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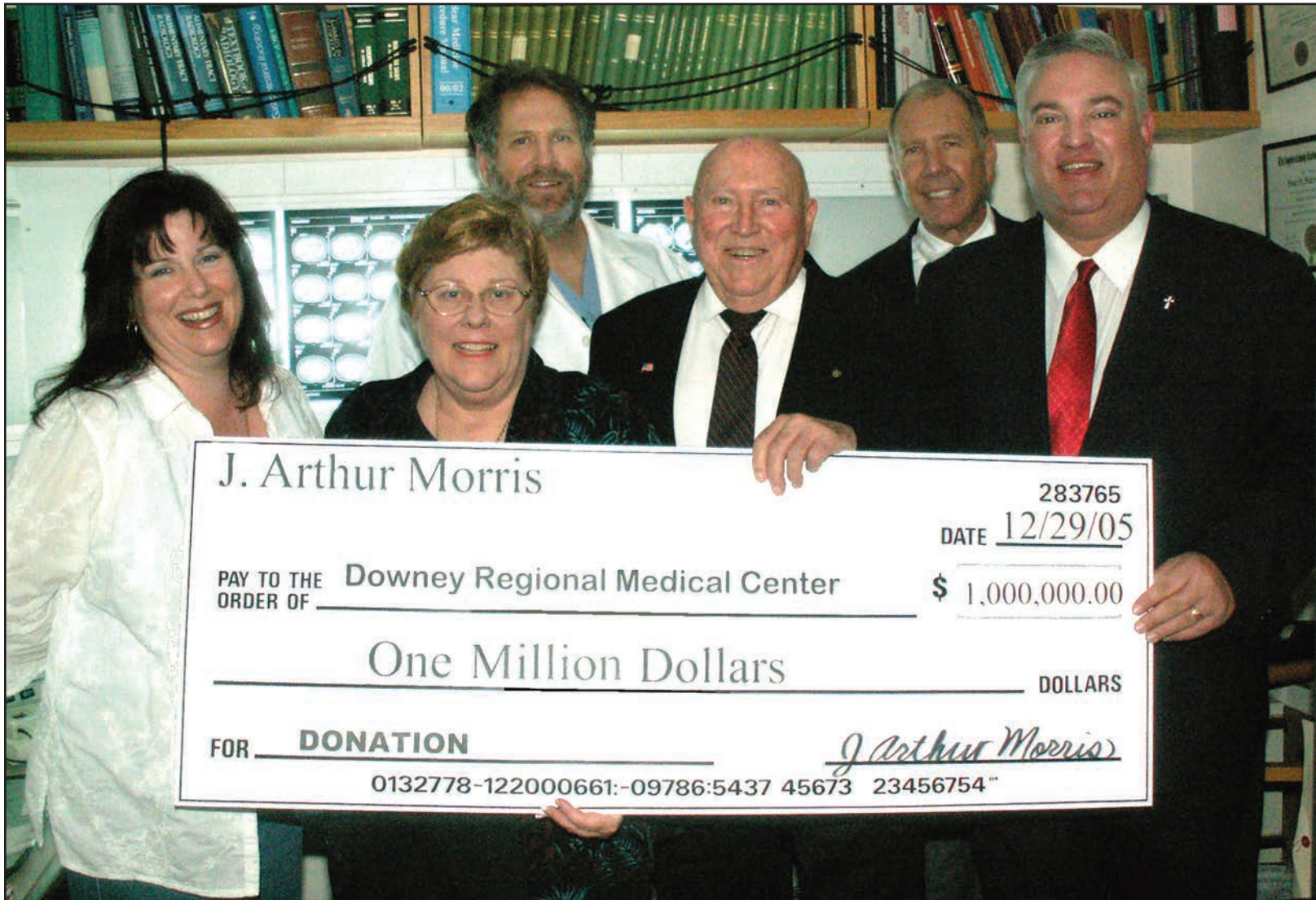
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GRAND GIFT—From left, Mary Morris, DRMC Hospital Chair Mary Lou Schmidt, Rradiology Dr. David Wohlmuth, Art Morris, DRMC Corporate Board Chair Ron Kolar, and Memorial Trust Foundation Chair Mario Guerra celebrate Art's big gift of \$1 million.

Art Morris gives hospital \$1 million

DOWNEY—Downey leading citizen and Downey Regional Medical Center Board Member J. Arthur Morris has donated \$1 million to the Downey Regional Trust Foundation for the purchase of a new computed Tomography (also known as CT or CAT) scanner.

"Art Morris has been a huge supporter of the hospital and a true community leader for many years," said DRMC CEO Allen Korneff. "To recognize his generosity of time and spirit, we plan to rename our Radiology Department the 'J. Arthur Morris Radiology Department.'"

In making the gift, Morris commented, "I have found that if you give of yourself you get it back a hundred fold. I am hoping this donation will open the floodgates for other contributions to the hospital. DRMC is a precious community asset that needs to be supported and it's time for all who can to do so. We must not take it for granted."

Ivan Barrett, M.D., DRMC Medical Director of Radiology, noted, "Our current CAT scanner, which has had an excellent track record, is 14 years old and replacement parts are becoming difficult to find. We are very excited about selecting a new system that will provide us with outstanding imaging for many years to come."

CT scanners, in use since the 1970s, are doughnut-shaped machines that use a special advanced x-ray technology to take pictures of cross sections of the body, called "slices." Special x-ray equipment collects hundreds of images from different angles. These images are then processed by computer and 'reconstructed' to show soft tissue, blood vessels and bone with great clarity. CT aids in the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of diseases, including cancers, cardiovascular disease, stroke, infectious disease, trauma, and musculoskeletal disorders. CT makes it possible to diagnose certain diseases earlier and more accurately than with other imaging tools. Because most diseases are better treated when found early, CT scans can help save lives.

"For the past 40 years this hospital has been on the leading edge of technology and innovation," Morris stated. "We need to stay on the leading edge. Although in recent years the economics of the healthcare system have become very difficult, I am very encouraged by the current and future state of the hospital. It has been here for 86 years and I want to see it continue serving the community for another 86 years."

Morris' family has been involved with the hospital since 1934 when his father, Arch Morris, was brought in as an accountant to save the then struggling hospital, and became the hospital administrator. His mother, Marguerite, organized the hospital's Auxiliary of volunteers. "My life has been this hospital," he said.

When he was 16, Art joined the merchant marines and set off on a three-month voyage on the President Wilson, a passenger and cargo ship. It was then that Art's lifelong passion for photography was born. One of his photographs of Japanese school children in quasi-military uniforms in front of a Buddhist shrine was so striking and timely that it was soon carried over the United Press International photo wire. Upon returning home, Art enrolled in and graduated from the photography program at the Art Center College of Design, now in Pasadena. While in school he worked at DRMC as a licensed Radiology and laboratory technician. World War II interrupted his budding photography career, however. Along with many physicians that the hospital lost to the war effort, Art joined the Navy. Although he hoped for an assignment as a photographer, the Navy was more interested in his medical experience. Art returned to the South Pacific, serving at amphibious air and base hospitals. He closed his four years of service stationed back in Southern California chief of radiology at the Long Beach Naval Hospital. His permanent rank is as Chief Pharmacist Warrant Officer. The horrendous injuries and illnesses that he saw during his tour of duty convinced him to go back into hospital work.

Following Naval Service in World War II, Morris returned to Downey as an assistant administrator and eventually became its administrator. In 1956, the Morris family, which then owned 83 percent of the hospital, generously presented the hospital to the community so it could become the non-profit institution it remains today, governed by a voluntary board of community leaders. Morris has served as a Hospital Board member since 1973. "From a boy who took x-rays using what we now see as very primitive equipment, I'm astounded by all we have accomplished here," said Morris.

At age 86, Morris admits his doctors are telling him to "cool it." However, along with hospital board work he remains involved in Rotary, and in December served as the Downey Holiday Lane Parade Grand Marshal. Also in 2005 he received the "Spirit of Service" award from the Human Services Association, a community-based agency providing social services to residents of southeast Los Angeles County.

Morris is also the founder, chair of and major contributor to the Henderson-Goergen Scholarship Fund, which in its 30 years has helped hundreds of men and women employed at DRMC, to remain and further their patient career education and training.

In addition to the family's hospital legacy, in 1957 the Morris company was a founding investor and Arch Morris was a founding director in Downey Savings and Loan. When his father passed away in 1968, Art joined the financial institution's board. Today, he is a director emeritus and area ambassador for the bank, which he describes as "a wonderful success story" with nearly 300 branches in California and Arizona. He remains friends with the institution's chairman, Maurice McAllister.

