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AT THE CHARTER BALL KICK-OFF—(From left) DRMC Hospital Board members Karol Morrison and Sam Smock show their winning prize drawing tickets to Hospital Board Chairman and 2005 Charter Ball honoree Mary Lou Schmidt and Chairman of the Memorial Trust Foundation Board of Directors Mario Guerra.

## DRMC Charter Ball creating excitement

DOWNEY—Charter Ball season began on Aug. 17 with an evening kick-off that was a major event in and of itself.

Kick-off Committee Chair Kathy Korneff was congratulated by many of the 100-plus guests on hand in the Downey Regional Medical Center conference rooms. Guests bid on a wide variety of auction items, were introduced to the Charter ball honorees Don and Mary Lou Schmidt and committee members, partook of a full array of hors d'oeuvres, and received a foretaste of what is to come at the major event scheduled for Oct. 29.

The 30th annual Charter Ball will be held at the four-diamond Hyatt Regency Resort and Spa in Huntington Beach. Performances by a legendary comedian and rock band will soon be announced.

Reservations are now available for the black-tie gala presented by the fundraising arm of DRMC, the Memorial Trust Foundation. Call 904-5055 for information.

## DRMC and CareMore reinstate relationship

DOWNEY—CareMore Medical Group patients will have improved access to local health care services, thanks to an agreement signed Tuesday between Downey Regional Medical Center and the physicians of CareMore Medical Group and its contracted senior health plans.

The agreement is a positive step in repairing what had been a strained relationship between the local entities. Downey Regional Medical Center and CareMore Medical Group believe that in putting their past differences aside, the community will immediately benefit from improved access to health care services.

"It is with great pleasure that we welcome the physicians and members of CareMore's senior healthcare network back to our hospital," said Allen

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## Police on lookout for DUIs holiday weekend

DOWNEY—The Downey Police Department will be conducting roving DUI patrols during the evening hours of Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4. Drivers found to be under the influence will be arrested.

The patrols are part of the department's traffic safety education and enforcement campaign, calling for several Sobriety Checkpoints in 2005 and 2006, and high school education programs such as the popular "Every 15 Minutes" presentation. The program is paid for by a \$115,000 grant from the Office of Traffic Safety through the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

"Alcohol-related deaths and injuries are totally preventable, and this grant is a major step in the right direction to provide resources for the department and the public," said Downey Police Chief John Finch.

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AMANDA THORESON—Current Miss Downey Princess 2005 and former Miss Teen Downey 2003, is running for the title of Miss California USA, scheduled Sept. 9-11 at the Rivera Resort in Palm Springs. A 2005 Warren High graduate, she is currently attending CSU-Fullerton and aspires to become a Forensic Specialist for the FBI. Anyone wishing to support Amanda in her quest to become Miss California USA should call 965-3029.

## Warren kicks off tonight

DOWNEY—Warren High School travels to Irvine tonight, Friday, Sept. 2, to open the 2005-06 football season versus Northwood. Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

The Bears, under Head Coach Joe Biagioni, begin the season a week earlier than most schools, including Downey, who open Sept. 9 at La Habra.

Warren will try to rebound from a disappointing 2004 season that saw them fall short of the playoffs.

## Schools open soon; drive carefully

DOWNEY—With millions of children heading back to school over the next few weeks, the Auto Club of Southern California's Downey district office is reminding motorists to slow down and pay more attention when driving near schools and school zones.

In 2003, California children under 13 years of age accounted for 9 percent of the number of pedestrian fatalities (61) and 26 percent of pedestrian injuries (3,572). National figures indicate that traffic collisions are the number one cause of death and injury for children under 15 years of age.

### Look out for children

"Motorists driving through residential streets need to look out for children walking on their way to school or to their school bus stop," said Hend Hasrouni, the Auto Club's Downey district manager. "Parents and teachers also can help reduce injuries and fatalities by working together to teach children about safe walking and biking behaviors.

"Much of the danger comes from the fact that children are smaller and harder for motorists to see," Hasrouni said. "Children sometimes make the mistake of assuming that if they can see a car, the driver can see them."

This is the 23rd year AAA has conducted its "School's Open—Drive Carefully" campaign. Each fall, the Auto Club makes available 100,000 bumper stickers to school principals and law enforcement officials reminding motorists to drive with extra care at this time of year.

To help protect children, the Auto Club urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

- \*Drive slowly in and around school and residential areas.
- \*Obey school zone speed limit signs.
- \*Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children.
- \*Drive with your headlights on—even during the day—so children and other drivers can see you.
- \*Drive without distractions. Don't use cell phones, eat, apply makeup, shave or do anything that could take your attention from the road.
- \*Scan between parked cars, since children could dart into the street.
- \*Leave for your destination early enough so you don't have to speed to arrive on time. Take the possibility of traffic jams into consideration when planning a departure time.

Pedestrians should remember the following safety tips:

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## Pre-Vultee days in Downey aviation

By John Adams  
Second in a series

As stated in a previous story, the history of aerospace in Downey dates to 1911 when E.M. Smith, who started with a plant manufacturing transmissions and brakes, decided to try his hand at airplanes and bought the Albatross Company of Long Beach. He then needed an airfield, and bought 71 acres of land from James Hughan. The land was largely orange trees and castor beans.

The timing was terrible, with the stock market crash just two months later, and Smith leased the plant to the Champion Aircraft Corporation in 1932. Champion built safe but rather ugly planes that were often compared to bathtubs. They featured a tandem seat design and were designed for low altitude and speeds as low as 10 mph.

Sales were not good, and within seven months the plant was turned over to Curtiss Manufacturing of Los Angeles which planned to build trucks. Before that plan developed the Security National Aircraft Corporation owned by Walter B. Kinner stepped in.

Kinner had built the Kinner motor, as well as two planes for Amelia Earhart. The first was called "The Canary," and the second was bought by her in Boston in 1925 when she invested money in his company.

Kinner dreamed of becoming the Henry Ford of aviation. He focused on folding wings and side-by-side seating and planes that fit in a garage. He flew the plane in the 1933 Air Races in Los Angeles. He called it the Security Airster.

Kinner decided to move his operation to Van Nuys Airport and sold the Downey plant to the Baker Oil Tools Company. Baker used it for storage.

Jerry Vultee, finding financial support from Erret L. Cord (of Cord auto fame) designed the Vultee V-1 prototype, an eight passenger commercial air transport. Due to revised requirements by the Aeronautical Branch of the Department of Commerce, the V-1 became the V-1A with accommodations for two pilots in the cockpit. The plane was an immediate sensation and was purchased by American Airlines. But by 1936, its orders were dwindling, and Vultee looked toward the military market by designing the V-11 attack bomber.

Recalling the EMSCO plant in Downey where he had worked for a year, Vultee leased the plant from Baker Oil Tools in 1936 and moved his Aviation Manufacturing Corporation from Glendale to Downey.

His first customer for the V-11-G and V-11GB was the Chinese National Government which ordered 30 V-11-Gs. The Soviet Union ordered one, and the Turkish Government ordered 40 V-11-GBs, while Brazil took 26 V-11-GBs.

Tragedy struck when Vultee and his wife were killed in an air crash in Arizona while en-route to Washington D.C. in January 1938.

He was succeeded as president and general manager of the Vultee plant by Richard Palmer who became chief engineer in 1940, and the plant was named Vultee Aircraft. A new plane known as the V-12-C was ordered by

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## EARLY DEADLINE

BECAUSE OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY OUR DISPLAY ADVERTISING DEADLINE FOR SEPT. 9 EDITION WILL BE TODAY, FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY MONDAY, SEPT. 5, LABOR DAY



# Stroke Awareness Day at hospital Sept. 17

**DOWNEY**—Community members are invited to a "Stroke & Diabetes" seminar Saturday, Sept. 17 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave. (near Firestone Blvd.).

The seminar will feature board-certified endocrinologist Dr. David Berger who will speak on "Signs & Symptoms," and Diabetes Educator Elsa Saucedo, R.N., who will present "Are You at Risk with Diabetes?" Questions are encouraged.

The event is free and includes a continental breakfast. However, seating is limited and registration is required.

The Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation is partnering with DRMC's Memorial Trust Foundation to empower the community with knowledge of stroke.

For more information about future Stroke Awareness Days, call (562) 904-5162.



