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A RIDE WITH SANTA—Eight-year-old Matthew McHenry gets to experience one of the great thrills of his life Sunday, Dec. 4 when he rides next to Santa at the Downey Holiday Lane Parade. The event is produced by the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

Enjoy Parade along Downey Ave. Sunday

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The colorful Downey Holiday Lane Parade, this city's biggest event of the year, will be offered Sunday, Dec. 4 starting at 1:30 p.m. at Downey and Lexington Avenues.

The public is invited to come out and enjoy this free and colorful event which includes marching bands, tall flags, drill teams, majorettes, floats, clowns, and equestrian units.

The parade route runs south on Downey Avenue to Third Street and then east (left) on Third Street to City Hall.

Children love this parade, and eight-year-old Matthew McHenry will particularly enjoy this one from a seat next to Santa on that jolly old elf's float in the big parade. He won a drawing for the privilege of riding beside Santa, and will be the envy of kids all along the parade route.

Art Morris

J. Arthur (Art) Morris, one of the city's veteran benefactors, will be an honored celebrity at this year's parade.

L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe will be honored as Celebrity Grand Marshall in this year's parade, then will rush back to the announcer's booth in the grandstand to help Marsha Moode with the cable-TV coverage.

Long list of sponsors

The list of sponsors for this event reads like a who's who of Downey, and includes major sponsor Downey Regional Medical Center; Trophy Sponsors A Unique Florist, AARP Downey Chapter 262, Jean and Bob Brazelton, David Buhler, Escrow Results, Golden West Pipe and Supply, Mark Keller, Los Amigos Country Club, Don Duffin, Mambo Grill, Mark Minkes and Robert C. Deere, M.D.'s, Mouniar's Hair and Fashion, Meredith Perkins and Marian Perumean.

Fleeing business effect 'negligible'

By John Adams

A commonly heard theme in recent public debates is that California's economic problems are compounded by a hostile attitude to the needs of business, and that businesses are fleeing the state in ever increasing numbers.

An edition of California Economic Policy, a publication of the Public Policy Institute of California, recently looked into these assertions. The findings were surprising. A summary of the publication by David Neumark, Junfu Zhang and Brandon Wall, found that:

*California does in fact lose businesses and jobs because of relocation, but the effect on employment is negligible. In any year from 1993 to 2002, the net job loss from business relocation was never higher than one-tenth of 1 percent of the total number of jobs. At that rate, it would take more than 10 years for California to lose 1 percent of its employment. Moreover, California is an importer of jobs from certain states.

*Employment change is primarily driven not by interstate relocation but by the expansion and contraction of existing businesses and by the births of new businesses and the deaths of existing ones. On average, 71.4 percent of job destruction in the state from 1992 to 2002 stemmed from the death of business establishments. 25.9 percent from existing businesses shrinking, and only 1.6 percent from relocation out of state.

*When they do move, businesses are much more likely to move locally than across state boundaries. Out of state relocations account for less than 4 percent of all the moves captured in their database.

Relocation has relatively little effect on employment change. On the average, 62.4 percent of jobs created came from new establishments, 36.7 percent from growth of existing establishments, and only 0.9 percent from establishments moving to California. Similarly, 71.4 percent of job destruction stemmed from establishment deaths, 26.9 percent from contraction, and only 1.6 percent from establishments leaving the state.

The Public Policy Institute of California is based in San Francisco.

Cops deliver turkeys for Thanksgiving

By John Adams

The Downey Police Officers Association, Cafe n' Stuff and the Downey Coca-Cola Bottling Company joined to make sure the tables of needy families were not bare this Thanksgiving Season.

Police officers picked up 13 Turkey dinners which had been prepared at the restaurant earlier Wednesday. The police then drove the meals to needy homes and presented them to delighted families. Each package contained a whole roast turkey, homemade stuffing and all the trimmings.

According to Detective Steve Aubuchon, his calls to the families to tell

Man barricades himself after morning shooting

DOWNEY—A 25-year-old man who allegedly fired a shot and pointed a gun at his neighbor after he was asked to leave a neighborhood party in early morning hours Friday, Nov. 19 was booked on suspicion of attempted murder after a tense situation at his barricaded apartment later the same day, according to police.

Police said Darius Arencibia was arrested about 10:30 a.m. Friday after he fled the party in the 11000 block of Newville Avenue. It is alleged that he pointed a gun and fired one shot, hitting no one, in the confrontation at the party. His apartment is a short distance from the party site, police said.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's SWAT team and negotiators talked him into surrendering after a standoff which lasted from 3:30 to 10:30 a.m.

He was held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

them they had been selected drew an overwhelming response of appreciation.

The families were grateful that someone cared. And the officers and staffs of Cafe n' Stuff and Coca-Cola were aglow with the knowledge that they had been part of the Thanksgiving Spirit.



GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY—Police officers show off the birds they delivered to 13 needy families for Thanksgiving. The Downey Police Officers Association, Cafe n' Stuff and the Downey Coca-Cola Bottling Company joined in the effort.

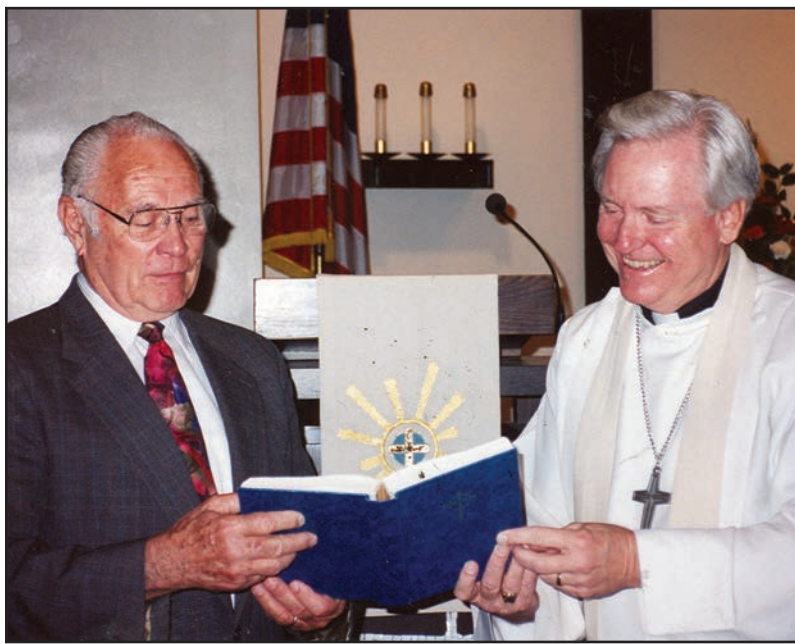
Stauffer Scholars get seed money for college

By Henry Veneracion

DOWNEY—With presenter and emcee Denise Takano, director of elementary education for Downey Unified School District, stressing the importance of getting a college education—to enable one to earn more, to realize one's full potential, to prepare oneself better for positions of leadership and service – 144 DUSD students who got straight A's in the 5th or 6th grades during the 2004-2005 school year were each awarded seed money for college at the 4th annual Stauffer Scholar Awards on Nov. 16-17 at the Barbara Riley Center.

One student from each elementary (K-5) and middle school who were singled out as a 2004-2005 Stauffer Scholar for not only their scholarship but leadership and service received a \$500 dollar check, with the rest receiving \$100 with which to start their ScholarShare College Savings Trust Plan. The plan, called the California 529 Plan, is administered by TIAA (Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America)-CREF and is considered to be one of the best such plans in the U.S. The

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP—Longtime member John Thompson (left) and Pastor Norm Stoppenhagen are ready for Advent and Christmas worship services at Messiah Lutheran Church, 10711 Paramount Blvd., Downey. Regular Sunday services are at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. in English and 9:30 a.m. in Spanish. Special Advent devotions are being held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 923-1215.

Stauffer

Scholarshare application process was explained by TIAA-CREF tuition planning consultant Jose Mireles.

The students were also presented with a certificate of achievement and a book. The book, *The Complete Life*, was written and published in 1927 by Rev. L.H. Schuh, Ph.D., Dr. Mary Stauffer's grandfather. Dr. Stauffer, who personally handed out the awards, emphasized in her remarks to the students that "There is more to life than learning and good GPAs." Reinforcing what Takano said, Dr. Stauffer mentioned leadership, citizenship, participation and service as ideals to strive for.

