available at Saywell Florist, 10235 Paramount Blvd.; Johnny & Co., 10921 Downey Ave.; or by mail at SAG Home Tour, 7332 Country Club Drive, Downey, 90241. Information is available by calling Dorothy Pemberton at (562) 927-9908.

All proceeds will benefit Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, which has been treating seriously ill and injured children since 1901. It is acknowledged throughout the United States for its leadership in pediatric and adolescent health and is also one of the premier teaching hospitals, affiliated with the Keck School of Medicine at USC.

Special Hanukkah meeting and dinner

DOWNEY – The congregation of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey will have special meeting of food, fun and prayer on Dec. 15 starting at 6 p.m.

Families are invited to bring their Menorahs (if they have one) and light their first candle. A traditional Hanukkah dinner will be served.

Donation is \$12 per person and the community is invited to attend. Prepaid reservations are a must.

Shabbat services will follow dinner at 7:30 p.m. Rabbi Len Muroff and Cantor Ellen Jaffe-Gill will conduct the services with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ.

A special Shabbat Oneg (refreshments) and songs are planned for after the service.

For information and reservations, call the Temple office at (562) 861-9276.

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PERKINS

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"could have been settled a long time ago," Perkins, again unable to suppress his anger at the parties concerned, said: "No one has had the courage to come up to me and say 'I'm sorry, we made a mistake.'"

This, he said, after the matter had already been settled per following letter dated Aug. 26, 2005 from the District Attorney, Steve Cooley, which he read at Tuesday's meeting (Letterhead: Public Integrity Division, Bureau of Fraud and Corruption Prosecutions, of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office):

"Dear Mr. Perkins:

The Public Integrity Division (PID) has completed its review of the above referenced matter and has determined that there was insufficient evidence to conclude that a violation of the Brown Act occurred.

The Public Integrity Division received a request to conduct an investigation into whether three members of the Downey City Council, Kirk Cartozian, Keith McCarthy and yourself, violated the Brown Act by meeting together, or serially, in private to discuss the termination of City manager Gerald Caton. Following an investigation conducted by the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation, Deputy District Attorney Anthony Colannino concluded that a review of the evidence did not sustain a finding that the Brown Act had been violated.

It was determined that, at most, only two council members met privately to discuss the city manager's performance. Since two council members constitutes less than a majority, and since there is no evidence of any prior or subsequent serial meeting, that meeting did not result in a violation of the Brown Act."

In other action, the Council:

- After a public hearing, adopted a resolution finding and determining the public interest and necessity for acquiring and authorizing condemnation of portions of real property located at 12623, 12631-12639 Lakewood Boulevard and 8818-8832 Imperial Highway; and at 12961 Lakewood Boulevard; and of the leasehold interest in the property located at 8850 Imperial Highway;

- Also after a public hearing, introduced an ordinance amending the city's comprehensive zoning map changing the zoning classification of the property at 11915 Downey Avenue from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to R1-5,000 (Single-Family Residential) and approving zone change No. 06-132;

- Awarded contract for \$983,983 to All American Asphalt for Stewart and Gray road pavement rehabilitation;

- Approved the plans and specifications, and granted authority to advertise for bids for Imperial Highway raised medians between Bellflower Blvd. and Paramount Blvd.;

- Directed the City Attorney to draft a 10-year building lease extension between the city and the Downey Chamber of Commerce;

- Directed staff to process a Downey Municipal Code amendment to Article IX, Chapter 1, Section 9136.16 (Christmas Tree sales), as it relates to duration of sales, and the addition of Halloween Pumpkin sales;

- Approved agreement with Novapro Risk Solutions for liability claims administration services;

- Approved professional services agreement with RMC Water and Environment for the development of a Sanitary Sewer Master Plan for the city in the amount of \$500,000; and appropriated \$100,000 from the General Fund for completion of the project;

- Approved amendment to the agreement with Gateway Cities Council of Governments - Phase 1 of the Truck Impacted Intersection Project; and appropriated \$51,260 from the Gas Tax Fund to support the activity;

- Approved agreement with Global Learning, Inc. for training services for the Aspire and Kid Smart Child Care programs;

- Approved agreement to purchase right-of-way easement at 8847 Imperial Highway and 12555 Lakewood Blvd. for a permanent roadway easement for Lakewood Blvd. improvements;

- Adopted a resolution establishing a salary range for Assistant Superintendent;

- Adopted a resolution approving the appointment of Michel Hemsath



CHECK PRESENTATION - Left to right: Kari Johnson, DFCU; Charlotte Rippel, Ward Elementary School Character Counts coordinator; and Roxann Davis, Ward Elementary principal.

Credit union donates to Ward Elementary

DOWNEY - Downey Federal Credit Union (DFCU) presented a check for \$380 to the Ward Elementary School for sponsoring a canned food drive for needy families in Downey. Bins were placed in the school and parents of local school children were encouraged to donate non-perishable food to families in need through the Health Education Local Pantry Service (HELPS).

Principal Roxann Davis and Character Counts coordinator Charlotte Rippel accepted the check on behalf of the Downey Council Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for HELPS.

"Downey Federal Credit Union supports the efforts of the Downey Unified School District and the PTA, and wants to lend a helping hand to families in need," Barbara Lamberth, president and CEO of DFCU, said. "As an established business in Downey, it is essential that we all help families to grow and prosper in the community"

Middle Eastern politics at Ezra Center

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

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

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

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

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

to the Recreation and Community Services Commission for Council District 5;

- Adopted a resolution establishing a policy for ethics training for the City Council and for certain members of City Council-appointed boards, commissions, committees and designated city staff;

- Adopted a resolution approving the submittal of the "Woodruff Avenue Pedestrian Improvements," "Blodgett Avenue Pedestrian Improvements" and "Signalized Crosswalk Relocation on Imperial Highway at La Reina Avenue" applications for safe routes to school funding;

- Adopted an ordinance amending Section 3186 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to speed limits for Patton Road;

- Adopted an ordinance (3-1, with Perkins voting no) adopting a negative declaration and approving Code Amendment No. 06-22, thereby amending Section 9150.08(d) of the Downey Municipal Code relating to off-street parking in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and R-2 (Two-Family Residential) zones;

- Presented the Mayor's Soaring Eagle Award ("My last one"—Perkins) to Downey Police Det. Mark Galindo, who has gone back to college after a lapse of 20 years; and

- Presented a certificate of appointment to Lee Ann Sears as Recreation and Community Services Commissioner for District 4.

The next (and year-ending) public meeting of the Downey City Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey.

The Poets' Corner

Fear

I was once told of vampires and ghosts, werewolves and witches, and then of great black snakes that seize their tails and roll about as hoops looking for pretty to send to their graves. They said you could hear the thump of their heads a mile off as they struck the ground with each turn.

Now at an ancient age I have no fear of that hooded specter with sharpened scythe who might knock on my door. I'm as ugly as he and have done things that could frighten even death.

But if on some dark night I'm awakened by the sound of thumps, please let it be my heart and not a dark hoop rolling up my walk.

— Richard Thormodsen, Downey

Her Winter

From top of the Palisades brisk harbor breezes whip around our hair and clothes. We lean in.

Coral trees shed their leaves under the winter sun. Naked branches shiver with aftertrain cold.

The rare air is so fresh we inhale/exhale greedily. We wish we could squirrel away our breaths for smoggy days.

My friend stares at the enduring horizon holding on with her cane against a wind of change.

She pleads with the sea gods to stop the icy winter from creeping into her bones.

-- Margaret Hehman-Smith Downey

TRAVELER

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Wallace McKellar, a lifetime Downey resident, wrote down his early memories of the general. They are kept today in the Downey Historical Society office in Apollo Park.

