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## Downey police officer recovering from shooting

By Eric Pierce

**DOWNEY**—A Downey police officer is recovering after being shot by a man last Friday suspected of earlier killing his father and brother, authorities said.

The man, identified as 24-year-old Cesar Iniguez, was later found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, police said.

The ordeal started about 5 p.m. when Downey police officers responded to reports of an assault at the Del Norte apartment complex, said Deputy Steve Suzuki from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The suspect opened fire when Downey police entered the building, hitting one of the officers. Police returned fire and withdrew, Suzuki said.

Sargeant Ed Kelly was taken to St. Francis Medical Center in Lynwood where he was listed in serious but stable condition. His injuries, which witnesses called a graze wound to the head, were not considered life threatening.

A sheriff's SWAT team surrounded the apartment complex and tried unsuccessfully to negotiate with the suspect. SWAT entered the building about 11 p.m. and found the suspect dead, Suzuki said.

Iniguez is suspected in the killings of his father, 50-year-old Rafael Iniguez, and brother, 10-year-old Edward Iniguez, whose bodies were found inside their South Gate home Friday morning.

## Help available for uninsured patients

**DOWNEY**—Downey Regional Medical Center reported this week the opening of telephone assistance lines for uninsured and underinsured patients, a new service that will give information on available payment plans and financial help.

The new program went into effect this month.

"For the uninsured and underinsured, Downey Regional Medical Center's Business Office staff assists patients and families by interpreting financial responsibilities, communicating DRMC's policies on financial assistance, and offering education on how to obtain the assistance that fits individual needs," said Theresa Guardino, Administrative Director Patient Financial Services at DRMC.

Trained staff are available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for one-on-one assistance. Messages left on weekends are returned within 24 hours on the following business day.

Uninsured persons in need of a cash quote for services can call (562) 904-5186. For other information, call (562) 904-5025.

## Reunion and barbecue planned this weekend

**DOWNEY**—The John Hume Performing Arts Foundation (JHPAF) will be sponsoring a reunion picnic and barbecue this Sunday, June 25, from noon to 5 p.m. in Furman Park, similar to the events held by the Downey Children's Theater in the 1950s-1960s.

It is open to all General Members and Friends of the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation, their families, and any alumni from: the Downey Children's Theater, Downey Teen Theater, Downey Experimental Theater, Downey Marionette Theater and the Downey Civic Light Opera.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be furnished and prepared by JHPAF, and there is no admission charge. JHPAF requests that anyone attending bring a side dish to share that would serve about 8-10 people.

Visitors should RSVP by calling (562) 869-0422.



**PETROS GIANNIKOPOULOS**—Downey High School valedictorian in 1997 and a 2001 B.A. graduate of UCLA, poses with Downey City Councilman Kirk Cartozian on his graduation from Harvard Medical School in Cambridge, MA June 8. Petros is a former student of Cartozian at DHS.



**SECOND TIME AROUND**—Steve Allen, a former Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year, will be installed as the chamber's 103rd president today. It will be his second stint as president.

## Steve Allen will be chamber president

■ Chamber directors also set to be installed at gala luncheon today.

**DOWNEY**—Steve Allen, a career banker with 37 years experience, will be installed as the 103rd President of the Downey Chamber of Commerce in a gala installation and luncheon today, June 23, at 11:45 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Allen currently serves as vice president and business development officer for Bank of Orange County branch in Downey.

The installation and luncheon will have a golf theme, "Swing On Over For."

### Heavily involved

Since coming to Downey in 1990 he has served as president of the Optimist Club and is currently the group's secretary treasurer. He is an active member of Gangs Out Of Downey and served as that group's president. And he has served as a planning commissioner for the city the past 15 years, currently chairing that body.

He has served four terms on the Board of Directors of the chamber and served as president previously 1997-98. He chaired the golf committee for three years. He also serves on the chamber's City Affairs Committee.

His awards include the 2003 Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. He lives quietly in Downey with his wife, Milayna, and two sons, Frank and Nicholas.

### Board members

To be installed with Allen are President Elect Jaime Garcia of Kaiser Permanente; Vice President Orlando Waters of Downey Federal Credit; Treasurer Joe Keays of Downey Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning; and Past President Steve Hoffman of the law offices of Steven J. Hoffman. Executive Director Sue Nordin serves as secretary to the Corporation.

Also installed at the luncheon will be 2006-09 directors Gwynn Gustafson of Co-op Cache Consulting; Robert Zavala of Freedom Vacations; and Myra Benjamin of Budget Blinds, who is filling out the 2007 term for Kathy Gorman of Downey Adult School.

Returning directors in addition to the officers include Joe Becker of Nordic Fox; Darrell Dixon of Dixon & Associates Insurance; Dr. Dan Fox Fox chiropractic; Matt Knox of Storm Force; Dr. John McAlister, DDS; Rick Rodriguez, RMI International; and Jan Scott Pacific Western Bank. Installing officer will be Mayor Meredith Perkins.

Cost of the luncheon is \$35 per person, for reservations call the chamber office at (562) 923-2191.

## Big Band music to start concert season

**DOWNEY**—The Wiseguys Big Band will kick off the annual Summer Twilight Concert Series at Furman Park on Wednesday, July 5 at 7 p.m.

Other musical attractions scheduled include a South American Festival on July 12; the Perfect Gentlemen (a capella/barbershop group) on July 19; 50's and 60's music with the Rockit Scientists on July 26; the Main Street Polka Band and Dancers on Aug. 2; the Downey Symphony Orchestra on Aug. 9; 20's and 30's jazz with the Bilgewater Brothers on Aug. 16; and the United States Navy Band Southwest on Aug. 23.

Food is available to purchase at all concerts or attendees may bring their own picnic.

Furman Park is located at 10419 Rives Ave. (between Florence and Firestone). For information, call 904-7230.

## Historic Rives Mansion is sold

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The sale of the imposing Rives Mansion, located at Paramount Boulevard and Third Street, has stunned preservationists interested in the 94-year-old structure.

Jane Hendricks, who has resided in the old mansion for years since her father bought it, did not reveal the property's new owners, other than saying there are three of them and they too plan to live in the old structure.

The mansion sold for \$1.7 million.

Hendricks currently operates the Nordic Fox Restaurant across the street from the mansion. She and her manager, Joe Becker, will stay in Downey and continue to run the restaurant, Becker told The Downey Patriot this week.

### Built to last

The mansion is an imposing structure of firm construction, built with sturdy lumber some of which is 2 x 10s.

On entering through the stately columns and front door the spacious entry hall impresses. The stairway to the upper floors seems endless. The ceiling of the entry hall is 20 feet high.

Off the spacious living room is the library, large enough for small groups and warmed by a fireplace of interesting design. Lighting fixtures of a past era grace the ceiling, and are operated by old fashioned push-button switches.

### Formal dining room

The home has a formal dining room with a table that can easily seat 20. Built-in China cabinets with leaded glass doors recall this slowly fading art-form involving glass and lead. The formal atmosphere remind that Rives was a judge.

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## 'Character Counts' Series

This is the 13th in a series of winning student essays from each of the Downey Unified School District schools on the theme, "Character Counts."

## Character

By Rebekah Jin,  
East Middle School

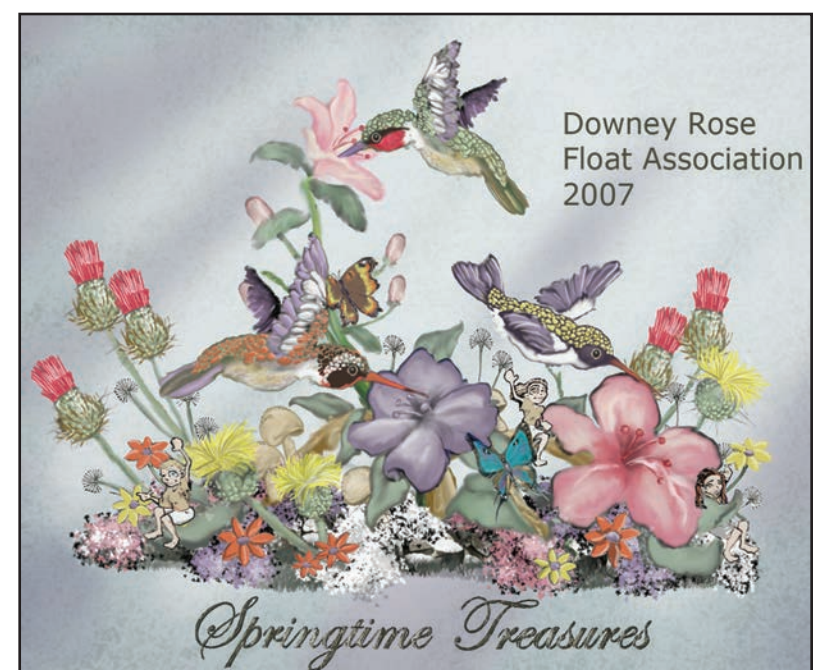
"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved."—Helen Keller

What does the quote above mean to you? A person's own character is truly a mysterious thing. All of the different qualities and various aspects that build a person's character are full of such misery and perilous experiences. Whether it be good or bad, character represents who you are and what you strive to accomplish in life. In my essay I will explain why and how character proves to be a significant value for life through several reasons.

