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2005 MISS DOWNEY AND HER COURT – Were recently crowned by the Downey Rose Float Association. From left, Princess Jacqueline Munoz, Princess Amanda Thoreson, Queen Robyn Guggianna, Princess Justine Akil and Princess Krystal Duncans.



AREN'T THEY LOVELY? – 2005 Miss Teen Downey Jacqueline Mejia, second from right, is flanked by Princess Lauren Casas, Princess Leslie Espin and Princess Melissa Iriarte.

GOOD annual luncheon at Rio Hondo April 13

DOWNEY—Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) will hold its annual luncheon Wednesday, April 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Country Club, located at 10627 Old River School Road.

The luncheon will highlight the tremendous work done by this community-based organization to combat gang activity in the community of Downey. GOOD is made up of many community leaders and has received national recognition, including the President's "Points of Light" Award and the California Merit Award in 2002.

This special luncheon event costs \$25 per person or \$250 for a table of 10. In addition, sponsorships are available as follows: Platinum sponsor for a donation of \$5,000 or more; Gold sponsor for a donation of \$2,000 to \$4,999; Silver sponsor for a donation of \$1,000 to \$1,999; and Bronze sponsor for a donation of \$500 to \$999. All proceeds are used to fund anti-graffiti programs, programs for "at-risk" students, the 10/20 Club for gang suppression, camperships for troubled youth, and the Community Policing in the Schools Program. The Downey Police, the City of Downey and the Downey Unified School District are recipients of funds raised by GOOD.

A partial list of of GOOD's accomplishments:

- *Established the gang awareness hotline telephone number and answering machine for the Downey Police Department's Gang Unit.
- *Purchased a computer system for Downey Police, which enables the department to "network" information with cities nationwide.
- *Distributed, to over 10,000 homes in Downey, refrigerator magnets exhibiting the numbers for graffiti removal and gang-related problems.
- *Underwrote with the Assistance League of Downey, the purchase of "alternative to violence" scripts for the Kids on the Block, Inc. Puppet Program – a successful educational program for young children.
- *Established and maintain the 10:20 Club, an intervention program to assist "at-risk" students and their families with counseling.
- *Purchased the city graffiti removal equipment.
- *Provide "GOOD Friendship Awards" for Downey high school students who "demonstrated the ability to develop cross-cultural relationships among students."

For more information/to make luncheon reservations, contact Harry Montanez, Vice-President for Finance, Downey Federal Credit Union at 862-8141, or Stan Hanstad, DUSD Assistant Superintendent, at 562-469-6541. The event is a yearly sellout with over 400 in attendance.

School set to crown next 'Warren Idol'

By Benjamin Gutierrez
Warren High School

DOWNEY – Singing, dancing, rapping and many more talents will be displayed at the upcoming Warren Talent Show: Warren Idol, scheduled for April 8 in the Warren High School Gymnasium at 7 p.m. The event is produced and organized by the Associated Student Body of WHS.

Approximately 60 students signed on for the competition, but only 20 were selected through a tough audition.

"The student government students have worked very hard making this show a successful event," said WHS ASB advisor Mr. Dunaway. He also said he has high hopes for the show and expects it to be very entertaining for the community.

ASB President Dana Monroy echoed his thoughts. "I am very impressed with all the talent that I have seen," she said. "There are many types of great voices and many awesome dancers."

Singers competing for Warren Idol include: Sandra Munoz, Lauren Kidwell, Brittany Rodriguez, Amanda Makary, Lakisha Warren, Roquel Torres, Kristina Stromen, Allison Palacios, Tatiana De la Torre, Sana Khalid, Rana Jreisat, and Maria Villaruel.

Students showing off their dance moves are Crystal Norbut, Megan Rogers and the Warren Salsa Club. Other students with various talents include David Miranda on drums, Jihoon Kim rapping, Carl Johnson reading his poems and John Kim on the saxophone.

There will be one winner in each category that will receive \$50 cash. Then, from the final four contestants, one will be declared the Warren Idol. The winner receives another \$50 along with a new Apple iPod Shuffle.

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Photographic exhibition at DMOA runs thru June

DOWNEY—"Traces of Identity: An Insider's View into the L.A. Armenian Community," an exhibition of work by photographer Ara Oshagan, has opened at Downey Museum of Art and will run thru June, it was announced by DMOA executive director Kate Davies. The exhibit is being presented by the DMOA Armenian Arts Council founded in 2000 by the recently deceased Sara Garo.

The documentary exhibit, according to Davies, is the culmination of four years of work by Oshagan, a Beirut-born photographer and a long-time resident of Los Angeles' Armenian community. It features 30 black-and-white photographs which "explore questions of immigrant and Armenian identity from the multiple angles of religion, family, society, and politics, including Armenians outside of the mainstream."

Sponsored by the Center for Religion and Civic Culture at USC, and partially funded by grants from the California Council for the Humanities and the George Ignatius Foundation, Davies reports that "Traces of Identity" is the first such photographic project about Los Angeles Armenians to be exhibited publicly.

Admission to the exhibit is free.

Says Davies: "From family retreats at Big Bear Lake, inmates in Ironwood State Prison, and church services in Pasadena, to demonstrations on East Hollywood streets, a youth party in Studio City, a drug rehabilitation center in Palmdale and a convalescent home in Eagle Rock, this exhibition brings together the strands of a diverse and vibrant Armenian presence across the breadth of the Greater Los Angeles area. It addresses issues of identity and displacement common to many immigrant communities."

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Symphony will have you tapping tomorrow

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—It's a busy season for the Downey Symphony. In addition to many appearances for the city's elementary students through its Music in the Schools outreach, the orchestra will conclude its 47th year with a concert in the Civic Theater at 8 p.m. tomorrow night, Saturday, April 2.

The traditional and familiar are offered, but so are several surprises. First things first.

The program chosen by conductor Thomas Osborn includes Johannes Brahms' lovely Symphony No. 2, Tales from the Vienna Woods by Johann Strauss Jr., and a concerto by American composer Morton Gould, who was something of a whiz kid, graduating from New York University at 15. Dr. Osborn's concert preview, beginning at 7:15 p.m. for ticket holders, greatly enhances a listener's appreciation of the music to come.

Now to the surprises. In that concerto, what is the featured solo instrument? The decidedly non-traditional, prodigiously talented tap-dancing toes of Jon Egstrom, a dancer acclaimed in Europe, on Broadway and throughout California for his skills as choreographer and performer. Gould's score is titled "Concerto for Tap Dancer and Orchestra." How many chances have you had to hear that one?

Another event of this spring concert will be the appearance of Downey resident Jasmin Jackson, winner of the Baton Auction, conducting the orchestra in a rousing march. "I knew I was supposed to take music in school, but I never did," she says. "And now I have become a staunch supporter of this orchestra! Of course I realize that whatever I do on the podium Saturday night, they're not paying too much attention to me, just playing the music wonderfully, so I'm going to have a great time!"

And guess who the fund raising auctioneer will be to determine next year's winner? Concertmaster Carolyn Osborn! That will be fun.

If all this sounds like an uplifting evening, do come and participate. The final selection in itself should set you waltzing. Johann Strauss, "The Waltz King," was already a smash hit in Europe when he visited the United States in 1872 to conduct concerts in Boston and New York City, and was so highly regarded on this side of the pond that six burly policemen from the NYPD were assigned to escort him through crowds of admirers whenever he appeared on the city's streets. What today we'd call a total phenom.

Following all the above, you are invited to the theater's patio area for home-baked cookies and delicious punch, compliments of the Symphony Guild. How can you resist?

Reserved seat tickets priced from \$10 to \$25 may be purchased at the theater box office after 6 p.m. tomorrow night, and ample free parking surrounds the theater at 8435 Firestone Blvd., at the corner of Brookshire.

How baton winner Jackson got involved

DOWNEY—The Baton winner who will mount the podium as a guest conductor for a special march performance tomorrow evening with the symphony, Jasmin Jackson, has been involved with the Downey Symphony for the past three years.

"My involvement with the Downey Symphony began when my neighbor, Mary Alice Mandeville, invited us to one of the concerts," she says. "We've been hooked since. We try to attend the concerts, Gala, Cooking School and other events offered. I usually volunteer with Mary by selling programs at the concert, or lending a hand at the other functions."

"I have a high level of appreciation for the Downey Symphony's mission to bring this music to the community as well as to the school programs in our area. I truly do this out of pure enjoyment."

"When the baton came up for auction, my husband and I decided that if we won the bid we would give the opportunity to a friend. At one of the concerts someone mentioned to Joyce Sherwin that I was the 2005 Baton Winner. She looked at me and congratulated me. I then asked her if she had been nervous. Her reply, "It was a blast!". Feeling more at ease, I decided I would go ahead and do it myself! Here I am."

"I think everyone in the community should attend these events. They are fun, entertaining, educational. Oh yes, and did I mention FUN? Support the mission."

She adds she has no musical background or training, but has always enjoyed it. She grew up listening to her parents play 8-track tapes of rancheras, oldies and watching the Lawrence Welk Show, as well as the Spanish variety show "Siempre En Domingo", and she was a teen hooked on MTV. She still loves all types of music, but believes classical is her favorite due to its calming spirit in this fast-paced life. "We need a little tranquility."

Amistad Awards to Hackla and Moss

DOWNEY— The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation has named James C.S Hackla, Meg Mitani Moss, OTR/1, and L.A. Care Health Plan as recipients of the 2005 Amistad Award, the highest honor bestowed by Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

The annual Amistad Gala, which will be held at the Westin Long

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MIKE MERINO—Is the new chief operating officer (COO) at CareMore Medical Enterprises. He has more than 25 years of experience in health care management.