**PRO NETWORKERS** – Jerry Wetzstein of California Well Being and Karina Madariaga of the Downey Adult School are seen at a recent Pro Networkers of Downey meeting held every Friday at 7:30 a.m. at Mimi's Cafe. For information on the business networking group, call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

## Golf course participating in Nicklaus event

**DOWNEY** – Rio Hondo Golf Club in Downey is one of several local courses participating in the Jack Nicklaus Heart and Stroke Challenge, a program hoping to raise cardiovascular awareness in seniors.

Entry is free with the option of buying a mulligan for \$10 with proceeds going towards cardiovascular research.

Each member of the winning teams at the local club level will be awarded a lithograph commemorating Jack Nicklaus' final appearance at the British Open and sectional winners will be invited to join Nicklaus for golf at PGA National in West Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

For more information, call Stephen LaBarge of Rio Hondo Golf Club at 927-2329.

# Downey man gunned down in Pico Rivera

**PICO RIVERA** – A 30-year-old Downey man was shot fatally in the head as he and two companions stood in front of a 7-11 Store in the 9300 block of Slauson Avenue in Pico Rivera, police said.

The shooting was about 12:55 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26. Deputies said paramedics took Aron Adagio to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The gunman, described as a possible gang member, fled with a male companion in a white Chevrolet Blazer driven by a woman. All three are sought.

The victim's two male companions fled on foot and were not hit. The victim had no gang affiliations, police said, but the suspects are believed to be gang members.

Adagio was described as a sales representative and photographer who had just photographed a wedding.

Private services will be held at his home. Anyone with information is asked to call the Sheriff's Department at (562) 949-2431.

## Mixer/Business Expo moved up 1 week

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's upcoming Mixer/Business Expo with its "Fall Celebration" theme has been moved up to Thursday, Oct. 20 instead of Oct. 13 as originally announced.

The Mixer/Expo is sponsored by Downey Regional Medical Center and will be held from 5-8 p.m. at DRMC's new building at 11480 Brookshire Ave.

The public is invited to attend. Cost is \$3 and includes refreshments. Tables are available for those wishing to network. Cost of table space is \$60 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their tables in accord with the expo's "Fall Celebration" theme.

The booth adjudged the best will be awarded \$100, provided by the Membership Events Committee, which is coordinating the expo. There will as well be several opportunities to win door prizes.

Those who have already signed up for the Mixer/Expo include: CalMet Services, Inc., CareMore Medical Group, Downey Dental Center, Gallatin Dental Group, Jafra International, Laurie's Personal Pet and Hose Sitting, Southeast Los Angeles County Work Investment Board (SELACO WIB), and StormForce Marketing Co.

For information/to sign up, call the Chamber office, 923-2191.

## Chess lessons for kids at Riley Center

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering chess instruction for children ages 6-11 at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center starting Sept. 7 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 904-7223.

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<b>Tuesday, September 13th</b> 9:30 a.m. Hometown Buffet 6257 Atlantic Ave., Bell	<b>Wednesday, September 14th</b> 9:00 a.m. Denny's 11195 Long Beach Blvd., Lynwood	<b>Thursday, September 15th</b> 10:00 a.m. Hometown Buffet 11471 South St., Cerritos

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## Entries now being taken for 'Mr. Downey' contest

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Rose Float Association is now accepting applications for the 2006 Mr. Downey/Little Mr. Downey competition. The event, scheduled for Nov. 19, 2006, will be the fourth for the city. Contestants will compete in Interviews, Sportswear, and Formal Wear.

Applications are available at the following locations: online at [www.downeyrose.org](http://www.downeyrose.org), Downey Rent-A-Tux, Downey and Warren High Schools, Downey Chamber of Commerce and the Downey City Library after Aug. 26.

Contestants for Mr. Downey must be between the ages of 16-23 and either live, work or attend school in Downey. The winner is guaranteed a minimum prize of \$1,000 and \$500 for the first runner-up. More prizes will be determined by donations received by the organization.

Contestants for Little Mr. Downey must be between the ages of 5-8, and either live or attend school in Downey. The winner is guaranteed a minimum prize of \$500, and \$250 for the first runner-up. More prizes will be determined by donations received by the organization.

After paying out all prize awards and covering the costs of the event, proceeds will help to build the 2006 Tournament of Roses Parade entry, "Polar Wonderland."

All applications must be returned with a \$15 application fee and either mailed to DRFA, Attn. Mr. Downey, P.O. Box 765, Downey, CA 90241 by Sept. 14, or brought to the mandatory orientation from 2-4 p.m. on Sept. 18, 2005 at the Woman's Club of Downey at 9813 Paramount Blvd. in Downey.

Anyone wishing further information regarding the event may call (562) 824-7172.

## Internet class offered at library Sept. 10

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., is offering a Beginning Internet class on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon in the Computer Lab. The class is free.

Students must be comfortable using a computer mouse. The class will teach students the basics of using the Internet Explorer browser and how to use search engines to find information.

For reservations, call 904-7360, ext. 32, or visit the library's website at [www.downeylibrary.org](http://www.downeylibrary.org).

## Monthly 'Shabbat' dinners start Sept. 16

**DOWNEY**—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., will be having the first of their monthly Shabbat dinners at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

Shabbat Services will follow at 7:30 p.m. The services will be conducted by Student Rabbi Bryna Milkow and Cantorial Intern Ellen Jaffe-Gill, with Norberto Guinaldo at the organ. The community is welcome.

There will be an Oneg afterwards, in which pastries and beverages are served, sponsored by the Temple's Sisterhood.

For information/reservations, call the Temple office, 861-9276.



**DOWNEY COUNCILMAN KIRK CARTOZIAN**—And his companion, Jill Simonian, attended a wine tasting party in Ensenada, Mexico Aug. 13 at the Baron Balche Winery as special guests of Ensenada Mayor Cesar Mancillas. Cartozian was traveling as part of a Downey Sister Cities Association delegation.

## Rose Float dinner cruise in Long Beach

**DOWNEY**—The annual Hawaiian Sunset Dinner Cruise on the Long Beach Harbor sponsored by the Downey Rose Float Association takes place Sunday, Sept. 25 from 4-8 p.m.

Tickets pre-sold for \$35 per person include dinner, music, dancing and raffles. They can be bought from any Rose Float member or by calling (562) 824-7172. Hawaiian dress is optional.

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## Cerritos football coach faces felony charges

**NORWALK**—Patrick Callahan, the Cerritos College assistant football coach who has remained free on bail after his arrest Aug. 1 for allegedly obtaining federal financial aid fraudulently for 13 of his players, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

He was charged with 26 counts of felony conspiracy and grand theft, after a five-year investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Education on suspicion that he illegally doctored the players' requests for federal Pell Grants between 1999 and 2004.

The 57-year old Artesia resident could get up to 11 years in state prison if found guilty.

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**Emergency Preparedness To Sign Up for training classes starting on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2005, or for Information, Call 562-904-7344**

All training is provided free of charge by professional responders of the Downey Fire Department.



The CERT program is designed to prepare you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in an emergency. Rescue services may not be able to provide help immediately. The impact of a major disaster on the city of Downey should be a concern to everyone who lives here. Your training in responding to emergencies in the event of a disaster is essential to our City's ability to recover.

CERT training covers basic skills such as first aid, fire extinguisher use, light search & rescue, and how to protect yourself from becoming a victim.

**Who can join CERT?**  
Anyone 18 years of age or older who is interested in helping his or her community in preparing for a disaster and provide assistance afterward.

**Classes:**  
Are held on three consecutive Saturdays, September 10, 17, and 24, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at (LOCATION...).

**What is CERT?**  
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## Hughlett announces run for Board

**NORWALK**—Dr. Bob Hughlett, who spent three years teaching in Downey, 33 years as a professor and administrator at Cerritos College and 16 years of elected public service, will hold a kick-off fundraiser for his campaign for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees in the Nov. 8 election.

The combination kick-off and fundraising celebration "open house" will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 from 2-5 p.m. at the Cerritos Park East picnic shelter #2, located at 13234 East 166th St. between Shoemaker and Carmenita.

Dr. Hughlett's resume includes eight years on the board of education for ABCUSD and eight years on the Cerritos City Council, including two terms as mayor.

## Library book club membership open

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., invites the public to join its Book Lover's Club, where members can discover the best in literary fiction, biography and popular nonfiction.

Thursday, Sept. 8 from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Senior Librarian Jan Palen will lead the club's free book discussion in the Cormack Room. The month's featured selection will be *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Set in Afghanistan, the book follows the friendship of Amir, the son of a wealthy businessman, and Hassan, the son of a servant. This debut novel is both a political chronicle and a deeply moving tale about how childhood choices affect our adult lives.