Having times of suffering can either turn someone rotten if they cannot withstand it or they can strengthen through the pain and grow more wisdom and integrity, both of which are character-building traits. I know of someone who is an extremely fine example of this—my maternal grandfather.

To begin this "journey back in time," I must share a little about when and where my prominent grandfather grew up as a child and through early adulthood. He was born about a decade and a half before the Korean War from a poor Christian household on the northern part of Korea. (This happened before the war, so he is not a North Korean.) When the war started, my grandpa and his father told the rest of his family, which consisted of his mother, six kids, and one on the way that they would briefly travel to the southern side of Korea to take care of some business. And with that,

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'SPRINGTIME TREASURES'—Above is an art rendering of the Downey Rose Float's 55th consecutive entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade 2007. It was done by Jared Sweeney, one of the three designers of the float.





**BANKING ON THE GO**—Downey Federal Credit Union had a June 14 ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of its Express Service Office in the lobby of the Downey Regional Medical Center. The center will be open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. In photo are members of DFCU's and DRMC's administrations and boards.

## Chamber to honor 'oustanding' businesses

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Chamber of Commerce will recognize outstanding businesses in the 1-10 employee category, and in the 11-plus employee category, "for their consistent leadership on civic and business issues, and for their contributions to the community and to a variety of organizations."

Two businesses best fulfilling the following criteria will be honored at the Volunteer Luncheon Friday, July 28 at the Rio Hondo Event Center:

- Must be a Downey business or have a branch office in Downey
- In business in Downey over five years
- Member of the Chamber
- Demonstrated continual contributions to the community and to a variety of organizations (not focused on one area) through the use of his/her personal time or other resources during the period June 2005-June 2006
- Staying power – a substantial history as an established business
- Shows leadership and gives input on civic issues that not only affect their own business, but the entire business community

The nominations deadline is no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, June 30, submitted to the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 11131 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241 (FAX 869-0461).

A few past recipients of the "Small and Large Businesses of the Year Award" include: Ed DiLoreto, Yale Engineering (1989), C. Larry Hoag, Hoag Realty and Don Dixon, Dixon and Associates Insurance (1991), Joyce and Mike Prokop, Classic Closets (1995), Dave Gafin, CPA and J.C. Penney Co. (1997), Steve Allen, Pacific Western Bank (2003), and Dan Fox of Fox Chiropractic and Downey Federal Credit Union (2005).

## Assistance League grants \$1K scholarships

**DOWNEY**—Two students each from Downey and Warren High Schools, and a student from Columbus, were this year each awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the Assistance League of Downey, a chapter of the National Assistance League, for their "outstanding volunteer services to the community."

The five: Samantha Hernandez, Columbus High School; Abigail Hocking and Jane Kim, both of Downey High; and Warren High's Daniel Abarca and Lois Lim.

### Vital service

The Assistance League of Downey, a nonprofit organization of volunteers who raise funds to provide and administer "vital, quality services" for people in need in the Downey area, provides the following services/programs: Operation School Bell, H.O.M.E., Dental Program, Kids on the Block, S.A.T. Program, Hug-A-Bear Project, Books on Wheels, Christmas distributions, and others, as the need arises.

For information about the organization, call (562) 869-0232.

## Various summer camps starting June 26

**DOWNEY**—The city of Downey Community Services Department is holding five summer camps ranging from six to 10 weeks long starting Monday, June 26. The variety of camps includes Camp Hollywood (theatrical arts), Sports Camp, Adventure Camp, Wilderness Camp and Little Buddies.

The camps run from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and daycare is available for an additional fee. The cost is \$70 per week if a second child is enrolled.

For more information, call 904-7238.

## Polynesian dance class starts July 12

**DOWNEY**—The city of Downey Community Services Department is offering Polynesian Dance for children ages 5 and older beginning Wednesday, July 12 at the Apollo Dance Studio.

Students will learn and enjoy graceful hand, arm and body movements of hula, set to the music of the islands. Other Polynesian Island dances will be introduced as well.

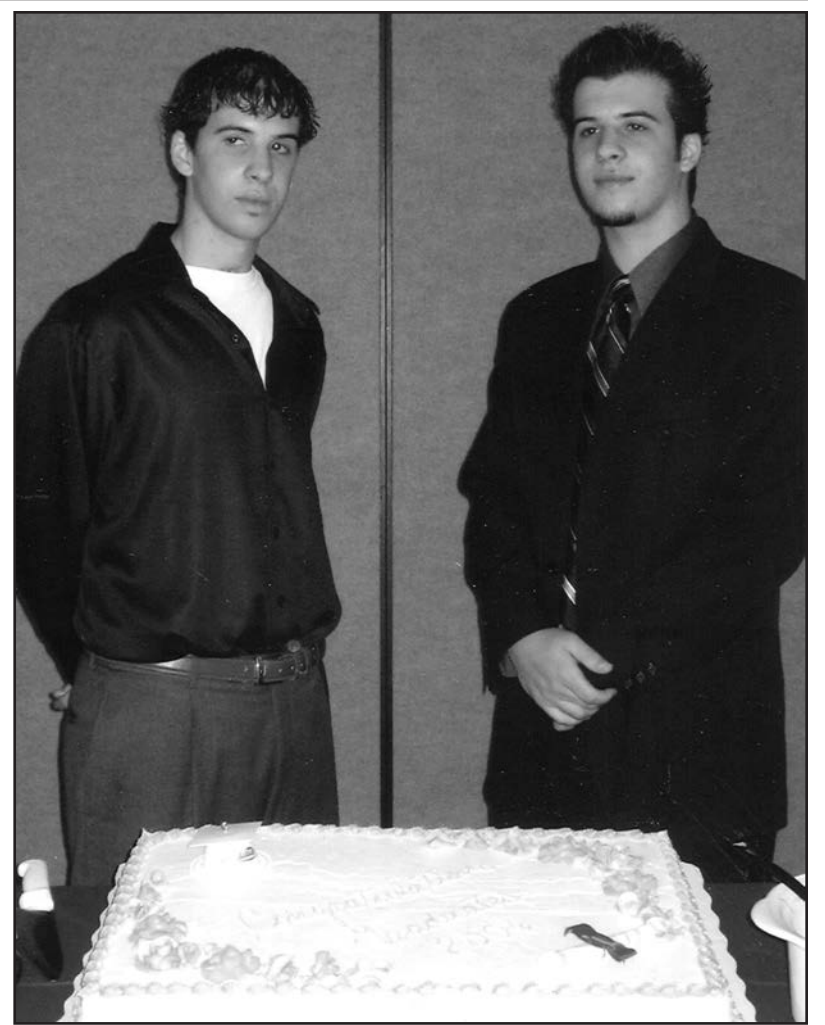
Fee for the course is \$40 for 10 weeks. For information/to register, call 904-7238.

## Downey Christian Club meets July 12

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Christian Women's Club, which is open to the community, including men, will meet Wednesday, July 12 at Los Amigos Country Club at 11:45 a.m.

The buffet luncheon will feature a presentation on the Orange County Ronald McDonald House by Ronald Van Winkle. Speaker Gerda Kuykendall will speak on "one woman's story of triumph over the hardships of war."

Cost of the lunch is \$12 and reservations are requested by calling Ginnie at (562) 927-8488 or Delores at (562) 868-7135.



**BROTHERS JOHN AND DINO CAPRA**—Each gets a \$400 scholarship from the Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish.

## Italian Catholic group awards scholarships

**DOWNEY**—The Italian Catholic Federation of St. Raymond's Parish held its annual Scholarship and Awards Night on June 9, at which two brothers, John and Dino Capra of Cathedral High School, each received a \$400 scholarship, four students from St. Raymond's were each awarded \$300 scholarships, and donations were given to St. Raymond's Church and School, Foley House, Rio Hondo Temporary Home and H.E.L.P.S. of Downey.

Also presented with a check and congratulations on his 25th jubilee in the priesthood was Fr. John Higgins.



**HIGH HONORS** – The Downey Family YMCA has named Dr. Wayne Wilcox and Bob Brazelton as recipients of its two top awards. Wilcox received the Red Triangle Award for Community Service while Brazelton received the Distinguished Service Award for length and breadth of service. The awards, the highest recognition bestowed on an individual for outstanding service to the Downey YMCA and community, were presented at the 65th Annual Installation Dinner last month. "Dr. Wayne Wilcox and Bob Brazelton have been outstanding YMCA and community leaders. As a result, they have touched the lives of thousands of children in the process," said Downey YMCA Past Board Chair Bob Winningham.

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**TWINKLES THE CLOWN**—Will be on hand on opening day of the city library's children's summer reading program June 26, with balloons, calliope music and reading fun. "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales!" is for children ages preschool through 8th grade.