'Connections' meets Thursdays

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

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Merino named new COO at CareMore

DOWNEY—Mike Merino, who until recently was president and CEO of the Southern Indian Health Council, which provided medical, dental, mental health, substance abuse rehabilitation and senior services in San Diego County, has been named chief operating officer (COO) of CareMore Medical Enterprises.

Merino has more than 25 years of health care management experience, including management positions with the Motion Picture and Television Fund where he worked with members of the Screen Actors Guild, Writers Guild FHP and American Health Incorporated (AHI). He has also worked as an independent consultant to health care clients in California, Hawaii and North Carolina. He has been an independent consultant to CareMore for several years.

"Mike's contributions as a consultant were invaluable," said Sheldon S. Zinberg, M.D., chairman of the board and founder of CareMore Medical Group, which consists of a core medical group, an IPA, a medical management company and Medicare Advantage health plans. "Over the years, Mike has done an excellent job building and overseeing our growing managed care network and managing our managed healthcare operations."

Merino holds an MBA from CSU-Fullerton.

Bus trip to UCLA Festival of Books

DOWNEY—The Friends of the Downey City Library will sponsor a free bus trip to the UCLA Festival of Books on Saturday, April 23. The festival offers lectures, book reviews, storytelling and writing workshops from over 400 authors. Also featured will be book signings by some of today's leading authors in addition to cooking demonstrations and poetry readings.

This trip is ideal for book-lovers who want to avoid the hassle of driving and parking on the Westwood campus.

The bus will leave the City of Downey parking lot promptly at 8 a.m. and arrive back in Downey at 5 p.m. Bus transportation and festival admission are free but some events require advance tickets.

For reservations, contact the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, ext. 3. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.

CERT class registration deadline April 4

DOWNEY—The next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class will be offered on three consecutive Saturdays: April 16, 23, and 30.

Participants will gain skills in emergency preparedness and mitigation techniques, fire suppression, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, and team organization. In the event of a major disaster, CERT members may be assigned to assist with first aid, search and rescue efforts, or shelter operations.

There is no cost for this training, but there are requirements for certification. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

The deadline to register is Monday, April 4.

For information, contact the Community Education office of the Downey Fire Department at 904-7349.



READING SPECIALIST—Jennie Nash will share tips on inspiring kids to read when she speaks at the Downey City Council Chambers Thursday, April 14 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The free event is a presentation of the Downey City Library, in observance of National Library Week.

Reading specialist to speak for library week

DOWNEY—The Downey City Library, in celebration of National Library Week, will present reading specialist Jennie Nash Thursday, April 14 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Downey City Council Chambers, 1111 Brookshire Ave.

A writer, mother and professional speaker, Nash is the author of *Raising a Reader: a Mother's Tale of Desperation and Delight*. She will be sharing practical tips on raising a young reader and inspiring kids to read. She has been quoted as saying, "One of the joys of being literate — of being able to read, and making the choice to read — is the ability to make connections between books, ideas, stories and experiences. As a parent, you have the opportunity to develop these kinds of connections with your child."

Everyone is invited to attend this free event, geared for parents, educators and others who work with children. Nash will share personal stories of her experiences raising and home schooling her own children. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

Register at the Adult Information desk or call 904-7360, Ext. 32. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Ave.



MORE THAN 800 SUPPORTERS—Including Downey Regional Medical Center, attended the YMCA's 47th annual Good Friday Breakfast March 25 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, to renew a common commitment to the health and safety of children and the community. Those seated at the DRMC table included, from left, Deborah Massaglia, Roxanna Todd Hodges Foundation trustee; Bev Mathis; and DRMC board chairman Mary Lou Schmidt.

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

The surging hormones of pregnancy can affect the health of a woman's mouth. Throughout a woman's reproductive life, fluctuating and progesterone levels can cause the gums to react differently to the bacteria in dental plaque. Some women notice this connection between hormones and potential gum problems during their menstrual cycles. For others, the realization comes early in pregnancy. Beginning in the second or third month, 50%-70% of expectant mothers experience swollen, red, tender, and bleeding gums, known as pregnancy gingivitis. While pregnancy does not cause this condition, it can aggravate pre-existing gum problems. To minimize the risk that pregnancy gingivitis may present to both mother and baby, mothers-to-be should enter their pregnancy with healthy gums.

Most dental treatment can be safely completed during pregnancy. Poor oral hygiene habits such as not brushing and flossing, on a daily basis, make it easier for gingivitis to develop. A family history of dental disease can also be a contributing factor for the development of gingivitis. We utilize all available resources and procedures to provide the dental health care our patients deserve and expect. When was the last time you had a comprehensive oral examination? We're located at 10800 Paramount Blvd., Suite 307, where we're currently accepting new patients. Please call (562) 923-3714 to schedule and appointment. We're here to help.

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BRANDON BENSON READY—Becomes an Eagle Scout Saturday, April 9 in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Eagle Scout rank for Ready April 9

DOWNEY—The rank of Eagle Scout will be awarded to Brandon Benson Ready in an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Downey 2nd Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 12425 Orizaba Ave. in Downey.

The son of Melvin and Laura Jean Ready and grandson of Boyd and Barbara Jean Benson, all Downey residents, Brandon has been an active member of Boy Scout Troop 868 and 50 in the Frontier District, Los Angeles Area Council, for the past 6-1/2 years. He served as Senior Patrol Leader for 2-1/2 years and was also an active member of the Order of the Arrow for more than a year.

He has been an active member of the Downey 2nd Ward all his life. For four years he attended seminary classes and graduated on June 13, 2004. He also served as First Assistant to the Bishop for 1-1/2 years.

Home-schooled since the 4th grade, he is now attending Cerritos College. He plans to continue his college work and serve a mission in either the United States or to some other part of the world.

Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

DOWNEY — Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at 8244 3rd St for their dinner and meeting. For more information call 869-3521.

Early kindergarten registration planned

DOWNEY—Kindergarten Round-up, early registration for children who plan to enter a Downey Unified School in September, will be held at the elementary schools during May and June.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 2, 2005. Proof of age must be presented at the time of registration. This may be done with a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or other legal document.

In addition, parents must bring evidence that polio, red measles, rubella (German measles), diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus (DPT), hepatitis B, and mumps immunizations have been completed or at least started. Parents must also verify that the child has received the varicella immunization or a statement from a doctor stating that the child had chicken pox. Parents must provide the results of a Mantoux test for tuberculosis given within one year of entry to kindergarten (9/1/04). At the time of Kindergarten Round-up, parents must also bring to the school proof of residence in the District.

Schools, addresses, and dates are as follows:

- Alameda, 8613 Alameda Street, May 19
- Gallatin, 9513 Brookshire Avenue, May 31
- Gauldin, 9724 Spry Street, April 16
- Imperial, 8133 Imperial Highway, May 26
- Lewis, 13220 Bellflower Blvd., June 3
- Price, 9525 Tweedy Lane, June 2
- Rio Hondo, 7731 Muller Street, May 20
- Rio San Gabriel, 9338 Gotham Street, May 24
- Unsworth, 9001 Lindsay Avenue, May 24
- Ward, 8851 Adoree Street, May 27
- Williams, 7530 Arnett, May 23

For specific information about registration times, morning or afternoon sessions, and other areas of concern, call (562) 469-6500 and ask for your local school. If you do not know which school your child will attend, call (562) 469-6553.

Stauffer guest speaker at meeting

DOWNEY—Dr. Mary Stauffer will be the guest speaker at the Downey Coordinating Council meeting Wednesday, April 6 at 11 a.m., at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center. She will trace the history of the Assistance League, their activities, and their service to the community.

The public is invited. Bring a sack lunch; drink and dessert will be furnished.

For information, call Lois Buchanan 927-9790.

DJAA baseball signups continue

DOWNEY—The Downey Junior Athletic Association (DJAA) is still taking signups for the 2005 baseball season.

Players can complete a registration form at the Apollo Park gymnasium and pay their coach later. T-ball signups will continue until there are enough players to fill a division.

Children must be in the K-8th grade and enrolled in a Downey school. Apollo Park is at 12540 Rives Ave.



ITALIAN FOR A NIGHT — Our Lady of Perpetual Help School will sponsor their 5th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser on April 9, where wines from Italy and an Italian buffet will be enjoyed. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for a couple. The organizing committee, standing from left to right, are Sarah Torrez, Maritza Cardenas and Glenda Islas. Sitting are Annette Aguilar, Stefani Wolitski and Silvia Castro. Also on the committee but not pictured are Vicky Pineda, Trinidad Uribe and Grace Loya. Call OLPH School at 869-9969 or the Rectory at 923-3246 for tickets or information on how you can contribute to the fundraiser.

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AMISTAD

Beach Hotel on Saturday, April 23, benefits patients with disabilities at Rancho in Downey.

Black-tie event

The black-tie event will feature a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner, dancing, entertainment, and a live auction led by L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe.

The highlight of the evening will be the awards ceremony honoring outstanding individuals and corporate-partners who have demonstrated their support for, and commitment to, Rancho's mission to provide high quality health care services to individuals with disabling injuries and illness.