The 2004-2005 Stauffer Scholars and \$500 recipients were: Carpenter Elementary's Rosalinda Rodriguez; Jaclyn Gasdia, Gallatin Elementary; Alexis Santan, Gauldin; Jazmin Lucero, Lewis; Marina George, Old River; Mark Montero, Rio Hondo; Rebekah Jin, Rio San Gabriel, Ana Padilla, Unsworth; Jennifer Cho, East Middle School; Stephanie Zmuda, Griffiths Middle; Micheal Simon, Sussman Middle; and Allison Worthy, West Middle. A plaque bearing these students' names will be hung at their respective schools.

In a first for her, professional singer Kathy Bee opened the Nov. 16 ceremonies by singing the rarely-heard 4th verse of the "Star Spangled Banner." This was sung as well the following evening by Arlene Hofmayer. Keynote speaker for the Nov. 17 ceremonies was Dr. Wendy Doty, DUSD Superintendent.

Dr. Stauffer expressed her appreciation for the work of planning and coordination done by volunteer staffs, which included (on Nov. 16): Erin McCoy, Hana Fisher and Sandy Chan from Warren High ASB, Melissa Iriarte from Downey Assisteens, and Linda Kennedy, retired DUSD director of curriculum and instruction and current member of the Stauffer Foundation; (on Nov. 17): Jody Olivas and Eric Romero also from Warren High ASB, and Veronica Briones and Pamela Briones from Downey Assisteens. Special thanks were accorded DUSD Senior Secretary, Ana Thorne.

ScholarShares awarded by Dr. Stauffer for 2004-2005 totaled \$18,500. (Dr. MaryR. Stauffer and Ana Thorne contributed to this report.)

Champagne brunch at Downey Elks

DOWNEY—Fail-Safe 4 Felines, Inc. will be hosting a champagne brunch and silent auction at the Downey Elks Lodge on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a donation of \$20.

For reservations and tickets, call 708-2672 or 928-5731.

Fail-Safe 4 Felines is a nonprofit organization working towards reducing the unwanted cat population in Downey through non-lethal means.

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STAUFFER SCHOLAR—For receiving straight A grades for two consecutive years at Rio Hondo Elementary, as well as for his service to school and the community, Mark Montero recently received the Stauffer Scholar award. The award includes a \$500 grant as seed money to fund his college education. Upon hearing the news, his godfather, Mr. Jean-Yves Laurent of Saint-Etienne, France, matched the grant amount.

Lodge installs new Worshipful Master

DOWNEY—Raymond B. Balbin of Buena Park was installed as Worshipful Master of Metropolitan Masonic Lodge No. 352 with the rest of his line of officers on Dec. 3 at the lodge located at 8244 E. 3rd St. in Downey.

Other officers installed were: James B. Shea of Santa Fe Springs, Senior Warden; Nonato Palomar of Glendale, Junior Warden; Carlos R. Antonio, Bellflower, Treasurer; Carlos Castaneda, Montebello, Secretary; and Robert M. Hackert, Santa Fe Springs.

Appointed officers are the following: John Bonilla, Chino Hills, Chaplain; Federico O. Perez, Jr., Orange, Senior Deacon; Victor M. Reyes, Walnut, Junior Deacon; Federico A. Perez III, Orange, Marshal; Clemente Reyes, Walnut, Senior Steward; Nicanor Bizmonte, Montebello, Junior Steward; and Michael Potopea, Anaheim, Tiler.

Free-throw contest for kids at Apollo

DOWNEY—Downey Elks will hold their annual basketball free-throw contest on Dec. 10 at Apollo Park from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. All Downey school and parochial children ages 8-13 are invited to participate.

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Wednesday, December 21st	Wednesday, December 21st	Wednesday, December 28th	Wednesday, December 28th
11:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
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THE SPIRIT OF CARING – Ebie Ghaneian (right) of Downey's popular restaurant, Café n' Stuff, joined with Coca-Cola and Downey police officers in donating turkey dinners to the needy for Thanksgiving.

Resident charged in mortgage scam

Ran local real estate company

DOWNEY—Downey resident Martha Rodriguez, 33, and Edward Seung Ok, 39, both of whom ran real estate and escrow companies in Downey and Seal Beach, have been charged by federal authorities with conspiring to defraud homeowners who faced foreclosure.

The couple allegedly assured the homeowners short-term loans to stop foreclosure can be arranged if the homeowners signed documents turning the title of their homes over to them. They operated under businesses named Silvernet Properties, Bellasi Escrow, Deko Ltd., and Silverfunds Mortgage Inc. The defendants would apply for mortgage loans and ask the banks to wire the funds directly to their escrow accounts.

In some cases, the couple allegedly paid a fee to individuals posing as buyers of the properties. In others, they would use the information and forge the signatures of past clients. In any case, the homeowners would end up getting only a small portion of the proceeds.

Anyone who has been approached by either Rodriguez or Ok, or who feels they've been victimized in the fraudulent scheme, is asked to contact the FBI at (310) 477-6565.

'North Pole is calling' program for local kids

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services is offering an opportunity for children ages 4-8 to have a special holiday by having Santa Claus make a surprise phone call to them through a program called "North Pole is Calling You." The program is free.

Parents or guardians are to fill out a card from the Community Services Department with the following information: name, pronunciation of name, parent's or guardian's name, boy or girl, address, hobbies/interests, school, and holiday "wish list." The cards will be available at the Community Services Department from Dec. 5-12, and must be submitted to Community Services by 5:30 p.m., Dec. 12.

Santa will make his special calls either on Tuesday, Dec. 13, or Wednesday, Dec. 14, between 6 and 7:30 p.m. He will have a brief chat with each child and check the Santa Workshop to see what he can do.

Those who are filling out cards for several children in the same family will fill out one card for each child and paper clip the cards together when they turn them in.

"The children are happy to hear from Santa Claus. They are excited and talk about their holiday wish list," said Teri Akloff, Community Services Recreation Supervisor.

For information, contact Community Services, (562) 904-7238.

Chamber of Commerce year-ending activities

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce is holding a Membership Mixer at Bank of the West, 10230 Paramount Blvd., Thursday, Dec. 8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The \$3 admission includes drawing for prizes.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, the Rise 'N Shine Networking Group meets at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd. Scheduled speakers are Chamber members Joe Keays, Downey Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning; Paul Tu, PC Club; and Debra Wallace, Employment Service Agency. RSVP: 923-2191.

The group doesn't meet Dec. 27; the Networkers resume their meetings at Nordic Fox in January 2006.

Meanwhile, the Chamber's annual Holiday Open House is on Friday, Dec. 16, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Chamber offices at 11131 Brookshire Ave. To RSVP, call the Chamber office, 923-2191, or fax 869-0461.

Softball sign-ups at Rio San Gabriel

DOWNEY – Early registration begins tomorrow, Dec. 3 at Rio San Gabriel Park from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. for Downey Ponytail Softball.

Price is \$55 for the first player and \$35 for sisters.

Registration will also be held Dec. 4, noon – 4 p.m. and Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., also at Rio San Gabriel. Registration cost increases to \$70 for the first player and \$50 for sisters after Dec. 10.



DOWNEY MAYOR PRO TEM—Meredith Perkins welcomes students and parents to Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's annual service academy workshop at the Downey City Library on Nov. 19, conducted by representatives from the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Following a highly competitive admissions process, academy students receive a free college education in return for serving at least 5 years in the military after graduation. For information, call the congresswoman's Los Angeles office at (213) 628-9230 or visit www.house.gov/roybal-allard and click "Making College Affordable" and "How to Get a Free, Four-Year College Education."

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Troop 2's Super Santa Sleigh also in parade

DOWNEY—Boy Scouts Troop 2, who took part in last year's Downey Holiday Parade with their B2 Stealth Bomber type craft, which was created to "deliver gifts to troops around the world at day light speed," this time has built the S3 Super Sonic Sleigh craft for the parade Sunday, Dec. 4.

Where last year's float had a special vinyl that assimilated the look of carbon fiber with a stealthy appearance, this year's 2005 S3 is bright red with green fins and even "Stealthier." Again built by Troop 2, with guidance on design (to provide phenomenal speed) and construction from T2 chairman Raj Champaneri and Assistant Scout Master Sam Tabon, a "Wow!" factor has been added to the float. "Unfortunately, we were not able to install the jet engines," said Champaneri.

Troop 2 says it's an honor to have a United States Marine, who has served two tours in Iraq, accompany their S3 float Sunday. They said they were making arrangements to display the S3 Super Santa Sleigh float after the parade.