Reservations are recommended by calling 904-7360, ext. 3.

## High Holy Days celebrated at Temple

**DOWNEY**—Rabbi Stephen Einstein, longtime spiritual leader of Congregation B'Nai Tzedek in Fountain Valley, is expected to put everyone in the right frame of mind to observe the coming High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur when he presents "Getting Ready for the High Holy Days" to EZRA Center for Mature Adults at its meeting Tuesday, Sept. 20 at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

The program is at 10 -12 noon, preceded by registration, coffee/tea and refreshments at 9:45 a.m.

A catered kosher luncheon will be served after the program. Cost of lunch is \$6 for EZRA members, and \$7 for non-members. The community is welcome.

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

## Kyser reports his economic outlook

**LONG BEACH**—In his report on Southern California's economic and housing market outlook, delivered before more than 250 Financial Partners Credit Union members July 20 at the Long Beach Marriot, chief economist for Los Angeles County Jack Kyser said there is still a housing deficit in Southern California's coastal areas.

He also questioned how long mortgage rates could remain low. He also pointed out that new home prices continue to rise, in part because of impact fees levied on new housing by various government agencies. Kyser stated that instead of one big housing bubble, there may be some "mini-bubbles."

Kyser is responsible for interpreting and forecasting economic trends in the Los Angeles five-county area including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties, and for analyzing the major industries of the area. His information helps develop job retention and creation strategies for Los Angeles County.

Kyser's advice is frequently sought by business, government and the media.

"Financial Partners is determined to provide superior member service by keeping members informed and educated on hot financial topics. The Jack Kyser event is just one example of how we take the extra initiative to bring the most up-to-date information on the economy and housing market to our members," said Nader Moghaddam, FPCU CEO/President.



**DR. BOB HUGHLETT**—Kicks off his campaign for a seat on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees in the Nov. 8 election with a fundraiser Sept. 10. Event organizer Betty Hyatt says Dr. Hughlett has the "experience, background and contacts to open doors to students, staff and community as a Trustee at Cerritos College."



**BUSY BEE CRAFT CLASS**—At Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave., includes: (from left), front row, Lynda Sader, Rebecca Ward and Kathi White; back row, Betsy Sproule, Avalon Walker, Dena Hornberger and Gladys Stout. The Downey United Methodist Women hold their annual Fall Boutique Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Fall Boutique and bake sale Sept. 17

**DOWNEY**—The Downey United Methodist Women are holding their annual Fall Boutique Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave.

They also have "Granny's Attic" and a wide array of baked goods in the "Bake Shop."

They invite everyone, once they're done with their shopping, to join them in the Cafe for lunch and dessert. Information: Marilyn Boss, (562) 869-6976.

## Christian Women's Club meets Sept. 14

**DOWNEY**—Harriet Payne of Downey Adult School's "Oasis" program will be the special feature when Downey Christian Women's Club meets Sept. 14 at Los Amigos Country Club for their buffet luncheon.

Nancy Sherman will speak on "overcoming stress with success" while Diane Pierce provides the musical entertainment.

The community is invited to attend, which costs \$12 and begins at 11:45 a.m. For reservations or information, call Ginnie at 927-8488 or Lisa at 928-6269.

## Bocce every Tuesday at Apollo Park

**DOWNEY**—Downey Bocce Club meets at Apollo Park for games on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Join the group by calling (714) 761-4439.

## The poets' corner

### Circumlocution

For diction like grandiloquent  
Soporific, multiloquent  
I have a predilection  
Mesmerize jeopardize  
Insouciant, nonchalant  
Word jewels of perfection.

Obsequious, fuliginous  
Opulence, intransigence  
Collusion and illusion  
I vow they show intelligence  
My husband vows confusion.

—Audrey Stafford,  
Downey

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### More on 'mansionization'

Dear Editor:

We are grateful to the Downey Patriot because through you we have a voice.

Mr. Smith wants to return to English common law. Yet we are accused of being back in the 19th Century. The type of architecture they are advocating goes back to the 15th Century.

I'm getting mixed messages about the occupancy of these "mansions." When I spoke with Mr. Yoshiki, he told me they were being bought by multiple families, as they were too expensive for one family to buy. My reply was, "You're telling me that they are nothing more than glorified apartment houses using a common kitchen." He neither confirmed nor denied this. Then the builders, etc., are saying they are bought by rich doctors. Someone who is on the inner workings of the hospital said, "Most of the doctors are moving out of Downey." What I see happening is not an owner-builder improving his home, but rather most of all of them are deciding, for one reason or another, that apparently it wasn't their "dream" home, because they can't seem to wait to sell it.

Mr. Smith gives the definition of a family (Downey Municipal Code Sec. 9104.96). As I figure the number of people living in a home, it could be: 2, husband and wife; anywhere from 1 to 10 children, possibly; one or two domestic servants and possibly 2 additional persons—not related. The total could range from 2 to 18 persons in one home. Please tell me who in Code Enforcement is going to check to see if this code is enforced. When I know that this is being thoroughly enforced, I might feel differently.

It was very obvious at the City Council meeting that everyone who spoke in favor of Mansionization, except one lady, were realtors, builders, contractors, loan officers, etc. One man was so concerned that Downey "go forward" that he came from Redondo Beach to "help" our city out. All of these had something to gain financially. I'm "sure" they would feel the same if no money were involved!

The others were there to try to protect Downey from high-density population.

Many remarks were made at the City Council meeting by those for "Mansionization" disparaging the elderly. I took it that we have no right to sunshine, a nice breeze, wooden sash windows, shake roofs or linoleum, and we really didn't need roses in our yards, either.

Mr. Smith, don't be too sure we are the minority!

We don't want Downey to be over-built and over-populated like South Gate, Huntington Park and Bell Gardens.

According to the unsigned letter of C.C., they don't care if they have multiple dwellings (families) next door to them

Just a footnote, C.C., I have no petunias, but many other beautiful flowers. I've been in Downey longer than you have, also. I have a feeling if you moved next door to me, we would get along just fine, as I've had no problems with my neighbors.

—Elsa Van Leuven,  
Downey

## TV soap?

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading your article, "Homeowners Alliance to combat 'Mansions,'" and then later read, "Confusion and inconsistencies" by Elsa Van Leuven and "Mansionization epidemic" by Don Niemond, both on the editorial page of your Aug. 19 edition. Who needs a TV soap when you're got this kind of material in your local rag?

It seems that Money waves its ugly head once again, and as usual, other heads look the other way. I'm from the old school and that form of education said that rules were made to be broken. I assumed it meant that there were exceptions to every rule, and that if it were by perhaps ignorance of any existing law or "Code" in this situation, then that is where the human element entered the picture and the problem could be solved to everyone concerned's satisfaction. Authority figures could sort it out and hopefully come up with a workable solution. Many people occupy positions of authority but don't necessarily have the ability or expertise of problem solving. When we find these authority figures that say, "Nothing can be done," we usually wind up with law and code enforcement quotes. Money being the measuring stick here, the little person with a smaller issue usually comes up on the short end of the stick (if you get my drift).

I just recently went through a yearlong process appealing an ownership issue with the Los Angeles County Tax Assessor. I understood the "letter of the law" and questioned their application of that rule. I felt I had been "victimized" by it, and that the original framers of that rule had something completely different in mind. Rules and codes for the most part are pretty much self-explanatory, but exceptions can and do occur. I was re-assessed back to 1998 on such a technicality and levied over \$10,000 in back taxes and penalties, and my annual tax stipend tripled! My attorney told me, "They're trying to collect more taxes on this technicality." He was right.

But like I mentioned above when authority figures like appeal panel members lack the problem solving ability, they do one of two things: they pass the buck and wait for one of the others to come up with a solution equitable to all, or simply do what the less acceptable way out is and quote the textbook version. What we need today in government is compassionate understanding. We are, after all is said and one, human beings trying to survive in a most difficult system of Capitalism, where "inflation" constantly raises the bar for everyone, and demands its inhuman compliance. There is a limit to our ability to comply, and demands do dictate. Some pour driveways, while others have to keep their money busy making more money. This money disease can be contagious. Hopefully, the 'live by the sword' saying won't apply here, but I fear it will, and most likely does.