"My family was very friendly with the family of General George S. Patton, Jr.," wrote McKellar.

He noted both his own and Patton's family were pioneers in the area. Patton's mother was the daughter of Don Benito Wilson for whom Mr. Wilson was named.

"George was not altogether a favorite with us kids, however. He was some 10 to 15 years older than we were and our annoyance of him began when he became a student at West Point. He was a born soldier and thought soldiering was great for kids. On his visits home from the Academy he would see a bunch of us playing sandlot baseball or something and right away he would recruit us into his army. He had an authoritative way about him and we didn't know how to refuse.

"So he would practice his military drills on us—marching us this way and that way in the hot sun. For 10-year-olds this was a lot of discipline we didn't appreciate at the time."

Little did the dusty children (probably all longing to go AWOL as young Patton drilled them) know they were being hounded by a budding military genius.

George Patton wasn't even the first of his line to gain fame locally. His father, George, Sr., was a well-known district attorney in Los Angeles and established the Patton Ranch on the San Gabriel River in Downey.

John Vincent of the Downey Historical Society said he feels sure Patton Road was named for the Patton family.

Critics claim Patton was perhaps a little crazy. Several biographers and the Oscar-winning movie made of his life note his alleged belief in reincarnation and his penchant for reminiscing over ancient battlefields in North Africa where he claimed he had fought in previous lives, centuries ago.

But if you need a military genius, you take him as you find him. Patton had grown up with a classical education including the tales of Hannibal and Alexander and Caesar. He knew five great-uncles and a grandfather, all of whom fought and were wounded or killed in the Civil War.

He personally had heard Rudyard Kipling talk of the thin red line of the British infantry, and he had personally listened to John Singleton Mosby, the Confederate Gray Ghost, talk tactics.


Patton was the fighting man's general. He hated the enemy, loved his men, and moved his Third Army to rescue U. S. Infantry pinned down at the Battle of the Bulge. In doing so he moved a modern army faster and farther than anyone ever before or since. And he successfully smashed Hitler's last major offensive.

The most singular aspect of Patton was that he won.

He was injured in an auto accident Dec. 9, in Mannheim, Germany, and died Dec. 21, 1945. He was buried there.

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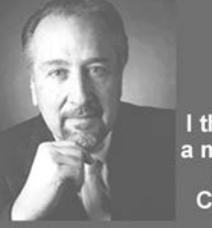


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Quality Journalism

By Eric Pierce

What does it take to produce a quality newspaper?

First, I think it takes a team of strong writers and quality journalists who know how to be fair and impartial in their reporting. Their ears need to be to the people, providing a voice for those without one.

It takes a first-rate photographer to capture honest and uncompromised images from events transpiring throughout the city.

A bright and even-keeled editor needs to properly determine what is newsworthy and of chief concern to its readers, filtering out fluff permeating across his desk. He cannot be swayed by corporate dollars and influence.

Advertising salesmen must believe in their product and dedicate themselves to their work, preaching the positives a hometown newspaper reaps upon its community.

Finally, the publisher/owner must be cognizant of all of the above.

With that said, does *The Downey Patriot* qualify as a "quality newspaper"?

I'm not sure we're there yet, but I do think we're on the right path. We have a couple of great writers on staff, including one talented salesperson who is a budding writer at heart.

One of our writers is a grizzled veteran, having attended New York University. Our Editor Emeritus, John Adams, needs no introduction. He reads and approves each and every word of the *Patriot* before it goes to press.

One of our salespeople has been peddling local advertising since the days of the *Downey Eagle*. He's stuck around this long because he's good at what he does.

We have a gifted group of young interns/contributors itching to get to the next level in news media, using the *Patriot* as their springboard. Perhaps you've read their work; for sure you've noticed their photos.

Me? I'm just trying to blend all their talents together.

Because that's what it's going to take for the *Patriot* to continue to improve as a newspaper, the blending of numerous talents, styles and ideologies into one informative, yet entertaining, newspaper.

And hopefully the resulting newspaper will be a quality one. Anything less and we have failed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Appreciates the support

Dear Editor:

The family of TJ Peacock would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our family, friends and neighbors who made our yard sale such a great success (*The Downey Patriot*, 11/17/06). You all gave so much of yourself, your time and your love along with your kind and generous donations.

The response of the people of Downey went above and beyond our expectations. We don't have the words to sufficiently express what this means to us. We were so overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support. We will remember each and every one of you as we battle and conquer this disease.

We especially want to thank TJ's grandparents, Loretta and Ralph Mulholland, for all their hard work and undying love and support. Also our deepest thanks to the MiMatteo, Ananias and Mejias' families, Jackie, Virgil and all the rest of the very special neighbors who pulled together to help make this the success that it turned out to be. People who we had never before, we now consider friends. God bless you and thank you for your love and support. I wish we could thank you all personally.

With our sincere thanks and appreciation,

— The Peacock Family,
Downey

They're not patients

Dear Editor:

Thank you for using the article [regarding the Down syndrome assembly at Maude Price] (*The Downey Patriot*, 11/24/06).

I did have one thing that I wanted to point out: the caption under the picture referred to people with Down syndrome as "patients." They are not necessarily sick when they have Down syndrome. They just have the genetic condition. They are typically referred to as people or individuals with Down syndrome.

— Carol Magarino,
Downey

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Good citizen guidelines

Dear Editor:

Having lived in Downey for most of my 56 years I've had a good view of what has been happening to our city over the last few decades, and sorry to say it's not pretty. Way back in "the good old days" new neighbors were often welcomed with food, parties and sage advice. That sage advice was generally on how to keep the look and feel of the (then) neat and trimmed lawns and houses the same. Residents weren't afraid to comment, good or bad, on something a neighbor had done, whether it was the "wrong" type of grass or the "wrong" color of paint.

Now that's all changed. New neighbors are seldom welcomed with parties, although some may still be welcomed by their immediate neighbor(s) to either side, but more and more it's getting tough to even try that when they often don't even speak the same language as you.

So, with that in mind I present a 1960's themed set of guidelines for our new residents:

Good Citizen Guidelines

1. Play any kind of music you want, as long as the neighbors can't hear it next door, or across the street, or down the street. Same goes for your mega car stereo as well.
2. Keep as many cars as you want, as long as you can park them in your own driveway or in front of your own house.
3. Have a party! But turn off the music and take it indoors at 10 p.m.
4. Your lawn is not a jungle, so keep it trimmed, same for your trees and bushes as well.
5. Your lawn is not a parking lot either.
6. That new boat, RV or set of jet skies on a trailer sure looks impressive, for about a day, so make sure you have enough money for a storage yard.
7. Just because you can paint your house any color you like doesn't mean you should, or that the neighbors will like it.
8. Paint your house, before it looks like it's been abandoned.
9. Stores sell dog leashes for a reason. Oh, and "pooper-scoopers" too.
10. Junk cars belong in a junkyard, not on your driveway, and that faded and tattered car cover won't do either.
11. Swing sets and trampolines? In the back yard please.
12. Trash cans go out the night before they are emptied and go back behind your gate the next day.
13. Those holiday decorations sure are nice, but for the holiday only. If you got them up you sure better take them down.
14. Security lights are nice, but your neighbors don't need them shining into their bedroom.

There is a catch though, except for two, I didn't make these up (you figure out which two). The rest are based on existing city codes, codes that are being violated every day all over our city!

In a Big Brother way it's up to each one of us to place these guidelines into practice, and to report on residents who refuse to do their part to keep our city clean and prosperous. The city Code Enforcement number is (562) 904-2392, and yes, they have an answering machine. Sorry that it's come to this, but here we are, like it or not.