Newcomers celebrating Christmas early

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club will celebrate Christmas with a short business luncheon of filet mignon Monday, Dec. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Club. Cost is \$10.

Installation of officers takes place, with Santa Claus arriving to wish all a Merry Christmas and making himself available for some picture taking with members. For reservations, call Paula Lou Roberts, 861-2545.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR — Don Knabe will serve as celebrity grand marshal and commentator for the 54th annual Downey Holiday Lane Parade this Sunday, Dec. 4, produced by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Knabe is a member of the State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee to the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council, an appointment coming after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He is also a trustee at the Aquarium of the Pacific located in Long Beach.

Christmas Boutique at St. Raymond's

DOWNEY — The St. Raymond's Seniors group are having their annual Christmas Boutique and raffle on Sunday, Dec. 4 in the church's small hall from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Many gifts will be available for purchase and prizes will be raffled off, including a large family basket.

The poets' corner

Freedom's Gift

Our freedom is a precious gift from God,
And through the years it has been guarded well,
With truth and peace the way our feet have trod.
And liberty the words our lips did tell.

Thanksgiving is the time we celebrate
Our Country and ideals we have learned,
We gather on this day to consecrate
This way of life that freemen all have earned,

We pass along this way of peace and love,
And meet our families with joy to pray,
Our thankful hearts upraised to ask God above,
To bless America in every way.

—Zelma Dennis,
La Mirada

City offers Holiday Camp for youth

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering Holiday Camp for children ages 6-14 that will give them the opportunity to make new friends, learn new activities (games and crafts), and take a weekly excursion. The camp will be conducted by trained personnel at Wilderness Park for two weeks.

Week I will cover Dec. 19-23 with a movie excursion to Long Beach Towne Center. Week II is from Dec. 26-30 with an excursion to Huntington Beach for ice and roller skating. Camp hours are 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., with extended hours available to assist working parents. The extended hours program is from 7 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. each day.

Cost for each week is \$75 for the first family member and \$70 for each additional family member. Extended camp fee is \$35 for the week, and \$30 for each additional family member.

For information, call 904-7238.

Volunteers needed for library shop

DOWNEY — The Friends of the Downey City Library need volunteers to work in their shop located inside the library.

The Friends currently need additional volunteers to work these shifts: Saturday 10 a.m. – noon, and Wednesday 6-8 p.m.

For information and a volunteer application, call Josephine de la Dingo at 904-7360, ext. 30.

Lose excess pounds with Downey TOPS

DOWNEY—TOPS Downey Chapter #63 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) invites everyone to their weekly meetings.

Meetings are held Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 E. Third St., in Downey. For more information, call Lou at 861-9425 or Suky at (323) 560-6576.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Notes on the mansionization debate

Dear Editor:

This is a transcript of my remarks to the City Planning Commission and Urban Revitalization expert Mark Brodeur, delivered at the study session which took place Nov. 16 at the Downey Theater. I submit this address in hope of publication in The Patriot. Many thanks for your consideration.

—Lawrence Christon,
Downey

"As I see it, there are a number of issues that center on our mansionization discussion tonight. On the one hand, we have the question of libertarian freedom and economic rights. On the other, we have the question of esthetics and community. The late House Speaker Tip O'Neill used to say that "All politics are local," and, rightfully, we're assembled here to hash out matters that literally take place in our own back yards. But as we've seen in today's New York Times and in other recent news, mansionization has become a national concern.

Let's take the first issue. In the history of our country, we declared our independence in the 18th century and strenuously enforced our individualism in the 19th, pushing back borders of every kind—not just geographic. Indeed, the light with which America beckoned the world was beamed on the principles not just of equality but freedom. America was where you came to realize your dreams, to improve your lot. Anything was achievable. We still feel that way. It's part of our optimistic character.

But over the past century, we've begun to realize that there are limits. Borders have been reached. Populations have swelled. We've come to realize that air and water, land and space are things we must manage if we want to survive. The terms of freedom have shifted, so that the question becomes: How do we maintain the individual freedoms that are essential to our future, our creativity, our very being, without impinging on others who want the same things, only in different ways?

So. You have a parcel of land, and a house. Remember the end of the play, "Death of Salesman," where Linda Loman stands over the grave of her husband crying, "We're free and clear, Willie. Free and clear!?" Their house is their symbol of freedom, their temple. Why shouldn't the family do what they want with it? Maybe their heirs, in need of money, might decide to build it to the legal limit of their lot and flip it in a hot market. Maybe they have extended family from abroad making do on little, or kids in college on student loans. Shouldn't they have the right to take care of their own? Don't they have the right to share in the now sacrosanct belief that making the most money you can is a social imperative?

If their neighbors complain about loss of light, space and privacy, well, they can build to their limit too. And if in time nobody has light, space or privacy, they can just call it New York and get on with their lives.

Still, there's the esthetic question. Why is it that untrammelled commercial growth has to result in such ghastly ugliness, with strip malls and service franchises that replicate each other with such monotony that the nature of neighborhood and place is vanquished and we drive around as if in the middle of nowhere? How is it that that esthetic has gone residential, so that every new in-your-face flesh-colored architectural monstrosity now rises in a towering pretentiousness toward Mediterranean luxury—which we know to be false? I'm deeply sympathetic to homeowners who plunk down their life savings and mortgage their future to a house, only to be told what they can't build on it or even what colors they can't use to paint it. To me, that's outrageous. But these new, rude McMansions—why are they such eyesores? And why must they all look the same?

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, of course. But I would suggest that the root of beauty is proportion. I draw your attention to the two large post-modernist structures located on the west side of Brookshire just south of Florence. They don't seem to belong to the neighborhood. They're grey and black, built up of processed stone and concrete. I think they're Japanese-designed and are used for Japanese social and business functions—nobody lives in them. At first I thought they appeared toweringly self-contained in a cool, mysterious, somewhat alien way. But the more I drove by the more I appreciated them for the way they harmonize their colors and their planes of circle and triangle, and especially in how they yield to the equally artful space in front of them.

They're beautiful in their way, partly in their design and mainly because they don't look like anything else.


I don't know if Mark Brodeur, who's advising us on the mansionization issue, lives in Downey. I don't know what residential codes the City Council will decide on, and I wonder if any of them have chosen to take a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon to drive around his or her district to see how many mansions are going up, and have taken down the numbers of their realtors to find out whether they're just being built for quick turn-around or how they'll be used.

Clearly the question here is of individual versus community. And I'll tell you the anecdote that brought me to this meeting to give an opinion. I was in a supermarket checkout line after the last public hearing on this issue took place. Ahead of me was a woman, clearly distraught. She'd been to the hearing and either was a mansion owner herself, or at least was in favor of building them. She said to the checkout clerk, and I quote: "It's just all these old people who're opposed. They don't want progress. They should be happy for new neighbors. All their friends are dead."

It was at that moment that it occurred to me what's at the heart of this issue, and why it's provoked such resentment in the community. That person's sentiment was a perfect expression of the self-serving, egotistical aggression that's taken over the public conversation in American life. It's part of a larger climate of ugliness we live in now. Like the ponderous SUV that takes over the road, it says the same thing: Mine is bigger than yours. Get out of the way!

Change and progress are not always the same thing."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Car wash questions

Dear Editor:

I read that the Downey Police Explorers is having a car wash for one of their own (Downey Patriot, 11/18/05). I think that's a great idea to be able to help anyone in need anyway possible. I hope they raise enough money to give to her and her family to pay for all of her medical bills.

Believe me I'm not trying to take away from the Explorers cause but I feel I do need to speak up. During the summer our group wanted to have a car wash so we found the location and asked if they wouldn't mind us using their facilities. The manager said sure no problem but said he was told that the city now requires a permit so I would need to get a permit from the city. I said no problem and immediately called the city. After getting passed around from department to department I finally was told I need to speak to Planning Department. I was informed that they do not give permits for a car wash. He went on to tell me that they don't allow car washes in the city of Downey because of the water run off into the storm drains. He also said if we wanted to, we could go ahead with it but we would be taking the risk of being shut down by either the Downey Police or the Downey Code Enforcement. I called the manager of the facility we wanted to use and explained all of this to him and he said he was very sorry but we had to have a permit.

So, let me see if I understand this correctly. I have to have a permit to have the car wash but yet the city doesn't allow car washes because of the run off. Just FYI, the weekend before I had called the Planning department the Warren High Football team had a car wash. And now I'm reading that the Downey Police Department Explorers is having a car wash.