Hankla

Renowned community leader James C. Hankla will receive the individual Amistad Award. During a career spanning four decades, Jim established his legacy as one of the Southland's most creative, effective, and respected civic leaders. He has set and maintained high standards for excellence and leadership throughout his career while serving in a series of challenging high-profile positions such as Chief Administrative Officer of L.A. County, City Manager of Long Beach and leader of the Alameda Corridor project. Today, he provides his unique perspective while serving as a member of the Long Beach Port Commission and on the board of directors of numerous community and civic organizations. He also continues as a powerful and effective advocate for Rancho and its patients.

Moss

Meg Mitani Moss, OTR/1, a brilliant and innovative Occupational Therapist, is receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. She has spearheaded many breakthroughs in occupational therapy and therapeutic applications of advanced technologies during her distinguished career at rancho. She retired in 1996, and now works tirelessly as a Rancho volunteer. She manages the entire Flower Cart operation, often rising in pre-dawn hours to buy flowers in L.A. Flower Mart, then works long hours to make arrangements to brighten the lives of patients and staff.

L.A. Care Health Plan is the recipient of the Amistad for Community Service. When Rancho faced closure in 2003, the Health Plan was a vital advocate for the hospital before the County Board of Supervisors and Department of Health Services. And the health plan has made a multi-million dollar pledge to support the hospital's future.

Individual Amistad tickets are priced at \$175 with tables at \$1,750. Corporate sponsorships are available. For information and reservations call Yolanda James at Rancho Foundation at (562) 401-7053.

EXHIBIT

Project director is USC's Dr. Donald E. Miller whom Davies quotes: "Armenians are an extremely diverse community in Los Angeles, although they are united in the common tragedy of the 1915 genocide. Currently there are about 250,000 Armenians living in Los Angeles, the largest concentration of Armenians living outside the Republic of Armenia."

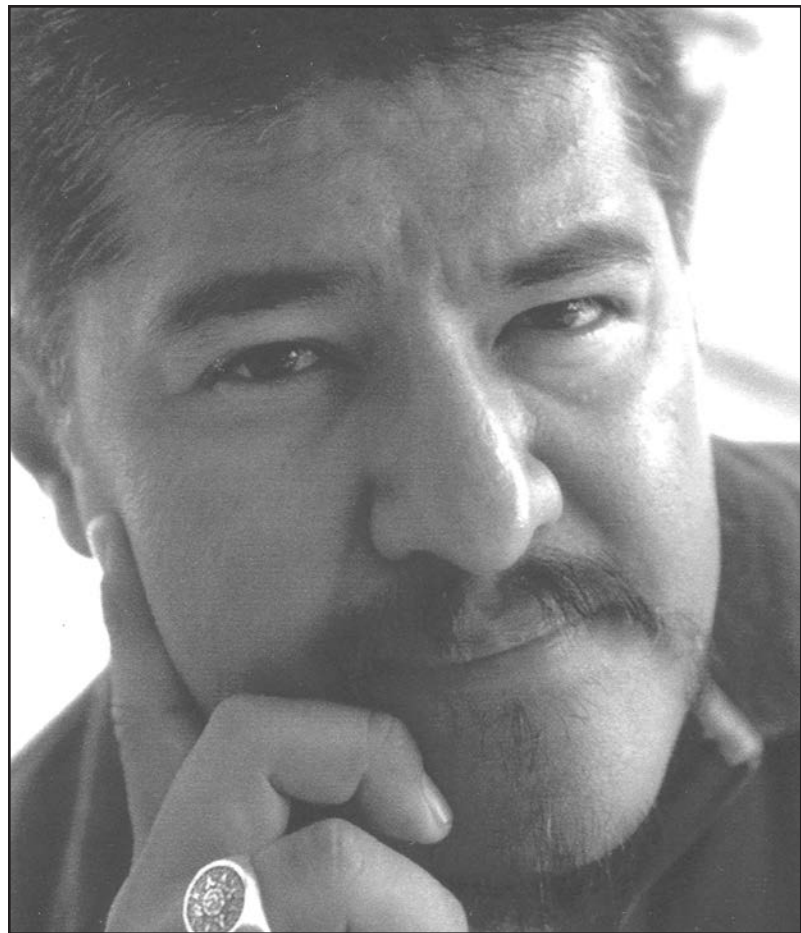
A free lecture by the artist, who with Levon Parian in 2000 successfully exhibited *Witness* here, will be held at DMOA in April. Oshagan's work has been exhibited at various venues across the country.

Hours at the museum are: Thursday and Friday, 1-5 p.m., or by appointment. Call (562) 861-0419 for more information.

WARREN

Different students are participating for different reasons. Junior Lauren Kidwell, competing in the singing competition, has been singing since a very young age and has experience in many competitions and musical theatre shows. "I am participating because I enjoy singing every chance I can get," she said.

The community is invited to the show, where all proceeds will go towards funding future events for Warren High School students. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from any contestant or at the gymnasium box office. Call 869-7306, ext. 5666, for more information.



LUIS J. RODRIGUEZ -- A prominent Latino writer and author of an award-winning memoir, as well as poetry, essays, and a variety of children's books, will be in Downey April 13 to speak and sign books.

Author Luis J. Rodriguez guest speaker

DOWNEY—Award-winning author Luis J. Rodriguez will speak and sign books at a National Library Week presentation sponsored by the Friends of the Downey City Library on Wednesday, April 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr. One of the leading Latino writers in the country, Rodriguez has written 9 books, including "Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.," which won the Carl Sandburg Literary Award and was named a New York Times Notable Book in 1993. He has conducted workshops in prisons, juvenile facilities, migrant camps, as well as colleges and professional conferences.

Waldenbooks of Downey will provide copies of his books for purchase and signing at this event. Free tickets are available from the Adult Information desk at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. Space is limited and tickets are required. For information, call 904-7360, ext. 3.



CARDIOVASCULAR SERVICES SUPERVISOR—Kim Cooper performs a stroke screening for William Hoffman at Downey Regional Medical Center's annual Diabetes Health Fair on March 19 which drew hundreds of participants. Blood glucose screenings and blood pressure checks were also administered at the free community event. Meanwhile, "Stroke and Diabetes," a free seminar and by-appointment screening, will be presented at DRMC from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 16. Registration is required. Information: 904-5162. According to the American Diabetes Association, stroke is closely linked with diabetes, a devastating disease that affects 18.2 million Americans.

CareMore offers help to diabetics

DOWNEY—In a press release submitted recently to the Patriot about diabetes, CareMore Medical Group outlines its Diabetes Management Program and how through its Medical Advantage Health Plan, diabetics can "live fearlessly in the face of their chronic illness." It says its program, designed for members with severe diabetes who require specialized services that can't be provided by their primary care physician, provides standard free insulin, glucose strips, monitors and other supplies.

The program, it says, is supervised by a CareMore endocrinologist specializing in diabetes and other experienced staff members, and provides group and individual education, initiation and management of insulin, and management of the complex diabetic and advanced wound care.

CareMore advises that while diabetes affects over 10 million people in the U.S., nearly half of them may not know they have it, and that while it can be diagnosed by a simple blood glucose test, the disease often does not exhibit obvious symptoms. Primarily causing internal damage, diabetes becomes apparent only when a resulting medical complication occurs.

Stressing that diabetes is one of the few chronic diseases that can be controlled with self-management, CareMore is thus reinforcing its Diabetes Management Program with incentives to help patients take control of their diabetes and prevent its debilitating complications.

"We will have no co-pay for insulin and other supplies for our Medicare managed care members," said Peggy Salazar, M.S.N., F.N.P., program clinical manager. "We are also offering a standard self-referral option and the expansion of our wound care program is ongoing. Comprehensive diabetes education, a vital aspect of educating members about the disease and taking an aggressive approach to treating and managing its effects, will be an additional advantage offered to CareMore members."

The paper further says that the program establishes a commitment by physicians to provide members with a comprehensive approach for diabetic management. That includes early intervention of medical support with the goal of empowering the patient in the management of their disease. From this perspective, physicians can then treat the condition more aggressively, reducing the chance of medical complications. The program works in conjunction with CareMore's other disease management efforts such as the Comprehensive Care Clinic, Anti-Coagulation Clinic and Physician Housecall Program.

It offers the following explanation of the true nature of the disease since "education is the cornerstone of coping with diabetes":

"Diabetes is a disease in which the human body loses its capacity to convert glucose (blood sugar, the body's major fuel) into energy. A good portion of what one eats is broken down into glucose and eventually passed into the blood stream. For most of us, the pancreas monitors the blood glucose level in the body and releases the right amount of insulin, a hormone. Insulin allows excess glucose to be converted into energy. However, in a diabetic, this self-adjusting mechanism no longer works, causing excess sugar in the blood, which then damages blood vessels and other organs.

"Complications of diabetes include progressive vision loss (diabetic retinopathy), kidney damage (diabetic nephropathy), and urinary infections that lead to kidney disease and high blood pressure, among others."

CareMore's Diabetes Management Program is offered at the Comprehensive Care clinics in Downey, Long Beach, Brea, Montebello and Anaheim. For more information, call 1-877-211-6614, or visit www.caremore.org.

Rev. David M. Foster ministered here 1964-75

DOWNEY—Rev. David M. Foster, who pastored the Free Methodist Church in Huntington Park for 6 years before moving to Downey when the new church was built and ministered here from 1964-1975, has died. He was 73. He was a retired senior pastor of Lawrence Free Methodist Church in Lawrence, Kansas.

Born Feb. 11, 1932 in Fancher, Illinois, he died on March 13 from injuries received in an automobile accident near Effingham, Illinois.