— John Powell,
Downey

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No apologies needed

Dear Editor:

There is no need to apologize for the use of the term "elderly" (*The Downey Patriot*, 11/24/06). As such stories are digested by readers, one of the first things that they question is the uniqueness of the subject and any possible insight regarding the circumstances. Anything which distinguishes the subject from the accepted norm helps to answer that question and should be included.

Of greater concern to me is the part in your explanation where you used the phrase "on accident." The accepted norm is "by accident" as opposed to "on purpose." While the detail of the grammar involved escapes me, surely any local English teacher will back me up on this and explain it much more fully.

There is a difference; some things just grate on the reader/listener's sensibilities.

While on the subject, I'd also like to point out two other slights of grammar and construction that are creeping into the media-speak:

- (1) "Fifty year anniversary"; this is a redundancy; "anniversary" implies "year."
- (2) "Went missing"; this is a terrible mis-use; lost people "became missing"; astronauts "went to the moon."

There is a difference; some things just grate on the reader/listener's sensibilities.

As for the red felt-tip marker, this is not a new concept. Tom Johnson, the Journalism teacher at Downey High over 50 years ago, used to have his students do the same with the local newspapers of that time: the Southeast News, the Live-Wire, and the Champion. But in those pre-felt-tip-marker days they used red pencil and crayon.

— Hugh T. Hoskins,
Downey

Some are taking the easy way out

Dear Editor:

Once again, it seems folks believe it much more "accurate" to blame illegal immigrants for the failures/success of the capitalist economy under which this nation is thoroughly invested in. It's easier to watch on television program on the illegal "problem" and to place blame on a group of folks that, whether in Pennsylvania or Southern California, risked their lives to cross into this nation seeking a brighter future because of neoconservative politics disseminated and established in Latin America (i.e. NAFTA, CAFTA, etc.).


How much longer will Latinos and other immigrants be punching bags of xenophobes and racist nativists who refuse to question "their" country's economic and political system? To quote Justin Akers Chacon, "immigrants provide an easy target for politicians seeking to deflect attention from the systemic deficiencies of capitalism." Sound familiar Minute Men?

Of course, never mind the fact that the U.S. is pumping how much wasted tax money into the "War on Terror." But never mind that since immigrants "waste" good tax money.

In any case, if there's any doubt about the legacy of blaming the "Other" in this country, ask the Chinese American, Japanese American, Native American, German American, Irish American, Chicano, Filipino American, African American communities about their experience.

— Giovanni Hortua Vargas,
Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For November/December

Sat. Dec. 2: **Band and orchestra competition** competition at Warren High School, 1 p.m.
Sat. Dec. 2: **'Cheers to Christmas'** luncheon by OLPH Women's Guild
Sun. Dec. 3: **Holiday Lane Parade** starting at 1:30 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.
1st Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
9:30 a.m.: **Adventure with the Bible**, at the First Baptist Church call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information call Darren Dunaway at 806-5400.
12 p.m.: **Exchange Club of Downey**, at Sizzler, for information call Don Hollister at 927-5871.
6:00 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call 923-9464.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox, for info. call (562) 923-2191.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square, for information call (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, for information call 869-8782.
1st Weds., 10 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call 927-0271 or 861-3493.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, for information call 927-9790.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Emblem Club #309**, at Downey's Elks Lodge, for information call 868-4386.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Sister Cities Ass'n**, at Maude Price School, Call 862-7197.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at **Furman Park West Bldg.**, call 943-5513.
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Thursdays

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7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 622-7655.
12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at First Christian Church, call (800) 932-8677.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Harry Sacks at 319-1063
3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

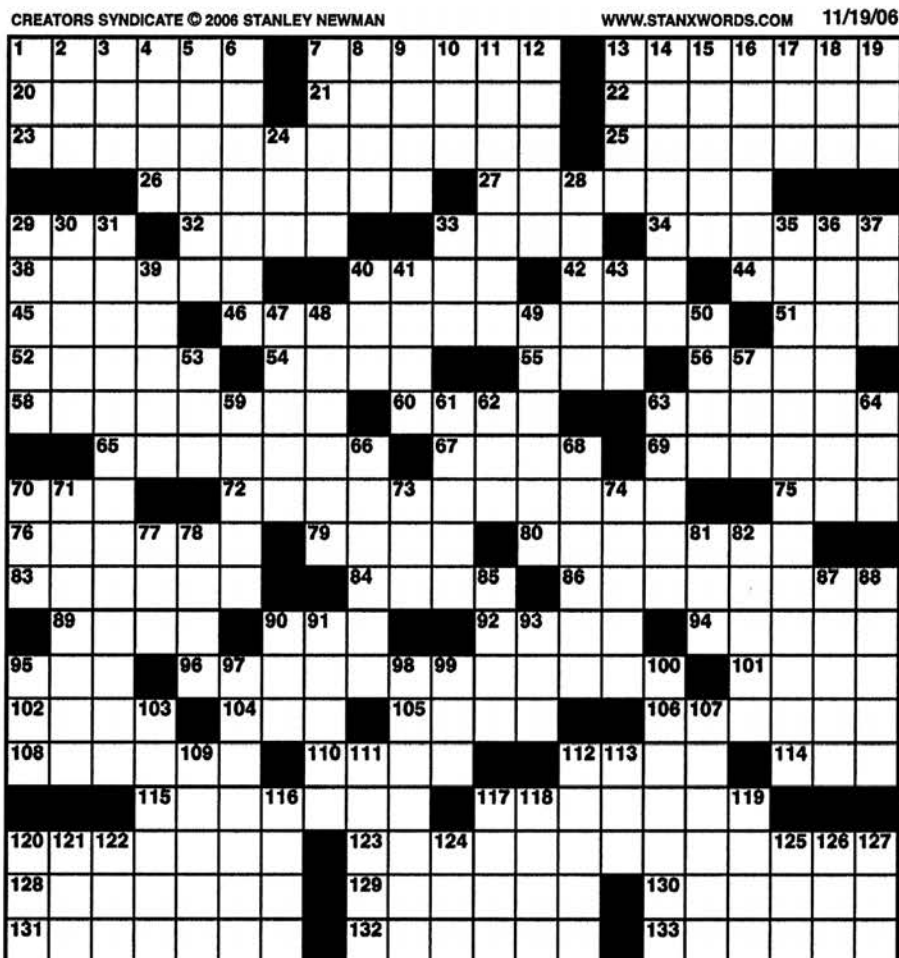
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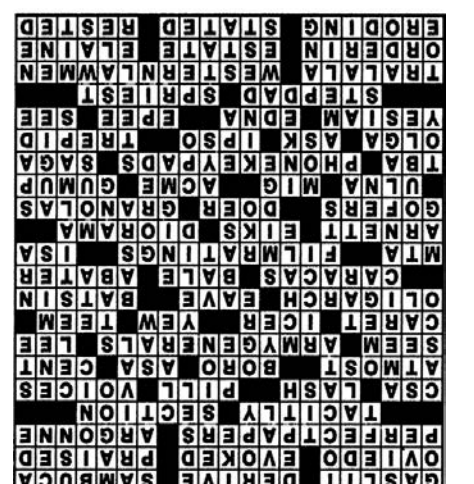
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Antique Auto 28.4 Downey Elks Lodge #2020
Float 29.1 Downey Elks Lodge #2020
Novelty 28.3 Our Lady Of Perpetual Help School
Clowns 28.2 Skippy Dee Klown
Novelty 28.3 Ballet Folklorico Infantil Mexico