Is one group in need more than the next? Maybe, but every group is trying to find their own ways to either help someone else or fundraise for their group and they all should get equal opportunity to do so. Should one person or group be allowed to do something that others can't? No! If one group is allowed to have a car wash then why aren't other groups? Is one group's service or cause better than the next? Not to the members of that group. They feel their needs and/or cause are just as important as the next.

I wish Veronica a speedy recovery and her family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Good luck with the car wash!

—Dina Edinger,
Downey

Congratulations

Dear Editor:

Please accept my personal congratulations on the recognition bestowed on you by the Rotary Club of Downey for your invaluable contribution to the community.

As the editor and publisher of The Downey Patriot, and as you did as the editor of The Downey Eagle earlier, you provide the Downey community with the only forum for the communication and discussion of issues important to it. The Downey Patriot is arguably one of the community's most important assets for which you deserve our thanks.

The Rotary Club has rightly acknowledged your invaluable contribution to our community.

—Harold Tseklenis,
Downey

Listening an important virtue

Dear Editor:

Education is very important and I am all for it. But when people come out of college, they feel they know it all and cease to listen to anyone. This is wrong. No matter how much education that we get, we should always be open-minded and be willing to listen to other people.

We have wonderful, dedicated teachers that spend long hours working for the school and children. No. 1, they don't get good pay for their hard work, and No. 2, when they are away from school and with other people they don't want to hear the truth about certain issues. They have a tendency to suppress people.

The point is, college does not mean that one knows everything and cannot listen. I've noticed this mostly among teachers.

Being open-minded and listening is important, too.

—Elaine Hein,
Bellflower

Medicare Advantage HMO gets gold

CERRITOS—California Health Plan's Medicare HMO, California Medicare Advantage, has been named the only health plan in Orange County and Los Angeles County to be recognized with the 2006 Senior Choice Gold Award based on the value of the Medicare benefits offered to beneficiaries. California Medicare Advantage was one of 30 in the nation to be selected for the award.

The award recipients were selected from more than 200 Medicare managed care plans based on cost-sharing comparisons and Part D prescription drug benefits for Medicare beneficiaries conducted by HealthMetrix Research, Inc., an independent managed care research firm in Columbus, Ohio.

"This award responds to the continued concerns and uncertainties that seniors have with out-of-pocket costs incurred when they enroll in a Medicare HMO," said Alan Mittermaier, president of HealthMetrix Research. "California Health Plan's California Medicare Advantage HMO plan has demonstrated a commitment to cost-sharing effectiveness and value in the design of its Medicare HMO benefits, copayments, deductibles and premiums. We anticipate that informed beneficiaries will rely on this award as an indication of excellence just as they now rely on other awards and consumer ratings that recognize excellence in quality of care, health outcomes and member satisfaction."

The award criteria established by the research firm were based on 2006 cost-sharing comparisons conducted in 80 cities during November, 2005. The annual comparisons estimate the out-of-pocket costs of Medicare beneficiaries based on health status categories (healthy, episodic and chronic) and corresponding utilization of the most common HMO benefits, such as physician office visits, emergency or urgent care, hospital care, prevention and prescriptions. The comparisons identify the Medicare HMOs with the lowest and highest annual out-of-pocket costs based on the approved 2005 member co-payments and premiums that appear in the Medicare Personal Plan Finder database (www.medicare.gov).

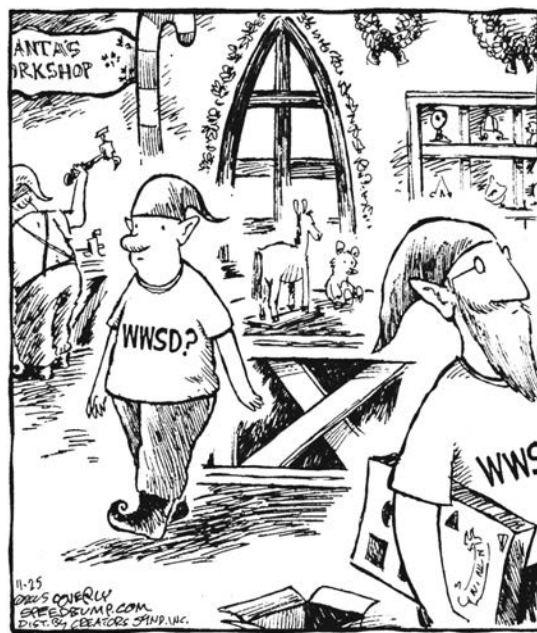
"As a health plan designed and operated by local physicians, our efforts remain committed to providing high quality care with the highest value to our members," said California Health Plan's Chairman, Sheldon Zinberg, M.D. "This recognition validates our health plan benefits as second to none for Medicare beneficiaries."

For information, call (877) 211-6614. Added information on the survey and award is available at www.HMOs4seniors.com.

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For December

Fri. Dec. 2, 9:00 a.m.: **Free Flu Clinic** for homebound residents, area seniors and others at risk at Downey Regional Medical Center Home Health Office, 9040 Telegraph Rd., Suite 205. For information call 622-5900.
Sun. Dec. 4, 1:30 p.m.: **Annual Holiday Lane Parade** as presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce on Downey Ave. starting at Lexington and ending at Civic Center Drive. Bands, floats, marching units and much more. For information call 923-1215.

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 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 "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. (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 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 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 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.

Fridays

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

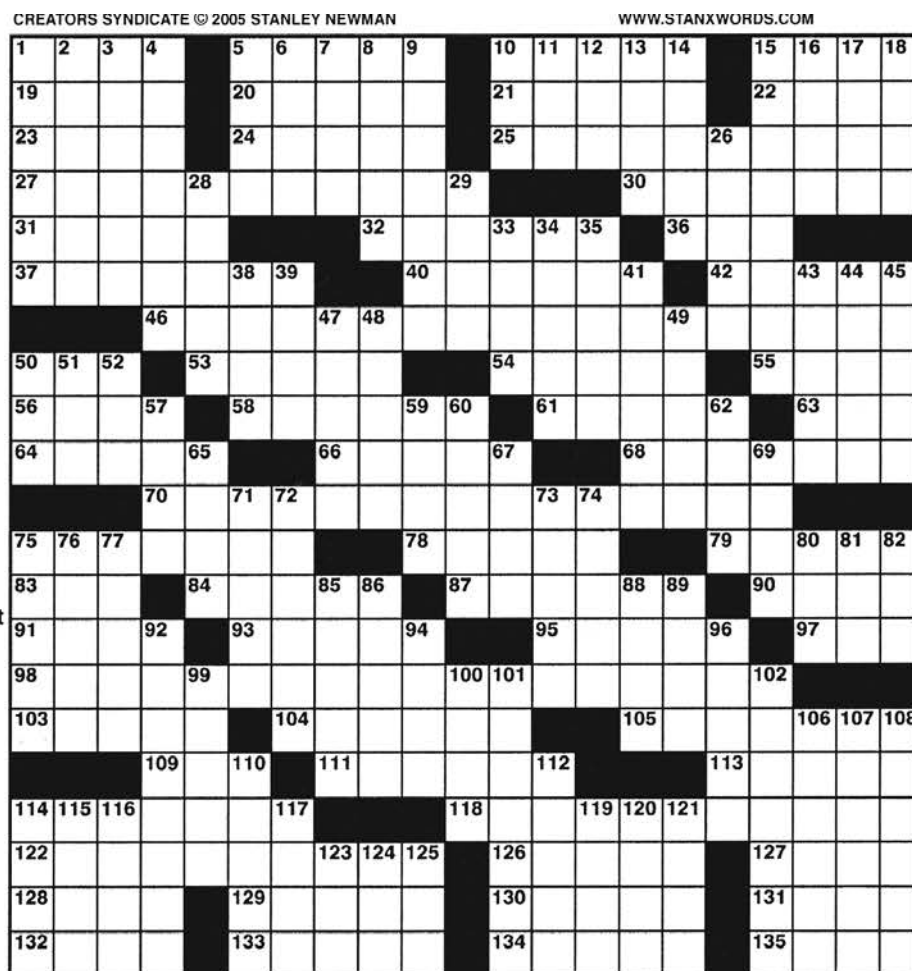
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WHERE'S THE WATER?: It's hiding in the seven longest answers by Merle Baker

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Eric Segal's 1977 novel "OLIVER'S STORY" (68 across) is the sequel to his best-seller "LOVE SANDERS" (93 across) once played in a major-league baseball game and an NFL game on the same day. THE GRAHAM cracker (1 Down) is named for Presbyter-tan minister and dietary reformer Sylvester Graham, who made the cracker with unsifted whole wheat flour instead of white flour.