Mary Morris, one of Art's four grown children, shares that her father has always had a generous spirit. "Whether he is a patient or just walking down a hospital hallway, he will make a housekeeper feel as important as the chief of staff. I think it's great that the Radiology department will bear his name."

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City planner will miss the people

By Judy Brunkala

DOWNEY—When asked what makes retirement most difficult, Ron Yoshiki didn't hesitate.

"It's the people," the City Planner/Assistant Director of Community Development said. "It's the people within the Planning office, but also the people that make up the development activities (such as) Building, Public Works. But then also, it's the citizens of the community, too."

"But without a doubt," he continued, "the people in City Hall—the staff—oftentimes does not receive the credit it really should be getting..."

Yoshiki has retired after 28-plus years in the Planning field.

He was hired in Downey in 1977, then left to work on the city of Buena Park's Planning staff for four years. During that time, Yoshiki worked on enclosing that city's regional mall, which he said was similar to Stonewood Center; worked out some of the new attractions for Knott's Berry Farm; worked on an entertainment court on Beach Boulevard; and was involved in the planning of major industrial parks, among other projects.

Yoshiki returned to Downey in 1982 to become the Assistant City Planner for then City Planner Fran Carter.

Neighbors ask what triggered arson?

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY—The remnants left by early morning arson when an 85-year-old Downey man apparently ran amok and tried to burn down two neighbors' homes before he retreated and himself was engulfed by the flames, still cast a somber pall over the Downey cul-de-sac called Bergman Lane.

Neighbors say Gene Berger kept to himself most of the time, and had lived quietly there for many years.

Whatever the spark that set him off, he apparently lit firebombs on the front porch of two neighbors' homes about 4:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8. He apparently also burned his own arm, which was clearly aflame when police and firefighters arrived. When confronted, he ran back to his own home which also was soon engulfed by the flames. Firefighters were at first stymied by the fact he was armed with two pistols.

He died in the flames of his barricaded home, which is a total loss.

Firefighters and police said one other home was badly damaged and another neighbor's home had apparently been targeted, but a tank of gasoline placed in its front yard failed to ignite.

Neighbors said when first confronted, he fired a pistol at them. The shots were why firefighters were kept from saving him in his blazing home.

Authorities evacuated about 20 homes in the immediate area, as well as a nearby strip mall. Power was also temporarily lost in the area.

Berger lived alone and had few friends. Neighbors said he kept to himself most of the time. He had, however, complained to police about the parking problem on the small cul-de-sac. He was one of the long-time residents. His home and yard were fenced, with signs reading "keep out."

The coroner's office delayed positive identification due to the fire, and was awaiting dental or hospital records.

A dozen fire engines from Downey, L.A. County, Montebello and Vernon responded to the scene.

"And then when I came back, I was here when we enclosed Stonewood in the late '80s. At the same time, we were also working with the county, and we did the Rancho Business Center over there on Rancho Los Amigos, on the south side of Imperial."

Yoshiki said the Business Center was an asset because it brought good jobs, good people, and revenue to the city.

When Fran Carter retired, Yoshiki interviewed for his position, and became City Planner. Then, Yoshiki said, in 1991 he was promoted to City Planner/Assistant Community Development Director.

Yoshiki reflected on the most significant change he's seen concerning the city during his years with Downey.

"It's now, I think, with Downey Landing, along with the Downey Regional Hospital, I think it's coming to the realization that it's more than just a pristine residential community; the fact that it's a balanced community, having good residential, good commercial, and reasonable industrial opportunities."

And Yoshiki commented on his successor's staff, saying he or she has a good team. And the team can succeed and be beneficial..."

Yoshiki said one thing he will like about retirement is what he heard from another retiree: "...the fact that you can wake up in the morning and say to yourself, 'What do I want to do today?' rather than say, 'what do I have to do today?'"

No doubt, many endeavors await Ron Yoshiki that he wants to pursue.



THESE CHARRED REMAINS – Are the only things remaining of Gene Berger's property on Bergman Lane in Downey, which also gutted a neighboring office. Berger was believed to have been killed in the fire, but final confirmation is pending.

Nominations for DHS Hall of Fame encouraged

DOWNEY—Downey High School is looking for distinguished alumni who wish to be considered for induction into the school's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame began in 1999 and currently has 45 inductees. Inductees include Dr. Robert Ballard, the discoverer of the Titanic, entertainers Karen and Richard Carpenter, and international figure skater, JoJo Starbuck.

To nominate a graduate for Downey High School's Hall of Fame, call Assistant Principal John Baker at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5524, for an application.

Dinner to honor clergy, past and present

DOWNEY – A special evening dinner and celebration honoring the past and present clergy of St. Raymond's Catholic Church will be held in Msgr. Gipson Hall on Friday, January 20. Tickets are \$20. For information, call the Rectory at (562) 923-4509.



DR. ROBERT BALLARD – Famous oceanographer credited with discovery of the Titanic wreckage in 1985, is a Downey High School alum and member of the school's hall of fame. Nominations are currently being accepted for the new class.

Masons No. 220 installs officers Jan. 22

DOWNEY—The 136th open installation of officers of Downey Masonic Lodge No. 220 will be held Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 8244 Third St.

To be installed are elective officers Rory Richardson, worshipful master; Michael Yolton, senior warden; Norman Dent, junior warden; Charles Hutchinson, P.M., treasurer; Robert Vleerick, P.M., secretary; and Glenn Blackwood, P.M., assistant secretary.

Appointed officers include: Howard Phillips, chaplain; Russell Baker, senior deacon; Herbert Cook, junior deacon; Matthew Cahoon, marshal; Sergio Martinez, senior steward; Carlos Castro, junior steward; and Fernando Vega, tiler.

To serve as officers coach will be P.M. Hugh Hoskins; P.M. David Wehmeier, assistant officers coach; and P.M. Bob Puhl, head candidates coach.

Retiring worshipful master, after a successful year, is Scott Morrissy.

City releases holiday collection schedule

DOWNEY—Following is the city of Downey's 2006 Holiday Schedule for Street Sweeping and Trash Collection:

Holiday	City Hall closed	Sweeping	Trash
MLK Day	January 16	Yes	No
President's Day	January 20	Yes	Yes
Memorial Day	May 29	No	No
Indep. Day	July 4	No	No
Labor Day	September 4	No	No
Veterans Day	November 10	Yes	Yes
Thanksgiving	November 23	No	No
	November 24	No	Yes
Christmas	December 22	Yes	Yes
	December 25	No	No
New Year's Day	January 1	No	No

Street Sweeping

When there is no street sweeping, sweeping is not made up. Streets are always swept on the posted day.

Trash Collection

When there is no trash collection, it will be made up. Trash will be collected the day after the normal collection day for the remainder of the week. For example, Friday's trash will be collected on Saturday.

On a few of the holidays, the schedule causes trash collection to be on the same day as street sweeping for the remainder of the week. During these times, it is requested that the trash barrels be placed up on the curb so as not to hinder the street sweeper.

Contact Tim Graves, Sanitation Supervisor, at 904-1452 with questions regarding street sweeping or the schedule.

Narai Thai Cuisine grand opening Jan. 17

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce is again assisting a business newcomer to Downey, Narai Thai Cuisine, in celebrating its grand opening/ribbon cutting Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. It is located at 7611 Firestone Blvd., west of Paramount Blvd.

The owners say Narai Thai Cuisine brings fresh and healthy, authentic Thai food to Downey, and will feature a Monday to Friday Happy Hour from 4-6 p.m.

Running the family business will be June, Achariya and Chef Phisit, with over 10 years experience in the restaurant business. Chef Phisit worked for his family's restaurant, regarded as the number one Thai restaurant in Thai Town in the '90s, before his family moved back to Thailand. He then became the chef of a famous Thai restaurant in Beverly Hills for over five years.

For information, call 923-2191.

Florist class expands to Saturdays

DOWNEY—Downey Adult School will start offering their regular Florist class with instructor Terrie Mercurio on Saturdays, in addition to the three scheduled Tuesday classes. Saturday Florist classes held from 9-11 a.m, begin Jan. 14.

For a fee of \$25 and a \$12 non-refundable weekly flower fee, you can learn the basic principles of design for various arrangement styles, and create a fresh floral arrangement each week.

For information about this class, call (562) 940-6200.

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.

Weight-loss group at First Baptist

DOWNEY – Downey TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) CA 63, whose overriding purpose is to help men and women of all ages shed excess poundage, meets Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 Third St.

Part of an international organization, the local chapter says there are no gimmicks, no harsh diets or exercises involved in their weight loss program. For information, call Lou at 861-9425 or Suky at (323) 560-6576.