**Former Lakers to host basketball camp**

**DOWNEY** — Former Los Angeles Lakers Jeff Lamp and Petur Gudmundsson will be hosting a basketball camp this summer at the Downey YMCA.

The first session runs July 10-14 and the second session will run July 31-Aug. 4.

Lamp is a former All-American at the University of Virginia and was a first round draft pick in the NBA. Gudmundsson played for three teams during his NBA career, including the Portland Trailblazers, Lakers, and San Antonio Spurs.

Other notable staff members will be assisting with the camp as well. The program is geared towards the serious basketball player willing to commit the required time and effort. Skills will be taught at game-speed so players can quickly incorporate them into actual game play. Drills will be taught the same way they are practiced by professionals.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and costs \$125 for Downey YMCA members and \$150 for nonmembers. Financial aid is available.

For more information, call Bill DeMedio, Downey YMCA sports director, at 862-4201.

**Children's reading program at library**

**DOWNEY**—Registration for the Downey City Library's summer reading program, "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales!", begins Monday, June 26 for children ages preschool through 8th grade.

From June 26 through Aug. 5, children may check out books and read them at home to earn prizes. Kids who read 20 books or 1,000 pages receive a reading certificate and free book during the program. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library.

The program also features "Wild Wednesday" special events at 2 p.m. for kids ages 5-12, while middle school students may enjoy "Monday Madness" special events, on Urban Legends (July 10), Shipwrecks & Buried Treasure (July 17) and Make an Origami Pet (July 24).

"Children in a summer reading program make more reading gains than during the school year," said Children's Librarian Gina Orello. "This program is an exciting way to incorporate reading into your family fun this summer." For more information, contact Children's Services at 904-7360, ext. 4. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

**Hiring and firing topic at meeting**

**DOWNEY**—"Employee Hiring, Discipline, Termination" will be presented by guest speaker Kelly Hensley when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group next meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 27 at Nordic Fox, 10924 Paramount Blvd.

RSVP/information: (562) 923-2191.

**Downey Rose Float fireworks sale July 1-4**

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Rose Float will be selling fireworks from Saturday-Tuesday, July 1-4, in the Sav-on's parking lot located at Firestone and Paramount Blvds., and selling hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream and cake at the city of Downey's Concerts in the Park every Wednesday from July 5-August 23, to raise funds to help build and decorate this year's float.

The float was designed by Kelley Roberts Jr., Jason Redfox, and Jared Sweeney. For information, contact Julie Swender, Downey Rose Float president, (562) 923-9773, or Gary DeRemer, 1st vice-president, (562) 260-8503.

**Local graduates from Ryman Arts**

**DOWNEY**—Downey High School sophomore Susey Chang was one of 52 students honored at the Ryman Arts 2006 graduation ceremony on June 13 for completing the organization's intense art training program. It was held at the California African American Museum (CAAM) in Exposition Park.

The ceremony also marked the opening of the museum's exhibition showcasing more than 200 of the Ryman student's best works from the 2005-22006 school year (Chang's artwork included), on view through July 22.

Ryman Arts provides advanced drawing and painting instruction to talented young people, free of charge, in order to strengthen their skills, broaden their talents and prepare them for college and careers in the arts. The students attend classes for 3-1/2 hours every Saturday.

Some of this year's Ryman Arts graduates are headed to an array of distinguished institutions including Otis College of Art and Design, Art Center College of Design/Pomona College, CSU-Long Beach, Loyola Marymount University, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Cornell University, University of Notre Dame, Universidad de Guadalajara, University of Chicago, Northwestern University, UC-Berkeley, UCLA, UC-Santa Barbara, and UC-Irvine.

**Clothing give-away at First Christian**

**DOWNEY**—Downey First Christian Church, 10909 New St. and 4th, is having a clothing give-away from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. tomorrow, June 24. All are welcome to come get free gently-used clothes.

The event is sponsored by the Food Help Ministry of Downey First Christian Church in partnership with other Downey churches.

For added information, call the church office, 862-2438, or call Bob Varden, co-director, Food Help Ministry (foodhelp@newstreetchurch.com), at 923-5649 or 505-0106.

**MANSION**

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A pantry provides a buffer between the dining room and kitchen. Stairs run down from the pantry to the basement. There are three furnaces in the basement, supplying heat to different areas of the big home. The basement is also a cool place to keep perishable goods.

Some old tile is still in place in parts of the kitchen. A coal stove and ice box have been replaced with modern appliances.

**Builder John Buckles**

The mansion was one of three notable structures built by John Buckles, who helped develop Downey.

A contractor and real estate developer of the area north of North American Vultee, he is best known for three homes, in 1919 the lovely Ball Home on what is now Cherokee, about two blocks west of Lakewood. In 1922 he built a home on Passons Boulevard in Pico Rivera. And the beautiful mansion for Judge Rives, in true colonial style.

These three homes are remarkable for their quality and are monuments to the skill of the cabinet-maker and artisan.



**DOWNEY RESIDENTS**—Amanda Abdou, left, and Melissa Martinez graduated from Connelly High School in Anaheim on June 11 in a ceremony complete with traditional white dresses and red roses. Amanda Abdou will attend parson School of Design, and Melissa will attend UC-Riverside.

**Bible adventures taught for children**

**DOWNEY** — Downey United Methodist Church will host a summer vacation bible school, "Adventures of the Treasure Seekers," Monday, June 26 through Friday, June 30.

The program is designed for children in preschool through fifth grade. The class is free and meets from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 861-9777.



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††Western Financial Bank merged with Wachovia Bank N.A. on March 1, 2006. We will continue to use the Western Financial Bank name to serve our customers until our operations and branch networks are fully combined.



## Keep Downey Beautiful hands out awards

**DOWNEY**—The city of Downey's Keep Downey Beautiful Committee on June 8 recognized the 2006 Home and Business Beautification Award winners.

Home Beautiful Awards, honoring "residents who exhibit pride in their home and maintain excellent landscaping," went to: Don and Eileen Clay, 11401 Pruess; Epimenio Cueva Jr., 12237 Cornuta; Sue Minkler, 13055 Ardis; Dale W. Smith, 9634 Clancey; Silvia Torres, 10219 La Reina; Jim and Terrie-Tyson, 8116 7th St.; and Scott York, 8217 7th St.

Winners of the Home Improvement Award, presented to "residents who have made substantial exterior improvements over the past 18 to 24 months," included: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Curato Sr., 7232 Irvinggrove; Mrs. Meena Katakia, 9399 Suva; Donn and Stacy McFarland, 10740 Lesterford; Mary Melcarek, 10302 Mattock; Rudy and Maureen Portillo, 10440 Birchdale; Nacho and Olga Trujillo, 11951 Rives; and Misael and Olga Vasquez, 10063 Casanes.

Multi-Family Award winners included: BJM Pandora, 10632 Western Ave.; Corinthian, 9063 Florence Ave.; Cypress, 8600 5th St.; Downey Daily Apartments, 10309 Downey Ave.; Daily La Reina, 10630 La Reina Ave.; Elmwood, 9355 Washburn Rd.; Vera Floras, 11836 Old River School Rd.; Kimberly Thor, 9220 Telegraph Rd.; La Villa Descanso, 10520 Paramount Blvd.; Lone Pine Apartments, 8538 Gallatin; Quite Bay, 8329 Alameda St.; Stonewood Village, 10720 Lakewood Blvd.; Sunrose Villas, 11709 Downey Ave.; Teresa Wyszomirski, 12709 Lakewood Blvd.; Jasmine Townhomes, 11645 Coldbrook; and Woodstone, 9426 Nance Ave.

Keep Downey Beautiful is part of the city's Public Works Department and is dedicated to educating the public on a variety of issues including beautification, litter, graffiti, recycling and storm drain pollution prevention. It meets the second Monday of each month at Downey City Hall from 3-4 p.m. (dark in August and December). It welcomes participation by interested members of the community. Coordinator is Carol Rowland.

### Fail-Safe plans fundraising dinner

**DOWNEY** - Fail Safe 4 Felines, a nonprofit organization working towards reducing the population of unwanted cats in Downey, will host a beef stroganoff night on Tuesday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey Elks Lodge.

The dinner will include salad, beef stroganoff, dessert, coffee, tea and a 50/50 raffle. The cost is a \$20 donation.

The Downey Elks Lodge is at the corner of Woodruff Ave. and Firestone Blvd.



**OPHTHALMOLOGIST DR. BRIAN BROWN**—Will serve two-year term as president of the DRMC Medical Staff starting July 1.

## Dr. Brown named new medical staff president

**DOWNEY**—Brian Brown, MD, was elected to a two-year term as president of the Downey Regional Medical Center Medical Staff, effective July 1. Serving with him are: Dr. Gil Bender, president-elect; Dr. Kaushal Tamboli, secretary/treasurer; and Dr. Alan Frischer, immediate past president.