O.C. Fair to have New Year's Eve celebration

COSTA MESA—As an alternative to watching the Times Square festivities on TV New Year's Eve, people can instead ring in 2006 at the Orange County & Exposition Center, 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa. Touted as the largest New Year's Eve party on the West Coast, *Orange County New Year's Eve (OCNYE)* will feature live music, dancing, food, exhibits and the crown jewel of the night, the "spectacular" Orange Drop to ring in the New Year.

Featured performers include Sugar Ray, Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, The Violent Femmes, the Psychedelic Furs, Berlin, The English Beat, Bow Wow Wow, Reel Big Fish, Lit, The Colour, Wax Apples, Charles Feelgood, Grant Plant, Jason Blakemore, DJ Jasen and Speaker Junkies.

Event hours are 6 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Admission is \$65 per person. VIP Skybox packages are also available. For more information, visit www.ocnye.com.

Additionally, the following events are scheduled to take place at the OC Fair & Exposition Center in December 2005. Follow directional signs to general parking gates. For additional information, contact the promoter at the telephone number listed with the event. Scheduled events are subject to change without notice. Visit www.ocfair.com for event updates.

December 2005

1-19 YULE CHRISTMAS TREE LOT – Thursday-Monday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. (818) 347-8720

3-4 MAINE ATTRACTION CAT SHOW – Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldg. #14. Admission: adults \$7, seniors (65+) and children 6-12 \$5, children under 6 free. Maine Attraction Cat Fanciers, (818) 455-9390

9-11 GEM, JEWELRY & BEAD SHOW – Friday, noon-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldg. #10. Admission: adults \$5, children under 12 free. Gem Faire, Inc., (760) 747-9215.

10 COMPUTER FAIR – Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldg. #12. Admission: adults \$5, children under 10 free. Discount tickets for \$2.95 are available online at tickets.lacomputerfair.com. NP Expos, Inc., (800) 800-5600 or www.lacomputerfair.com

16 SHORELINE DOG FANCIERS ASSOCIATION DOG SHOW – Friday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12, Parade of Products, and Main Mall. Admission: free. Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association

23 S.O.S. – SHARE OUR SELVES ADOPT-A-FAMILY – Friday, 8-11 a.m. Bldgs. 10, #12, and Parade of Products. Share Our Selves, (949) 642-3451, or www.shareourselves.org

23-24 CHRISTMAS MARKET PLACE – Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Main Lot. Admission: adults \$2, children under 12 free. Tel Phil Enterprises, (949) 723-6660, or www.ocmarketplace.com

31 ORANGE COUNTY NEW YEAR'S EVE – Saturday, 6 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. All Grounds and Buildings. Admission: \$65. Rich Goodwin Presents, www.ocnye.com (949) 715-9215

Weekly events

ORANGE COUNTY MARKETPLACE – Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Main Lot. Admission: adults \$2, children under 12 free. Tel Phil Enterprises, (949) 723-6660 or www.ocmarketplace.com

FARMERS MARKET – Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Main Lot. Orange County Farm Bureau, (714) 573-0374, orange.cfbf.com

CENTENNIAL FARM – Monday-Friday, 1-4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: free, (714) 708-1619.

'Nonsense' to play the DCLO

DOWNEY – Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has announced the second production of the 2005-06 season.

"Nonsense," the side-splitting comedy about a talent show staged by the Little Sisters of Hoboken to pay for the burial of one of their own (accidentally poisoned by the convent chef), has delighted audiences Catholic and non-denominational for decades. Playing dates are February 23 – March 12, 2006.

For ticket information, call 923-1714. Group discounts are available.



PIANIST, COMPOSER, SINGER – Shawn Morgan entertains every Friday and Saturday evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Granata's Italian Villa, 11032 Downey Ave., Downey. He is currently recording a solo project which will be released sometime next year. For information, call Granata's at 927-0014.

Live performances at Nordic Fox

DOWNEY—Guitarist Rob Syphax performs hits of the 60's and 70's every Sunday at Nordic Fox restaurant in Downey. For reservations, call 869-1414.

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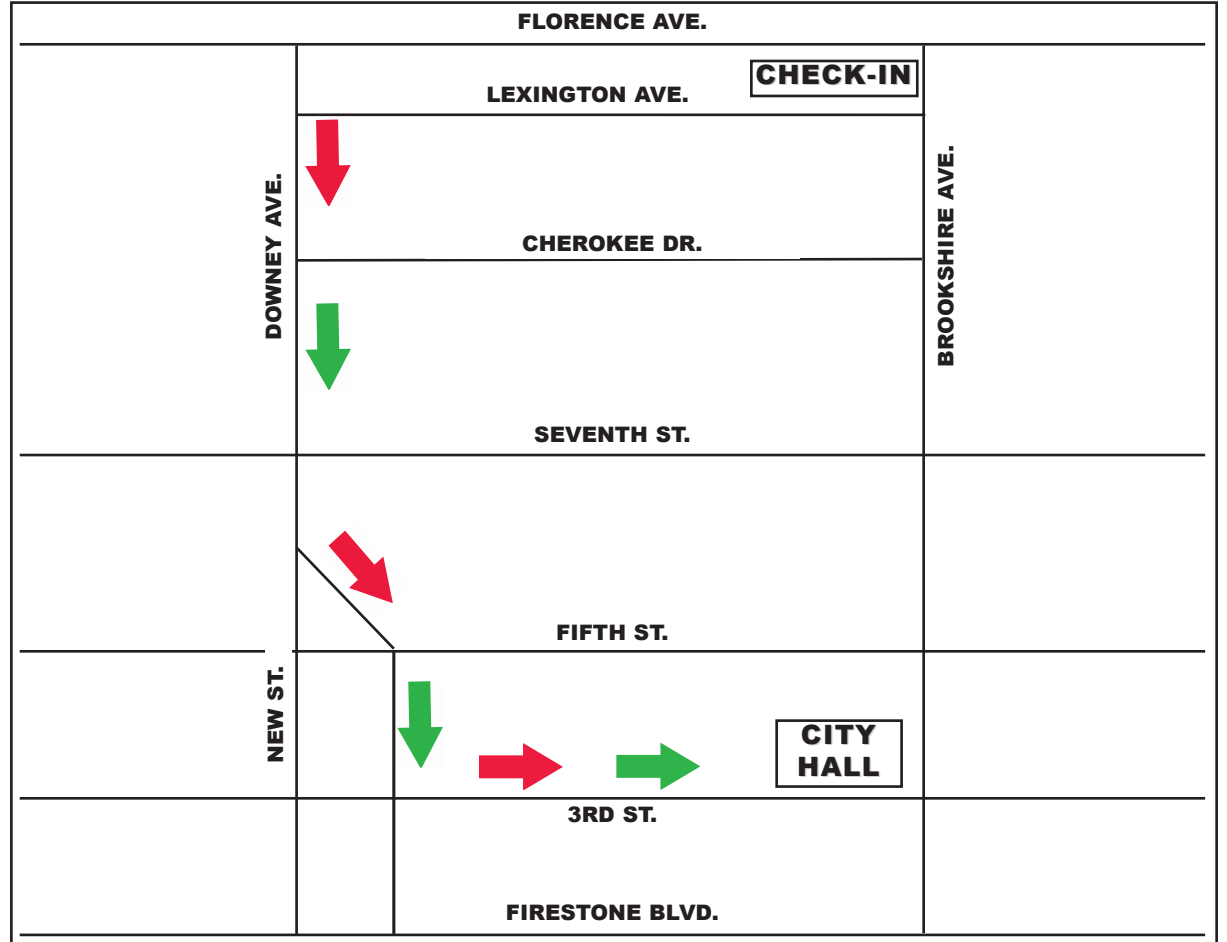
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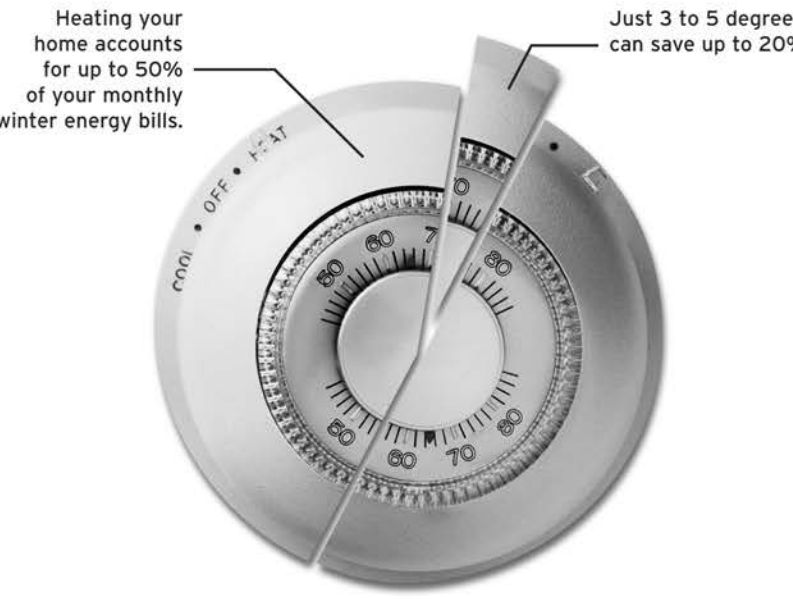
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Downey Adult School schedules online