The son of Homer D. and Berniece Huston Foster, he earned a doctorate in church administration from the Claremont School of Theology. He had lived in Lawrence since 1998. He had served congregations in Illinois, Downey, Denver and Seattle. He was superintendent for the Northwest Conference of the Free Methodist Church for 9 years and was bishop of the Free Methodist denomination for 12 years. He received the honor of bishop emeritus when he retired.

He was married to Joy Clark, who survives him, in Alton, Illinois. Other survivors include daughters Kathleen Litton of Walnut, LaDon Birk and Coleen Jeffery, both of Denver; son David of Battle Creek, Michigan; a sister, Ruth Cullum, of Encinitas; and nine grandchildren.

The poets' corner

Tree

Black silhouette---a skeleton
against cold March sunset
Heavy it was in October
with sap and green
and the orange of ripe persimmons
Then, its harvest gone, it burned with leaves of
red, rust and gold
afire in temporary raiment
till whipped by the wind
like Salome in leafy dance
unfastening gaudy veils
stands naked in the chill
---Rosalie Sciortino
Downey



SMAY-PRESTON ENGAGEMENT—Longtime Downey residents Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smay announced the engagement of their daughter, Alexandra Smay, to Andrew Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Preston of Northern California. Their wedding is scheduled for July at the Long Beach Museum of Art. Both are graduates of UCLA.



DOWNEY FIREMEN—Are at the ready to help unload the 1,426 American flags that arrived by truck on Tuesday and unfurled on the North Field at East Middle School on Florence and Woodruff, for the first-ever 'Healing Field' display in the L.A. area. The display, staged by the Exchange Club Family Support Center to raise public awareness to the enormity of child abuse-related deaths, opened on Wednesday and runs through tomorrow, April 2. It is part of the nationwide observance of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Center invites the whole community to view the free display.

Healing Field display at East Middle School

DOWNEY—The Healing Field display of 1,400 full-size American flags, which represent the number of known child abuse deaths in the U.S. in 2004, complemented by an additional 26 flags in memory of the children in Downey and surrounding communities who lost their lives at the hands of an abuser during the past 5 years, opened on the North Field at East Middle School last Wednesday. The display runs through tomorrow. Admission is free.

It is the first-ever such display in the Los Angeles area. It has been staged by the Downey-based Exchange Club Family Support Center as part of the nationwide observance of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Healing Field project began as a memorial to the lives lost on 9/11. Since then, Healing Fields have been created in numerous communities throughout the country, to memorialize the loss of lives by many other causes. In taking on the project, the Exchange Club Family Support Center, located at 8320 Iowa St., seeks to express the enormity of child abuse-related deaths in the community. The Center, by offering parenting education programs and services, has for 14 years been providing a vital service to Downey and the surrounding communities to prevent child abuse.

The Healing Field is open today from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., and from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. tomorrow. For information, contact the Center, 904-9590, or visit www.healingfield.org/downey.

YMCA taking summer signups

DOWNEY—The Downey Family YMCA will celebrate Healthy Kids Day tomorrow, April 2, as they take signups for summer camp and child care.

The community is invited to attend.

Easter egg doubt

By John Adams

I was present Saturday at one of the City's Easter Egg Hunts for children, but rather than inspire happy or religious thoughts it left me rather sad. It all has to do with faith and belief in what you are told as a child.

I'm afraid Easter wasn't one of my better holidays.

The eggs in Saturday's hunt weren't real eggs at all, but colored paper cut in the shape of eggs, with prize value written on them to be awarded the finder later.

I remember when I was a child. The process was never explained to me adequately...My family started me off with real eggs, each brightly painted. When I was taken and told to compete in later municipal egg hunts that used objects other than real eggs, I was never really convinced, and my returns reflected this lack of enthusiasm. I can't help thinking there were kids out there Saturday who were operating half-heartedly because they hadn't been convinced paper eggs were as good as the real variety, either.

It's the same problem you encounter in more advanced games of life—take the stock market for instance. They just get you convinced that the Security and Exchange Commission enforces the rules and that you can believe in the market and then along comes Enron or some other swindle and they've got your eggs (or money).

Of course, you can't go through life expecting real eggs every game you play. But it would be nice, wouldn't it?

(We'd like to assure the readers that there is no evidence the City failed to come through with any of the prizes. But that leaves Enron and all those other market scams.)

A Tribute to Sara Garo

By Kate Davies,

Executive Director, Downey Museum of Art

DOWNEY—In 2000, DMOA board member Sara Garo founded the Armenian Arts Council to support the vision of Armenian artists. The Council was founded also to host cultural exchanges on Armenian life.

The Armenian Arts Council is the only one of its kind at an art museum in the U.S.

In 2000, the Council also hosted the highly successful exhibit (also by Ara Oshagan with Levon Parian) called *Witness*. *Witness* received wide media coverage including NPR's popular Morning Edition. *Witness* won the Freedom Award from the Armenian National Committee for gaining attention for the Genocide in the world at large.

Sara organized a successful Armenian Arts Exhibit in 1998 at DMOA, which followed with an Armenian Contemporary Art Exhibit curated by Kate Davies and Sachia Long; it was sponsored additionally by the California Council for the Humanities. The exhibition program included lectures by noted scholars and an evening of song and poetry.

The Armenian Arts Council recently refocused its mission to support the work of designated artists. The AAC will select several artists to support over a course of several years. One of the artists already selected is Ara Oshagan whose work is currently on exhibit at DMOA. Part of this support is to assist Oshagan in exhibiting *Witness* at other museums throughout the U.S., and in publishing a book of *Witness* photographs and essays.

A program partnership with USC's Armenian Studies Institute is under discussion to present an annual Armenian cultural lecture program at the museum.

Sara Garo and her husband, Harry, were members of the Downey Museum of Art since the founding of the museum in 1957.

Sara Garo's pioneer work in founding the Armenian Arts Council at DMOA is a legacy that will live on in the work of the Council and the artists it supports.

Sara's focus, determination, commitment and most importantly, friendship, will be missed.

(Note: Sara Garo died on March 2.)

Lecture on liberation theology April 5

NORWALK—The Cerritos College Philosophy Department will host a free lecture Tuesday, April 5 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on liberation theology and ethics led by Dr. Blasé Bonpane, a former Maryknoll priest who has published a number of books on Latin American politics and is a scholar on liberation theology.


Dr. Bonpane received his Ph.D. in Latin American studies from UC-Irvine, and is presently the director and chief executive officer of the Office of the Americas.

The lecture takes place in Rm. 102 of the Health Sciences building. For information, call Ted Stolze, Philosophy Department, 860-2451, ext. 2274.

Council meetings held on Tuesdays

DOWNEY – City Council and commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Contribution to symphony welcomed

Dear Editor:

On Thursday, Feb. 1, Dr. Tom Osborn, our Symphony's music director and conductor, accompanied by four key members of our Downey Symphony Orchestra, visited the Unsworth School for two back to back performances of this year's Music in the Schools Program featuring music examples from different historical periods and countries. The Downey Symphony's Quintet kicked off the 10th consecutive year of the core feature of the Downey Symphony's educational outreach program designed to introduce Downey's elementary school children to symphonic music, its instruments and sounds and some of its concepts. This year's program, one of four presented in consecutive years which comprise the program, besides introducing the various instrument groups and their sounds and capabilities, introduced the concept of "style" in music. By the end of March, Dr. Osborn with the other members of the Quintet will visit all of Downey's elementary schools, both public and parochial. In all, some 7500 elementary school children will learn how symphonic music is made and get to know "Tom" personally.

Last Nov. 11, all of Downey's 3rd graders were bussed to the Downey Theater for their first exposure to a live symphony concert. And on March 23rd, all of Downey's 5th graders will be bussed to the Downey Theater for a special concert designed to inspire and motivate them to take up a musical instrument in preparation for when they head for middle school, when they get their first chance to join a school band. And on Aug. 10, the kids will have the chance to attend a symphony concert at Furman Park together with their families. The Patriot in a past issue presents a more comprehensive summary description of the Downey Symphony educational outreach program. It is an outstanding program, unmatched in any other community and worthy of all our support.

This valuable cultural/artistic educational program is made possible with your individual tax deductible contributions, and those of Downey's businesses and service organizations, resulting from this solicitation and the matching contributions of the program's long time supporters, Helen Hoag and Ruth Hillecke.

Please make this year's program possible with your generous financial support and help us continue this unique and invaluable community program. Please make your checks payable to: Downey Symphony, M I S.

—Harold Tseklenis,
 For the Downey Symphony's "Music in the Schools" Program

Wescom Credit Union ribbon cutting

DOWNEY—Wescom Credit Union, with the collaboration of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, celebrates its grand opening with the traditional ribbon cutting Tuesday, April 12 at 11 a.m. at its 7676 Firestone Blvd. location inside the new Albertson's market.

Wescom Credit Union's branch manager, Edgar Loera, says anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura countries can open an account with them. The company is celebrating more than 70 years of servicing Southern Californians, and is said to be one of the largest credit unions in the country with 240,000 members and nearly \$3 billion in assets.

In offering everything a bank does, including free online banking, Wescom Credit Union offers such financial services as free checking, free online bill paying, a variety of home and car loans, credit cards, and more.

It has 31 branches in Southern California and the use of over 20,000 free ATMs.

Reply to Augimeri

To the Editor:

You start your letter off by saying our country proclaims on the Statue of Liberty that America "wants our tired, our poor." May I correct and finish your quote? I believe it says "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free"—NOT "your huddled masses yearning to live free!"