Born in Los Angeles, Brown was raised in Downey. He graduated with double honors from Stanford University, followed by his medical degree from UCLA School of Medicine. He completed his postgraduate studies in Ophthalmology at USC's Doheny Eye Institute, Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center, Stanford University and Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Brown is board-certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Additionally he is a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, California Association of Ophthalmology and the Los Angeles Eye Society. He is chief of ophthalmology at DRMC and clinical instructor of ophthalmology at the Doheny Eye Institute and Western State University.

He was formerly the chairman of the City of Seal Beach Planning Commission and chairman of the board of directors of Downey Federal Credit Union.

Dr. Brown has been on staff at DRMC since 1987. Last year he moved into his new facility at 10933 Lakewood Blvd.

Brown and his wife, Rosie, son Will and daughter Sarah live in Seal Beach.

### Downey Emblem Club Barona bus trip

**DOWNEY**—Downey Emblem Club #309 is making its first trip to Barona Casino on Wednesday, July 19. It is the club's summer fundraiser. The bus leaves the Elks Lodge parking lot at 8 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30 or 6 p.m. There will be bingo on the bus.

Cost is \$6 for members, \$11 for nonmembers. Mail check to Downey Emblem Club #309, P.O. Box 562, Downey, CA 90241. (The casino wants requests a name, address and birthdate ahead of the visit so they will have a player's card ready upon arrival).

For information, call Mary Guzman, (562) 622-1003.



**RYLAN GUTIERREZ**—Is representing Warren High School in the 69th annual weeklong California Boys' State conference in Sacramento that ends tomorrow.

**Word of MOUTH**  
by Soheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

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## The Poets' Corner

### Dear Son

A man to man talk  
You know how we walk  
What happens to our parents  
Has nothing to do with us children  
We become better than they hope  
Our life journey is just like a tightrope  
We chose to learn from others' mistakes  
That is what a short life makes  
Please know that commonsense is not common  
I love you, son.  
—Daddy Linh Duy Vo,  
Downey

In hope of enlivening the literary atmosphere, The Downey Patriot prints "The poets' corner" weekly. Poets of every description are invited to submit their work, as long as it is suitable for a family newspaper. Our editors will try and pick the best and most timely poems for each edition.

## CHARACTER

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the two literally walked the whole way down while being surrounded by tough soldiers and guards. That was not even half the battle; they almost got killed twice! When they had finally reached their destination, the people who governed the country agreed that the country would be cut in half.

Although this may not sound critical to you, imagine being forever exiled from your hometown, never to see your family ever again. This is what had happened to my grandfather and great grandfather. The two had lost everything in their lives, but they kept their faith in God that He would watch over them. Soon my grandpa was of age to go to college. He was the first in his family to go, and even though going to college seems pretty obvious nowadays, hardly anyone even finished high school around that time! That is not all; my grandpa attended Korea University, one of the classiest colleges of South Korea even today. With God's blessing over my grandfather, he successfully graduated with his clever mind and started a new life of prosperity and luck.

Even though his life had been harsh and full of unfortunate events, my grandfather gained strength and strived toward strong motives. Through time, my grandpa's character had fully sprouted out, revealing a beautiful inner soul of wisdom, prosperity, and most of all, his heart of gold. After finishing his courses in college, my grandfather got married and earned millions of won (the Korean currency) through his jobs and the stock market. With his money, he supports orphans at foster homes and treats them like his own children. He is also a church elder and actively participates in his church life.

I know of no one else with a better character than my very own grandfather. His character is so wonderful that it cannot be expressed through words on paper. Because of the extreme danger and suffering that he went through, he *did* lose contact with his family, but he also strengthened his soul and heart, set ambitions in order to achieve great possibilities, and with his successes, helps out so many unlucky children.

I leaned so much from my grandpa's life when he told me about it, and I feel lucky that I am not living in a time like his. But although I dislike that time of history for its violence and war, I still wish to use my grandpa's story as a guiding light for my future. How my beloved grandpa acted during bad times inspires me to act just the same since I want my own character to be as gentle, clever, persevering, and compassionate as his. Though money and smartness may seem important, it is actually one's character that counts in life. Seeing that my grandfather has all three, I asked him which one stands out against the rest, and he thoughtfully answered,

"Character, something so distant and faint at the start, but as we progress through life, it comes closer and closer, as if we could grab it and finally embrace the fact that our life has a purpose, and for us to know the true soul inside of us."

So as you can see in this essay, character expresses who we are as a person and how we use our lives. This quote that Helen Keller said contains a powerful meaning—that character does not form in times of relaxation, but through times of struggle, and the character we gain from those times leads us through life.

Many a time will a person struggle but overcoming miseries and developing our inner self will take you farther than you have ever been before.

## Alvarez graduates mechanic's course

**DOWNEY**—Army National Guard Pvt. Douglas A. Alvarez, whose wife, Monica, is the daughter of Patty Sanchez of Downey, has graduated from the Light-Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic Advanced Industrial Training (AIT) Course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen, Md.

The course is designed to train soldiers to perform unit maintenance and recovery operations on gasoline and diesel-fueled light-wheeled vehicles, including prime movers designated as five-ton or less and their associated trailers, and associated items. Soldiers were trained to perform maintenance and recovery operations on truck and heavy-wheeled vehicles, and on material handling equipment; maintain power-assisted brake systems, vehicle suspension systems, wheel/hub assemblies, mechanical steering systems, hydraulic power steering systems, and more.

Alvarez is the son of Honorio A. and Estela B. Alvarez of South Gate.

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# Your right to know

By John Adams

There is a growing uneasiness among many members of the press with the continued efforts by the Bush administration to cut off leaks and sources of information.

These contacts are often the lifeblood of journalism. Often classified documents have been leaked. The bitter lesson the sources of these leaks have learned is that you pay with your job if the FBI search comes up with your name.

If you leak we will find you eventually and you will lose your job. No matter what the eventual question of whether it was right or not right to speak out.

In this case it was Mary McCarthy, an intelligence officer with the CIA who was sacked in April after it was learned it was she who leaked that the National Security Agency had indulged in domestic wiretapping while ignoring safeguards required by the courts as law.

There is another chilling message to that FBI probe. Columnist Jack Anderson was a packrat who kept expansive files long after he retired. He had accumulated more than 200 boxes in Washington D.C. Shortly after his death in December, the FBI called on his estate, saying they were looking for classified documents.

Anderson had been ill and had not done any active reporting for almost 20 years.

Journalists were disturbed by the idea of the FBI shuffling through a dead man's files, but were even more disturbed that it was alright for the feds to confiscate any classified documents found during their search.

Shouldn't items in the public domain remain there once they are aired?

This has been accompanied by a massive reclassification of documents, casting a widening veil of secrecy.

Librarians have even been dragged into the fight. The American Library Association has written to the NSA after reclassification of material previously allowed on library shelves.

The NSA has remained adamant that it has the power to reclassify when it is necessary.

# You can save interest costs on college loans

By Congresswoman. Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—With the costs of higher education soaring in this country, many families are struggling like never before to send their children to college. Since 2001, tuition and fees at four-year public colleges have increased by 40 percent and the typical student borrower now graduates from college with a record \$17,500 in education debt.

To help students and parents save on student loan costs, I want to make families aware of a time-sensitive opportunity to save thousands of dollars on interest. Starting July 1, 2006 interest rates on outstanding loans rise to their highest rate in six years. Students and parents can avoid this increase by consolidating their separate loans into one, and locking in a low fixed interest rate by or on June 30.

On July 1, the U.S. Department of Education adjusts its yearly interest rates on outstanding college loans. This year, interest rates on student loans are expected to rise to over 7 percent and interest rates on parent loans are expected to rise to 7.8 percent. Eligible student borrowers who consolidate their outstanding loans by June 30 can lock in an interest rate as low as 4.75 percent, which would save an average of nearly \$3,500 over the life of the loan. Parent borrowers who consolidate by June 30 would be eligible to lock in a rate as low as 6.1 percent over the life of their loan. Given escalating college costs, I encourage students and parents to take advantage of this opportunity.

So how do you go about consolidating college loans?

If you have a Direct Loan through the Department of Education, you can call 1-800-557-7392 or apply on-line at <http://www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov>. If you have a loan through the FFEL program (a bank-based loan), you can contact one of the companies that own or service your student or parent loan(s). If you have loans with more than one lender, you can choose to consolidate through the Department of Education or with any lender that provides federal consolidation loans.

However, a word of caution! Students who have borrowed Perkins loans — which carry a fixed interest rate of 5 percent and offer loan forgiveness to graduates working in certain fields such as teaching or social work — should carefully consider whether consolidation is right for them. If Perkins loan borrowers consolidate their loans, they lose their loan forgiveness benefits.