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College hosting WWII veterans panel

NORWALK - Cerritos College's Humanities and Social Science Division will host a panel of local World War II veterans in honor of Pearl Harbor Day on Wednesday, December 7 at 2 p.m. in the campus' Wilford Michael Library teleconference center. The event is free and open to the community.

The panel of veterans includes residents of L.A. and Orange Counties and students in a Whittier community class led by Dr. Elijah Levy, instructor with Cerritos College's Older Wiser Learner (OWL) program (formerly the Emeritus College). The class provides war veterans with an opportunity to discuss preserve their experiences via video- or audio-taped narratives, correspondence or visual materials such as scrapbooks or drawings.

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Barbara Dye Callarman, 79, researched lineages

DOWNEY—Barbara Dye Callarman, who was a charter member of the Downey Historical Society in 1965, passed away on Nov. 27 at Kaiser-Permanente Hospital in Bellflower. She was 79. Her husband of 57 years, Don Callarman, daughter Leslie Callarman and son Bruce Callarman, were at her bedside. She also leaves two grandsons, Matt Olay and Angus Lyne; daughter-in-law, Paula Fujiwara, M.D.; sister, Dr. Joan Gussow; and two nephews.

Barbara Dye, daughter of Chester and Joyce Fisher Dye, was born in Alhambra. At a young age, she developed a keen interest in history, writing, and "how things worked." She graduated *magna cum laude* from Pomona College and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She and Don met at Pomona College and were married in 1948. After a brief teaching career, she devoted her time to raising the couple's two children. The family moved to Downey in 1961.

One of Callarman's abiding interests was genealogy—tracing her Dye-Dey-Duyts and allied lineages to 17th Century New York and The Netherlands. She spent untold hours in libraries documenting the Dye family in America and shared her research generously with others.

When she moved to Downey, Callarman became interested in the history and genealogy of Downey's founding families, as well as that of John Gately Downey, an Irish immigrant who became California's first Civil War-era governor and the city's namesake.

From 1965 Callarman spent the next 40 years immersed in its volunteer projects and operations as an officer and board member. In 1968 she volunteered to head up a museum committee, and never detoured from the goal of a history and research center that became a reality in 1984, with the opening of the Downey History Center in Apollo Park.

Callarman's voluminous notebooks on "Los Nietos Valley Pioneers" have helped many other family researchers find their "roots." She was also deeply interested in historic preservation, lending her expertise to causes including the Dismukes Cottage and Downey's Speedee McDonald's Drive-In.

Finding a shortage of reliable information for documenting photographers whose early works are in the Society's photo collection, Callarman researched and published *19th Century Photographers of Los Angeles County*, a reference book valued by scholarly libraries.

No funeral services are planned. A memorial service will be held at a later date. The family suggests any memorial contributions be addressed to the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, Inc.

Dody Mae Morton was world traveler

DOWNEY—Dody Mae Morton, born Aug. 31, 1924 in Salina, Kansas, passed away on Nov. 20. A son, Greg, is a resident of Downey, while her other son, David, lives in Lancaster. She was predeceased by two husbands, Grant Morton, in 1978, and Bill Fuller, in 2000.

She came to California in 1945, settling down in Montague, and moving to Lancaster in 2000. After fighting and conquering two different cancers in three years, she finally succumbed to another, after a valiant year-long battle.

She studied liberal arts, worked as a payroll clerk, then as an electronics technician. She served ten years as manager of a travel agency in Santa Clara. She traveled the world teaching English, and soaked up various cultures. She once did exhibition dancing and was an avid Duplicate Bridge player.

In addition to her two sons, she is survived by two grandsons, one great grandson, and two great granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Dec. 2, at Lancaster United Methodist Church, 918 W. Ave. J, Lancaster.

Bellflower art association meets Dec. 13

BELLFLOWER—The Bellflower Art Association will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 7-10 p.m. at Thompson Park, 14001 Bellflower Blvd. in Bellflower, with Penny Dermand giving a demonstration using oils for a floral painting.



LEONARD H. DURNAL—A Downey resident for 40 years, served with the US Army in World War II as a corps engineer.

Leonard H. Durnal, 86, was longtime resident

DOWNEY—Leonard H. Durnal was born to Lawrence and Louise Durnal July 10, 1919 in Villa Grove, Illinois. He came to California in 1962 and worked as a welder for 50 years. He was a US Army corps engineer in World War II.

He lived in Downey for 40 years and died on Nov. 25. He was 86.

He is survived by sons Jerry from Phoenix, John (Regina) from Virginia and Joe (whereabouts unknown); daughter Kathy (Phillip) Luna-Ortega of Downey; longtime companion Lillian Lonnon; brother Roland of Michigan City; sister Marie of Lancaster; and nine grandchildren. His wife, Natalie, preceded him in death. He also leaves many friends behind.

Services were entrusted to the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary. Interment was at Riverside National Cemetery was on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Memorial mass held for Jim Frize

DOWNEY—A memorial mass was held on Nov. 25 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church for James Patrick Frize, who was born Feb. 2, 1919 and died on Nov. 21.

He was raised in Huntington Park and graduated from Bell High School. Joining the Navy, he fought in WWII aboard the USS Independence. He worked for Amtec from 1949 to 1972.

He is survived by his wife, Eva; children, Sue, Nora, Jim, Mary, Loretta, Tim, Tam, John and Ron; 29 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; and two sisters, Una Conder and Patricia McCarthy.

Arrangements were handled by Miller-Mies Mortuary.

Fashion show at Women's Club meeting

DOWNEY—Downey Christian Women's Club invites the community to their buffet luncheon held the second Wednesday of every month at Los Amigos Country Club at 11:45 a.m.

Price for the lunch is \$12 and men are welcome to attend.

A fashion show by Glory M'lou's Boutique will be the special feature of the Dec. 14 meeting. Also, Arlane Hart will speak on "Peace after Tragedy" while Diane Pierce will provide the music.

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The Clock Is Running: Time To Revisit Your Tax Strategies

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Before the year ends, look for additional deductions, such as charitable donations and deductible contributions to a traditional IRA, that can be claimed for 2005. The maximum contribution to a traditional IRA is \$4,000 for 2005, an increase of \$1,000 from last year, and deductibility is based on income and other factors. An additional catch-up contribution of \$500 is available for those aged 50 and older. The deadline for IRA contributions for tax year 2005 is April 17, 2006.

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Y SUPPORT COMMITTEE IN PLACE—From left, front row: Steve Roberson, George Saikali, Debbie Hale and Wilk Perry; back row: Bob Winningham, Joe Commodore, Jim Derry and Deacon Mario Guerra.

Guerra to head YMCA current support campaign

DOWNEY—Local businessman and Downey Family YMCA board member Mario Guerra, who also serves as Deacon at St. Raymond's Catholic Church and a police chaplain with the Downey Police Department, has been nominated by YMCA board chair Bob Winningham as General Campaign Chair of the 2006-2007 YMCA Current Support Campaign.

He will be assisted by section Chairs: Jim Derry, Board Solicitation; Dr. Wilk Perry, Chairman's Round Table; Joe Commodore and Debbie Hale, Teams and Community.