You say we are a nation committed to social justice and the common good and that budgets are moral documents that affect us all. To me, "common good" does not mean living in a socialist-type government, where everyone shares their wealth so that everyone has an equal amount of money, or care, for that matter. Whatever gave you the idea that budgets are "moral documents"? Most budgets of Congress are "Pork Barrel Unlimited!"

When the Statue of Liberty was placed in New York Harbor people came here LEGALLY, fully expecting to EARN a living, not to be put on food stamps, subsidized housing, welfare, free health care and the elderly put on Social Security, into which they have never paid a dime, and multiple other "free" programs.

This was a time when people (yes, even very poor people) took care of each other and shared out of the goodness of their heart—not by the federal, state and county governments, who take our tax money and invent "wonderful" give-away programs to buy votes so they can stay in office, so they can vote in their own salary raises and unbelievable "perks."

Do you realize Medicare and Medical, also multiple entitlement programs' are bankrupting our county? How do we support approximately 8,000 illegals crossing our borders every night? How many "tired and poor" are you personally willing to take into your own home?

The Statue of Liberty invitation extends to those tired and poor who come here legally!

You encourage us to call Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's office. I have called often and she returned one of my calls. I talked to her in late October 2004 and frankly, I felt she had NO answers to the questions I asked, or she really isn't too interested in controlling the borders of the U.S.

—Elsa van Leaven,
 Downey

Burke elected SCAG 2nd Vice President

LOS ANGELES—County Supervisor Yvonne Burke is the new 2nd Vice President of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), it was announced last week.

"I look forward to taking on this important leadership position with SCAG at such a crucial time," said Supervisor Burke. "Southern California faces a number of critical transportation, air quality, housing and other regional challenges, and I look forward to working with other members of the SCAG Regional Council in developing real long-term solutions."

In addition to her new responsibilities as Second Vice President, Burke is a member of SCAG's Transportation and Communications Committee. She is currently in her fourth term as Supervisor for the Second District, County of L.A., and was the first African American female elected to the U.S. Congress from California in 1972, and the first female to serve as Chair of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors in 1993. In addition to her service at SCAG, she is a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors, where she works to further development of the Crenshaw Corridor, as well as light and heavy rail traffic in Los Angeles.

Free composting workshop offered

DOWNEY—If you are interested in learning the latest tips concerning backyard composting and smart gardening techniques, you are invited to attend a free workshop Saturday, April 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Furman Park, Activity Building #1, 10419 Rives Ave.

The workshop is limited to 70 people, so you may want to reserve your seat early. Registration is required.

Participants will learn how to improve their yard and garden, recycle yard waste and kitchen scraps, and create water-wise landscapes. Participants will also receive instruction on backyard composting, worm composting, and grass cycling. Downey residents in attendance will also be eligible for a drawing for free compost bins (only one free compost bin per resident). Proof of residency is required. Compost bins and worm bins will also be available for purchase at a greatly reduced price.

The city of Downey's Recycling Office is hosting the workshop.

Razorback signups at Furman Park

DOWNEY—The Razorbacks of Downey Youth Football, entering its 45th year of operation in this city, will hold signups for flag and tackle football April 9 at Furman Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Razorback Cheer is taking signups every Saturday at Rio San Gabriel Park from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Registration fee for flag and cheer is \$100 and \$150 for tackle. Players must provide a certified birth certificate and a copy of a current utility bill. Razorbacks must live in Downey or surrounding communities that do not belong to the Pacific Coast Conference.

Flag Division is for 5-7-year-olds with a maximum weight of 100 pounds. The five tackle divisions are for children at least seven years old and increase in age and weight up to 14 years and 160 pounds. There are no minimum weights and players must play in the lowest division for which they are eligible.

Three Razorback teams reached the quarterfinals of the Pacific Coast Conference championship while the Junior Midgets reached the semifinals. All five of the cheer squads placed in league competition and Midget team earned fourth place honors in the Nationals at Las Vegas.

The Razorbacks play teams representing some 20 Southern California communities.

Registration will also be held at the Downey Street Faire, Kids Day and the OLPH Carnival, all taking place in May. June's registration dates are the 4th and 18th.

For more information on joining the Razorbacks, call Mike Baumann at 889-1183.

Free movie matinee for seniors April 6

WHITTIER—Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital will sponsor a free senior movie matinee, featuring "Ladder 49," on Wednesday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Flo and Frank L. Scott Conference Center, 12401 Washington Blvd. in Whittier. To make reservations, call 698-0811, ext. 2444. The showing includes free popcorn and punch.



THE CAT IN THE HAT—Dr. Seuss's famous story character, stands before Maude Price Elementary School students to start off the nationally celebrated "Read Across America Week."

'Read Across America' at Maude Price

DOWNEY—In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2, Maude Price Elementary School celebrated Read Across America Week from Feb. 28-March 4, to promote reading to students through many different activities and events. Read Across America, which was sponsored by the National Education Association along with many of the country's leading literacy and youth groups, is a national day celebrating reading to motivate children to read, learn, and excel in school.

Dr. Seuss's character, The Cat in the Hat, started the week by leading the students in the "Reader's Oath." Throughout the week teachers swapped classes to read, students engaged in buddy reading, and the community as well as families joined students in "read-ins." In addition, close to one hundred families attended Family Silly Story Night, in which fun stories were read aloud. Dr. Seuss's birthday was celebrated with a giant birthday cake.

Williams ABWA speaker April 20

DOWNEY—Dr. Janie Williams, who holds masters degrees in counseling and education, as well as a Ph.D. in nutrition, will speak to the Eldorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association on Wednesday, April 20 at their monthly meeting at the Rio Hondo Country Club, 10627 Old River School Road in Downey.

Williams is a 16-year member of ABWA, a "2004 Top Ten Business Woman," and has sponsored 97 members. A resident of Laguna Woods, she is an avid golfer.

Networking begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For information/reservations, call Nada Singh at (562) 439-1782.

Sebastian Sidi concert April 16

DOWNEY—Sebastian Sidi "Live" will be presented by Johnny & Company Hair Salon at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Downey Theatre, 8524 Firestone Blvd.

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RECIPIENT OF \$50 SCHOLARSHIP—At the Downey Symphony Guild's "Young People's Invitational Musicales" on March 19 held at the Downey Moravian Club, is Myron Chang, an honors sophomore at Cerritos College. He performed a piano duo with another awardee, Ruth Tan.



RUTH TAN—An 8th grade student at East Middle School, was one of 5 talented young musicians who performed March 19 at the "Young People's International Musicales" held at the Downey Moravian Church. Here she is seen receiving \$50 scholarship check from the John Hume Performing Arts Foundation.

Sisterhood Shabbat Service April 8

DOWNEY—There will be a special Sisterhood Shabbat Service, Shabbat Tazria-Hachodesh, Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd., honoring the Sisterhood of the Temple. It will be officiated by Cantor Kenneth Jaffe.

Members of the sisterhood will do readings from the prayer book, and their accomplishments highlighted. A special Oneg sponsored by the Sisterhood will be enjoyed after the service. The community is invited to attend. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

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8 new members join Assistance League

DOWNEY—Eight new members have been welcomed by the Assistance League of Downey, an all-volunteer community service organization which serves the community through its many philanthropic projects. ADL is a chapter of the National Assistance League.

The new members are: Ann-Marie Sannebeck, Marie Sferrazza, Beverly Young, Janice Allen, Nancy Bleck, Claudia Garcia, Lucy Perez, and Charlene Roche.

The many ADL projects include these major ones: H.O.M.E. (Housing of Medical Emergencies), a 10-unit facility at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center which provides housing for families of patients undergoing rehabilitative care; Operation School Bell, providing new clothing to elementary students at risk in the City of Downey, clothing over 450 students each year; Books on Wheels, in which, in conjunction with the Downey City Library, members deliver and pick up books for people unable to visit the library; Dental Program, in which dental care is provided at a nominal fee to children of low-income families who have neither insurance coverage nor Medi-Cal benefits; Christmas Distribution, where Assistees and members purchase, wrap and distribute more than 3,000 holiday gifts to 32 agencies for distribution to the needy; and Meals on Wheels, whereby administrative space and volunteer assistance is provided by members.

The league is financially supported by membership dues, sales revenue from their "Second Tyme Around" Thrift Shop, fundraising events and direct donations. Funds raised by ALD stay in the community.

ALD welcomes new members. For more information, call 861-3685.

Emergency Preparedness for Downey

DOWNEY—The Emergency Preparedness Committee, which previously met at the Barbara Riley Center, will now meet regularly the 4th Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Emergency Operations Center, located at 12222 Paramount Blvd.

For information, call the city of Downey Fire Department, 904-7344.

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Services April 4 for Joann Vanryckeghen

DOWNEY – Joann Vanryckeghen, a 34-year Downey resident, died March 30 at Presbyterian Hospital. She was 66.

Visitation and services will be held April 4 beginning at 3 p.m. at Millier-Mies Mortuary. Pastor John Rose will officiate. Burial will be private.

Vanryckeghen was born in Omaha, Nebraska and was a retired employee of Macsteel.

She is survived by son Joel (Anahi) Vanryckeghen; daughters Laura Vanryckeghen and Diane (Stan) Ellis; and four grandchildren.

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BELLFLOWER – The Bellflower Civic Chorus seeks singers for its 35-member mixed ensemble. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., in Bellflower.