While loan consolidation will help some families this year to lower college costs, I am also working in other ways in Congress to make higher education accessible to all able and willing students. My website provides a wide variety of resources, including a scholarship directory, at [www.house.gov/roybal-allard](http://www.house.gov/roybal-allard) and under "Making College Affordable." In



addition, I am working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to pass legislation called the *Reverse the Raid on Student Aid Act (H.R. 5150)*. This measure would reduce interest rates on college loans by half from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent for students with subsidized loans — which go to students with the most financial need — and from 8.5 percent to 4.25 percent on parent loans for undergraduate students. Under the proposed Democratic measure, for example, the typical undergraduate student borrower with \$17,500 in student loan debt would save \$5,600 over the life of his or her college loans.

As your member of Congress, I am committed to making sure everyone has access to a college education and the many opportunities the experience provides. With that in mind, I hope you find the above information helpful.

(For more information on this and other federal services, call the congresswoman's district office at (213) 628-9230 or visit [www.house.gov/roybal-allard](http://www.house.gov/roybal-allard).)

## Letters to the Editor:

### 'This could happen to you!'

Dear Editor:

My husband and I purchased our first home together in October of 2004. We chose the Lexington Glenn Townhomes in Downey for their location, their privacy, and overall neighborhood appeal. We paid \$450,000 for this townhome that came with five windows, two of which had lovely views of the neighborhood, palm trees, and a skyline that can be seen all the way down to the Lakewood Blvd. Speedy McDonald's sign, which we love so much. As of today it became evident our City Planning Department has no justification for approving building plans for the two massive mansions being built right next door to our complex.

Our city allowed a builder to completely de-value our property. We will lose our view from the two bedroom windows on the backside of our town home completely. Now we will get to look out our bedroom windows and view the side of a two-story building! Thanks a lot! I am horrified at the poor planning on our city's part. The value of my home is being destroyed due to the lack of ability to determine the outcome of building such a monstrosity in this neighborhood.

Yesterday I called and spoke with William Davis from Downey City Hall's Planning Department. I was informed that there was nothing that could be done since the plans were already approved! Gee thanks! Seems the city made money in permits and approvals, yet was allowed to approve these plans without my knowledge or suggestions, taking money out of my pocket, and putting it in their own. Since when does the city I live in have the right to steal from me?

Downey's Planning Department states their hands are tied and there is nothing they can do now. How idyllic for them. I think there is something they can do. They can lower my property taxes for the injustice they have done to my property! I think there are many things the City of Downey can do to justify their grave decision to approve building plans for a property that literally destroys my part of the neighborhood.

The City of Downey may not know me now, but they will. I'm planning a rally protest that will bring City Hall to its knees if something isn't done to correct their mistake. I think it's about time Downey residents stand up for their rights to preserve their home values. And the City of Downey should all be ashamed of themselves for allowing this to happen, all for the sake of lining the pockets of the city.

Residents, do not let this happen to you!

—Stacey A. Rodgers, Downey

## Thanks for supporting 'Relay for Life'

Dear Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to the American Cancer Society's 24 Hour Relay for Life on June 10 at Downey Adult School, and special thanks to all of our donors and teams.

The event was a great success and donations are still coming in. We have collected over \$30,000 that will go towards cancer research and other programs offered through the American Cancer Society.

This annual event is highly dependent on our community and its support. The success of Downey's Relay for Life is a reflection of our community's involvement and participation. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year as we continue the search for a cure!

—Roger Brossmer, Principal, Downey Adult School

## 'Relay for Life' hits mark

Dear Editor:

From Saturday morning's (June 10) opening lap of cancer survivors to the final ceremonies on Sunday morning (June 11), the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life was a most moving experience. The city of Downey is lucky to have Roger Brossmer, principal of Downey Adult School, and his Adult School coworkers and team for organizing such a heartfelt event. All who participated were happily entertained, well-fed and sometimes moved to tears by the conquering and heartbreaking individual stories that were shared among the participants. Each footstep and each lap brought more hope to conquering cancer.

I am also quite proud of Columbus Continuation High School's team teachers Rob Hecker and Ginny Rooney for helping to organize a team, and to the many teachers, students, and staff members who contributed to this cause. I am most impressed with the teachers, some who are cancer survivors, and the thirty students who believed in the importance of this event to participate in the relay for the first time and walked over 85 miles. Each proudly wore a picture and the name of someone important in their life who has been touched by cancer.

An event like this reinforces the fact that Downey is a community that cares about making the world a better place.

—Kathleen Succa, Downey

## Protecting border

Dear Editor:

Mr. Vargas' comments is true in many respects (The Downey Patriot, 6/16/06). But when a bank is robbed, doesn't the banker attempt to forestall any future robberies? Shouldn't a nation be expected to protect its citizens' standard of living and shouldn't the citizens expect the laws of their land to be respected?

Yes, it is a shame that we must put the National Guard on our southern border, but how does a nation stop an invasion? Mexico maintains an army on its southern border to stop the [sic] invasion.

—Frank Myers, Downey

## Downey High '53 class reunion Sept. 30

DOWNEY—The Downey Union High School class of 1953 will hold a 53rd anniversary picnic at the La Mirada Regional Park Saturday, Sept. 30. It will be a Bring-Your-Own no-host event.

Anyone interested from nearby classes is also invited to attend. For more information/location specifics, call (562) 923-0544 or e-mail [duhs53@gmail.com](mailto:duhs53@gmail.com).

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## Orange County Fair time for fun, music

**COSTA MESA**—Now comes the Orange County Fair at the Fair Grounds in Costa Mesa which kicks off opening day Friday, July 7 and runs through Sunday July 30, with the nostalgic theme of "Flower Power," Year of the Garden. As in previous years, the Fair will be closed on Mondays.

New features this year will be the Fuel Cell Exhibit, straight from its debut showing at the 2005 World Exposition in Aiechi, Japan. The product of scientific research by National Fuel Research Center at UC Irvine, the fuel cell exhibit demonstrates the functionality of the fuel cell as well as the possible applications of this environmentally friendly energy source.

### They call it AGA-BOOM!

AGA-BOOM! will make its debut at the fair. This is described as a theater of physical comedy and circus arts, and will be performed three times daily in the special AGA-BOOM! Theater, with an additional show each weekend. Show times may vary so visit [www.ocfair.com](http://www.ocfair.com) for exact times.

The Pacific Amphitheater will once again offer nightly star-studded performances of the Pacific Amphitheater Summer Concert Series, starting a week before the fair with an appearance Friday, June 30 by the Scorpions. Pacific amphitheater shows require additional admission.

### Free shows, too

The Fair will also offer free entertainment at the Washington Mutual Arena, including Ozomatli, the Fab Four, Jump 5, the Jones Brothers, as well as Speedway, the annual Demolition Derby, Bull Riding, and Lucha Libre (Mexican style wrestling.)

The Fair is famous for its abundance of foods, contests, exhibits, carnival rides and entertainment. More than 80 vendors offer a wide variety of foods, including barbecued beef, turkey legs, corn dogs, cinnamon rolls, lemonade and deep fried Snickers and Twinkies.

### Free party-precade

Other annual features which have made the Fair famous include the Taste of The Fair, a free kickoff party Thursday, July 6 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., at the Pacific Amphitheater. Theme foods are sampled, there's free entertainment, fireworks and a performance by AGA-BOOM! which is said combines the unbridled silliness of slapstick physical comedy, goofy mime, theatrical expressionism, poetry and European Avant-garde.

A Salute to Southern California Heroes, Friday, July 7 at 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission for all active duty military, law enforcement and fire personnel, plus one guest with a valid ID.

A Culinary Art Series Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Plaza Arts Stage.

### Peking Acrobats

The Peking Acrobats daily on Plaza Arts Stage. See [www.ocfair.com](http://www.ocfair.com) for show times. Hypnotist Mark Yuzeik, two shows nightly at 7:30 ad 9:30 p.m. on the Heritage stage.

The Orange County Fairgrounds is located off the 405 and 55 freeways at 88 Fair Drive in the heart of Costa Mesa. For information visit [www.ocfair.com](http://www.ocfair.com) or call (714) 708-FAIR (3247).

## City offers childrens skate class

**DOWNEY**—The city of Downey Community Services Department, in conjunction with Skate Depot in Cerritos, offers Skate classes for youth and adults of all ages starting Saturday, June 24.

The goal of the class is to teach students how to enjoy roller skating. Fee for the course is \$60.

To register for the course, contact the Community Services Department, 904-7238.



**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.

## New musical comedy season set

**DOWNEY** – Marsha Moode, executive director of the Downey Civic Light Opera, has announced the shows for the 2006-07 season.

They include "Guys and Dolls," Oct. 5 through 22; "The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd," Feb. 22 through March 11, 2007; and "Oliver," May 31 through June 17, 2007.

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## Captain Cardiac here in September

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Chamber of Commerce has announced it will sponsor the Third Annual Oldies but Goodies Concert featuring Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries with their vibrant sounds of the 1950s and 60s.

The night of nostalgia will be Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theater. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the chamber office at 11131 Brookshire Ave., Downey. Payment may be by cash, check or credit card.

For information call the chamber at (562) 923-2191.