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Tall Flags 30.2 Madrid Middle School Band
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Band 21.2 Madrid Middle School Band
Drill Team 25.5 Madrid Middle School Band
Equestrian 13 & 2 Jim & Jerri Beebe Beebe
Novelty 28.3 Ballet Folklorico Iztaccihuatl
Float 29.4 Divine Talents, Inc.
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Drum Squad 23.2 Platinum City & Legendary Drill Team & Drum Squad
Drill Team 25.3 Platinum City & Legendary Drill Team & Drum Squad
Auto (Own) Hot 92 Jamz
Marching Unit 28.1 Knights Of Columbus, 4th Degree
Float 29.2 Warren High School Pep Squad
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Novelty 28.3 City Of Bell Sapphire Drill Team
Antique Auto 28.4 Industrial Fortlifts, Inc
Float/ Auto/Downey Rose Float Association
Color Guard 22.1 San Geronio High School / California Cadet Corps
Drill Team 22.2 San Geronio High School / California Cadet Corps
Drill Team 22.4 (Armed) San Geronio High School / California Cadet Corps
Marching Unit 22.3 San Geronio High School / California Cadet Corps
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Drill Team 25.3 After Shock Junior Dance Team

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I.D. Unit 31.1 Bellflower High School Band
Tall Flags 30.1 Bellflower High School Band
Drum Major 27.3 Bellflower High School Band
Band 21.1 (A) Bellflower High School Band
Color Guard 26.1 American Legion Post
Auto (Own) American Legion Post 240
Equestrian 14 Sandra Dana
Auto (Own) Little John's Bodyworks / Fix Auto
Novelty 28.3 Ballet "Coco"
Equestrian 12 (Nelson) Assistance League Of Downey & Kids On The Block

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I.D. Unit 31.1 Valley High School Band
Tall Flags 30.1 Valley High School Band
Drum Major 27.1 Valley High School Band
Band 21.7 Valley High School Band
Color Guard 22.1 Rubidoux High School Jr. Rotc
Drill Team 22.2 Rubidoux High School Jr. Rotc
Drill Team 22.4 (Armed) Rubidoux High School Jr. Rotc
Marching Unit 22.3 Rubidoux High School Jr. Rotc

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I.D. Unit 31.1 Lynwood High School Band
Tall Flags 30.1 Lynwood High School Band
Drum Major 27.2 Lynwood High School Band
Band 21.1 (Aa) Lynwood High School Band
Drill Team 25.4 Lynwood High School Band
Marching Unit 28.1 Girl Troop 278 / Troop 378 / Troop 478
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Marching Unit 28.1 Girl Scout Troop

Novelty 28.3 Alma Latina De Lynwood

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Drum Squad 23.2 Compton Sounders
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Ron and Kathy Kolar are Honorary Marshals

■ Residents since 1959, Kolars will ride as Honorary Marshals in annual parade.

DOWNEY – Ron and Kathy Kolar will ride in the 55th Annual Holiday Lane Parade this Sunday as the Honorary Marshals, parade chairman Maria Larkin announced this week.

"I have known the nominees for several years. We made a good choice," Larkin said.

Ron was born in Hastings, Nebraska and moved to the Glendale area where he attended school. He went on to USC where he earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Ron says he settled in Downey in 1959 because "it was a nice community with a convenient location and many fellow USC alumni."

When you ask about his family, Ron says his wife and children are a continuing source of pride and joy. Their grown children include a son, Troy, an adopted daughter Kouy, Jacob Bullock, Kati Duarte, who made them the grandparents of two, and a 14-year-old daughter, Kelsey.

Ron is a founding member of the First Christian Church of Downey, and a member of the Southwest Community Church in Palm Desert near the Kolars' second home in Rancho Mirage. His Christian faith has shaped his strong ethics, and guided him through good and tough times, he said.

Ron and Kathy became acquainted when they attended the same church and worked for L'Abri. Kathy is a champion golfer and also enjoys hiking, running marathons, spending time with grandkids and caring for Kelsey, who stays active showing horses, playing volleyball and golfing. Ron is an avid golfer as well.

In 1972 Ron established his own property management firm L'Abri Management, Inc., in Downey which is still his headquarters. He recalls beginning his business with a card table and one secretary. Today, L'Abri has more than 200 employees, and operates as an Accredited Management Organization (AMO).

Ron is also a former member and past president of the Dolphins Swim

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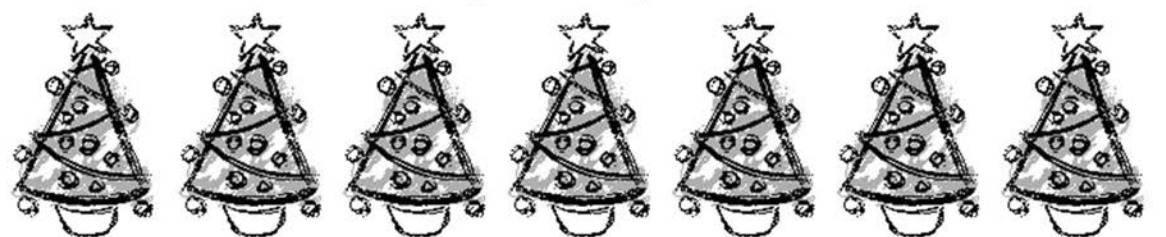
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Ken and Betty Ferraro named parade marshals

■ Committee picks co-marshal's for this year's parade, Ken and Betty Ferraro

DOWNEY – Ken Ferraro and his wife, Betty, have been chosen parade marshals for this year's Holiday Lane Parade, breaking the usual custom of just one marshal, parade chairman Maria Larkin said this week.

"We have done something different this year," Larkin said. "We have chosen co-marshal's for the 55th Annual Holiday Lane Parade who are not only married to each other but are two very wonderful people."

Ken has lived in Downey for 57 years. He graduated from Downey High School and then attended Fullerton Junior College, La Sierra College, and University of Southern California, followed by University School of Dentistry in St. Louis where he received the "Gold Foil" award upon graduation.

Ken then purchased an existing dental practice in Downey in 1972, where he still practices.

Ken married Betty N. Davey (Ferraro), a registered dental hygienist and graduate of Baylor University.

From 1972 to the present, Ken has given free dental exams to Downey school children through a mobile clinic and screening program co-sponsored by the Downey Council PTA, Downey Dental Academy, and Assistance League of Downey.

Ken's community volunteer work includes: Downey Theatre Board of Directors (1973-75); Downey Kiwanis Los Amigos (1995 to present, president 2001); annual participant at the pancake breakfast to benefit ARC, and an actor for two Kiwanis productions at the Downey Theatre (a fundraiser for local high school scholarships); Downey UNICO member and past director (1972-2005); Downey Regional Medical Center "12:15 Club" member and past president of the Million Dollar Club.

Ken's community awards include the Downey High School Hall of Fame 2005 and Kiwanis International HIXSON Service Award 2005.

Betty has been a resident of Downey for 36 years. She was appointed in 1990 to the Downey Unified School District's Board of Education and recently retired from that position after 15 years.

Betty has enjoyed her participation as a volunteer in several Downey organizations which include PTA's at various schools, Assistance League of Downey, Downey Alumnae Panhellenic, PIO and the Kiwanis Foundation.

She is also a co-founder, charter member and past president of Gangs Out of Downey, and has been a featured lecturer to regional and national groups on the subject of "Gangs – Our Societal Sickness."

Betty has received volunteer recognition from Downey Council PTA, Downey Coordinating Council, Rotary, Boy Scouts of America and Soroptimists 'Woman of Distinction.' She was also honored as 'Woman of the Year 2000' by Assembly Member Sally Havice.

"Now you know why these two special people were chosen to be our Parade Marshals," said Larkin.



RIDING WITH SANTA – Jacob Redfox was the winner of a contest sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce and will ride with Santa Claus this Sunday in the 55th annual Holiday Lane Parade. When asked by Santa what he wanted for Christmas, Jacob said he wanted "a motorboat."
Photo by Art Montoya

KOLARS

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Club of Downey High School, his older children's alma mater. During his tenure there, Ron worked with the City and the Board of Education in raising funds. He contributed heavily in the replacement of the school's old pool with an Olympic-standards swimming pool.