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Tuesday, April 19th
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 Hometown Buffet
 4700 Candlewood St., Lakewood

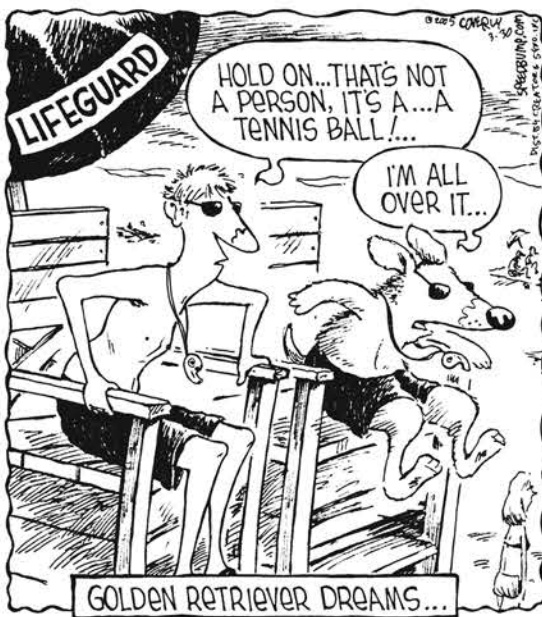
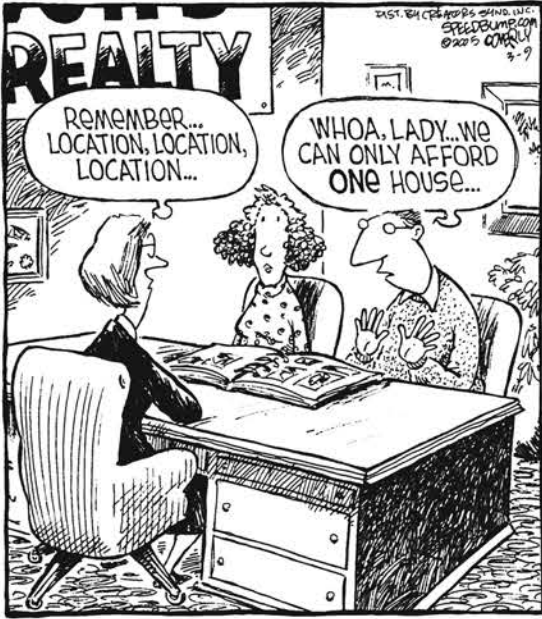
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For April

Sat. Apr. 2, 8:00 p.m.: **Downey Symphony Orchestra** featuring tap dancer Jon Engstrom at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. For information call 403-2944.
 Sun. Apr. 3, 2:30 p.m.: **"Great Britain"** a travelogue in the Armchair Adventure Series at the Downey Theatre, 8345 Firestone Blvd. For information call 861-8211

City Meetings

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

6:30 p.m.: **Metropolitan Masonic Lodge #352 dinner**, mtg., for information call 426-6786.
 6:30 p.m.: **Overeaters Anonymous**, at Downey Med. Center Conf. Room A, for information call 426-6786.
 1st Mon., 4 p.m.: **2nd Century Foundation**, at City Hall, 1st floor, call 927-9790.
 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 Perry Michienzi at 869-8782.
 9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Dorothy Paricek 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.
 6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Rm. 115, 8348 E. 3rd st.
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
 7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 441**, at Apollo Park Activities Room, for information call 923-3659.
 7:30 p.m.: **Southland Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines**, at Downey's Woman's Club, for information call 947-6802.
 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Quota International Southeast Cities**, for information call (323) 569-2854.
 2nd Tues., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's Agape**, at Los Amigos Country Club. for information call (562) 622-3785.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Chamber "Rise&Shine" Networkers**, at Nordic Fox. for info. call (562) 923-2191.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at the Nordic Fox. 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

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 869-5444.
 2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
 3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: **Diabetes Support Group**, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
 7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
 9 a.m.: **Senior Californians of Downey**, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.
 12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
 12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
 6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
 7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 803-4571.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.

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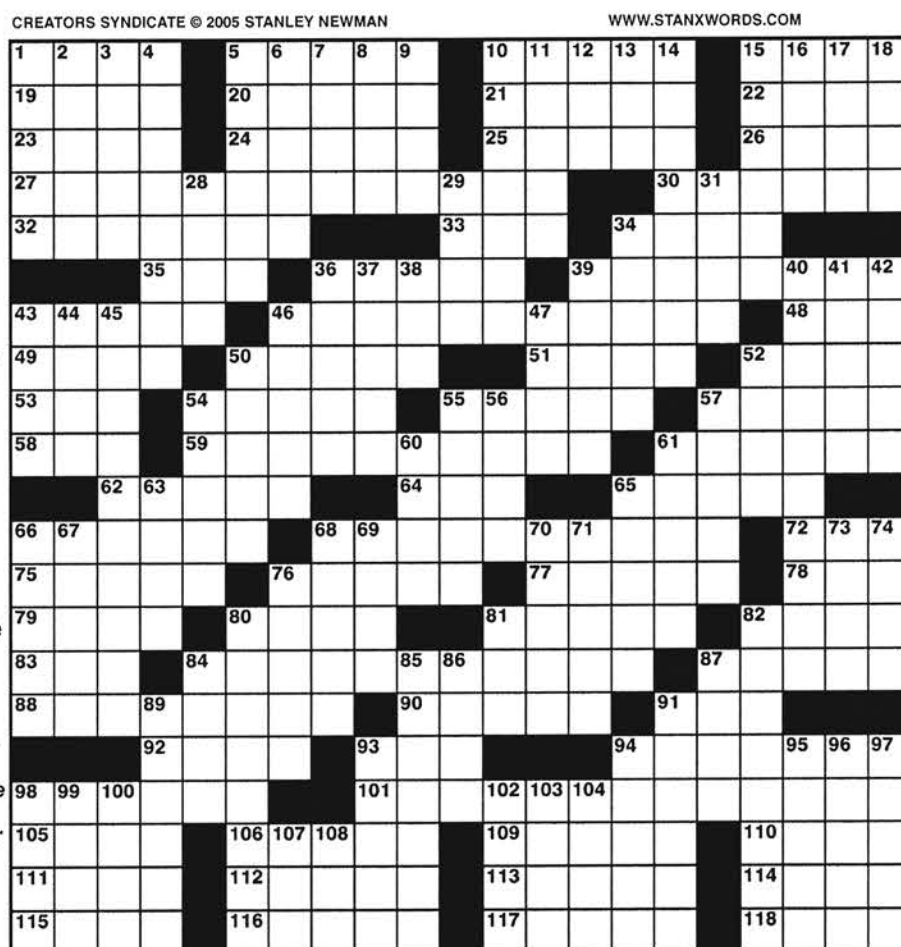
7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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 by Patrick Jordan

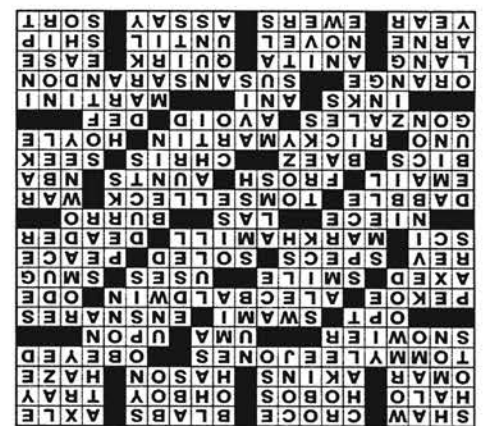
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You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at his e-mail address: StanXwords@aol.com. Or write him at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a reply.

George Bernard Shaw (1 Across) received an Academy Award for his screenplay of the 1938 film version of "Pygmalion." Edmond HOYLE (87 Across) wrote authoritative texts on whist, backgammon, chess and other games. Nathan Lane (7 Down) received a 1992 OBIE Award for "Sustained Excellence of Performance" rather than for any particular role.



Pet Expo at Orange County Fair April 15-17

COSTA MESA—Pets of all kinds will be featured at the 16th annual America's Family Pet Expo, a huge nonprofit animal education and entertainment event promoting responsible pet care, from Friday-Sunday, April 15-17 at the Orange County Fair and Exposition Center, 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa.

Dogs, cats, birds, fish, pot-bellied pigs, rats, reptiles and more will be a part of a weekend filled with stage shows, competitions, demonstrations and exhibits. Hosted by the World Wide Pet Supply Association, Pet Expo is open Friday 1-9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Discounted presale admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors (60+ with ID), \$3 for children (6-12), and free for kids 5 and under. Admission on the day of the event is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$4 for children. The public is asked not to bring their pets. For event information, call (626) 447-2222 or visit www.petexpooc.com.

The complete April 2005 OC Fair schedule:

2-3 Crossroads of the West Gun Show – Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12, #14, Parade of Products and Main Mall. Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, children under 12 free with adult. B&L Productions, (801) 544-9125.

9-10 Computer Fair – Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bldg. #12. Admission: adults \$5, children under 10 free. NP Expos, Inc. (800) 800-5600, www.lacomputer.com.

10 All Nationals Truck Show/West Coast All Truck Nationals – Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Festival Fields. Admission: adults \$10, seniors (65+) \$5, children (12 and under) & 5. Horse Power Promotions, (805) 686-2007, www.horsepowerpromotions.com.