## Downey 'Senior Follies' at Riley Center

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Committee On Aging, along with the city of Downey, presents its 3rd annual Senior Follies, "Our Time to Shine," Friday, June 23 at 5 p.m., Saturday, June 24 at 3 p.m., and Sunday, June 25 at 3 p.m., at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive in Downey.

Directed by Naomi Nixon, the program features an "outstanding and talented" cast who will fill the two-hour show with singing, dancing, and comedy.

Tickets (\$5 each) are on sale at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, (562) 904-7223.

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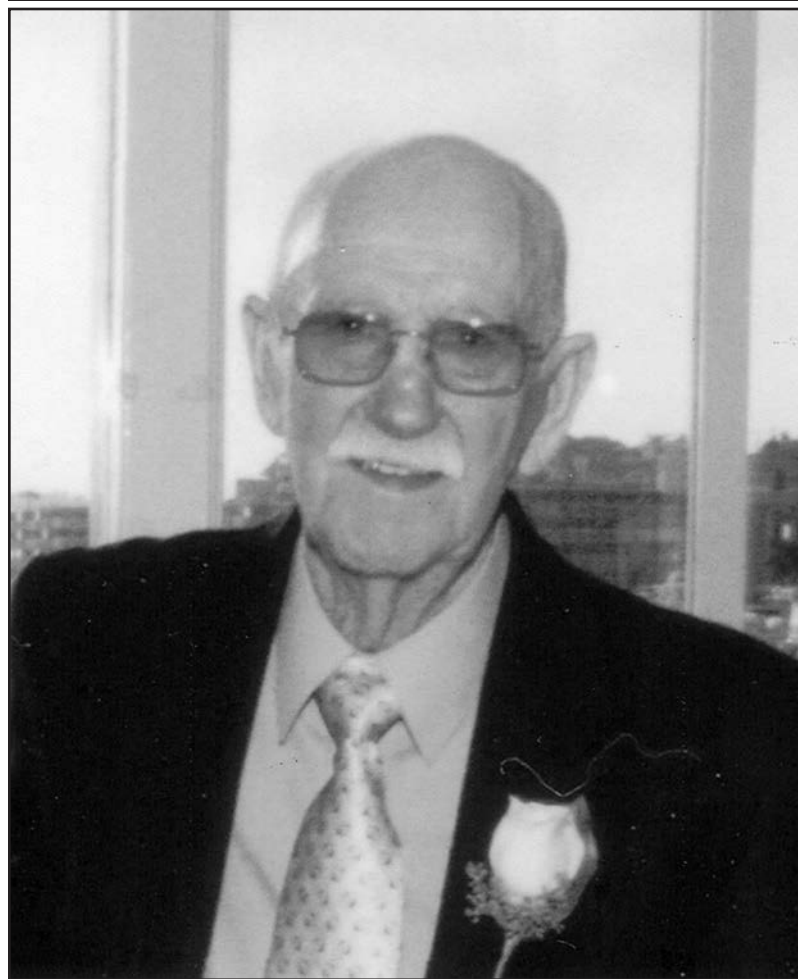
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**ROBERT J. FISHER**—A Seabee in the U.S. Navy during World War II and a longtime Downey resident, owned and operated Fisher Grinding and Engineering with two of his brothers for over 30 years. A memorial service was held in his honor on June 17.

### Kids invited to draw and paint

**DOWNEY**—The City of Downey Community Services Department is offering drawing and painting classes for kids ages 6-14 at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center beginning Friday, June 30. The fee for each course is \$40 for six weeks. For more information or to register, call 904-7238.

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## Robert J. Fisher owned business with brothers

**DOWNEY**—Robert J. Fisher, a machinist by trade who, with two of his brothers, owned and operated Fisher Grinding and Engineering for over 30 years, died peacefully in his sleep on June 9.

Born April 4, 1920 in Freeport, Illinois, he moved with his family from Illinois to Downey in 1955. He retired in 1985. He was married 52 years to Margaret Fisher, who predeceased him in 1999. They had moved in 1991 from Downey to Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

A memorial service was held for the former World War II Seabee on June 17 at Whites Funeral Home in Bellflower. His, along with his wife's, ashes will be scattered at Lake Havasu Memorial Gardens at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, family requested donations be made to the Robert J. Fisher Trust to be used toward the purchase of a memorial bench plaque at Rotary Park in Lake Havasu City.

He is survived by his sister, Shirley Jeanne Valenti of Rancho Cucamonga; daughters Judith A. Fisher (Bill Harmon) of Mesa, AZ, Patricia L. (Joe) of Lake Havasu City, and Kelly R. (Jeffrey) Huston of Corona; sons Martin R. (Patricia) Fisher of Downey and Kyle A. (Cheryl) Fisher of Corona; 16 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

### Previous obituaries available online

**DOWNEY** — Previously published obituaries can be found online in the Archives section of The Downey Patriot's website, www.thedowney-patriot.com.

### Summer youth trips being offered

**DOWNEY**—With the onset of summer, the city of Downey Community Services Department is offering trips to Pizza at the Pool for ages 7-12 on three different Fridays, all from 1-4:30 p.m., with a cost of \$5 each trip: July 7 and 21, and Aug. 4. All trips are supervised by recreation leaders.

Registration is now underway at City Hall's Community Services Department. Sign-ups are limited. For more information, call 904-7238.

### Warren High grad reports for duty

**DOWNEY**—Air Force Airman Vallerie A. Cantillas, a 2004 Warren High graduate and daughter of Jesus and Marilou Cantillas of Downey, has arrived for duty at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M.


A morale, welfare, recreation and services apprentice, Cantillas is assigned to the 27th Services Squadron, 27th Fighter Wing. She has one year of military service.

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**AUDYNE EMMA BARNARD McDANIEL**—Was given a memorial service at Downey Memorial Christian Church June 19. Born in Costa Mesa, she passed away on June 15.

## Memorial service for Audyne B. McDaniel

**DOWNEY**—Audyne Emma Barnard McDaniel of Downey, who was born Dec. 11, 1924 in Costa Mesa and married to Allen McDaniel for 58 years, passed away on June 15.

A memorial service was held on June 19 at Downey Memorial Christian Church, where she was an active member.

She received her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from CSU-Dominguez Hills, and was also actively involved with the Braille Institute, American Association of University Women, and American Contract Bridge League.

She is survived by sons Wayne (Ellen) and Bruce (Imelda); grandchildren Julia, Jennifer, Josh, Matt, Philip and Erin; six great grandchildren; and her brother, Donald.

### Embroiderers' Guild meeting and sale

**LONG BEACH**—The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., Long Beach Chapter, which meets the fourth Friday of the month, will have a presentation on "Mary's Camellia a Bargello Frame Weight" designed and taught by Vicki Young at its June 23 meeting at 11:30 a.m. at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 East Willow St. in Long Beach. Guests are welcome.

A kit fee of \$7 will include canvas and buck shot. Information: (562) 421-6975.

Then the following day, Saturday, June 24, the Guild presents a "multi-source Needlework Estate Sale" open to the public, featuring the "largest collection of new and partially started kits, threads, tools, books, material, yarn, etc., that Long Beach has ever assembled."

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**LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPS** – The Mustangs were crowned the 2006 DJAA champions in the Pioneer (5th grade) Division. Bottom row, left to right: Victor Prieto, Madeline Gulck, Jason Volpe and Leslie Villarauz. Second row: Sebastian Montalbo, Joshua B. Topacio, Jimmy Medina, Carlos Salazar, Natalie Garcia and Jared B. Topacio. Top row: Team Manager Peggy Gollette, Head Coach Robert Volpe, and assistant coaches Roger Camacho, Sergio Rodriguez and Carlos Salazar.



**GOING TO THE WORLD SERIES** – The 14U So Cal Stealth fast pitch travel softball team of Downey won the Redwood Empire Classic Tournament in Petaluma to qualify for a trip to the Triple Crown World Series in Park City Utah in mid-July. The Stealth consists entirely of girls from Downey middle and elementary schools and Downey Ponytail. Top row, left to right: Coach Rick Zarate, Alex Gomez, Melissa Esparza, Celena Vasquez, Angie Barajas, Coach Ricardo Rico, Manager Maureen Esparza, Brittany Colenzo (top), Jessica Gomez (bottom) and Head Coach Robert Colenzo. Bottom row: Sydney Colenzo, Hannah Zarate, Janell Croxton, Brandi Bondoc, Jasmyn Lopez and Eileen Rico.



**WHAT A SEASON** – The Northwest Downey AAA Indians defeated the Buena Park Angles, 7-1, to win the District 29 Championship and finish the season at 25-1. Front row, left to right: Moses Alanez, Jason Lee, Tanner Mahr, Ernie Davila and Darren McCaughan. Middle row: Jonathan Rosales, Kevin Mayorga, Gabriel Llanes and Jesus Hoyos. Back row: Coach Pete Llanes, Aaron Ibarra, Hugo Puertas, Coach Ernesto Davila, Mark Kozhaya and Manager Jeff McCaughan. Not pictured is Mitchell Guastella.