"Mario is well-known in Downey and the surrounding communities as a person who gets things done. We are very thankful for his leadership to this campaign," said Winningham.

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First Baptist presents an original musical

DOWNEY—The Worship Arts Department of First Baptist Church of Downey, 8345 E. Third St. in Downey, will bring to life the music, clothing and culture of 1941 when it presents "Pearl...a Christmas Musical" Friday-Sunday, Dec. 9-11 at 7:30 p.m., and also at 4 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11.

The story shares the friendship of two children living adjacent in two Los Angeles apartments in 1941, and how they come to teach their Japanese-American and Caucasian families the "benefit of love that knows no color or bias."

The originally-scripted musical features the First Baptist 50-voice choir, as well as dance, drama, costumes and special effects that will transport the audience into the "happy-go-lucky days of 1941, and how the optimism of the music and culture sustained a nation—and two families—through the darkest of times."

Complimentary tickets for "Pearl" are available now by contacting the Pearl ticket office, (562) 923-1261, ext. 275, or by visiting www.fbc-downey.org or e-mail info@fbcdowney.org.

Musical group to sing carols at library

DOWNEY—The public is invited to a free performance Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the lobby of the Downey City Library by Divine Talents, a non-profit music education group who have performed for the Holiday Lane Parade, Kids Day and at Stonewood Center Mall. Young singers in grades kindergarten through 8th grade will perform holiday carols inside the library.

The program starts at 6:30 p.m. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave. For information, contact (562) 904-7360, ext. 32.

Library book lover's club meets Dec. 8

DOWNEY—If you are interested in discovering the best in literary fiction, biography and popular nonfiction, you should consider joining the Downey City Library Book Lover's Club. The free monthly book discussion group meets Thursday, Dec. 8 from noon-1 p.m. in the Cormack Room.

This month's featured selection is *The Gift of the Magi and Other Stories* by O. Henry. Group members are also invited to review a favorite book at this session.

Reservations are recommended by calling (562) 904-7360, ext. 3.

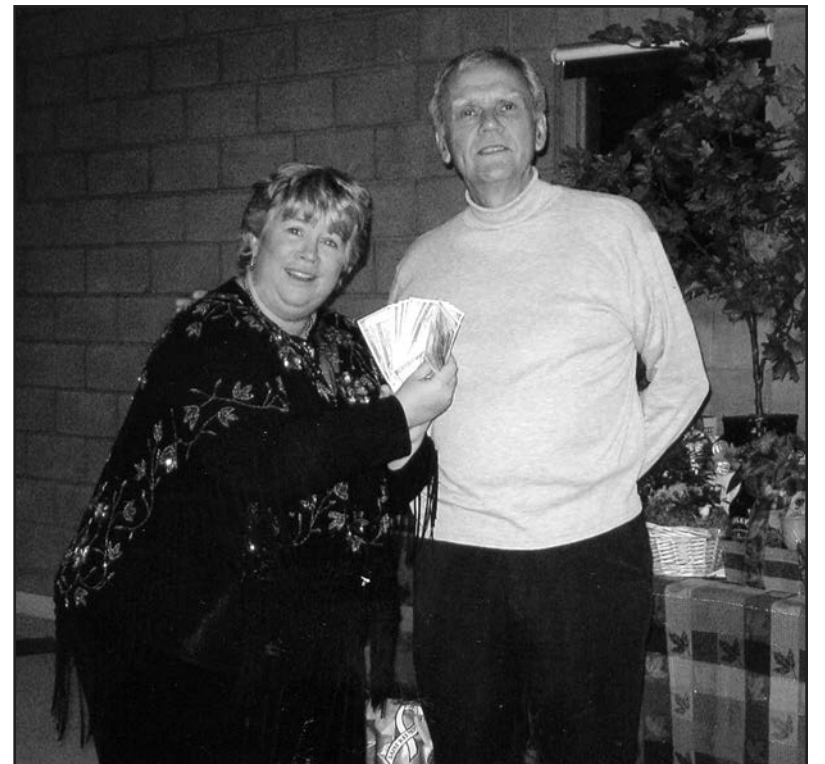
Beth Shalom offering Hebrew school

WHITTIER—Beth Shalom of Whittier, 14564 E. Hawes St. in Whittier, offers a religious and Hebrew school for grades K through 7. The school's "enjoyable learning experience" includes such activities as workshops, field trips and programs aimed at instilling Jewish values and traditions in children.

For information, call the school director, Liora Barr, (562) 941-8744, or visit www.bethshalomofwhittier.org.



BORA BORA HONEYMOON—Amber Lee Conroy and Matt Franklin Price, who met as teenagers while swimming for the Downey Dolphins, were married Sept. 24 in a garden ceremony at the Lindley Scott House in Azusa. Amber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Conroy of Downey and is currently completing a degree in education. The groom is the son of Mr. Ben Price of Bellflower and Mrs. Kathy Butram of Glendale, Arizona and works for Doty Bros. After a honeymoon in Bora Bora, the couple now resides in Lakewood.



BIG WINNERS – Ellen Mary Michel and John Lacey split a St. Raymond's Church reverse raffle grand prize of \$2,750.

Rose Float 'casino night' Dec. 2

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float Association wants you to get ready for a bigger and better Casino Night tonight, Dec. 2 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Woman's Club, featuring new authentic Vegas cards and chips, prizes and games.

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In addition, the collection includes a tribute card suitable for year-round greetings. Each of tribute cards is 100 percent tax deductible.

All cards measure 5"x 7"; each box contains 20 cards. Holiday cards are \$20 per box; tribute cards are \$50 per box. All prices include shipping and handling.

To order online, visit <http://www.mattel.ucla.edu/> and click on "2005 Holiday Card Collection" or call (310) 825-2631 and press option 6 for more information.



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP GUILD—Member Bette Lloyd, left, presents centerpiece she designed to chairpersons Charlene McCluskey, center, and Lucy Guastella in preparation for their "Christmas Joys" Luncheon tomorrow, Dec. 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Events Center. Centerpieces will be raffled to raise funds for OLPH School.

FPCU gets proclamation from city

DOWNEY—Financial Partners Credit Union received a Proclamation from the city of Downey officially recognizing Oct. 20, 2005 as International Credit Union Day. It was delivered personally by Mayor Pro Tem Meredith Perkins to FPCU's main office in Downey.

In recognition of International Credit Union Day and in keeping with this year's international theme of "Members Make It Happen," members were invited by Financial Partners to share their story of how they make a difference in their community for a chance to win \$500 to be donated to their favorite charity.

This was the winning story, submitted by FPCU member Pamela Benson:

"Project Love, a nonprofit organization established in 1963, provides holiday gifts and scholarships to children in the Navajo and Hopi reservations in Arizona. The gifts that the children ask for are things that my children take for granted such as school supplies, art supplies, backpacks, sports equipment, coloring books, and the list goes on. I have personally gone out to the reservation to deliver the gifts and meet with the children and they are all wonderful, very thankful children, most of them living in boarding schools.

This one story stands out in my mind. We were in the gym of one of the boarding schools giving out gifts and I noticed that a little boy (no more than 6 years old) opened a Barbie doll (from across the gym I felt really bad that we made a huge error and that he received the wrong gift). I went up to the boy and told him how sorry I was that he had received the wrong gift and I have some Hot Wheels out in the truck. He then looked up at me with sweet brown eyes and said that he asked for the Barbie doll. "It is for my little sister who was not yet in school." My eyes still get teary when I think about that little boy."

"This year's theme honors the central role credit unions play in our communities," stated Nader Moghaddam, FPCU CEO/president.



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Home decorating contest underway

DOWNEY—The City of Downey Community Services Department still has applications available for the annual holiday home decorating contest. Deadline for application entries is Thursday, Dec. 8.

Award categories include: Best Use of Lights, Religious Display, Handcrafted display, Neighborhood theme. Animated display, Total display, Window display and Lawn/Roof display.

Judging of the home displays will take place Monday, Dec. 12 from 5:30-10 p.m. The awards presentation will be held Thursday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. at the Downey City Hall Council Chambers.