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4/20 26th Annual Youth Expo – "It's Easy Being Green." Educational expo featuring exhibits, games, crafts, Jazz Festival, talent search, and Science & Engineering Fair. Friday, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. All buildings and grounds. Free admission and parking. OC Fair & Exposition Center, (714) 708-3247, www.ocfair.com.

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'Stomp' at Pasadena from April 1-3

PASADENA—The young and hip performers of "Stomp" will be performing their innovative rhythmic act today thru Sunday, April 1-3 at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, 300 East Green St. in Pasadena. "Stomp" uses everything but conventional percussion instruments—dustbins, tea chests, plastic bags, plungers, boots, hub caps—to fill the stage with one of the most compelling and unique acts in stage history. Synchronized stiff-bristle brooms become a sweeping orchestra, eight Zippo lighters flip open and closed to create a fiery fugue and wooden poles thump and clack in a rhythmic explosion.

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Smothers Brothers comedy tour

DOWNEY—The Downey Adult School Creative Learning Tours is offering a tour of the Smothers Brothers Comedy Performance on Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m. at the Haugh Performing Arts Center at Citrus College.

The Smothers Brothers mark over 45 years in show business and are legends for lengthy careers that have surpassed all other comedy teams'. After the show, there will be a delightful meal at the nearby Citrus Grill Restaurant. The tour includes transportation, reserved tickets for the performance, and dinner.

Tour registration coupons are available in the Downey Adult School main office or mailed upon request. For information, call 940-6213.



'TEVYA'—Joe Matarazzo, born and raised in Downey, stars as "Tevya" in "Fiddler on the Roof" for the Downey Light Opera Company production at the Downey Theater May 26 through June 12. For tickets and information call 923-1714. The box office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

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Maxine A. Barnett headed Rose Float

DOWNEY—Longtime Downey resident Maxine A. Barnett, who served as president of the Downey Rose Float association for many years, died on March 19 in Flagstaff, AZ. She was 92.

Born in Cherokee, Oklahoma March 3, 1913, she came to California with her husband Ivan in the early 1930's, settling in Downey in 1935. Having to find work after her husband's death, she found employment at Humphrey's Harmony House on Firestone Blvd., while attending classes, learning to type and take short hand. She then secured a position at North American Rockwell, where she worked on the team for several Apollo missions in the 60's and 70's. She remained at Rockwell until she retired at the age of 65. She was called back twice as a contractor, working until 1985.

Barnett is survived by her son, Gary (Colleen) Barnett of Flagstaff; grandson Jeffrey Barnett and granddaughter Lauren Barnett, both of Flagstaff; granddaughter Erin (Mike) Freund of Phoenix, AZ; and great granddaughter, Madison Freund, also of Phoenix.

Graveside services are tentatively scheduled for the week of April 4th. For information, contact Rose Hills Memorial Park at (562) 699-0921, or Bridgette Rodgers at (562) 869-7737.

Caregiver support group at Rancho

DOWNEY – Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center hosts caregiver support groups regularly. Call 401-7991 for dates and times.



ANNETTE MERCEDES AZCUE – Will help represent Downey in the Nationals' 2005 Miss Teen Los Angeles pageant competition April 3, where she will compete for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships and prizes. Azcue will be judged in casual and formal wear modeling routines as well as interview sessions. To sponsor Annette, call pageant coordinator Patty Neidert at (800) 569-2487.

Christian Women's Club lunch April 13

DOWNEY – Maria King will give a solo performance on harp and Pauletta Staley will speak on "The Secret Key" when the Downey Christian Women's Club meets for its monthly lunch April 13 at Los Amigos Country Club at 11:45 a.m. Price for the buffet luncheon is \$12 and the community is invited.

Call Ginnie at 927-8488 or Lisa at 928-6269 for reservations.

Chamber has numerous 'Friends of the Faire'

DOWNEY – Additional names have joined "Friends of the Faire," benefiting the Downey Chamber of Commerce 2005 Street Faire to be held on Brookshire Ave. on Saturday, May 7.

All of the following have donated \$100 each to help with costs of this huge community event:

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To become a "Friend of the Faire," or for further information on the Street Faire, call 923-2191.

'Man of La Mancha' at Cerritos College

NORWALK – "Man of La Mancha," a dramatic dinner musical re-acting the life story of Don Quixote, will be presented by the Cerritos College Department of Theatre and the Associated Students beginning April 30 at the Burnight Center Theatre.

Show-only performance dates are May 1, 5 and 6. Dinner theatre dates are April 30 and May 7 and 8. Performance times vary.

For ticket information, call the theatre box office at (562) 467-5058.

Church prepping for 'A Wild West Fest'

DOWNEY – St. Raymond's Catholic School and Church will present "A Wild West Fest," May 20-22 on its campus at 12348 Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Food, games, rides, contests, raffles and other fun is planned for the annual festival.

Senior bingo at Apollo Park

DOWNEY – Seniors gather every Wednesday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. at Apollo Park for Bingo. For information on joining the group, call 904-7223.

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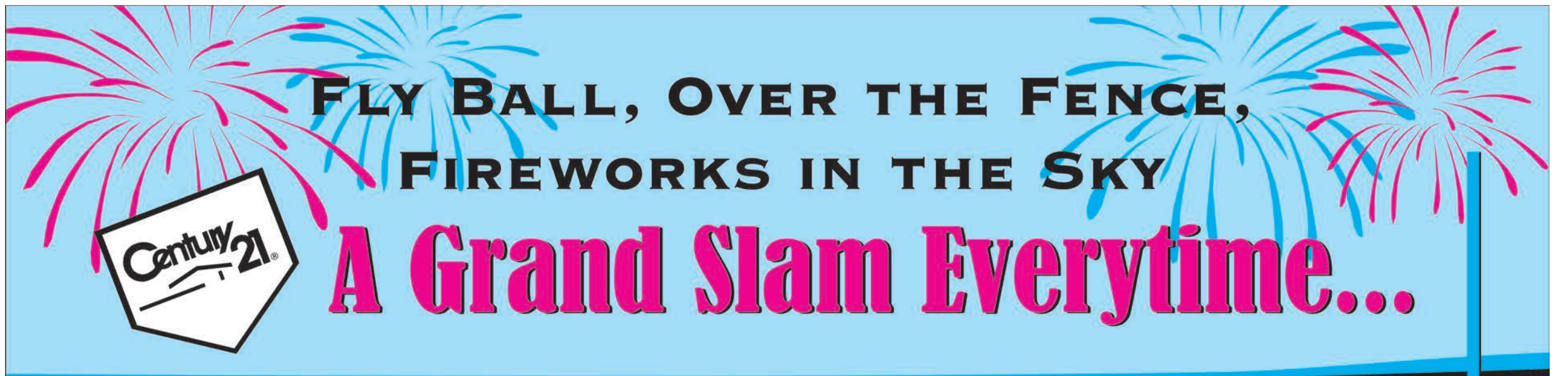
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Diabetes management sessions in April

DOWNEY—Downey Regional Medical Center, 11500 Brookshire Ave., offers a four-session, 12-hour program Thursdays on the Management of Diabetes starting April 7, and continuing on the 14th, 21st and the 28th. The course will benefit individuals who have had diabetes for years as well as those recently diagnosed with the malady. Participants may bring a friend.

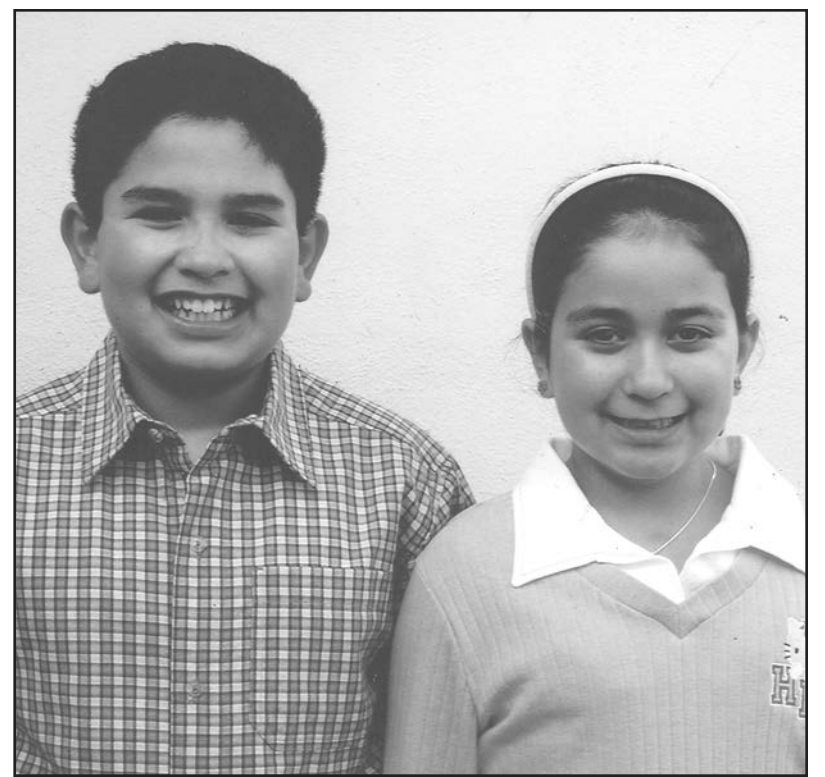
Through the DRMC Diabetes Institute, persons struck by diabetes have the resources enabling them to manage their diabetes, improve their quality of life and delay or prevent complications. Diabetes Educator Elsa Saucedo, RN, MSN, teaches patients self-care—how to eat right, take medications correctly, exercise appropriately, identify signs and symptoms, perform foot care and use a meter.