**THE "A" TEAM** – The Downey Ponytail Allstars 8U "A" team took first place at a recent tournament in Hacienda Heights. The team has only been together a few weeks and is ready for the ASA District Tournament to be held at Independence Park June 23-14. Pictured are: Asst. Coach Mike Garcia, Eryka Garcia, Memo Bueno, Whitney Pemberton, Jissel Caballero, Kimberly Olivias, Anna Collier, Karina Guerrero, Wendy DeLeon, Andrea Cardenas, Madison Wright, Rachel Poirier, Rayna Galindo, Sydney Romero, Manager Dorothy Pemberton and Coach Rene Caballero.

## Baseball player has roots here in Downey

By Scott Cobos

**DOWNEY** – Former St. John Bosco star and current Downey resident Evan Longoria started living a dream almost a week and a half ago as he was drafted No. 3 overall in the 2006 Major League Baseball draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Longoria played at West Downey Little League where he was named to the all-star team multiple years in a row. He played third base and shortstop during his little league years as well as being part of West Downey Little League's junior all-star team that came one tournament away from participating in the Junior League World Series in Minnesota.

After tearing the cover off the ball for two straight years at Cal State Long Beach, he caught the attention of many Major League clubs and established himself as one of the best talents in the draft.

In fact, *Baseball America* went as far as to call Longoria the "best pure hitter" among all college prospects.

During his short tenure at Cal State Long Beach, Longoria played third base and shortstop hitting .336, compiling 144 hits, 16 homeruns, and 73 RBIs over 114 games played.

He was named a first team All-American by *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper*, and is a finalist in the 2006 Golden Spikes Award.

Last summer he was named the Most Valuable Player in the Cape Cod League where he hit .299 with eight homeruns and 35 RBIs over 164 at-bats for the Chatham A's.

At Rio Hondo Junior College, he batted .430 as a freshman to earn All-Foothill and first team All-State honors, driving in 64 runs.

## Registration underway for football camp

**DOWNEY** – Today, June 23, is the last day of early registration for two summer football camps this summer at Downey High School for middle school students.

The camp will be conducted by FST Athletics Coaches Damon Hicklin and Jack Williams, both Downey High alum. Hicklin attended Fresno State University on a full athletic scholarship while Williams went to Birgham Young University, later signing with the Oakland Raiders as a free agent in 2000.

The first camp will be held July 7-9 from 1 to 5 p.m. The second camp is scheduled for July 14-16. Cost is \$75 per weekend if students are registered by June 23 and \$100 thereafter. Students can register for one or both camps. For more information, call (562) 217-1762.



**BIG GAME** – Downey Adult School principal Roger Brossmer (white jersey) guards David "The Latino Lover" Guzman in a fundraising basketball game held recently at Downey High School. Staff from the Downey Unified School District competed against the Los Angeles Breakers, a professional dwarf basketball team comprised of players no taller than 4' 9", with proceeds going towards the district's TLC Center.

## Women's golf club seeks new members

**DOWNEY** – The Rio Hondo Women's Golf Club meets Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at the Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey. For information on joining the group, contact the Rio Hondo Golf Course at 927-2420.

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## Hospital interns, residents graduate

**DOWNEY**—Six residents and 13 interns graduated from the Downey Regional Medical Center Family Practice Internship and Residency Program on June 16. The graduation celebration took place at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach.

DRMC Medical Education director Natalie Nevins, D.O., noted: "We would not be able to offer this training program without the help of Drs. Mark Minkes, Robert Deere, Neil Klein, Patrick O'Leary, Ambrose Tsang, Mark Lee, Sanat Patel, Charles Kung, Pinal Doshi, William Wong, Joel Golden, Vinod Patel, Richard Guess and the entire Emergency Room staff. Our teaching faculty has a passion and dedication to teaching the bright minds of the future."

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"We are very fortunate to have this program at Downey," stated DRMC CEO Allen Korneff. He attributed the program's success to the Medical Staff and program directors, Dr. Ole Heggeness, Dr. Nevins and administrative director Kathy Foster. "They do a great job of guiding and teaching these new doctors," he said.

The Doctor of Osteopathy post-graduate program has graduated more than 200 interns and residents since it came to DRMC from the former Rio Hondo Hospital in 1994. DRMC is an independent, nonprofit hospital and healthcare provider serving the community since 1920.



**GRADUATING INTERNS**—Include, standing, from left: Drs. Gurpreet Johal, Elias Ptak, Divaker Joshi, Lawrence Huang, Azmi Nasser, Trevor Hayes and Lizander Pandey; seated: Drs. Jessica Cook, Sindy tadros, Stephanie Iem, Grace Fong, Stephanie Lerhner, and director of Medical Education Natalie Nevins. Drs. Ptak and Lerhner, both selected by supervising physicians as "outstanding interns," were each awarded \$500 Rayman Medical Education Scholarships.

## Air Force airman arrives for duty

**DOWNEY**—Air Force Airman Vallerie A. Cantillas has arrived for duty at Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis, N.M.

Cantillas, a morale, welfare, recreation and services apprentice, is assigned to the 27th Services Squadron, 27th Fighter Wing. She has one year of military service.

She is the daughter of Jesus and Marilou Cantillas of Dinwiddie St., Downey.

The airman is a 2004 graduate of Warren High School.

## Summer fun at the parks for youth

**DOWNEY**—The city of Downey is offering activities for youth from June 26 through Aug. 18 at the local parks and the Downey Gymnasium. Register at your local park to reserve a spot.

"Let's Go Play" is a free youth program being offered from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. for ages 6-12 at Apollo, Crawford, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel Parks. The first activity will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the last activity will be at 4 p.m. The Brookshire Park program is co-sponsored by the G.O.O.D. Committee and is conducted Monday through Friday from 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

There are approximately eight activities per day. A daily schedule of activities for "Let's Go Play" is available at the Community Services Department located on the second floor of City Hall.

For more information, call 904-7238.

## Middle School Track Meet produces records

■ Boys and girls from all schools set new records in various competitions.

**DOWNEY**—More than 400 boys and girls joined in competition in the 32nd Annual Downey Unified School District Middle School Track Meet at Downey High School Saturday, June 3.

The meet matches students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in track and field competition from the four district middle schools.

In team competition among 6th grade boys, first place went to West Middle School with 54 points; East was second with 53 points; followed by Sussman Middle third with 38 points; and Griffiths finished fourth with 8 points.

In the 7th grade boys competition, Sussman took first with 58 points; West was second with 45; East was third with 34, and Griffiths was fourth with 17.

In 8th grade boys, first again was taken by Sussman with 48 points, East and West tied with 38 points each and Griffiths finished fourth with 24 points.

In 6th grade girls competition the team win went to East with 65 points; second went to Griffiths with 43; third was west with 36; and fourth Sussman with 10.

In the 7th grade girls, first went to East Middle with 45 points; second was Griffiths with 44; third Sussman with 36 and fourth West with 28.

Among 8th grade girls, first went to Griffiths with 81 points; second was Sussman with 46; third was East with 33 and fourth West with 14 points.

### New records

A number of new records were established this year. These included:

- 6th Grade Boys; Michael Hall, West 110 LH 19.2.
- 6th Grade Boys 100, 12.8 Tedd Mendenhall, East.
- 6th Grade Boys 400, 2.36 ties record, Lenin Dolmos, East.
- 6th Grade Girls, 100, 13.3, Nicole Holigores, East.
- 6th grade girls, 200, 28.9 Nicole Holigores, East.
- 6th Grade Girls, 800, 2.38, Danielle Rodriguez, Griffiths.
- 6th Grade Girls, 1800, 5.42, Danielle Rodriguez, Griffiths.
- 6th Grade Girls 100 LH, 18.7, Alexis Hicklin, East.
- 6th Grade Girls 4x1 Relay, 56.9, East.
- 7th Grade Boys, 100, 11.9, Kyle Lewis, Sussman.
- 7th Grade Boys, 200, 20.3, Andrew Jocson, East.
- 7th Grade Boys 110 LH, 17.4, Josh Guerra, East.
- 7th Grade Boys, 4x1 Relay, 51.1, Sussman.
- 7th Grade Girls, 110 LH, 17, T. J. Jones, Sussman.
- 7th Grade Girls, 100LH, 17.6, Katya Reynoso, West.
- 8th Grade Boys, 400, 56.5, Moyses Galindo, Sussman.
- 8th Grade Boys, 1600, 5:12, (tie), Moctezuma Moreno, Sussman.
- 8th Grade Boys, 110 LH, 17, T. J. Jones, Sussman.
- 8th Grade Girls, 100, 12.8, Brandi Bondoc, Griffiths.
- 8th Grade Girls, 200, 27.7, Christina Matthews, East.
- 8th Grade Girls, 400, 1:08, Monique Diaz, Griffiths.
- 8th Grade Girls, 800, 2:39, Danielle Moreno, Griffiths.
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**PAT MCCOOL**—Is presented with the Sertoman of the Year award by Sertoma president Dave Bilawa and treasurer John McKinsey, at recent annual dinner meeting held at Sambi's. Re-elected vice-president of the club, she also chairs several committees.