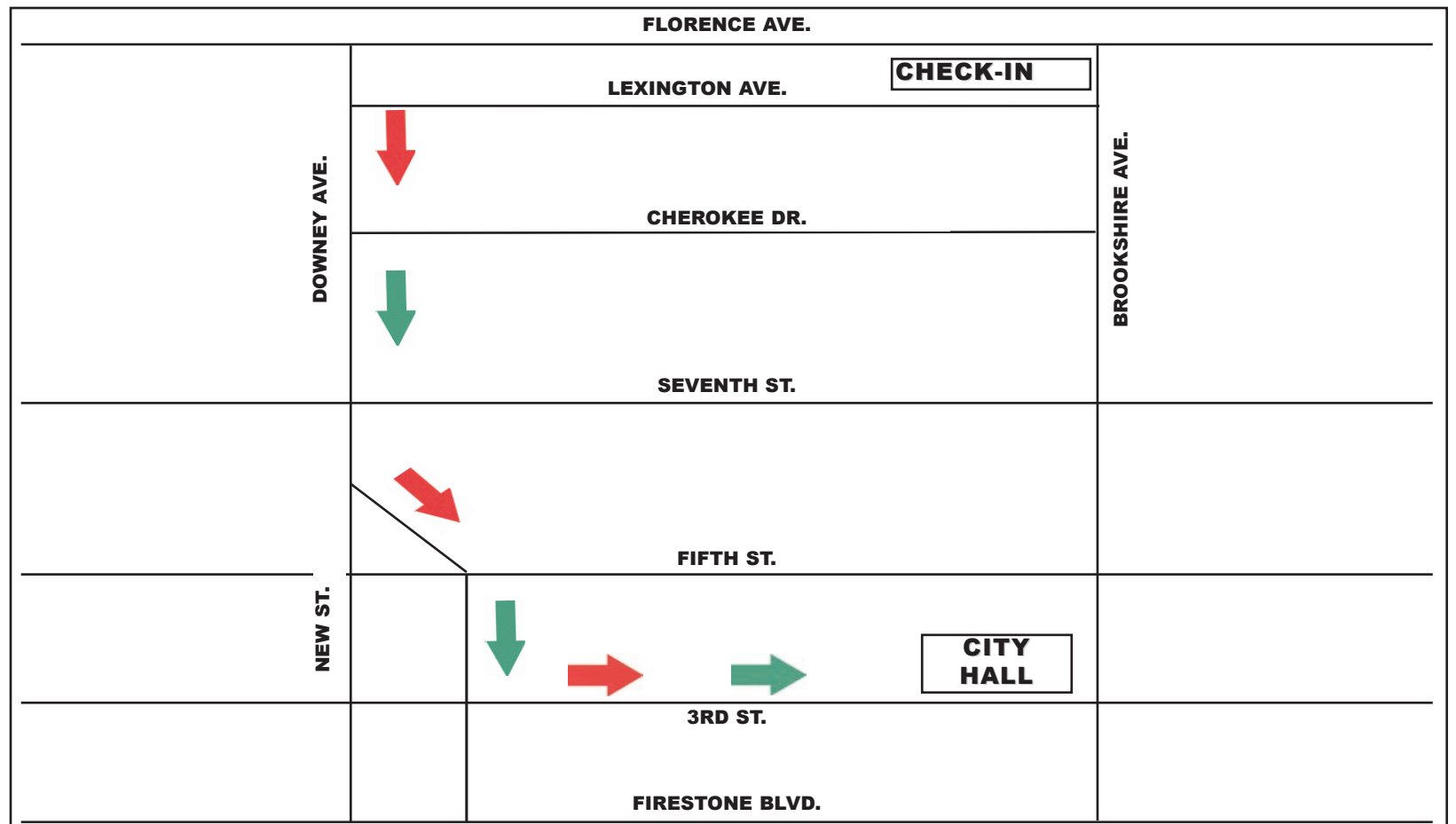
Ron has also given of his time and talent to the Downey YMCA. He served as president several times and earned the Y's Red Triangle Award for Community Service, Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service to the Y, and the Golden Book Award for outstanding service to the YMCA's throughout Southern California. This is an award that is only given once every five years.

In the 1980's he joined the Downey Regional Medical Center Memorial Trust Foundation Board of Directors and became involved in raising money for the new hospital wing.

He has also served on the Hospital's Audit, Finance, Capital and Judicial committees.

"I became and stayed involved because I feel I can make a difference," Ron said. "The Hospital Administration and Board have the best motives with respect to the hospital."

He describes himself as "honest, hard-working, consistent and persistent." Friends described him as a very generous person, a great fund-raiser, and civic minded.





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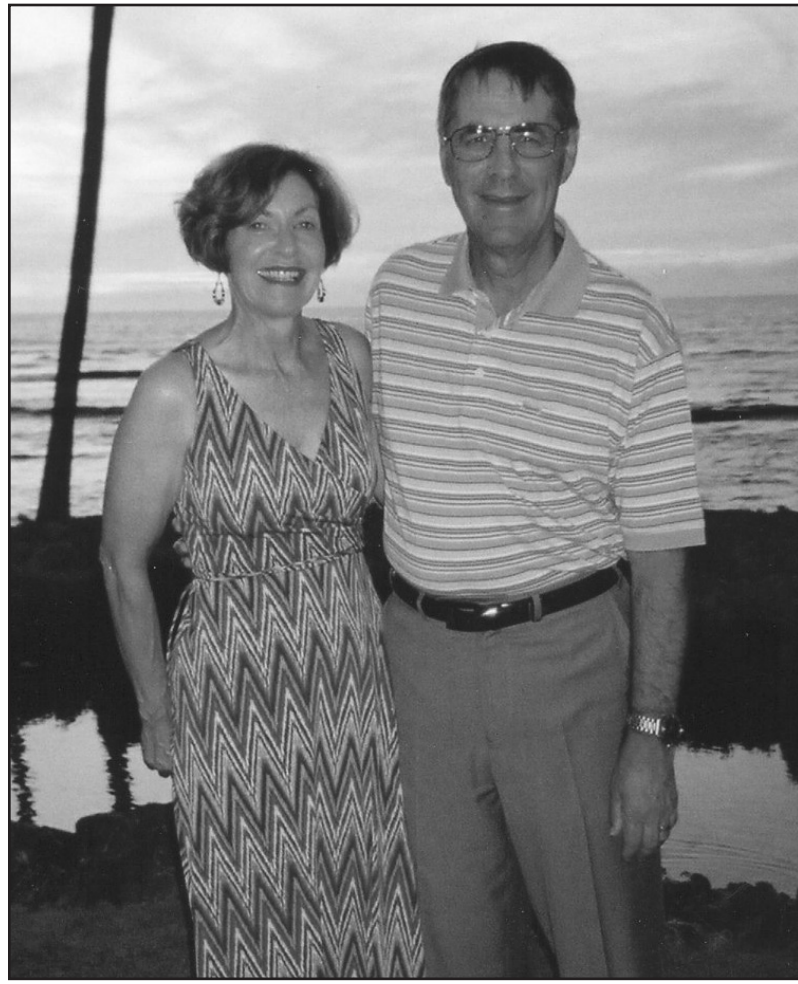


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CO-MARSHALS— Ken and Betty Ferraro will serve as Co-Marshals at the Holiday Lane Parade this Sunday.



FAMILIAR FACES — Marsha Moode and Don Knabe will again host this year's Holiday Lane Parade, scheduled for this Sunday. It will be the 16th year the duo have co-hosted the event.