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Mon., January 30th 3:00 p.m. Sizzler 10315 Lakewood Blvd. Downey	Thurs., February 2nd 3:00 p.m. Mimi's Café 8455 E. Firestone Blvd. Downey	Mon., February 6th 11:30 a.m. Szechwan 11010 Paramount Blvd. Downey	Wed., February 8th 11:30 a.m. Sizzler 10315 Lakewood Blvd. Downey

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Council studying new expense rules

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—Among the calendared items approved at last Tuesday's regular meeting, the Downey City Council has directed the City Attorney to prepare a draft policy on reimbursement consistent with the City Charter and related policies and the passage of AB 1234 which was recently adopted by the State Legislature and became effective Jan. 1.

Most cities have not yet finalized a reimbursement policy, and Downey as a Charter City has some unique provisions which already address some elements. Several large cities have challenged whether AB 1234 is even applicable to Charter Cities.

The Downey Charter Section 502 reads: "Compensation. The Members of the City Council shall receive no compensation for their services as such, but shall receive reimbursement on order of the City Council for council authorized traveling and other expenses when on official duty. In addition, members shall receive such reasonable and adequate amounts as may be established by ordinance, which amount shall be deemed to be reimbursement to them of other out-of-pocket expenditures and costs imposed upon them by virtue of their serving on the City Council."

The League of Cities has recently prepared a model policy for General Law Cities (as opposed to Charter Cities) and other aspects of the requirements are currently being analyzed. The City Attorney will consider all of these when drafting his recommendation.

In other action Tuesday, the Council:

- *Approved operative agreements 35 and 36 authorizing city loans of \$800,000 to the Downey community Development Commission.

- *Appropriated \$270,000 to amend the 2005-06 Budget for funding the State mandated Education Revenue Augmentation Fund Shift.

- *Approved the extension of an exclusive negotiating agreement with Primstor Development, Inc. for property at 9066 Firestone Boulevard.

- *After a public hearing adopted a resolution denying the appeal of a zone variance allowing tandem parking in conjunction with a 4,160 square foot addition to an existing medical office building at 10800 Paramount Blvd., zoned C-P (Professional Offices) and R-2 (Two Family Residential).

- *Approved a cash contract and accepted site clearing and soil remediation work at 12400 Clark Avenue.

Budget calendar

- *Approved the budget calendar for the 2006-07 Budget.

- *Received and filed the Annual Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2005 ending June 30.

- *Approved the Investment Policy for Public Funds.

- *Appropriated \$33,500 from the Civic Center Fund and \$6,500 from the General Fund to replace air conditioning at the police station and fire station 2.

- *Approved an agreement with Lehman, English, Kelly and O'Keefe for general advocacy services in Sacramento for an additional year from Jan. 31, 2006 to Jan. 31, 2007.

- *Accepted \$75,000 State 9-1-1 Office Tax Funds for Joint Powers Communication Center Equipment and improvements.

- *Set a hearing for Jan. 24 to consider adopting the 2005 Urban Water Management Plan.

- *Adopted a resolution modifying the salary range of the City Planner.

- *Adopted a resolution adopting a memorandum of understanding between the City and the Downey Employees Association Maintenance Unit.

- *Adopted a resolution that the City has an interest in protecting the integrity of groundwater in the Central and West Coast Basins.

- *Amended the Downey Municipal Code regarding design, placement and selection of fire protection devices, and set a public hearing for Jan. 24 for public input.

- *Adopted an Ordinance granting an oil pipeline franchise to BP West Coast Products.

- *Heard a report on raised medians on Imperial Highway from Bellflower Boulevard to Paramount Boulevard and approved a pact with Plotnik & Assoc. for plans and specification work for \$190,000 in proposition 42 Gas Tax Funds.

- *Approved Council Committee assignments for 2006.

Councilmember Rick Trejo asked the Police Department to look into a potential problem due to the noticeable loitering of adolescents in the Downey Theater area on weekends.

Councilmember Anne Bayer shorted everyone to pitch in on Saturday's Keep Downey Beautiful clean-ups.

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Diabetes support group at DRMC

DOWNEY - Downey Regional Medical Center hosts a diabetes support group the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. For information, call 622-2088.



GRIFFITHS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER—Ranee Bolt-Chambers holds check for \$200 from Downey Federal Credit Union's Student Enrichment Program, which she applied for at the beginning of the school year. She told her class the money would be used toward Earth Day activities for all Griffiths students this spring. The presentation was a surprise made during her 4th period class on Jan. 6, after two earlier failed attempts to recognize her at staff meetings (she was out on both days).

New stroke support group takes shape

DOWNEY—Stroke survivors and caregivers are invited to the new Downey Community Stroke Support Group's next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. The group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Facilitating the support group is Deborah Massaglia, president of the Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation, who said: "In working with the community on stroke awareness, we've found a definite need among families whose lives have suddenly been impacted by stroke. They need to find resources and benefit from connecting with others who understand what they are experiencing. There is a lot to learn and manage, and it's important to not be alone in this process." To register, call 904-5162.

St. Raymond's kids hosting golf tourney

DOWNEY - The class of 2006 from St. Raymond School in Downey will host a golf tournament Feb. 6 at Candlewood Country Club in Whittier.

The entry fee is \$140 per golfer and deadline to register is Jan. 27. Call Mario Mendoza at (323) 377-1535 to sign up.

Kiwanis donates to school technology

DOWNEY - St. Raymond's Catholic School received a \$15,000 grant by the Downey Kiwanis Club to help benefit the advancement of computer technology. The school has also received a small grant to purchase library books from another foundation.

Sievers to speak at ABWA meeting

DOWNEY—The El Dorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) holds its monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd. in Downey.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Speaker is Bruce Sievers, who for the last 30 years has spoken to an estimated more than 7,000 groups across America. His presentation, "An American in Love With His Country," has earned him the George Washington Medal of Honor, which was presented to him by President Ronald Reagan, along with the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. He introduces himself by his full name—James Bruce Joseph Sievers.

A former Green Beret in the Army, he has been invited to the White House by Presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Reagan and George Bush. He has received the prestigious Communication and Leadership Award from Toastmasters International, as well as the National Medal of Honor from the Daughters of the American Revolution. He has been featured in People's Magazine, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and more than 150 publications across the country. He is the author of five books and has completed a screenplay.

For information/reservations, call Debbie Stuver, 884-6429 by Sunday, Jan. 15.

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The gift is the largest donation to the hospital in three years. Downey Regional Medical Center is an independent community hospital serving southeast Los Angeles since 1920.

Mario Guerra, Chairman of the Memorial Trust Foundation Board, added, "Art has been such an integral part of the hospital family and we are so proud of him, just as his children are. Without the Morris family the hospital might not be in existence today, and it's fascinating for me to listen to him share the hospital history that formed the foundations of caring we continue to build upon."

Deadlines announced for June primary

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk has announced deadlines for candidates running for office in the June 6 Primary Election.

Partisan offices to be decided by vote in June include U.S. Senator; U.S. Representatives in Districts 22, 26, 42 and 46; Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State; Controller; Treasurer; Attorney General; Insurance Commissioner; Member of the State Board of Equalization Districts 2,3 and 4; in the State Senate, Districts 20-32 (Even districts only); Members of the State Assembly, districts 36-61; Central Committee, districts 36-61; and County Council districts 17, 19, 30 and 32.

Non-partisan offices include State Superintendent of Public Instruction; County Board of Supervisors District 1 and 3; Assessor; Sheriff, and Judge of the Superior Court.

The nomination period for all candidates (excluding independents) is Monday, Feb. 13 through Friday March 10 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Forms are available at the RR/CC's Headquarters, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk.



DOWNEY SYMPHONY GUILD—Board members are pictured planning their Feb. 17 "Western Night—Yee-Haw" fundraiser. From left, back row: Marie Eckstrom, Katie Hare, Norma Swearingen, Pauline Hume, Rosalie Sciortino, Margery Lewis; front row: Betsy Lightner, John Vincent, Joyce Sherwin.

Symphony Guild 'yee-haw' fundraiser

By Rosalie Sciortino

DOWNEY—Downey Symphony Guild acting president Katie Hare and her board are promising a rootin' tootin' Western hee haw night for their annual gala fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Downey Woman's Club.

A rib-stickin' chuck wagon "boo-fay" promises to satisfy the hungriest cowpoke and the most discerning school ma'am.

Guests are encouraged to wear their most comfortable jeans and shoes or boots to this informal, action-filled evening.

A silent and live auction are planned as well as a no-host bar, square dancing, and Texas Hold-em poker tables.

Katie says, "Please save this date—Feb. 17th. Gather together a party and come for a fun-filled time to help keep music in the schools and our wonderful symphony orchestra performing for our community."

Reservations at \$65 per person, a portion of which is tax-deductible, should be made by Feb. 10th. Mail to Downey Symphony Guild, 9700 Garnish Dr., Downey, CA 90240-3003. For more information, call (562) 861-8507 or 869-2120.