—Jay Wells,  
Downey

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Korneff, chief executive officer of the 199-bed Downey Regional Medical Center. "We have resolved our past issues because we share an important common goal—to provide the highest quality of medical care possible to our communities."

The agreement will allow CareMore's senior health plan members to access Downey Regional Medical Center for medical and surgical care.

"CareMore's affinity for Downey runs deep, and so it is with great pleasure that we enter a new era of collaboration with Downey Regional Medical Center to benefit the communities we serve," said Sheldon S. Zinberg, M.D., chairman and founder of CareMore. "Our physicians and leadership share a common vision with the hospital and its dedicated staff of nurses, physicians and administrators. That philosophy is about putting our patients' needs first and foremost. Our past differences were effectively reconciled by sharply focusing on this mission."

CareMore Medical Group is comprised of 375 primary care physicians and more than 480 specialists throughout Downey and the surrounding areas of Southeast Los Angeles and Orange County.

Downey Regional Medical Center is a teaching hospital serving more than 100,000 patients annually.

## SAFE DRIVING

- \*Cross only at corners so drivers can see you.
- \*Always use a crosswalk when it is available. But remember that painted lines can't stop cars.
- \*Cross only on the new green light so you have time to cross safely.
- \*Use the intersection's walk/don't walk push-button when possible and cross with the "walk" sign only.
- \*Look all ways before crossing, watching for cars that are turning.
- \*Never cross the street from between cars. Drivers can't see you.

## COPS

"With the school year having just begun, our goal is to minimize DUI collisions by utilizing sobriety checkpoints as well as roving DUI patrols, and by publicizing our efforts," said Chief Finch.

The Police Department has taken a "No-Tolerance" approach to drinking and driving—all violators will be arrested and could face over \$5,000 in fines as well as jail time.

## AVIATION

the Chinese who took 25 in 1939. And the U.S. government ordered training planes in a contract worth \$2,986,000 with Vultee in August the same year.

The plant was redesigned to meet the new production demand.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### Part of the solution

Dear Editor:

In recent months, the future status of Downey Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room has caused our hospital staff and the community we serve serious concern. The high cost of providing high-quality emergency and hospital care for the uninsured well beyond our surrounding service area amounts to millions of dollars a year. It is not a burden we can continue to bear alone.

Several individuals have come alongside to help us in fighting for the ER's survival. Among them are L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe, Director of L.A. County Emergency Medical Services Carol Meyers, Assemblymembers Hector de la Torre and Ron Calderon, Senator Allan Lowenthal, Healthcare Association of Southern California Executive Vice President Jim Lott, and President of the California Healthcare Association (CHA) Duane Dauner.

In Downey, we are fortunate to have a strong public health leader in Downey Fire Chief Mark Sauter. He has demonstrated proactive leadership in tackling this crisis, which affects the city's paramedic and ambulances service and ultimately local patients requiring expert, immediate treatment at their local emergency room.

Collaboration between elected officials, hospital representatives and emergency personnel is essential if we are to repair the broken health system in Southeast Los Angeles. I thank each of the aforementioned champions, all of whom will be part of the solution.

—Allen Korneff,  
President and CEO, DRMC

### Position 'pathetic'

Dear Editor:

Downey Regional Medical Center should send a bill to the Chamber of Commerce for a large portion of the money they lost treating uninsured illegal aliens.

Tom Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber, is furiously lobbying the White House for an amnesty bill for the illegals.

He said the U.S. needs a steady pipeline of cheap labor, but better yet, it would also give amnesty to the law-breakers that employ them.

You know those upstanding members of the community, that scream out their patriotism and wrap the flag around themselves and yet they sell out their own country to fatten their bank accounts without any thought of how it will affect their children and grandchildren.

How absolutely pathetic.

—Conrad Vagasky,  
Bell



### Two cents worth

Dear Editor:

I would like to throw my two cents in, regarding several subjects I have been reading about.

1) McMansions: I think one of the main problems some residents of Downey have with "McMansions" is a fear of change. Change is scary for some. Let's remember a famous quote: "There is nothing to fear but fear itself."

2) The new football stadiums at Warren and Downey High Schools: They are beautiful! But...take a stroll around Warren High School, it's disgusting! Trash is everywhere. The classrooms the students inhabit are archaic. Too bad the money invested in these "stadiums" couldn't have gone for hiring more janitors to help keep the campus clean. Hey, here's an idea: Kids that get detention should perhaps be required to pick up trash around "their" school... (Just a thought).

3) Barking dogs: Why? Why? Please, people with dogs, do you not hear your dogs barking at night? One or two yelps are fine, but incessant (hour after hour!) barking is enough to drive a person "crazy."

Please, be aware of the barking. (I know you are home). Don't ignore it.

4) Multiple cars: Multiple cars parked in front of others' homes—this is downright rude. If you or your family own and drive many cars, please try and keep the "herd" in your driveway in front of your own home, or in the garage! (Do people use their garages for parking cars anymore?) No one wants to look at someone else's car parked in front of their house, regardless if it's a BMW or not!

Well, as you may have discerned — all these topics have a common thread: Courtesy toward others!

—Mary Kemp,  
Downey

### DHA: 'Stop mansionization'

Dear Editor:

Over 60 people crowded into the meeting room in Furman Park for the 3rd Downey Homeowners Alliance meeting on Monday, Aug. 22. The meeting provided an opportunity for neighbors to voice their frustrations as well as offer input in the 'Campaign to Stop Mansionization.'

The group continues to compile materials to present to the subcommittee and city council to validate their belief that the current code is being violated. They also will be drafting a document intended to help the subcommittee in its determination on the mansionization issue that will suggest additional items for consideration in better serving the interests of neighborhoods.

The main focus of the Downey Homeowners Alliance at this time is to see that the Planning Department upholds the existing code and discontinues issuing permits on mansions that are overscale and out-of-character with the neighborhood.

An effort is being made to document which tracts in Downey have covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&R's). CC&R's are enforceable legal documents which are recorded on the title and pass with the deed. Some tracts have a similar deed designation of Homeowner's Association rather than CC&R's. Anyone with questions on how to find out if your home has CC&R's or Homeowners Association, contact the DHA at preservedowneyhomes@yahoo.com.

A new meeting site will be sought due to overflow crowds. DHA meets again next week.

—Downey Homeowners Alliance

### Monster homes

To the Editor:

I have no problem with people building their "Dream Home" in Downey. But tearing down old homes to put up a monster mansion that is completely out of character with the neighborhood is what I do have a problem with. A good architect would be able to build a beautiful home without destroying the integrity of the neighborhood to do it.

C. C. in his recent letter mentioned that he would rather have multiple families in one house than to have families with barking dogs living next to him. Does this mean that if you have multiple families they won't have barking dogs? What about the cars that the multiple family dwelling has, do they have enough garage space to fit, or do we have to widen the streets to accommodate the cars parked all over.

Thomas D. Smith talks about the 40 thieves speaking for Downey, only he has it turned around, the 40 thieves are the big builders who care about nothing but themselves and their own bank account.

We are not the minority in Downey that believe in the beauty of Downey, we are the majority and that's what the big builders are afraid of.

—Barbara Redfox,  
Downey

### Thanks

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who participated in Matthew Beltran's fundraising dinner at Salvatore's on July 27.

There was such an awesome turnout. I apologize to those who waited in line to eat. We are so blessed to see so much support from the community. This is the first fundraiser we undertook, and we learned from the experience. Because of all this support, we are able to continue Matthew's hyperbaric treatments.

We extend special thanks to: Salvatore's, Downey YMCA, Kiwanis Group, Century 21 Florence, Mary Kay, Calvary Chapel Downey, Nodes Book Store/Norwalk, Clearwater Christian Center/Paramount, Victory Outreach/Norwalk, LAPC, Downey Regional Medical Center, and Agua Viva Raspado's.

Donations may be forwarded to The Matthew Beltran Special Funds Account, Account No. 0890840496, Bank of America in Downey. For information, call (562) 923-0042, or email matthewhope02@yahoo.com.

—Connie Beltran,  
Downey

### Downey connection strong

Dear Editor:

I was not actually born in Downey but I lived in Downey from 1941 through 1969. I've been away from Downey for a lot of years, but I have never lost that wonderful, mysterious tie you have to your designated "home town."

I am delighted to see The Patriot maintain an Internet presence. It really does help to keep the "connection" connected and I look forward to seeing each edition.

Good luck and keep up the good work.