PARADE

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Wells Fargo Stagecoach.

New this year, according to Debra Harn of Pageantry Productions and coordinator of the parade, will be the 'horse-drawn' Assistance League of Downey & Kids on the Block Puppets.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Temple Possee, B 'N B's Bachelor & Bachelorettes Square Dancers, Bellet "Coco," and Norky the Peneagle are also slated to join the parade.

A total of eight floats are anticipated for Sunday from Downey Regional Medical Center (look for Elvis), Century 21 My Real Estate (with a giant happy 50th birthday City of Downey cake), First Baptist Church of Downey, Penske Toyota, Downey Elks Lodge #2020, Warren High School pep squad, Downey Rose Float Association and, of course, Santa Claus.

In addition to the Downey and Warren bands, bands from other schools will perform as well, including Calvary Chapel, North Park Middle School, Madrid Middle School, Bellflower High School, Valley High School, Lynwood High School, South Gate High School and the Santa Ana Winds Youth Band.

Sponsors joining Downey Regional Medical Center to help make the parade possible are Financial Partners Credit Union, Santa Claus sponsor; Washington Mutual Home Loan Center, parade marshal sponsor; Planet Acura and Honda World, honorary grand marshal co-sponsors; Paramount Auto Center, characters sponsor; Andrews Rancho Del Norte, luncheon sponsor; Re/Max Online, banner carrier sponsor; and Downey Federal Credit Union, publicity sponsor.

In addition to these sponsors, over 25 businesses and residents have donated money to fund the parade.

Moode, Knabe set to host another parade

■ Sunday's telecast will be Marsha Moode's 19th as host. Joining her will be Supervisor Knabe.

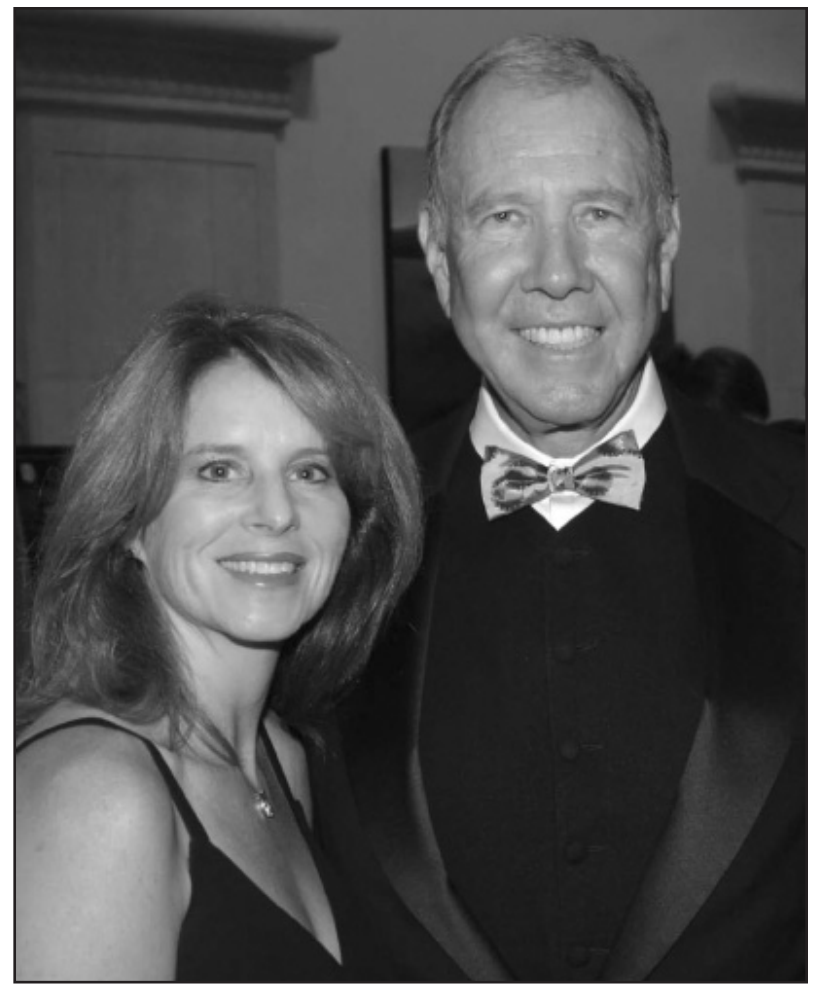
DOWNEY — Continuing another local holiday tradition, Marsha Moode and Supervisor Don Knabe have signed on to again host the Holiday Lane Parade this Sunday, Dec. 3.

Moode, the executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, will host the parade and produce the Time Warner broadcast for her 19th year. Long active in the Downey community, Moode was selected "Volunteer of the Year" for the Chamber of Commerce and as a "Woman Making History in the Southland" by the League of Women Voters.

She currently hosts the "Campaign Series" and "Good Company" for Time Warner.

Knabe, a former mayor of Cerritos, has co-hosted with Moode for 16 years. Recipient of many awards and honors for involvement in the cities of his district — he received the prestigious "Good Scout Award" from the Boy Scouts of America.

He currently serves on the Homeland Security Committee at the request of President George W. Bush.



HONORARY MARSHALS — Ron and Kathy Kolar will serve as Honorary Marshals at this Sunday's 55th Annual Holiday Lane Parade.

Residents invited to birthday bash Tuesday

DOWNEY — The Wonderelles will perform a free concert outside City Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 5, part of the city's 50th anniversary celebration.

The concert will be held in the cul-de-sac west of City Hall from 3 to 6 p.m. Featuring bop music of the 1950s, the Wonderelles will sing Happy Birthday at 3:40, 4:40 and 5:40 p.m. Cake and refreshments will be served at these while supplies last.

In addition to live music, visitors will also receive a commemorative giveaway. The program will also include announcement of the "Happy 50th Birthday Downey" coloring contest winners (3:45 to 4 p.m.) and recognition of residents and businesses also celebrating their 50th birthdays (4:45 to 5 p.m.).

Kids ages 3 to 12 can enter the coloring contest by picking up an entry form in City Hall at the Community Services Department located on the second floor. Entries for the contest are due today, Dec. 1.

Residents and businesses wishing to be recognized at the event should call City Hall at (562) 927-7286.



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A live tree should be as fresh as possible. There are a few methods to test for freshness. Try grabbing a branch at the base of the tree. Pull slowly on the branch to check for loose needles. Or you can bend a few needles in half. If the needles break, choose another tree. Another method takes a little more muscle. Lift the tree and tap the trunk on the ground. If lots of needles fall to the ground, pick another tree. Don't leave the lot without having about two inches cut from the trunk. Get the tree in water as soon as possible. Water the tree every day.

Other reminders:

Choose the right kind of lights. Only use lights designed for indoor use inside and the same goes for outdoor lights. Don't mix different types of lights.

Get rid of lights with frayed, worn or broken cords. Check for loose bulb connections. If they are loose don't use them.

Connect no more than three light strands in a row for any one outlet. Use a power trip to keep circuits from overloading.

Make sure you use a sturdy stand that won't tip over. Very large or tall tree should be anchored to a wall.

If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire retardant. Keep an eye on children and pets, too. Both are often fascinated with the lights and shiny decoration. A bad burn or choking incident could occur.

Keep tree and decorations away from heat sources. And never, ever use candles on your tree.

Don't store the dry tree next to the house or garage. Keep the tree off the curbside until your pick-up day.

For more fire safety and helpful holiday tips, contact the Community Education Office of the Downey Fire Department at (562) 904-7346.

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Market timing is an investing strategy in which the investor tries to identify the best times to be in the market and when to get out.

One of the biggest risks of market timing is the potential of missing out on the market's best-performing cycles.