Drawing and painting for children

DOWNEY—The city of Downey Community Services Department offers drawing and painting classes for youngsters ages 7-14 starting Friday, Feb. 3 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

"Drawing for Kids," which will be offered from 4-5 p.m., will focus on developing technical skills, imagination and composition. "Painting for Kids," an introductory class offered from 5-6 p.m., will focus on using acrylic and egg tempera, its projects to include still life, portraits and landscaping.

Fee for each course is \$40 for six weeks. To register/for information, call 904-7238.

ICF bingo luncheon Jan. 22

DOWNEY—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is having a Bingo Luncheon Sunday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Donation is \$10. This includes one (1) free Bingo card, door prizes and lunch. There will also be a raffle of a \$25 money tree.

For tickets/information, call Aline Amatisto, 869-8981, or Charlene Drobeck, 928-1937.

Free-throw contest for children

DOWNEY — Boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to a basketball free-throw contest Jan. 21 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help School gym. Knights of Columbus Chapter 3697 is sponsoring the event.

To sign up or more information, call Pat Rooney at 923-1932.

The poets' corner

To All I've Known And Some Not Yet

Now Christmas is that time of year
When many dream of hope and cheer,
Remembering friends far and near,
and special ones we hold so dear.

Friends and associates likewise,
And ones not mentioned otherwise,
on whom everyone quite relies.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS GALS AND GUYS!

—E.R. Anthony,
Lakewood

Artists' Guilds welcome guest artist

DOWNEY—The Downey Art League and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount hold their first meeting of the new year Sunday, Jan. 22 at Progress Park Plaza, 15530 Downey Ave. in Paramount at 2 p.m.

Demonstrator is Peggy Simmons, who previously taught art for the city of Whittier and currently teaches art in her studio and on location, as well as at UC-Fullerton. She once delighted a Paris audience which included the Dijon mayor when instead of accepting the Key to the City, she requested a mustard knife instead, using it like a pallet knife to paint a cityscape in various yellows and browns of Dijon mustard.

The meeting is free to the public. For information, call Ryo Teraski, (562) 803-5857.



ANTHONY A. CELIO—Born in Palena, Abruzzo, Italy, was a Downey resident, moving here in 1953. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942-45. He retired in 1980 from Thermador/Waste King in Los Angeles as vp-marketing after more than 25 years of service.

Memorial service held for Anthony A. Celio

DOWNEY—A Memorial Mass was held on Jan. 10 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey for Anthony A. Celio, who was born Oct. 31, 1920 in Palena, Abruzzo, Italy to Giovanni (John) Celio and Giuseppina (Josephine) Vittoria, and died Jan. 2 at his home in Downey following hospitalization necessitated by a recent automobile accident.

A vigil service was held at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary on Jan. 9. Coming to the United States in 1922, he was raised in the Clearing area of Chicago, Illinois. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945. He married his wife, Luna Jean Wootton in 1945, graduated with a master's degree in marketing from the University of Utah in 1948, and eventually moved to Downey in 1953. He retired from Thermador/Waste King in Los Angeles as vice president of marketing in 1980, after more than 25 years of service to the company.

He is survived by his brother Falco (Fally) Celio of Bridgeview, Illinois; his sisters Antoinette Wangerow of Downey and Josephine Kleidon of San Jose; his sons John (Diane) of Poway, James (Nalini) of Buena Park, Richard (Nancy) of Fullerton, and Michael (Suran) of Downey; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death in 1995 by his wife of 49 years, Luna Jean, and, in 2004 by his brother, Domenico (Duke) Celio.

The family requested that friends wishing may contribute to a favorite charity in his memory.

Rose seminar featured at All American

DOWNEY — All American Home Center in Downey is hosting their Third Annual Rose Seminar Saturday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Newly-arrived bare root roses will be featured and employees will give tips on how to improve soil texture and promote blossoms and long plant life. All American is at 7201 Firestone Blvd.



NEW MEMBER — Jan Simon, director of marketing and business development at Downey Federal Credit Union, is welcomed as the newest member of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis by club president Bob Belcher. Simon joins a growing number of women who are joining Kiwanis, which meet ever Wednesday at 7 a.m. at Rio Hondo Country Club.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Protests sexual 'discrimination'

Dear Editor:

I am a student at Downey High School. I've played sports, been in a few clubs, and I'm well-known in my school. People know me as the tall, funny, basketball-playing lesbian, who wears glasses.

My friends and I were discussing our plans for winter formal (on Jan. 27), when I was told that all girls have to wear a dress. I think as long as you are in formal attire, whether girls wear dresses or tuxedos, it's ok. I'm not asking to wear a Halloween costume, or lingerie.

I do not feel comfortable in a dress, I do not like dresses, and I don't dress feminine as it is. A lot of my friends, gay and straight, don't seem to have a problem with this. I have even found a few teachers who agree with me.

How can we be ourselves, and learn not to discriminate against others, when our school's activities director, Mr. Gordon Weisenburger, discriminates against us? If he is working at a school, a high school at that, he should practice what the schools preach, and that would be to respect others, irrespective of race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.

If girls can play baseball, when we have a girl's softball team, then why can't girls wear tuxedos? For the love of it all, Mr. Weisenburger coaches wrestling, guys in tights, all up on each other. Is that really a sport?

—Gaby C. Vidrio,
Downey High School

Friend bats for her friend

Dear Editor:

I am also a student at Downey High. My friend, Gaby Vidrio, a lesbian, requested permission to wear a tuxedo to the school's winter formal. Her request was denied—by the activities director, Mr. Gordon Weisenburger. Gaby protested this, arguing that Mr. Weisenburger is expressing his prerogative concerning this issue. Downey students tried for years to get a gay/straight alliance club started here. After years of opposition from Mr. Weisenburger, it finally got through. Warren High School has a respectful dress code for their dances and girls are allowed to wear tuxedos if they choose to. Our principal, Mr. Houts, says there is nothing he can do, since Mr. Weisenburger has the final say.

Gaby is proud of her sexuality and this school has had many students like her. I mean we even have a club for them.

Hopefully your paper can print this so she and others won't be discriminated against.

—Nadaly Cruz,
Downey High School

Signs 'an eyesore'

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing some pictures taken on Jan. 6 mostly along Firestone Blvd. but also in my "neck of the woods"—Imperial and Paramount—and, for those of us who care about the community, these signs are certainly an eyesore.

As some residents may recall, there was much controversy [even] over what color of paint the Embassy Suites should have back in 1985. Also, there was much controversy over the sign code issues in those days.

To think that color was a big issue then might sound trivial, but judging from what we see in Downey today, it really isn't. True, the pictures I took back in September of 2005 and in November of 2004 and the current pictures show some of the issues have been resolved, but the problem really hasn't gone away.

Sometimes I feel I should just throw in the towel and accept defeat, but today I will continue and hope you will join me in realizing this sign issue is not to be taken lightly. Please join me in the fight to make Downey a better place to live.

—Richard Poulin,
Downey



PICTURES TAKEN JAN. 6—Of "eyesores" in Downey.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

More on illegal immigration

Dear Editor:

Thank you for printing letters regarding illegal immigration.

It is sad that most of the Latino community cannot understand that if immigrants enter this country legally, they are entitled to all the benefits that legal citizens enjoy such as accepted IDs, drivers' licenses, Social Security benefits, bank accounts, credit cards, etc. The list is endless.

Why do they choose to subvert our immigration laws and live in the shadows like criminals?

—Frank Myers,
Downey

Borders need to be closed

Dear Editor:

Cindy Uranda and Tina Vasquez (*The Downey Patriot*, Jan. 6) are right: Latino immigrants should be treated more fairly by employers such as Wal-Mart who hire part-time workers and screen applicants for medical problems to avoid having to pay for their insurance.

Conversely, Latino immigrants are not fair—they abuse and overwhelm our system by demanding free medical, food stamps, and other "entitlements." And, to compound the problem, they send home an estimated \$13 billion that enriches their country's economy, but adversely affects ours, and places an additional burden on already overtaxed Americans.

We have reached a saturation point with illegal immigrants, and our cookie jar is empty. The borders need to be closed—if only to safeguard us from terrorists entering the country.

—J. Hawkins,
Downey

How to avoid hiring an illegal alien

Dear Editor:

William Greene raised the question last week (*The Downey Patriot*, Jan. 6): how does one avoid employing an illegal alien?