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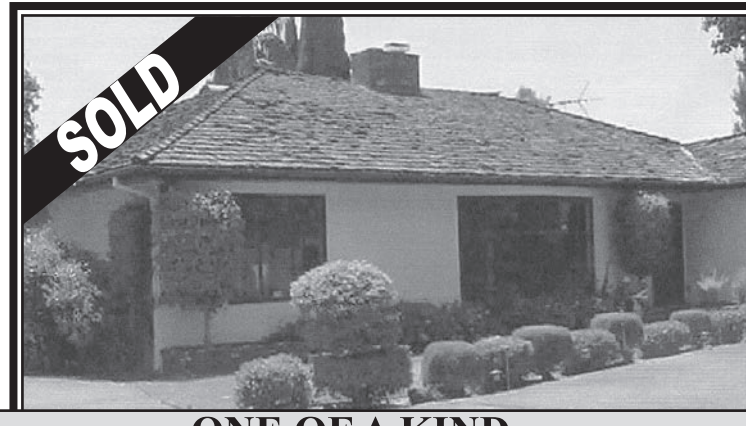
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Front 2-Units: 2BR+1BA, Yard, Newer Copper Piping & Windows, Back 2-Units: 2BR+1BA w/ Remod. Bath, (5)1-Car Garage, Storage Rooms, (Current Monthly Income \$4,500) Listed \$990,000

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N. Downey Custom Built Home w/Guest House
Built 1989 w/High Quality, Main House 4BR, 3BA, Living Rm, Formal Dining Rm, Family Rm w/Fireplace, WetBar, Gourmet Kitchen, Guest House-(1BR, 1BA, Living Rm) \$900,000



N. Downey Pride of Ownership! Near 2,500sf, 3BR+Office, 2.5BA, Master Suite w/Whirlpool Tub, Living Rm w/Fireplc, Formal Dining with Access to Custom Deck, Patio, Family Rm with TV-Cntr Pass-Thru Garage for Boat, \$859,000

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N.E. Downey Detached Townhome Built 2001
Interior Unit, 1477sf, 3BR, 2.5BA, Custom Tile Floor & Berber Carpet, Open Floor Plan, Master w/Walk-in Closet, Laundry Rm, 2-Car Garage, Nice Private Patio, C/A/C, \$525,000

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 <p>INCOME PROPERTY No rent control - 3 separate bungalows 1 bed/1 bath each. New roof, inside laundry area, copper plumbing, 3/1 car garage + 1 space. Seller will review all reasonable offers, call for more information. Martin Lopez (562) 824-3216</p>	 <p>COMO RANCHITO, EN LA AREA DE MUSCOY 2 units main house has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, second unit has 1 bedroom, 1 bath plus bonus room, 2 separate garages for each unit 1.04 acre of land. Horse property. Units will be vacant call for private showing. Udilia Gonzalez (626) 367-5791</p>	 <p>EXCELLENT DOWNEY LOCATION! Best priced 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Downey. Central air/heat, dining area, spacious living room with fireplace, two car garage, close to schools and shopping. Alfred Gutierrez (714) 390-9992</p>	 <p>GREAT BUY IN WHITTIER! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath w/enclosed patio, 2 car detached garage. New exterior & interior paint with new carpet in rooms. Nice hardwood floors in living room and tile floor in kitchen. Nice backyard with a view. Close to schools, freeways, stores, and churches. Debbie Santiago (562) 307-5429</p>
 <p>GORGEOUS CORNER HOME This property built in 1979, features 4 bedrooms w/a master bedroom, 2 bath, formal living room w/fireplace, formal dining room, large kitchen, central A/C, attached garage for 3 vehicles and a beautiful spacious backyard. Luis Estrada (562) 261-1966</p>	 <p>LYNWOOD 2 bedroom home in great location walk to schools, Lynwood Park, City Hall, supermarket, bank, etc. Mel Lopez (310) 635-5662</p>	 <p>SOUTH GATE - \$599,900 This 4 bed, 2 bath home is 1,530 sq. ft. with a swimming pool on a 8,237 sq. ft. lot size is currently under remodeling. Call me today for all the details. Hurry!!! Freddie Diaz (562) 261-2809</p>	 <p>HUNTINGTON PARK 3 bed, 2 bath, master bedroom with master bath, new copper plumbing, ceramic tile floor, plenty of storage space with laundry room, plenty of room to expand, ample driveway with RV parking, approx. 5,900 sq. ft. lot, zoned R3. Call Luther for an apt. today! Luther Sanchez (562) 755-9387</p>
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This beautiful Downey home features 5 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, kitchen with stainless steel appliances, hardwood, marble & granite throughout, pool and spa, 3,202 square feet of living space on a 7,688 square foot lot, awesome N/E Downey location, under construction, much, much more!
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This completely remodeled condo located in Downey's most popular 55+ building features 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, inside laundry and private terrace. Close to restaurants, banks, pharmacies, medical buildings and Downey Theater. Offered at \$199,900.



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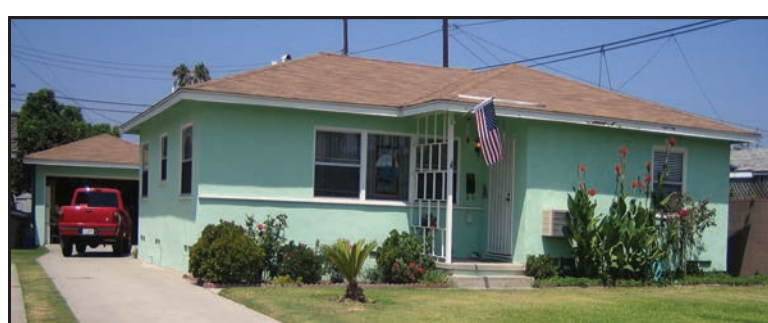
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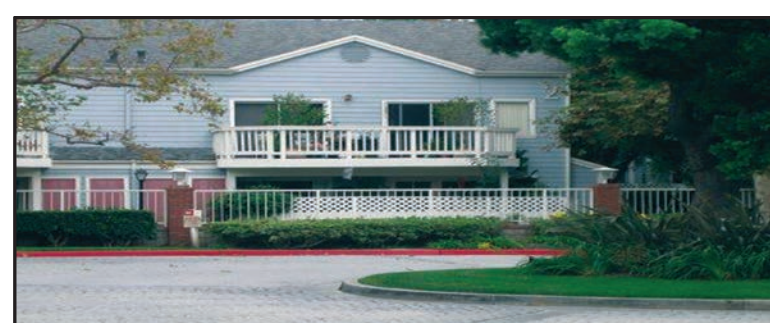
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Room to Grow!
Immaculate 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home on a 8980 sq. ft. lot. The home has refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior and exterior, & inside laundry. The enormous yard includes plenty of grass, a covered patio, and a 2 car detached garage. Price: \$625,000
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Fantastic Buy!
2 bedroom, 1 bath top-level condo with 2 car detached garage in Norwalk near AMC Theater. Unit is light and bright and features a living room and dining area with vaulted ceilings, kitchen with tile counter tops, and a balcony off living room and master bedroom. Also features central air and heat. Priced to sell at \$335,000.
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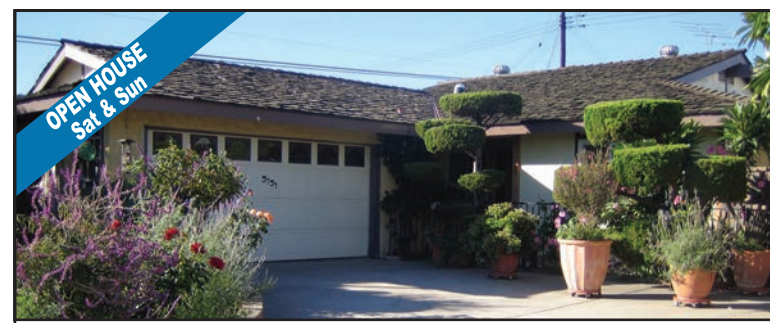
Home of Distinction!
This magnificent, colonial-style home includes a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath main house, large guest house, 3-car garage, and huge backyard with pool & spa on an impressive 11,625 sq. ft. lot. The home features an elegant formal living room with crown molding & fireplace, spacious formal 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: \$1,250,000.
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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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Nice Area, Nice Price!
3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home in Pico Rivera (near Downey) with high ceilings in living room, and light & airy kitchen. The back yard features a nice covered patio and an above-ground jacuzzi. Property has a 2 car attached garage with laundry hook-ups in garage, and the driveway has plenty of room for many cars to park. Reduced Price: \$464,950.
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A Hot Buy!
3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home in Lakewood Estates that features living room with fireplace, large dining area, and inside laundry room. Home has central air/heat and newer windows with built-in blinds. Priced to sell @ \$579,900.
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