Time is your ally. Clearly, time can be a better ally than timing the market. So the best approach is to arm yourself with all the necessary information, and then consider taking your questions to a professional who can help with the final decision-making. Above all, remember that both your long-term and short-term investment decisions should be based on your financial needs and your ability to accept the risks that go along with each investment.

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Exchange Club gets funding help

DOWNEY – The Exchange Club Family Support Center, a child abuse prevention program based in Downey, were the recipients of a Community Award granted by the March of Dimes, Great Los Angeles Division, California Chapter.

The award will assist in funding the Exchange Club's "Ready, Set...Grow" prenatal parenting course.

"Ready, Set...Grow" is the most recent parenting class offered by the Exchange Club. The nine-week course helps in the development of nurturing, healthy prenatal practices. Participants are taught how to prepare for and bond with their new baby, making healthy lifestyle choices and the use of infant massage, among other things.

The next scheduled class for "Ready, Set...Grow" is Feb. 13. To register or more information, call (562) 904-9590.

City Affairs committee meets

DOWNEY – The City Affairs Committee of the Downey Chamber of Commerce meets the second Wednesday of every month at 12 noon in the boardroom of the Chamber, 11131 Brookshire Ave. For information call 923-2191.

Louie Romero services today at Miller-Mies

DOWNEY – Louie Romero, a 65-year resident of Downey originally of San Jacinto, died Nov. 22 in Hemet. He was 75.

He's survived by his wife, Grace; son, Louie, Jr.; two daughters, Louise and Lois; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be held today, Dec. 1, at 3 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary with Pastor Rudy Cardenas officiating.

Class fees reduced at Cerritos College

DOWNEY – Cerritos College's spring semester begins Jan. 8 with a newly reduced per-unit class of fee of \$20. Statewide, community college class fees have been reduced from \$26 to \$20 per unit.

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PERFORMING LIVE – April Guthrie and Cassia Streb will perform experimental compositions at a Dec. 7 concert at the Downey Museum of Art. The concert starts at 7:30 p.m. with tickets priced from \$5 to \$10.

St. Raymond's taking trip to state line

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

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

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

'Easing into Christmas' concert Dec. 3

DOWNEY – "Easing into Christmas," an evening of Christmas music and carols, will be held at Downey Memorial Christian Church this Sunday, Dec. 3. The concert will include organ and keyboard pieces and begins at 5 p.m.

Refreshments will follow the music and the community is invited to attend.

Downey Memorial Christian Church is at 8441 Florence Avenue at Brookshire. Their website is www.downeymemorial.org.

Seating available for Rose Parade

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Community Services Department still has assigned grandstand seating available for the 2007 Tournament of Roses Parade.

The bus will depart from the City Hall flag pole area on Jan. 1 at 6:30 a.m. with an approximate return time of 2 p.m. Sign-ups are at City Hall Community Services Department from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Cello and viola duo performing at DMOA

■ Guthrie & Streb, fresh from a German music festival, will perform at Downey Museum of Art.

DOWNEY – Guthrie & Streb, a Los Angeles based cello and viola duo, will perform experimental compositions in the main gallery of the Downey Museum of Art on Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The duo recently performed in Germany as part of the Darmstadt International New Music Festival.

Tickets are first-come, first-serve and are \$10 or \$5 for students and seniors.

The Downey Museum of Art is located at 10419 Rives Avenue in Furman Park.

For more information, call Kate Davies at (562) 861-0419.

Moravian Trombone Choir presents Christmas concert

DOWNEY – The Moravian Trombone Choir, under the direction of Doug Shabe, will present its annual Advent and Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m. at Moravian Church of Downey.

The Trombone Choir will present renaissance to contemporary style music, as well as a carol sing-a-long. Admission is free with a freewill offering.

Moravian Church of Downey is at 10337 Old River School Road in Downey, one block south of Florence Avenue. For information, call (562) 927-0718 or visit www.downeymoravian.org.

Christmas musical at Downey First Baptist

DOWNEY – Combine a type-A business man, a group of less than honorable salesmen and a young with a challenge that will change the world and what do you have? "An Extraordinary Christmas," a holiday musical to be presented Dec. 8-10 at First Baptist Church of Downey.

The original musical looks at the Christmas story as it relates to ordinary people and how their involvement in this event altered history. The originally-scripted musical includes a 45-voice choir, drama, dance and special effects.

The musical is child-friendly, as many of the major players are children. Original costumes designed for the musical is a highlight of the musical.

Performances are Dec. 8, 9 and 10 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. Complimentary tickets can be ordered by calling (562) 923-1261, ext. 275 or online at www.fbcdowney.org.

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NEW YORK RADIO – Brittany Garms, Tony Grande and Felix Sotelo (left to right) performing a scene out of 1940s Radio Hour, a musical set in a New York radio station in December, 1942. Photo by Richard Norman

'1940s Radio Hour' a 'swinging' comedy

■ Audience becomes part of the show in family-friendly musical comedy.

LA HABRA – The La Habra Depot Theatre is presenting the swinging sounds of big band music in "1940s Radio Hour," a popular Broadway musical running through Dec. 17.

With a backdrop of World War II, this musical comedy shows the often touching, often hilarious pre-show, broadcast and post-show carryings-on of the "WOV Cavalcade of Stars." In addition to Christmas songs, this fun production includes pop songs such as "Ain't She Sweet," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Old Black Magic," "Kalamazoo," and 18 other numbers from the 1940s era.

The radio program is seen through the eyes of the theater audience who become the actual radio station audience on December 22, 1942. With its tuneful score, high-energy comedy and nostalgia for a bygone era, this is a show suitable for the entire family.

Written by Walton Jones with songs by numerous artists, "1940s Radio Hour" is directed by Tiffany Witham-Aguirre.

Performances are Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children, students and seniors.

Phone reservations are available by calling (562) 905-9625. The La Habra Depot Theatre is located at 311 S. Euclid Street in La Habra.

'College Planning Night' at library

DOWNEY – Students in all grade levels and parents are invited to attend College Planning Night at the Downey City Library on Dec. 7. College-bound high school students are especially encouraged to attend the free workshop.

The workshop will answer various questions regarding college planning, including:

- How can you plan for all of the college costs you will incur?
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Book Lover's Club has new selection

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library Book Lover's Club, a free monthly book discussion group that explores the best in literary fiction, biography and popular nonfiction, will meet Dec. 14 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Cormack Room. This month's featured selection will be *The Bridge at San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, this brief novel tells the story of Friar Brother Juniper in rural 18th century Peru. After witnessing the death of five people in the collapse of a rope bridge, Brother Juniper vows to prove the existence of God and find meaning in their lives.

New club members are welcome at the meeting. Reservations are recommended by calling (562) 904-7360, ext. 3.

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TIP-OFF CHAMPIONS – The Downey Midnight Ballers went undefeated at consecutive weekend tournaments in November to win the Tip Off Classic put on by the National Junior Basketball Association. Their next tournament is slated for Dec. 27-29. Pictured from left is Coach Greg, Jose Quinonez, Darryl Matthews, Coach Jim, Dani Adefeso, Daniel Bustamante, Anthony Jack, Coach Vince, Garrett Neilan, Sammy Kalejaiye, Vinny Quigg, Sergio Flores and Ian Padilla. Information on the team is available at www.myspace.com/midnightballers.



NATIONAL MEDAL RECIPIENTS – Yazmin Godinez, Amanda Hernandez and Alexis Santana from Downey and Marissa Delgado of Lakewood were recently presented the Marian Medal Award by Bishop Alexander Salazar at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. The Marian Medal is a national recognition program for Catholic youth ages 12-15 and includes spiritual, personal and community service projects. The girls are students at local schools and members of the Greater Long Beach Girl Scout Council. Pictured with the girls is moderator Diane Garcia.