Information below provided by Social Security Administration information operator (1-800-772-1213):

- 1) First, the person has to be hired
 - 2) Then get the person's name and Social Security number from their actual Social Security card
 - 3) Then call Social Security Administration and ask them to verify if the S.S. number and name belong together
 - 4) Keep a written record of our verification check
- Information below from Downey City Hall – City Manager's Office (904-7284):

1) If you are suspicious that the person and the Social Security card do not belong together then you meet with that person at the Norwalk Social Security Administration office and have the office verify that the card belongs to your employee

2) When you hire someone to do a specific job for your household you ask to see their required city work permit which you then verify

Information from the office of Ronald Calderon (323-838-5858), Assemblyman for the 58th District (includes Downey):

Call Immigration & Naturalization Service at 714-972-4100 when you find out that a specific person is here illegally.

—El Bee,
Downey

Montero responds to Jan. 6 letters

Dear Editor:

Re "Illegal alien threat," I sincerely hope that Mr. Edward Sverchek puts his money where his pen is and does not patronize "the criminals who hire illegal aliens."

I commend him for taking positive action to help resolve this problem.

Re "Appalled at Montero's idea," I believe that Ms. Uranda and Ms. Vasquez made untrue generalizations about a person's culture based on his name. This is a common mistake of many people in American society.

There is no such thing as a monolithic Hispanic or Latin American culture.

The Brazilian culture is quite different from the Mexican culture. A Panamanian moving to Argentina would find himself in a very alien culture.

I have lived and worked in all of the above countries and can authoritatively state that the Ecuadorian culture, from which I originate, is totally different from the one in the other countries mentioned.

I arrived in the U.S. as a young man and feel that I have assimilated American culture fully and I am very proud of the fact I am as American as apple strudel.

Re "Don't fine the companies," I have the same problem as Mr. William Greene in screening prospective employees to determine if they are legally in this country.

My business requires bilingual Spanish people to operate and has been very challenging, in 23 years of operation, to stay within the law regarding the hiring of illegal aliens.

I invite other business owners to share their ideas, publicly, as to how we can avoid the hiring of illegal aliens.

Re "Prediction of mansions' future," I hope that John Powell's prediction of the mansions' future comes true. If it does it will prove once again the validity of market forces and of the law of supply and demand and it will create an investment opportunity for those of us like Mr. Powell and I who handle their financial affairs prudently.

This is one of the joys that living in a capitalist society provides.

—Jorge Montero,
Downey

Costa Mesa taking on illegal immigration

The Costa Mesa City Council voted 3-2 last month to train police officers to enforce immigration laws, sparking about 80 demonstrators to protest outside City Hall this week.

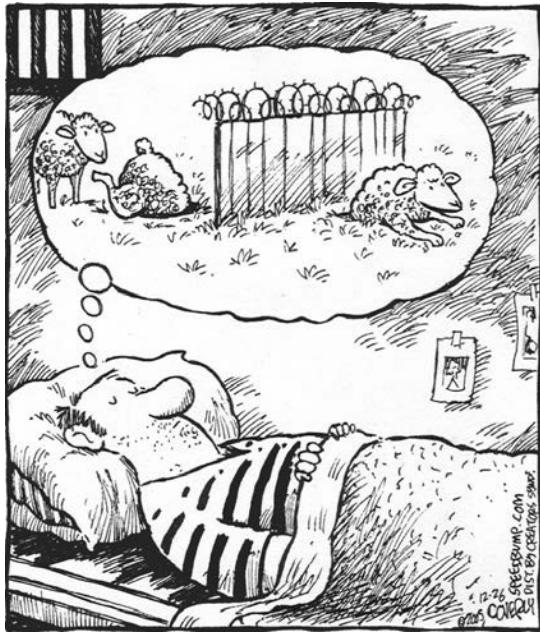
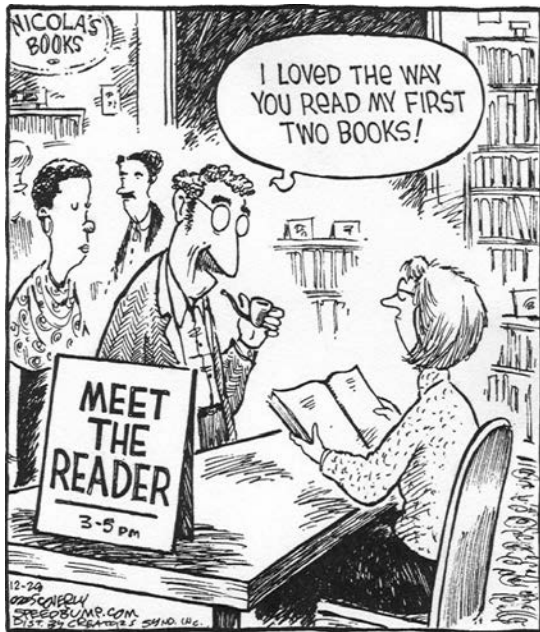
Costa Mesa, population 108,000, will become the nation's first city to authorize its police department to enforce federal immigration laws. Downey has a population of 107,000.

Twenty-nine percent of Costa Mesa residents are foreign born, according to the 2000 census, 66 percent from Latin America.

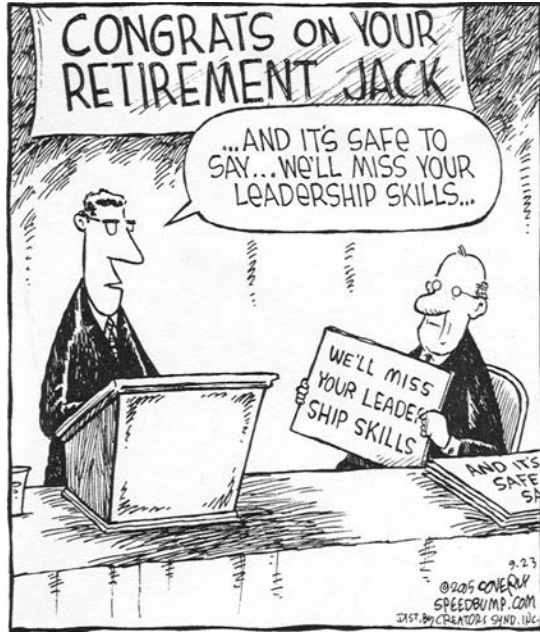
City officials said that no random sweeps will be made and that emphasis of the enforcement will be on those accused of serious crimes.

The issue wasn't on the City's agenda this week, but both protestors and proponents of the decision filled City Hall chambers. Speakers condemned the council for also closing a day laborer job center that had been in operation for 17 years.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For January

Fri. Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.: **Shawn Morgan entertains** at the keyboard with popular hits at Granata's restaurant, 11032 Downey Ave. Also Saturday night. For information call 861-2997.
Tues. Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m.: **Stroke Support Group** for stroke survivors and caregivers at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. Held the third Tuesday of each month. For information call 904-5162.

City Meetings

1st Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.: **Redevelopment Project Area Committee**, Cormack Meeting Room at Downey Library.
1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
1st Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Riley Center. Call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.
1st Thursday, 9 a.m.: **Traffic Committee**, Training Room, Second Floor of City Hall.
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council/Community Development Commission**, Council Chamber.
2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.: **Design Review Board**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
3rd Thursday, 3:30 p.m.: **Parking Place Commission**, Second Floor Training Room at City Hall

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner, mtg.**, for information call 426-6786.
6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Regional Med. Center Conf. Room A, for info. call 426-6786.
1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
1st Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post 270**, Los Amigos Country Club, call 869-1053.
2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church, for info. call 923-2481.
2nd Mon., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7159.
4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 861-3989.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Vince Zoida at (714) 761-4439.
9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call 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 Doug Baker at (714) 229-2266.
12:00 p.m.: **Exchange Club**, at Sizzler Restaurant. Call Don Hollister 927-5871
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.
2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Bakers Square. for information call (562) 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 7 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 943-3904.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at 9968 Lakewood Blvd., for info call 862-3106.
3rd Tues., 1:30 p.m.: **Huff and Puff Respiratory**, at DRMC Support Group, call 904-5355.
Last Tues., 11:00 a.m.: **Los Companeros Service Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, for info call 863-1549.