## Downey coach plans kids basketball camp

**DOWNEY** — Downey High School varsity basketball coach Larry Shelton will host a basketball camp this summer on the school's campus. Students in grades 5-9 are invited to participate.

The camp will feature daily basketball instruction, games, tournaments, and a summer league for all incoming freshman with the possibility of 17 games versus other schools. The cost is \$100 and includes a Downey basketball jersey and shorts.

The basketball camp runs June 26-July 20 (no classes July 3 or 4) and meets Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Downey High gym. Registration will be held June 26 at 7:30 a.m.

Shelton, the 2004 L.A. Times Coach of the Year and a four-time San Gabriel Valley League Coach of the Year, will also receive help from his staff during the camp.

For more information, call Shelton at (562) 869-7301, ext. 599.

## Downey class of '56 sought for reunion

**DOWNEY**—A reunion of Downey High's Class of 1956 is planned for Fri.-Sun., Oct. 6-8. Alumni are asked to call (949) 472-4616 for details.

## Art leagues' joint meeting at Furman

**DOWNEY**—Downey Art League and Traditional Artist's Guild of Paramount will hold their joint meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27 at Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave., Bldg. #1. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be the last of the clubs' art year as they break for the summer.

Guest demonstrator is Mike Johnson, best known for his portrayal of the Southwest Desert, whose works in oil, watercolor and pastel, have brought him numerous awards in competition through the years. He has also taken up sculpture, enjoying working in clay (terra cotta), wax and stone. For information, call (562) 803-5857.

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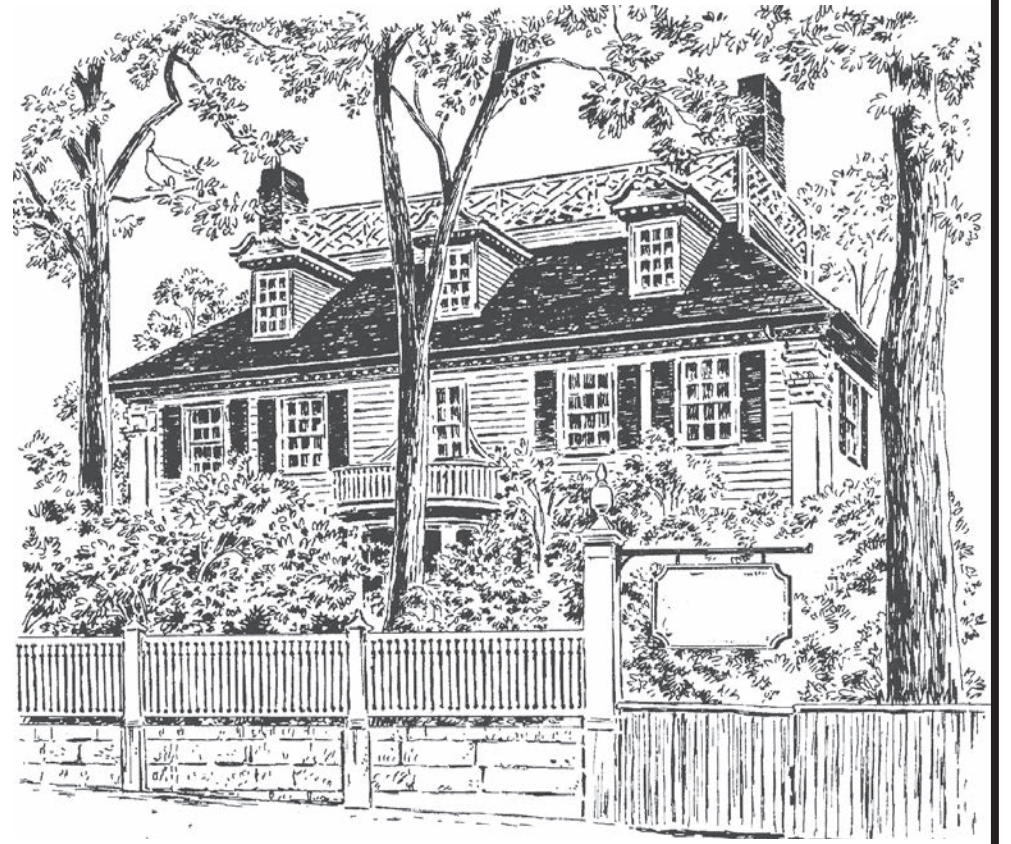
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Lovely 2 BD, 1 BA home in Encino w/ remodeled kitchen, & BA, spacious master bedroom, large living room, dining room & enclosed patio.  
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**Splish! Splash!**  
Great Downey neighborhood home w/ 3 spacious bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room, 2,141 sq. ft. of living space, 7,480 sq. ft. lot, plus POOL!!!  
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**Like to Entertain!**  
Charming Downey Home with 4 bedroom, 4 bath, Large formal dining room, living room, family room, bonus room upstairs, super large balcony overlooking backyard. 2,781 Sq. Ft. of house on a 9,515 Sq. Ft. lot.  
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**Location! Location! Location!!!**  
Exquisite N.E. Downey home w/ 5 bedrooms, 6 baths, gourmet kitchen w/ Viking appliances, granite counter tops, Travertine floors, formal living & dining rooms, family room & pool w/ fountains. Built in 2005, 5,846 sq. ft. on a 10,064 sq. ft. lot.  
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Spectacular 3 bed, 2 bath North Downey pool home with a great floor plan including formal living room, family room with fireplace off kitchen, master bedroom with private bath, and inside laundry room. Other amenities: hardwood floors, central air/heat, and copper plumbing. Entertain guests in the backyard with a built-in BBQ, private grass area, and large pool. Bonus room with private bath is perfect for that overnight guest, mother-in-law, or just some extra storage! \$819,950.  
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**Smart buy!**  
3 bed, 2 bath home on a large lot in the NE Downey area. With spacious bedrooms (including master bedroom w/private bath), large living room with view of backyard, and den with fireplace, this is a beautiful home that you won't want to miss. Other details include newer cement tile floor, central air and heat and inside laundry room. The property has a carport and 2 car detached garage priced \$779,900.  
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**Must See For yourself!**  
33 bedrooms, 2 bath home in North Downey (Orange Estates) near Furman Park. The home includes a master bedroom, living room, family room & enclosed patio. The property also includes a 3-car garage & guest room. Exterior has been freshly painted & has new rod-iron fence, while the interior has a remodeled kitchen & bathrooms, hard wood floors, Italian tile, central AC & copper plumbing throughout. All this for \$819,000.  
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**Move-In Condition!**  
Immaculate 3 bed, 1.5 bath North Downey home on a large lot. New kitchen with granite counter tops, tumbled travertine backsplash, tile floors, and stainless steel appliances. The home has a formal dining area, breakfast nook in kitchen, formal living room with fireplace, spacious bedrooms, and beautiful hardwood floors. Other features include central air & heat, copper plumbing, inside laundry room, newer roof & covered patio. Price: \$745,000.  
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**Great Investment Opportunity On A Large Lot!**  
Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath house in front with a 2 car attached garage plus a spacious 1 bed, 1 bath house in back. The lot size of 19,000 sq ft should allow someone to build 3 units or enjoy the immense backyard. Priced to sell at \$877,000.  
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**New Construction in NE Downey**  
This 5 bedroom + office, 4-bath custom-built home is almost 4000 sq ft! Features new kitchen and bathrooms, travertine floors, granite counter tops in kitchen and baths, dual central air & heat, copper plumbing, recessed lighting, curved/textured walls, and professionally landscaped front/back yard. The home includes a very large master bedroom w/ walk-in closet & private bath and a spacious family room. Price: \$1,269,000.  
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**Warm and Friendly!**  
3 bed, 2 bath North Downey charming home near Furman Park and Rio Hondo Country Club. Lovely living room with fireplace, kitchen with newer cabinets, and a large family room with crown molding. The home has a master bedroom with private 3/4 bathroom and forced air heat, and the large backyard has a patio area as well. Priced to sell @ \$715,000.  
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**Beautiful Estate near Rio Hondo Country Club.**  
This Immaculate 5 bedroom, 4 bath, 4700 sq.ft home sits on an impressive 19,888 sq.ft lot, nestled in North Downey. This home has it all, featuring a 1250 bonus room or 6 car garage, pool, sport court, outdoor BBQ & covered patio. Interior amenities include travertine flooring, plush carpet, granite counter tops, built in Kitchen Aid appliances in the kitchen, large master suite w/ retreat, downstairs bedroom & office. A MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE. \$1,999,900  
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**Immaculate Condition!**  
Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Downey with hardwood floors, recently remodeled bathrooms, updated kitchen with tile countertops & dishwasher, central air & heat, copper plumbing, and automatic sprinklers. The backyard has plenty of grass and a patio area - perfect for entertaining. This home is a MUST SEE! Priced at \$549,000.  
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