Little League conducting early sign-ups

DOWNEY – West Downey Little League will soon start conducting early bird sign-ups for the 2007 baseball season.

You must have a certified birth certificate (abstracts will not be accepted) and three forms of proof of residence (California ID or drivers license and two utility bills).

Registration dates are:

Tuesdays, Dec. 5 and 12 6 to 8 p.m. West Middle School cafeteria
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Registration cost is \$55 for t-ball (ages 5 and 6) and \$85 for Rookie, A, AA, AAA and Majors. Third child receives half-off registration and the fourth child is free.

Try-outs will be held Jan 6 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sebastian Sidi show selling out

DOWNEY – Orchestra and balcony seats for the Dec. 10 World Sound Concert at the OC Pavillion Theatre, which Sebastian Sidi of Downey is opening, have sold out. Select \$60 theatre seats are still available, however.

For tickets and information, call (949) 487-9296.

Fiction writing deadline extended to December

BY ROSALIE SCIORTINO
WRITERS' WORKSHOP WEST

DOWNEY – Downey's Writers' Workshop West has extended the deadline for original fiction submissions. Ordinarily due at the November meeting, entries in the fiction contest may be submitted at the start of the Dec. 19 meeting for consideration.

Word length for short stories is 500 minimum and 3,500 maximum.

The writers meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Stonewood Travel, 9968 Lakewood Blvd., in Downey. The organization was founded in 1962 and has been active since that time. Membership is open to anyone interesting in writing fiction, nonfiction, drama or poetry; visitors are always welcome.

Contests are open only to workshop members. Initiation fee and annual dues are modest and are used to award cash prizes for the contestants and to provide magazines of interest to writers.

Contest rules are now available for the December fiction contest as well as for the poetry and nonfiction competitions. For information, call (562) 862-3106.

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Salvation Army facing more harsh challenges

CONTRIBUTED BY LT. GILBERT REYES
THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army is making an extended effort this holiday season to bring a ray of hope to local families frustrated by the harsh realities of making ends meet and in need of a helping hand.

Traditionally, the friendly faces of The Salvation Army's bell ringers in the southeast communities alongside their red kettles help generate a large degree of local support for programs community wide, but the organization this year faces financial challenges as it strives to meet the growing local need.

"It is important for residents of Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Maywood, South Gate, Walnut Park, Vernon and Huntington Park to be aware of those families right here who face the prospect of a most difficult Christmas season, struggling even to meet their basic necessities," said Lt. Gilbert Reyes of The Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is dedicated to its people-serving ministry not only during the holiday season, but year-round.

"Although The Salvation Army's visibility is more heightened during the holidays, we want everyone to know our programs are ongoing," Reyes said. "We all need to come together to revitalize and strengthen the core of our local community by offering support to those needy families and individuals in any way we can."

For more information about Christmas programs and events planned by The Salvation Army, call Reyes at (323) 587-4221.

Whittier genealogical meets Dec. 16

WHITTIER – The December meeting of the Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) will be held on Dec. 16 at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue in Whittier. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. and will consist of several members sharing an item of genealogical interests, stories of an ancestor, or an experience they have had regarding their research.

There will be no Computer Interest Group or Beginner-Intermediate Class meeting on that day. Both classes will resume on Jan. 20, 2007.

Visitors are always welcome to the meetings. For information, visit www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags or call (562) 941-3184.

Warren hosting regional band, color guard competition Saturday

DOWNEY – The award-winning Warren High School band and color guard has been selected to host this year's Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association championships for Divisions 1A and 4A. The event will be held tomorrow, Dec. 2, starting at 1 p.m.

The competition involves approximately 10 1A bands ranging in size from one to 50 students ending with 10 4A bands having 91 to 120 students each. Warren qualified to participate as a 4A band and will perform at 8:30 p.m.

To minimize the impact to the community, Warren Band Director David Niemeyer and Warren band boosters have been meeting regularly to address potential traffic, parking and noise issues. Notices have been distributed to neighboring homes providing details on parking limitations as well as a timeline of the day's events.

Tickets to the championships will be available at the gate and students and the community is invited.

More information on the Warren band and color guard is available at www.warrenband.org.

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Warren senior goes for top dog prize

■ Downey resident Cassidy Jackson and her Dalmation will compete in prestigious dog show this weekend in Long Beach.

DOWNEY – There will be a lot of tail-wagging, heart-pounding action when Warren High School senior Cassidy Jackson of Downey and her own homebred Dalmatian, CH. Amethyst First Fallen Snow, compete for the top Junior Showmanship title at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship in Long Beach this weekend.

Thanks to hard work in the show ring and classroom, Cassidy is only one of 164 junior handlers between 9 and 18 years of age who will contend for top honors and scholarship dollars at the exclusive, invitation-only event. Four scholarships will be awarded to junior handlers during the National Championship: first-place winner will receive \$2,000, with \$1,500, \$1,200 and \$1,000 going to second, third and fourth place, respectively.

The junior handler competition is judged on the handler's ability to present the dog with skill and confidence. Eligibility to enter is based on the juniors' accomplishments in school and previous dog shows. Juniors entering are required to:

- Be at least age 9 and under 18 years old at the time of the wins.
- Have five wins in an Open Class with competition present.
- Have a grade point average of at least 3.0, or equivalent, for the two semesters completed immediately prior to the closing of entries.

The AKC's junior handler events are aimed at recognizing and supporting the special relationship between young people and dogs, encouraging responsible dog ownership and promoting dog show participation for future generations.

More than 3,400 dogs and adult handlers will compete for the top prize of \$50,000 and the title of National Champion. A conformation dog show, the event features competition among America's top 25 show dogs from every AKC-recognized breed.

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship will be televised live. The event will appear on Animal Planet and the Discovery Channel Dec. 2-3, starting at 8 p.m. ET both nights. Visit www.akc.org or www.topdogshow.com for more information.

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Aranda is a communications chief with 12 years of military service.

Dismukes House opening for one day

DOWNEY – The Dismukes House in Apollo Park, built in 1886 and former home to the E.P. Dismukes family, will be open for an open house on Saturday, Dec. 15, from noon to 3 p.m.

The house will be decorated in an 1880's style with a Christmas tree and ornaments from the Kloth Collection.

Admission is free and refreshments will be available.



PROUD SUPPORTERS – Downey Heating, Plumbing and Air Conditioning and The Downey Patriot were recognized last week as supporters of the American Cancer Society. Kate Hudson presented the awards at the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'n Shine meeting. Shown in the picture, from left, are Joe Keays (Downey Heating), Roger Brossmer (Downey Adult School), Gwynn Gustafson (*The Downey Patriot*) and Hudson.

'Cheers of Christmas' luncheon Dec. 2

DOWNEY – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Women's Guild is planning their annual "Cheers of Christmas" luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Rio Hondo Events Center at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$30.

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Limon named Broker/Owner of the Year

DOWNEY – Phil Limon, co-owner and broker of Re/Max Online in Downey, has been named Broker/Owner of the Year (Southern California) by Re/Max of California & Hawaii, Inc. in recognition of his company's growth.

Since opening his first office six years ago, Limon has continuously expanded his business and today his company has over 100 sales associates in seven office locations.

Re/Max Online serves the southeast area, including Downey.

"Since the inception of Re/Max Online we have followed our goal of hiring the best and most productive agents in the industry," Limon said. "We have steadily grown in numbers of agents as well as transactions and I believe we have one of the strongest and most professional sales teams in Downey and the surrounding area."

Said Re/Max Regional Director Dick Purvis: "Phil Limon has enthusiastically embraced the Re/Max brand with a go-getter approach towards business. Not only that, he has ensured that his associates do well by providing an excellent example of leadership and dedication."

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