—J. Ward Dawson,  
DHS Class of 1953,  
Ivins, UT

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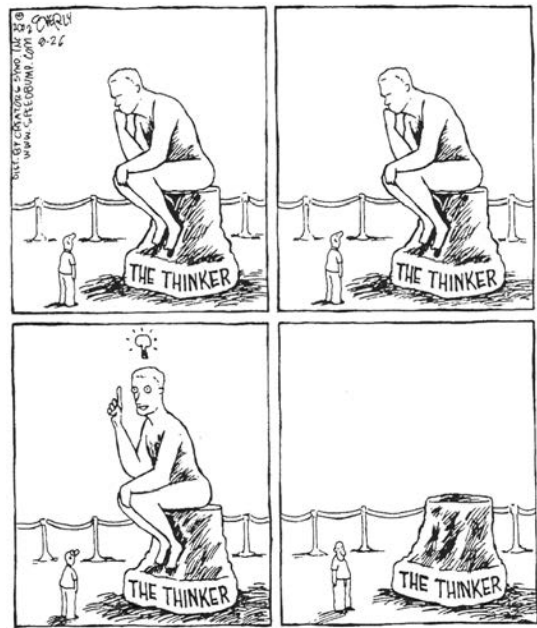
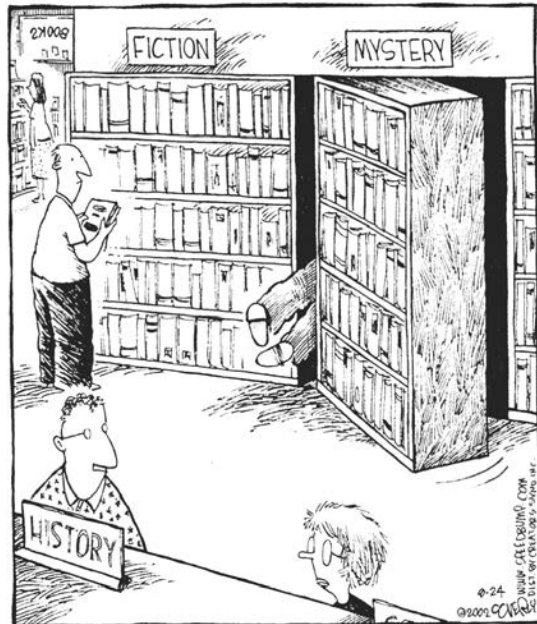




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## Downey Community Calendar

### Events For September

**Sun. Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.:** Rob Syphax Guitar and vocals played with hits of the 60's and 70's at the Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call 869-1414.  
**Tues. Sept. 6, 11:30 a.m.:** Seven Week Pilates Class musculoskeletal exercise sessions offered by Downey Community Services Department. \$65 fee, all fitness levels welcome. For information or to register call 904-7223.

### 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, 7:15 p.m.:** City Council/Community Development Commission, Council Chamber.  
**2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6 p.m.:** Design Review Board, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
**3rd 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 Dorothy Parizek at 927-5437.  
**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 Tues., 8:30 a.m.:** Women's Agape, at Los Amigos Country Club. for information call (562) 622-3785.  
**2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.:** Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.  
**2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.:** Sertoma Club, at Denny's Restaurant. 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 p.m.:** Downey Jr. Chamber of Commerce, for information call 867-1087.  
**2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.:** Downey Sister Cities Ass'n, at Maude Price School, Call 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 Sambi'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.

#### Fridays

**7:30 a.m.:** Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Joe Becker at 869-1414.

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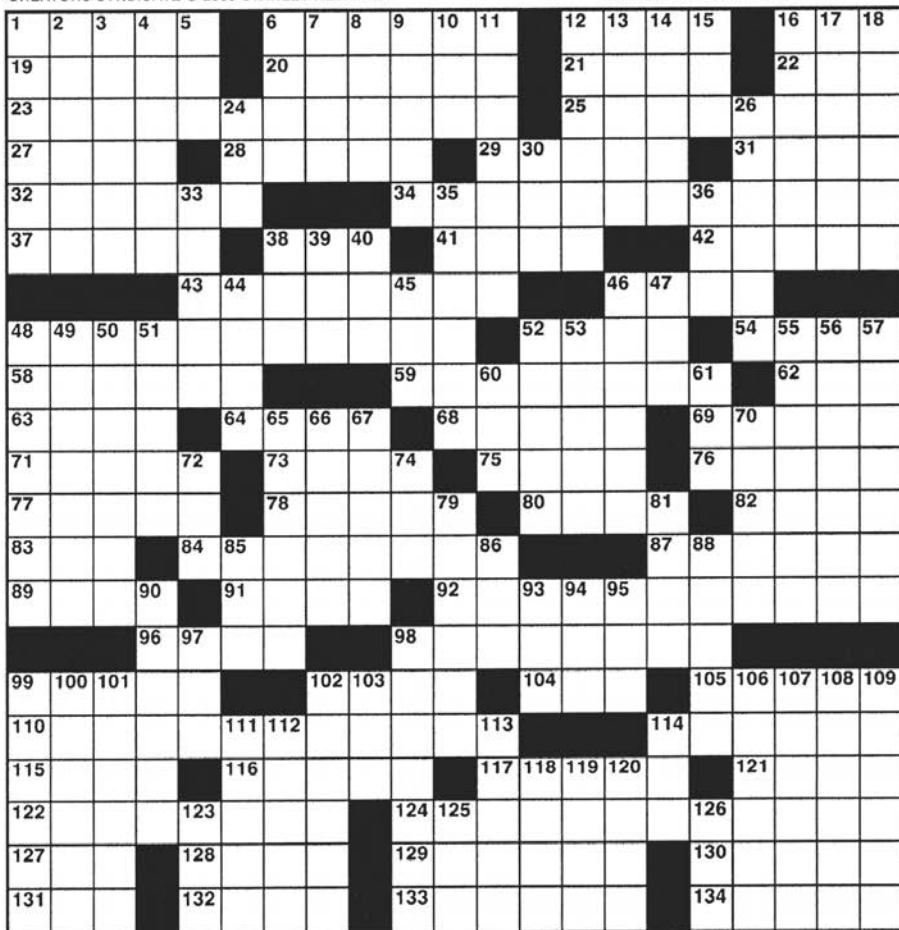
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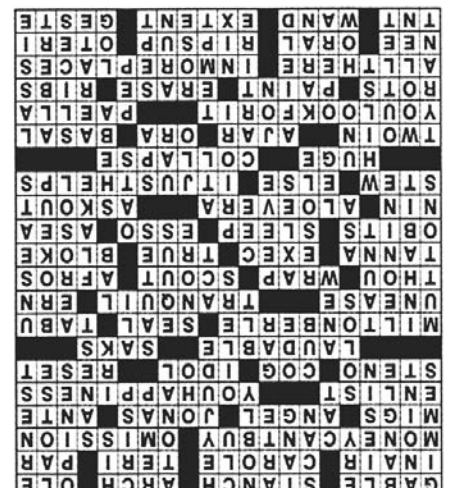
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  - 12 Instep shape
  - 16 Flamenco dancer's shout
  - 19 "... the bombs bursting ..."
  - 20 Lombard wed to 1 Across
  - 21 Actress Hatcher
  - 22 Bogey beater
  - 23 Start of a quip
  - 25 Oversight
  - 27 Russian fighter jets
  - 28 Well-behaved child
  - 29 Dr. Salk
  - 31 Poker contribution
  - 32 Sign up for duty
  - 34 Part 2 of quip
  - 37 Letter taker, for short
  - 38 Minor employee
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  - 42 Stopwatch button
  - 43 Praiseworthy
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  - 52 Flipped swimmer
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  - 71 Ulrich's Vega\$ role
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  - 77 Newspaper notices
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  - 80 Exxon's former name
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  - 83 French diarist
  - 84 Lotion ingredient
  - 87 Invite on a date
  - 89 Gumbo or goulash
  - 91 Further
  - 92 Part 3 of quip
  - 96 Very important, casually
  - 98 Cave in
  - 99 "... is worth the bush"
  - 102 Almost closed
  - 104 Man-mouse connection
  - 105 metabolism
  - 110 Part 4 of quip
  - 114 Saffron-and-rice dish
  - 115 Deteriorates
  - 116 Make a mural
  - 117 Wipe chalk from
  - 121 They're ordered by the rack
  - 122 Complete
  - 124 End of quip
  - 127 Bridal notice word
  - 128 Using speech
  - 129 Tears to shreds
  - 130 Cheri in Scary Movie
  - 131 Blasting material
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  - 4 wait (prepares an ambush)
  - 5 Rook or cook ending
  - 6 See 24 Down
  - 7 Gemini 4 drink
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  - 9 As an aristocrat would
  - 10 Insurance pro's title: Abbr.
  - 11 Beatles song of '68
  - 12 Musically keyless
  - 13 Update cartographically
  - 14 Like corn chips
  - 15 Towel term
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  - 17 Taoism founder
  - 18 Physicist Rutherford
  - 24 With 6 Down, X-ray successor
  - 26 Least foolhardy
  - 30 "I get it now!"
  - 33 Flight-school tests
  - 35 Five-time Stanley Cup team
  - 36 Ruffle the feathers of
  - 38 Little leopard
  - 39 Poetic homage
  - 40 Toothy fish
  - 44 From the top
  - 45 Crisp sandwich
  - 46 Pan-fries
  - 47 Will Smith biopic
  - 48 Butcher cuts
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  - 55 Spray-can liquid
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  - 60 Emulate Eastwood
  - 61 Frankenstein setting
  - 66 Do cobbling
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  - 70 Cereal piece
  - 72 Simile segment
  - 74 Grade of 70 or so
  - 79 A (deductive)
  - 81 Feedbag filler
  - 85 Table support
  - 86 Ocean abutting N. Car.
  - 88 Kingdom in 1 Kings
  - 90 During, quaintly
  - 93 Jersey Girl star, to fans
  - 94 Former Egypt/Syr. alliance
  - 95 Sort of resort
  - 97 Numero
  - 98 Trunk contents
  - 99 Ruthless ruler
  - 100 Like serapes
  - 101 Place for a plug
  - 102 Off the beaten path
  - 103 Guy in Garfield
  - 106 Freshen aquarium water
  - 107 Pizza servings
  - 108 Dr. Schweitzer
  - 109 Collie of TV
  - 111 Phantom's hangout
  - 112 Designer Donna
  - 113 Entice
  - 114 High energy
  - 118 Cleared the horizon
  - 119 Make for it (flee)
  - 120 Equinox mo.
  - 123 A question of procedure
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## Chamber's 2nd annual Oldies Show fundraiser