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

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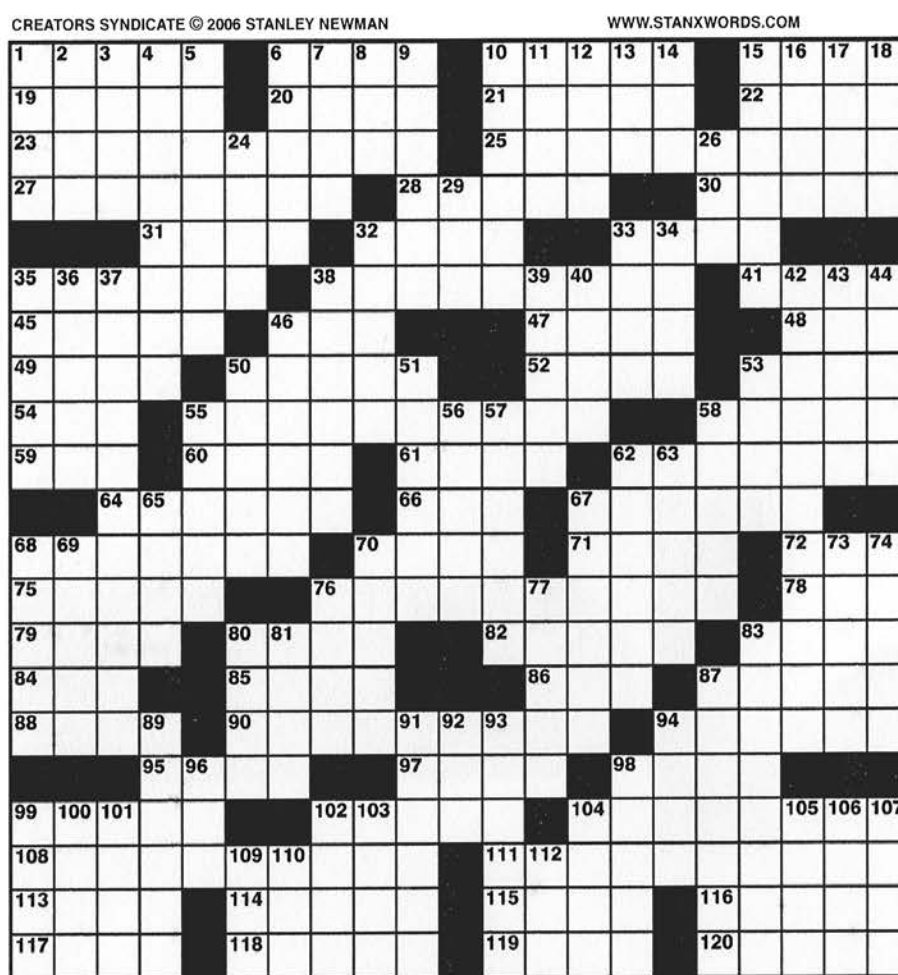
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414
3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (562) 622-3785.

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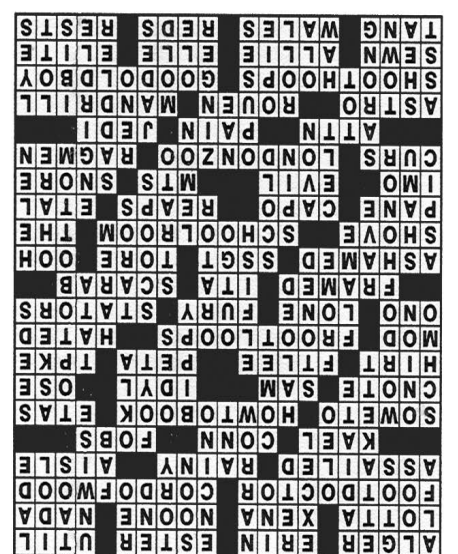
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Guitar show opens O.C. Fair new year

COSTA MESA—The Orange County Fair & Exposition Center will start the new year on a musical note with the Tex*Us Guitar Show Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 21-22, when music and guitar enthusiasts come together to see "the latest and the best" of the guitar industry. Visitors may see everything from guitars, amps, banjos, mandolins, effects, memorabilia, sound gear, parts, records, drums, violins, books, accessories, to online companies, manufacturers, retail stores, builders, and repairmen.

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Staged play readings at Boston Court

PASADENA—Classic and Contemporary American Plays (C.C.A.P.) has moved this season to Boston Court Performing Arts Complex in Pasadena. C.C.A.P. features staged readings of plays by great American playwrights read by some of the most proclaimed artists of theater, film and TV.

Public readings are held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on the Main Stage at Boston Court, 70 N. Mentor Ave., Pasadena. Tickets are \$25, and are available at www.bostoncourt.org. Discounts are available by calling (626) 683-6883.



APPEARING LOCALLY - As members of the Original 5th Dimension, the husband and wife team of Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr. rose to the top of the charts with such classics as "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In," "One Less Bell to Answer," "The Worst That Could Happen," and "Wedding Bell Blues." Their first release as a duo, "You Don't Have To Be A Star," became a No. One hit and earned them a Grammy Award. They will entertain at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. For information on tickets, call (800) 300-4345.

'Asian Bird Flu Over the Cuckoo's Nest'

LOS ANGELES—Describing themselves as "the world's most psychotic Asian American sketch comedy troupe," the San Francisco-based 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors makes its Los Angeles debut with an all-new show, "Asian Bird Flu Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Feb. 2-5 and 8-12 (Wednesdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.) at GTC-Burbank, 1111-B W. Olive Ave. in Burbank.

General admission is \$15; students and seniors \$13; group discounts available. For reservations/information, call (818) 754-4500 or email info@18mmw.com or access <http://tickets.manja.org/18mmw/asianflu>.

The 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors are a pan-Asian American sketch comedy group that draws from sources as diverse as Hong Kong cinema, Monty Python's Flying Circus and Saturday Night Live; it says it uses a fast-paced cinematic approach to live theater in order to entertain and to provoke thought about the issues that affect Asian Pacific Islander Americans and all people of color.

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

BELLFLOWER - The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Sopranos and tenors are particularly sought.

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Celine McLellan a resident 60 years

DOWNEY—Celine Josephine McLellan, a resident of Downey for the past 60 years and a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, passed away on Jan. 2 after a long illness.

Born Celine Cox in Pierre, South Dakota March 19, 1923 she remained in South Dakota until graduation from Pierre High School. After the outbreak of WWII, she moved to Washington, D.C. with her sister, to work and participate in the war effort. Following the war, she and the entire Cox family relocated to Southern California, which had always been the elder Coxes' dream for many years.

In June 1947, she married Don L. McKenzie of Downey. Here the couple raised their children, Dona and Ron. An avid golfer, she became a member of Candlewood Country Club in Whittier.

Don died in 1970 after a long illness.

She worked her entire career as an escrow officer, culminating in her ownership in 1982 of Marina Escrow in Bell Gardens. She retired from Marina Escrow, which she ran successfully, at the age of 75.

She married Richard U. McLellan in November of 1973, and they enjoyed five years together until his passing in January of 1979.

Surviving her are her daughter Dona (Nicholas) Hubbell; grandsons Daniel, Brandon, and Ian; her sisters Carolyn and Elizabeth; and many nieces and nephews. She leaves behind many friends, both here and abroad. Her son Ron preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers the family requested donations be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 17100 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 222, Encino, CA 91316-4026.

Services were entrusted to the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

Funeral Mass held for Michael Gutierrez

DOWNEY—A Funeral Mass was held on Jan. 7 at St. Dominic Savio Catholic Church in Bellflower, with Fr. Leo Baysinger officiating, for 49-year-old Michael Gutierrez who died in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico on Dec. 31. He resided in California for 49 years, in Downey six years.

Born Nov. 26, 1956 in Los Angeles, he was employed at Golden State Water Company and was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey. He also held memberships with South Gate Rotary, South Gate Chamber of Commerce, and the Society of Hispanics in Professional Engineering.

He is survived by his wife Lorena; son Juan Miguel; daughters Clarissa and Bianca; stepchildren Ricky and Albert Leon; his father Ismael; his brother also named Ismael; and sisters Maria Vizcarra and Cecilia Johnson.

Interment was at All Souls Catholic Cemetery in Long Beach following the service. The family was assisted by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.



DOMINGO CANAMAR—Is the first patient to be admitted to DRMC's new Progressive Care Unit. He is being cared for here by Patty Penhollow, RN, a nurse at DRMC for 23 years who has completed special training to care for PCU patients.

New progressive care unit opens

DOWNEY—A new Progressive Care Unit (PCU) has opened at Downey Regional Medical Center as part of the hospital's continuum for critical care. On Jan. 5, the unit received its first patient, who had undergone open-heart surgery and pacemaker implantation.

The PCU is within the scope of DRMC's Definitive Observation Unit (DOU). Care here is more intensive than on the Medical/Surgical unit, and a step lower than the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). It consists of 12 beds and is located on the hospital's second floor. The unit has received state-of-the-art monitors, along with fresh paint, new flooring, curtains and mattresses.

"Although our PCU patients are stable, they are also acutely and critically ill and at risk for rapid status change," stated DRMC Chief Nursing Officer Heather Conwell. "Our PCU nurses are providing more specialized care that will help improve patient outcomes and satisfaction. We also expect the PCU to help patient flow throughout the hospital, particularly in the frequently busy ICU and ER."

According to the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, progressive care nurses practice the same standard of nursing as critical care nurses and require the same level of education as nurses who work in the ICU, except with respect to invasive technologies. DRMC's PCU nursing staff has received special training to care for patients requiring close monitoring after receiving invasive procedures, during infusion of cardiac drugs, and coordinating care with various specialties within cardiology.