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Chamber of Commerce's 2nd Annual "Oldies, but Goodies" Concert featuring The Drifters, who will perform such hits from their legendary career as "Under The Boardwalk," "On Broadway," and "Save The Last Dance," is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Downey Civic Theater, 8435 Firestone Blvd. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Hosting the show is singer/comedian/emcee Mark W. Curran. Tickets are \$30 and may be ordered from the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 923-2191. The Chamber office is at 11131 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

## East West Players to present 'Stew Rice'

**LOS ANGELES**—East West Players, the nation's premier Asian American theater organization, begins its historic 40th Anniversary Season with the return of the Hawaiian favorite, *Stew Rice*, by Edward Sakamoto, directed by James A. Nakamoto.

Beginning in Hawaii during 1957 and ending in 1978, this comedy centers around three young men and their female counterparts as they finish high school, examining what happens to friendship when time and distance have their way. But more importantly, what happens when someone moves away and no longer relates to "home." East West Players' 1987 production of *Stew Rice* was one of the most successful in the theater's history, running for almost three months after being extended twice.

*Stew Rice's* theme of leaving home and returning years later to discover how people and places have changed is a universal experience that strikes a chord with all audiences. Everyone leaves home at some point in their lives to face a new set of challenges and reach new goals. And everyone knows how hard it is to go back and realize that home has changed. But sometimes the most difficult part is realizing that we have changed too," East West Players Producing Artistic Director Tim Dang said.

Playwright Sakamoto has written 16 plays, 11 of which have Hawaii themes. His plays have been produced in Honolulu, New York City, Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles, among others. He received the prestigious Hawaii Award for Literature (1997) from then Gov. Benjamin Cayetano. University of Hawaii Press has published six of his plays in two books: *Hawaii No Ka Oi*, the *Kamiya Family Trilogy* and *Aloha Las Vegas and Other Plays* – the "other plays" are *Stew Rice* and *A'ala Park*. He received L.A. DramaLogue awards for *Stew Rice* and *Chikamatsu's Forest*. Hawaii State Theatre Council presented Sakamoto with *Po'okela* awards (best original plays) for "Our Hearts Were Touched with Fire" and "Aloha Las Vegas." Sakamoto has also received the Rockefeller Foundation American Playwrights in Residence fellowship and an NEA grant.

"In a way I wrote *New Rice* for those of us who left Hawaii in our youth and still find ourselves on the mainland, separated from friends and family for many years. Leaving Hawaii at the time seemed like the right thing to do. For many, life on the mainland is indeed better, more exciting, more challenging. For others, the mainland is perhaps a trap, since returning to Hawaii is impossible because of career jobs," said Sakamoto. "Like some of my other Hawaii plays, *Stew Rice* is a nostalgic return to my youth."

All performances are in the David Henry Hwang Theater at the Union Center for the Arts, located in Little Tokyo at 120 Judge John Aiso St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Opening night is Sept. 7. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. (no Saturday matinee on Sept. 10). Previews are Sept. 1-3 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 4 at 2 p.m. An American sign Language-interpreted performance is scheduled for Sept. 24 at 2 p.m.

General ticket prices are \$35 in the orchestra and \$30 in the balcony. Preview tickets are \$20 for all seats. Opening night tickets are \$60 for all seats.

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**COMING TO DOWNEY** – The Drifters, famed rock n' roll singing group with many hit songs to their credit, will headline the Downey Chamber of Commerce's second annual Oldies Show to be held Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theatre. Bobby Hendricks, one of the original members of the group, will be featured. Admission is \$30 per person to this benefit concert for the Chamber. Tickets are now on sale. For information, call 923-2191.

## Cerritos releases theater schedule

**NORWALK** – The Cerritos College Department of Theatre has released its 2005-06 season lineup, which will feature performances from alumni actors along with current theater students in celebration of the college's 50th anniversary.

"The Diary of Anne Frank" opens the season in October 2005. A family is forced into hiding by Nazis during World War II in the story of a young Jewish girl.

"Aesop's Fables" hits the stage in December 2005. Director Ken Rugg and ensemble ramble through selected tales from the wit and wisdom of Aesop, in this comical and adventurous show suitable for the entire family.

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## Bellflower Chorus sings Sept. 16-18

**BELLFLOWER**—The Bellflower Civic Chorus will present their annual Encore Concert 2005, "Sentimental Journey," at the William Bristol Civic Auditorium, in three concerts Sept. 16-18.

Admission for seating at each of the three concerts is \$5, with times Friday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 18 at 2:30 p.m.

An exciting variety of music is planned, drawing from favorites of both the chorus members and input from past audiences. The chorus will pay tribute to beloved and prolific composers including Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Hoagy Carmichael, Lerner and Loews, and Rogers and Hammerstein.

Solos and duets will add to the show, plus a lively quartet singing "Lida Rose" from "The Music Man," and a sextet of lovely ladies belting out "Big Spender" by Cy Coleman.

Also featured will be the dance ensemble, "The Headliners," doing "New York, New York," and "Elmer's Tune." The concerts close with Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera," and "I saw the Light" by Hank Williams.

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## Walter Koskie served in Guam during WWII

**DOWNEY** – Walter F. Koskie, a World War II veteran and longtime Downey resident, died Aug. 28 at Veterans Administration Home in Chula Vista from complications of a stroke he suffered on Sept. 11, 2001.

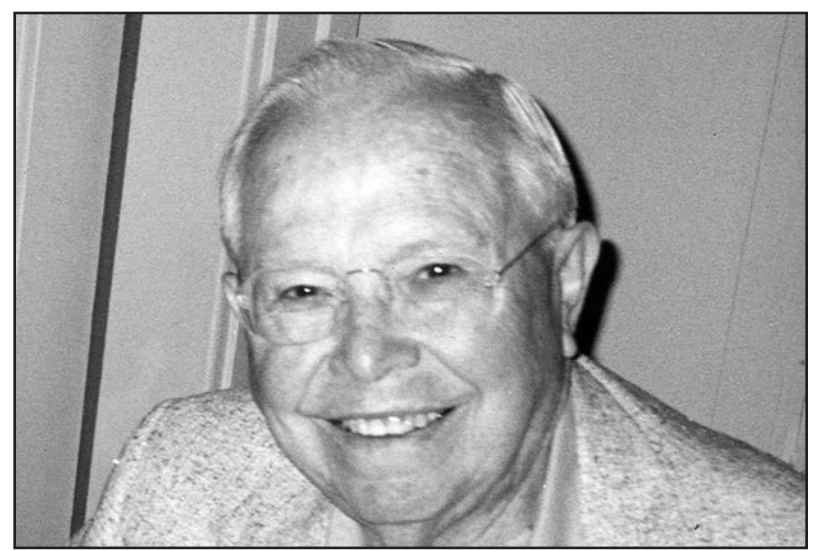
He was born on April 5, 1916 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Walter J. and Hazel D. (Erskine) Koskie. After moving west with his family, he graduated from Downey High School in 1934 and Compton Community College thereafter.