PCU nurses perform vital signs, blood gases, and patient assessments more frequently than on step-down units but less often than in the ICU.

Ruth R. Finer lived in Downey 50 years

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Ruth R. Finer, a 50-year resident of Downey who worked for almost 30 years at Emily's at Stonewood Shopping Center, passed away on Jan. 1 in Arroyo Grande, CA. After retirement, she contributed hundreds of hours as a volunteer at Downey Community Hospital. She moved in the spring of 2004 to the Central Coast to be closer to her daughter and son-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Irving, and son, Joel. Surviving her are her daughter, Lois, and son-in-law, Charles Crotser of San Luis Obispo; grandsons Eran of San Diego, and David and his wife, Lori, of Longmont, Colorado.

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Snow play trip for youth/middle school

DOWNEY—The city of Downey Community Services Department offers a “Snow Play” trip for Youth and Middle School to Big Bear Village – Alpine Slide, Monday, Jan. 16 from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

The fee of \$25 includes supervision and admission. All trips are supervised by adult recreation leaders.

Registration is now taking place at Downey City Hall in the Community Services Department. Sign-ups are limited. For information, call 904-7238.

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WAGS meets Jan. 21 in Whittier

WHITTIER—The Whittier Area Genealogical Society's (WAGS) next monthly meeting is Saturday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. at the Whittier Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Ave. in Whittier. The featured speaker will be Anne Browning, who will share her own family's *Orphan Train* legacy.

Between 1850 and the 1920s there were over 150,000 orphaned and abandoned children sent from the East coast cities to new homes in the West.

Visitors are welcome at these monthly meetings. For information, call (562) 695-5431 or (626) 919-1713, or see <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags>.

Toastmasters 587 meet Tuesdays

DOWNEY – Toastmasters International, Club 587, meets every Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. in room 115 at Downey First Baptist Church., 8348 E. Third St.

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Real estate investment workshop Jan. 28

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department offers a Real Estate Workshop at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive, Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Participants will learn how to purchase, with little or no money down, property without having to qualify for a loan, get money for closing costs, fix-up expenses and even get money back at the closing.

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Californians urged to have landlines in homes

SAN FRANCISCO—With Lifeline Telephone Service (Lifeline), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) says there is no reason for California homes to go without home phone service. Affordable home phone service is just a phone call away through Lifeline, a CPUC program available to Californians who have low or limited fixed incomes.

The CPUC is urging households to obtain home phone service even if they use cell phones, since landlines offer consistent service, connection to the community and can be considerably less expensive than cell phones. Cell phone users can sometimes experience poor signal coverage, preventing individuals from reaching family, friends and essential services. Additionally, landlines can become lifelines if problems arise with cell phone service during a crisis where cellular networks become overloaded or interrupted.

"Home phone service is as essential as water, gas and electricity and with Lifeline, it is very affordable," said Jack Leutza, director of the telecommunications division for the CPUC. "Home phone service is not only a convenience, but a necessity. It is our reliable link to emergency services, the way we look for jobs and more."

Lifeline makes it possible for consumers who qualify financially to have residential phone service for as little as \$6 a month. Consumers who already have service may also qualify for a reduction in their monthly bills simply by subscribing to Lifeline. The basic service provides calling to local numbers only, including emergency and toll-free numbers, and does not include such optional features as voice mail, call waiting or call forwarding.

More than 3 million households in California are enrolled in the Lifeline program and one out of four households qualifies financially for Lifeline. Lifeline can also be a wise money-saving option for college students with low or fixed incomes if they are not listed as dependents on their parents' income tax returns.

Eligibility for Lifeline is based on a customer's household size and annual income: a 1-2 member household's income must not exceed \$20,600; income for a three-member household must not top \$24,300; for 4 members, income limit is \$29,200. For each additional member, add \$4,900. These income limits are effective from June 1, 2005 through May 31, 2006.*

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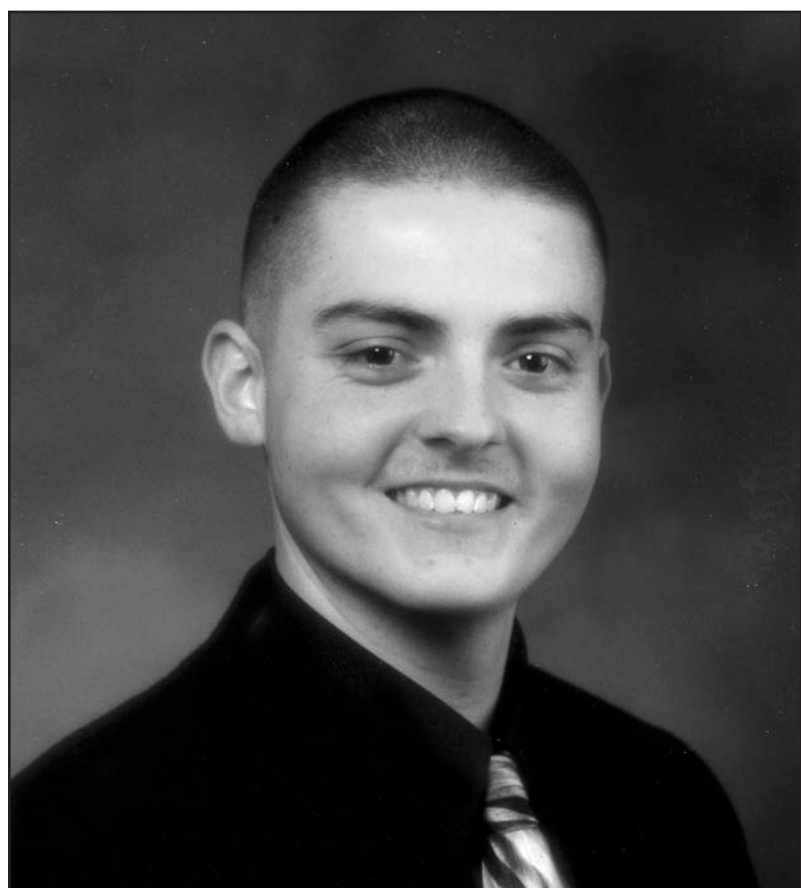
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WESTWOOD—Researchers at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, an interdisciplinary research and education institute devoted to the understanding of complex human behavior, seeks women ages 18-65 who have lost a mother or sister to breast cancer in the past five years for a study of the effects on mind and body.

Grief is stressful for everyone who loses a close friend or family member, but for some people the symptoms of depression, anxiety, loneliness and yearning that accompany grief become long-term and debilitating—a condition known as complicated grief.

The study is intended to better understand the relationship between mental and physical responses to complicated grief and move toward finding more effective treatments. Researchers chose surviving female family members of breast cancer patients because the disease often involves a family history that can make grief more acute, and leaves the survivors with feelings of vulnerability about their own health and survival.

The researchers will interview each subject, measure heart rate, test saliva for the stress hormone cortisol and measure brain activity with Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

Dr. David Wellisch, professor-in-residence of psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, is leading the study. For more information, call (310) 825-1889.

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Tickets are \$60 per, available by calling Jan Scott at 806-3701, or Carol Rowland at 904-7159, or by contacting any Soroptimist club member.

Red Cross needs help with blood drives

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Emergency Preparedness for Downey

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At the above-mentioned public hearing all persons interested in this matter may be present to give testimony for or against such proposed resolution.

Any further information about this project may be obtained by contacting City of Downey Public Works Department at 562-622-5438.

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Draft copies of the 2005 UWMP are available for review between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the City of Downey Public Works counter, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California 90241 and at the Downey Public Library, 11121 Brookshire Avenue, during regular Library hours.