Koskie served as a hospital administrator in the Pacific Theatre during World War II, managing a 2000-bed hospital on New Caledonia and a 5000-bed hospital on Guam.

He was predeceased by his wife, Leta, in 2001. Interment will be at Riverside National Cemetery.

WALTER KOSKIE – Was 89 when he died Aug. 28.

Past obits are available on-line at [www.thedowneypatriot.com](http://www.thedowneypatriot.com)



HARVEY RAE CLARK – Owned Manor Insurance Agency in Downey until his retirement in 1988.

## Harvey Rae Clark owned local insurance company

**DOWNEY** – Harvey Rae Clark passed away on August 29 in Downey at age 92.

A resident of California for 82 years, he was born in Galva, Illinois on May 22, 1913 and migrated to California in 1923. After graduation from Fremont High School in Los Angeles in 1930, Clark married the former Dorothy Cooke on February 21, 1936, a union spanning 69 years.

He was employed by Haas-Baruch, Nestle Company, and Sunshine Biscuit, and owned and operated a market in Huntington Park, in addition to being founder and owner of Manor Insurance Agency on Florence Avenue in Downey.

He retired from the insurance business in 1988 but volunteered for Meals on Wheels and Downey Regional Medical Center, and was also a charter member of Downey Sertoma (Service to Mankind) Club, earning numerous awards from the organization throughout the years.

He was predeceased by his parents, Armps and Ruth Clark, and his son, Darrel. In addition to his wife, Dorothy, he is survived by his son, Greg; wife Lonna of Las Vegas; and daughter Wendy McKinsey (John). He is also survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Interment was conducted at a private graveside service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society.

## Sept. 4 services planned for Erlinda Espinoza

**DOWNEY** – Erlinda Espinoza, born on January 12, 1947 to Raymond and Belen, passed away on August 29. She had been living in Downey for two years with her family.

She is survived by her son Manuel; mother Belen; brothers Alfred and Nicky; sister Paula (Ernest Sr.); nephew Ernest Jr.; and grandchild Haille. Services are scheduled for Sept. 4 at Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.

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## Ronald L. McKenzie services held Aug. 30

**DOWNEY**—Ronald L. McKenzie, who was an escrow officer in the real estate business for 25 years and served as president of the Escrow Officer's Association, has died. Born Dec. 10, 1955 in Los Angeles to Don and Celine McKenzie, he died on Aug. 24.

Services were held at the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary on Tuesday, Aug. 30.

He is survived by his mom Celine, his sister Dona (Nicholas), and nephews Daniel, Brandon, and Ian. His many friends also mourn him.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions be made to the Ronald L. McKenzie Memorial Fund @ U.C. Berkeley Gift Administration, 2080 Addison, Berkeley, CA 94720-4200.

## Bingo luncheon at St. Raymond's

**DOWNEY**—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish is holding a bingo luncheon Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1 p.m. in the Msgr. Robert Gipson Hall, 12348 Paramount Blvd., Downey.

Donation of \$10 includes one free bingo card, door prizes and lunch. There will also be a raffle of a \$25 money tree.

For tickets/information, call Aline Amatisto at 869-8981.

## Pre-enrollment for parent education

**DOWNEY**—Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. in Downey, will be pre-enrolling for the Parent Education Through Child Participation classes for the Fall Semester on Friday, Sept 9, from 9 a.m.-12 noon.

This program is year-round beginning in September and concluding in June each year. You are to bring child's immunization record, child and parent's proof of TB test taken within the past four years.

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

## Fly Fishers invite residents to join club

**DOWNEY** - Downey Fly Fishers, a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, invites new members to their monthly meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at Apollo Park. For information, call 943-3904.



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## Pro Networkers meets Fridays

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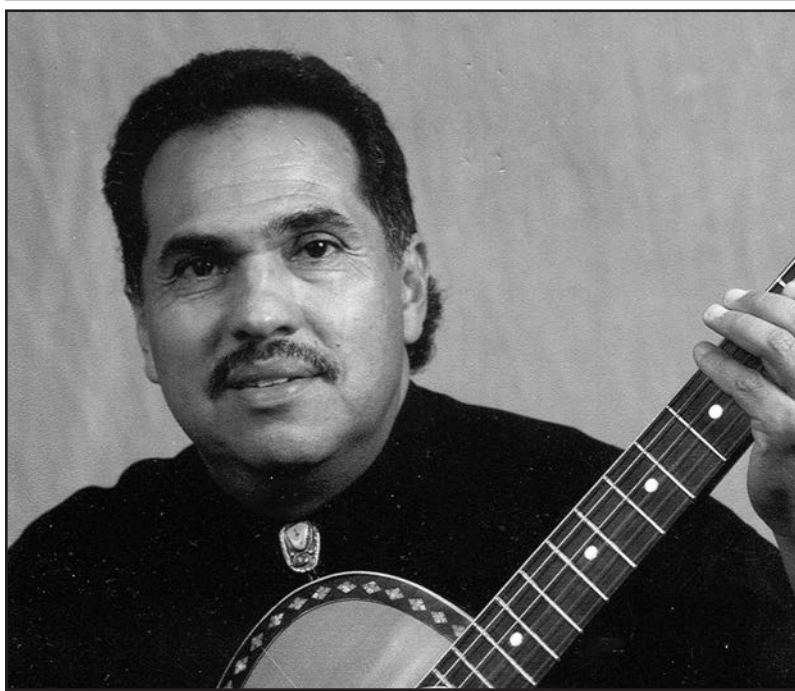
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**MARIACHI EXPERT**—Michael Archuleta discusses his book, *Mariachi for Guitar*, Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Downey City Library.

**Mariachi guitar expert at city library**

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**Constitution Observance Night observed**

**DOWNEY**—Downey United Masonic Lodge #220 is celebrating the 12th annual Constitution Observance Night Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Masonic Temple, 8244 Third St.

Dinner catered by a local restaurant is at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room and will feature Past Master Gene Collins who will portray Ben Franklin in costume.

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**DOWNEY** — Connections, a local business networking group, meets every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Nordic Fox restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. For information call Nick Smith at 861-5222.



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**City to offer adult jazz dance class**

**DOWNEY**—The City of Downey Community Services is offering a Jazz Dance Class for adults (18 years of age and older) beginning Thursday, Sept. 8 from 7:15-8:15 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center.

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(For most homeowners, hiring a contractor, whether for a simple repair or major remodel can be daunting. How do you know if a contractor is qualified? What kind of contractor do you need for your job? Whose responsibility is insurance? How can you tell if the price being offered is fair? These, and the ones below, are the kinds of basic questions the Contractors State License Board tries to answer for homeowners' guidance).

**Q.** A contractor came to my door yesterday and offered a free roof inspection. I believed him when he said I needed a new roof, so I agreed. I signed a contract, but am having second thoughts. Is there anything I can do to get out of the contract?

**A.** Yes, but you must move quickly. California's Home Solicitation Sales Act allows you to cancel the contract or offer by midnight of the third business day after you signed the document. That includes all days except for Sunday and most major holidays. The purpose here is to protect consumers from the pressure they often feel to make an immediate purchasing decision by someone going door-to-door. Unless the contract is negotiated at the contractor's place of business, the buyer qualifies for the three-day right to cancel. The notice must be in writing and can be a letter, telegram or even a FAX sent to the address specified in the contract or offer. You need to be sure you express your intention not to be bound by the contract or offer.

This is an excellent example of why you should never feel pressured into signing a home improvement contract, especially when someone shows up at your front door. You should get at least three bids for any home improvement project. That gives you the opportunity to compare costs and to certify that the contractors are licensed.

**Q.** I recently hired a contractor to put a pool in my backyard. When they started digging the contractor found hazardous materials in the soil. Can he continue working on the pool and remove the waste himself?

**A.** The most important thing for you to do is make sure the dirt is properly removed. Your contractor must stop work on your pool immediately. In some instances, a contractor can remove the dirt, but only if he has a Hazardous Substance Removal Certification from the CSLB. You should notify your local health department so they can help determine your course of action. You'll also want to check with your city's building department to make sure all local codes are followed with removing the hazardous materials. This is definitely a time where you'll want the work to be done by experts. Don't try and remove this dirt yourself.

**Q.** I am having a pool installed and the contractor asked for 40 percent down before work even begins. Is this legal?

**A.** No, it is not legal. By law, a swimming pool contractor can require only two percent down or \$200, whichever is less. It's also important that you don't pay upfront for materials before they're delivered or for work that hasn't been completed. In fact, be sure that the down payment price and subsequent payment schedule are written out on your contract. This is the best way to protect yourself from being taken advantage of by a fraudulent or unlicensed contractor. Learn more about getting a new swimming pool from the CSLB publication, *Before you dive into swimming pool construction*. The booklet is available for download on the CSLB website, [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov).

## Cheerleading clinic at DHS Sept. 24

**DOWNEY**—The Downey High School Cheerleaders offer their annual cheerleading clinic Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the Downey High School Cafeteria, 11940 Brookshire Ave.

Girls ages 5-13 will learn game action cheers and perform at the Downey varsity football game during half-time Friday, Sept 30. Cost of the clinic is \$20.

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## McMahon joins Financial Partners

**DOWNEY**—Jim McMahon, formerly senior vice president and director of the Mid-Atlantic Business-Banking Lending Group for Citizens Bank, has joined Financial Partners Credit Union as senior vice president of Lending.

McMahon will be responsible for all consumer and real estate loan production and processing and will insure that all member loans are processed in a timely manner using FPCU's new automated loan system, allowing loan decisions to be returned to members quickly.

He brings with him 27 years experience in the financial industry. McMahon, who holds a bachelor's degree in economics and history with a minor in business administration from Eastern University, Saint Davids, PA, has extensive experience in all aspects of lending.

"We are pleased to have Jim McMahon at Financial Partners," said president and CEO Nader Moghaddam. "His extensive background in lending and talent in that field will be a great asset to the credit union."

## Seven-week Pilates class starting up

**DOWNEY** — Pilates, an exercise which improves the body's musculoskeletal performance, will be offered by the City of Downey Community Services Department on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. beginning Sept. 6. The fee for the class is \$65 for seven weeks.

All fitness levels are welcome, as the class focuses on strength, flexibility and endurance.

For more information or to register, call 904-7223.

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By Colin Clarke

Setting The "Stage!"

In recent years, a profession has developed to help both real estate agents and sellers market their properties in a more exciting and successful way. These professionals are called "Home Stagers," and they help sellers unclutter, rearrange, and present their home in a way that makes it the apple of the buyer's eye. "Staging" is not as silly as you might think, considering that you want your home to sell as quickly as possible. A few hundred dollars spent on the services of these professionals could payoff tenfold or more. Even the founder of the International Association of Home Decorating Professionals agrees, however, that you don't have to spend a lot of money - you just have to be creative. Many recommendations that "stagers" make can be achieved for very little cost. Here are just a few ideas to help stage your home for a quick full-price sale: Open up space by storing items that are crowding your rooms (hide family photos to allow buyers to imagine their family in the home!). Painting dingy rooms and peeling exteriors is always good advice (but stick to neutral colors!). Repair leaky faucets and loose cabinet doors. Even little things like new doorknobs, switch plates, and a new mailbox can make a big impression, so take a look around and take your place "on stage!"

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## Health clinic to reopen in Norwalk

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The Norwalk Clinic was closed by the Department of Health Services several years ago. Due to reopen within the next 3 months, it will be operated by the JWCH Institute as a health center and outpatient clinic. The JWCH Institute is a private nonprofit health agency founded by a group of prominent Los Angeles-area physicians in 1960. The Institute has since managed several clinics targeting under-served residents of Los Angeles County. Once the Norwalk facility reopens, JWCH plans to offer primary care and family planning services. Plans are to expand into prenatal, pediatrics and health education services within a few months.

"When you look at the low-cost services available in this community, you find they are virtually non-existent," said Knabe. "The people who need this clinic the most have to travel a great distance to receive the services it once provided before closing. This reopening is a rebirth. It is a commitment that we have not given up on providing outstanding health care to this community."

An exact date for a grand reopening celebration has yet to be set. The building will require minimal upgrades prior to opening, according to the Institute.

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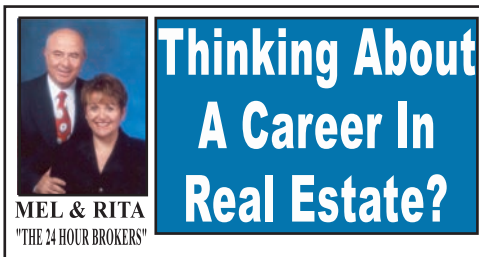
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This 1,450 sq. ft. home has a formal dining room, living room, and family room. This beautiful home also features central A/C, all copper plumbing, never stucco and roof, and a new driveway and garage door. Coved ceilings and arched doorways keep the original appeal. A steal for \$450,000-\$475,000!  
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**NEW LISTING!**  
**HOME OF DISTINCTION!**  
Beautiful Downey home featuring 2 bedrooms, 1.75 bathrooms, updated kitchen with built-ins, a family room with fireplace, dining room, hardwood floors, copper plumbing and 2 car detached garage. 1,528 sq. ft. of living space on a 9,100 sq. ft. lot. Ready to move in!  
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**HOME AND GARDEN!**  
A backyard as beautiful as this home's should not be passed up! Relax in the spa and pool in the large backyard surrounded by lush landscaping and fruit trees. Indoors you will find hardwood floors, a custom kitchen and cabinets, and dual pane windows. Priced to sell at \$420-435,000.  
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**PRICE REDUCTION!**  
**ROOM TO GROW!**  
This great home features 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a large den and 2 fireplaces. This home has 2,121 sq. ft. of living space located on a 8,292 sq. ft. lot, walking distance to grammar and middle schools and shopping. Priced to sell at \$699,000.  
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**SOLD FOR FULL PRICE!!!**  
This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with pool & large yard is located near East Middle School in Downey. The refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior with molding, remodeled bathrooms, and travertine tile floors give the home a modern feel with the traditional ranch style exterior. Let the pool parties begin when you buy this home. **SOLD FOR \$745,000**  
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**SOLD IN 24 HOURS FOR FULL PRICE!!!**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath home in the Northeast area of Downey. With crown molding in the spacious living room with fireplace, a large formal dining area, and a newly remodeled kitchen, this home is a must see for anyone that likes to cook or entertain. The home also has central air & heat and newer windows throughout. The huge backyard (7890 sq. ft. lot) features a covered patio & a dry-walled 2 car detached garage. **LISTED FOR \$745,000**  
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**SOLD IN ONE WEEK FOR FULL PRICE!!!**  
Elegant 4 bedroom, 3 bath cul-de-sac home with a circular driveway that leads to a stunning formal entry with refinished hardwood floors, newer central air & heat, large kitchen with new built in appliances, Nutone intercom system, and a newly constructed bedroom and bathroom. You won't want to miss this entertainer's delight that has a wonderful pool & spa with brick deck. **SOLD FOR \$995,000**  
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**SOLD IN 1 WEEK!!!**  
This 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 4000 sq. ft. home with a detached guest quarters in NE Downey on a 16000 sq. ft. lot won't last. The fabulous floor plan boasts a formal dining room, enormous living room, and large family room with fireplace & all with a view of the park like yard with covered patio. You can't find a single story estate like this in NE Downey anymore. **LISTED AT \$1,500,000**  
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**SOLD IN 2 WEEKS!!!**  
This 5 bedroom, 4700 sq. ft. home on a 19,888 sq. ft. lot in North Downey has it all. The property includes a 1250 sq. ft. bonus room (or 6 car garage), pool, sport court, outdoor BBQ and covered patio. The home also features travertine flooring and plush carpet, granite counter tops and built-in Kitchen Aid appliances in the kitchen, large master suite with retreat and downstairs bedroom & office. Too much to list! Call for a private showing of this grand estate. **SOLD FOR \$1,770,000**  
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