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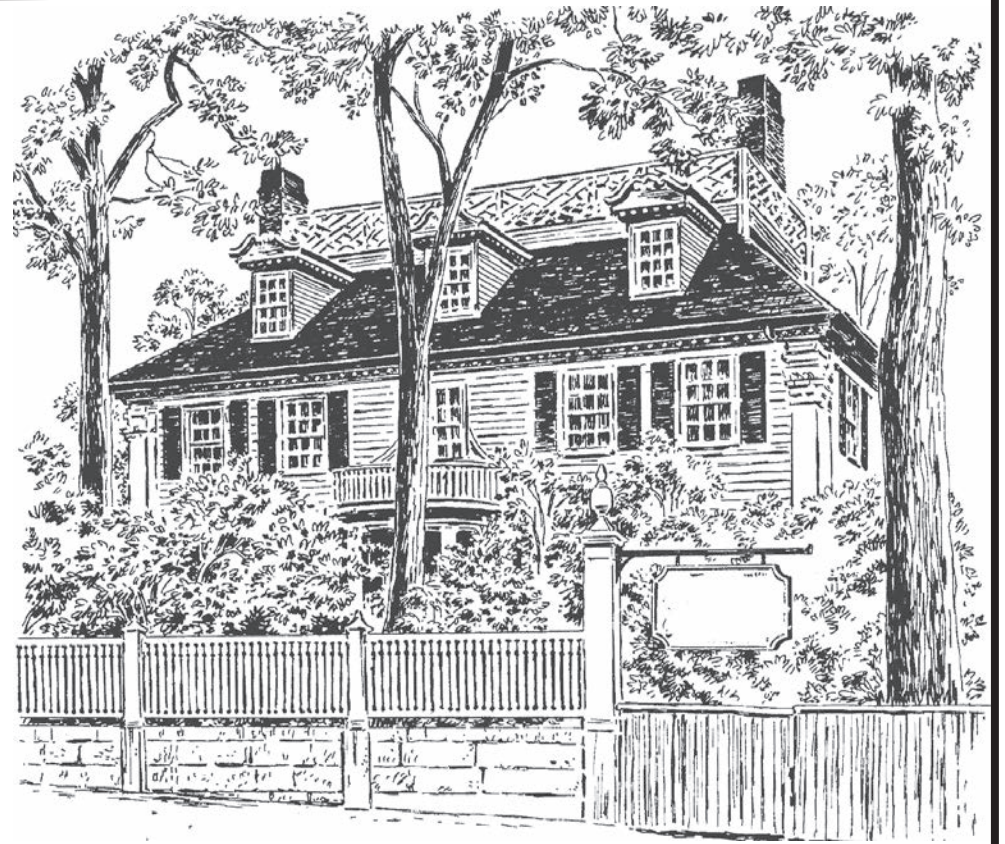
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Beautiful well kept home in Downey school district features 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, a large backyard with fruit trees, water fountain and fire pit. Ready to Move into! Asking \$499,900



For more details, please call Vicki Spearman @ 562-382-1215.



PRICE REDUCED, \$550,000!
Owner will consider all offers! This North Downey home has wonderful living room with fireplace, plus a large formal dining room with built in cabinets for your china and crystal. Park like yard has large covered patio off kitchen! 3 bedrooms, new tile in bathroom, central air and heat, in great location! Bring Offers!! Call now for an appointment!



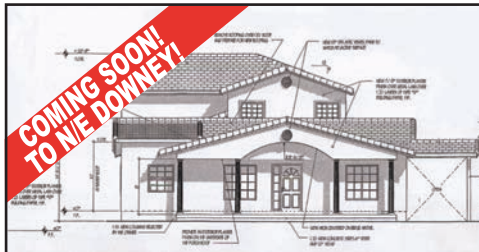
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LOOK NO MORE!
2 Story home with 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, formal dining room, rock fireplace in family room, 3 car garage, located in prestigious North Downey neighborhood!



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COMING SOON! TO NE DOWNEY!

NEW CONSTRUCTION IN DOWNEY!
This beautiful Downey home features 5 bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms, kitchen with stainless steel appliances, granite, marble & hardwood throughout, exquisite interior details, heated pool and spa, gorgeous patio with built-in B-B-Q, 3,202 square feet of living space, great school districts and much, much more! Priced at \$1,295,000.



For more information, please call Mario Persico @ (562) 533-7433 or visit his website at www.MarioPersico.com



AFFORDABLE BUY!

Charming 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home in North Downey with 1,210 square feet of living space on a 5,262 square foot lot. New roof, hardwood floors and a large living room are just a few features of this great home!



For more information or for price, please call Carrie Uva @ (562) 382-1252 or visit her website at www.CarrieUva.com

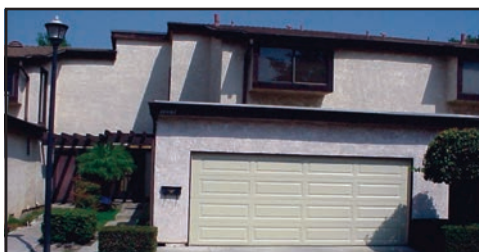


A SUPER BUY!

Cozy 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with formal living room and dining room, large sunny kitchen, hardwood floors, plus a large master suite with fireplace. Separate guest quarters, inside laundry & bonus room!



For more information or for price, please call Luz Ortega @ (562) 760-8034 or visit her website at www.LuzOrtega.com



A SUPER BUY!

This lovely 2 story condo features 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths, indoor laundry, spacious living room with beautiful gas/wood fireplace, large closets with lots of storage space and a 2 car garage with direct access.



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Vacant land located on major road in Palmdale, zoned M1. Directions available upon request. Asking Price: \$29,900.



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This elegant English Manor built in 1986 is located in prime North East Downey. The 4,286 sqft. home on a 10,000 sqft. lot features 3 bedrooms (3 master suites) 4 bathrooms, library, gourmet kitchen with subzero refrigerator and freezer, beautiful custom pool with spa and cascade and much much more. Call Jose for a private showing of this magnificent estate.



Open House Saturday 12-4

A Super Buy!

3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, newer roof, new windows, drywall in garage, spa, tile flooring, carpet, 1,125 sq. ft. of living space on a 7,371 sq. ft. lot.
Offered at: \$479,900-509,900. Call for a private showing, this won't last long.



Open House Sunday 12-4

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!!

Just minutes from Downey this home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Jacuzzi in master bathroom, and tile and carpeting throughout. With 1,170 sqft. of living space and a 4,465 sqft. corner lot.
Offered at \$494,900. The Price can't be beat!



Back on the Market!

Hot Buy of the Week!

This lovely home located in desirable Orange Estates features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, formal livingroom, inside laundry facility and large family room with fireplace. With over 1,500 sqft. of living space on a 7,600 sqft. this is a great house to call home.
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Lots' For Your Money!

Wonderful 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home in Downey with spacious living room, formal dining area, kitchen with breakfast nook, and inside laundry room -- all this on a spectacular 8980 sq ft lot at the end of a quiet-cul-de-sac. Home has copper plumbing, hardwood floors, newer electrical panel, freshly painted interior, and the seller is in the process of repainting the exterior as well. Property is close to Old River Elementary, West Middle School, and Warren High School. Value ranged between \$599,000-\$619,000.

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Don't Miss This One!

3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home in North Downey near Stonewood Mall with large living room and family room combination, light and bright kitchen, master bedroom with private bath, and a 3 year-old roof. The property is unique with a drive-thru 1-car garage in front that leads to the 2-car detached garage in back. The backyard is spacious (7560 sq ft) with grass, covered patio, and large concrete driveway. Priced to sell at \$675,000.

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Spanish Style Beauty

Beautiful Spanish-style 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home rebuilt in 1993 in the wonderful NE section of Downey. The property has a 2 car det. garage, long driveway with carport, and large pool-size yard that's perfect for entertaining. The custom-built home has an impressive living room with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room and den, and a downstairs master bedroom with large bathroom. The upstairs has another master bedroom, 2 other bedrooms with Jack-&-Jill bath, and bonus room with balcony. Price: \$1,149,000.

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A-1 Neighborhood!

Fabulous 3 bedroom, 3 bath Northeast Downey home with pool, spacious guest house, and 3 car det. garage. This home boasts a large living room and family room w/ fireplace, formal dining room, and large master bedroom with walk-in closet and private bath. The kitchen has a built-in range, double oven, sub-zero refrigerator, and new Bosch dishwasher. The home also features central air and heat, an attic fan, copper plumbing, pergo floors in kitchen, and newer windows. Price: \$1,150,000.

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Home of Distinction!

This magnificent, colonial-style home includes a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath main house, large guest house, 3-car garage, and huge backyard with pool & spa on an impressive 11,625 sq. ft. lot. The home features an elegant formal living room with crown molding & fireplace, spacious formal dining room, large family room with wet bar & fireplace, sunny kitchen with newer appliances & large pantry, spacious bedrooms, a playroom, and a solarium. You'll love the private master suite with its cedar-lined walk-in closet, large bathroom, retreat area, and fireplace. The pool & spa, with its automatic cover, can be used year round. Price: \$1,275,000.

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New construction in Northeast Downey.

This 5 bedroom + office, 4 bath custom-built home is almost 4000 sq ft and is located on a 7548 sq ft lot. Features new kitchen and bathrooms, hardwood floors, granite counter tops in kitchen and baths, dual central air and heat, copper plumbing, recessed lighting, curved/texture-coated walls, and professionally landscaped front and back yard. The home includes a very large master bedroom with walk-in closet and private bathroom and includes a spacious family room. You won't want to miss this work-in-progress. (Completed by February 2006) Price: \$1,349,000.

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