The free diabetes classes are held at the DRMC conference rooms. Preregistration is required since space is limited, and there is a \$10 materials fee for the series. Call (562) 904-5580 to register or for more information.



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SOME MEMBERS—Of the Academy of Polynesian Paradise Dancers (APPD), a very active group. Studio owner and dance director is longtime Downey resident Akemi Welsh.

Dance studio moves out of Downey

DOWNEY—Akemi Welsh, a longtime resident of Downey, announced she has moved her studio to Santa Fe Springs.

Her studio is the home of the Academy of Polynesian Paradise Dancers (APPD), whose students have participated in several dance competitions including The Way Out Broadway Search for Talent, which has yielded them 3 first place trophies. The group has danced for many local community events and have been featured on local television. Several of the dancers are at present touring 18 states and Canada.

The academy, while specializing in South Pacific dancing, is always ready to share the culture and traditions of the Polynesian people.


Some of their other dancers have performed for Disney's Lilo and Stitch, Adam Sandler's 100 First Dates, events for Aloha Airlines, and the Pageant of the Masters. For information on the studio, call 945-2599.

National Library Week celebrated

DOWNEY—A variety of events are planned at the Downey City Library during National Library Week April 11-17, and everyone is encouraged to drop by and join in the celebration of books and reading.

On Tuesday, April 12, for instance, preschool children and their parents can meet Mayor Anne Bayer and share picture books at a special storytime at 10:30 a.m. At 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, students can learn how to evaluate web pages during an Internet workshop. Later in the day at a different venue at 7:30 p.m., award-winning author Luis J. Rodriguez will speak and sign books at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center. Back again at the library, at 12 noon Thursday, April 14, the library's popular Book Lover's Club meets to discuss *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd, and at 7:30 p.m., reading specialist Jennie Nash will speak on "Raising a Young Reader." All events are free.

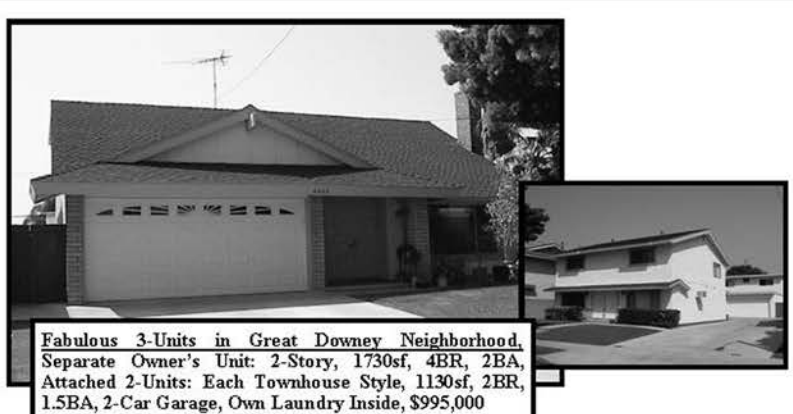
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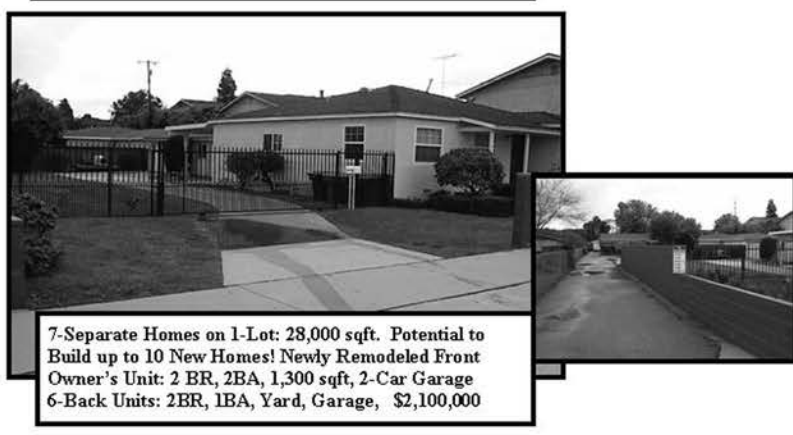
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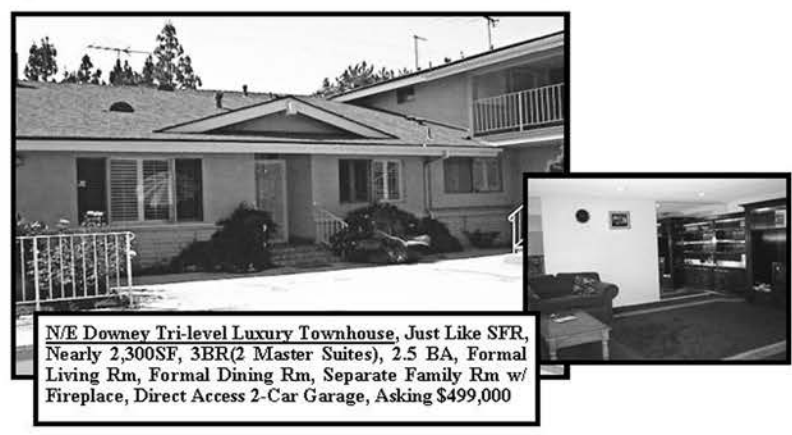
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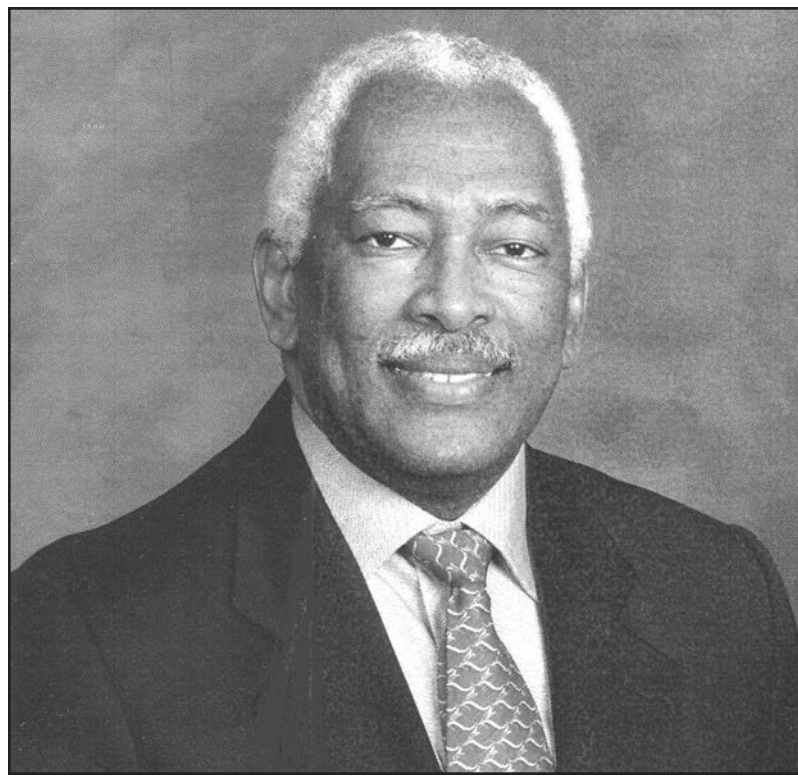
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ORLANDUS WATERS—Has been tapped to serve on the fundraising team for the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.

Waters named to Space Center entity

DOWNEY—Financial Partners Credit Union (FPCU) Senior Vice-President Orlando Waters has been named by the Downey City Council to the nonprofit fundraising arm of the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center. The Center will be operated by the city's Community Services Department.

"I am pleased and honored by the council's action," said Waters, who is in charge FPCU's government and community relations. "The Center will serve as a reminder to all of the wonders of space and of the dedication of the people who explore it."

Waters is currently involved in the city of Downey as a board member for the following organizations: the Downey Family YMCA, Downey Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Downey. He is also on the board of the Cerritos College Foundation.

FPCU supports nonprofits such as Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD), Downey Unified School District's The Learning Center and the Regional Occupational Program.

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Caregiver training seminars at hospital

WHITTIER—Life Connections at the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital is offering a five-week training seminar designed to teach caregivers important medical and safety skills. The workshops will take place on the Tuesdays of April 5, 12, 19 and 26, and Monday, May 2 at the Flo and Frank L. Scott Conference Center, 12401 Washington Blvd. in Whittier. Over 54 million people are caring for family members at home all over the country, often providing hospital-level care with no medical training. This seminar will help allay caregiver stress due to lack of necessary skills.

For reservations, call Senior Life Center at 698-0811, ext. 2444.

Rose Float 'casino night' April 22

DOWNEY—The Downey Rose Float Association's first annual "Casino Night" is slated for Friday, April 22 at 7 p.m. at the Women's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd. There will be food, games, a silent auction, gifts, and door prizes. Tickets are \$20 per person.

For information/tickets, call Gary DeRemer at 260-8503, or Nancy Rysavy at (213) 730-6006.

Downey TOPS helps with weight loss

DOWNEY — Downey Chapter #63 of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is seeking new members. Their meetings are held Mondays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 Third St. in Downey. For more information, call Lou at 861-9425.



DEVIN CLARKE—Has joined the staff at Century 21 Jervis and Associates, 10209 La Reina Ave. He is a graduate of Downey High School, has lived here for all of his 24 years, and is a music major at Cerritos College. Clarke can be reached at 508-0984.

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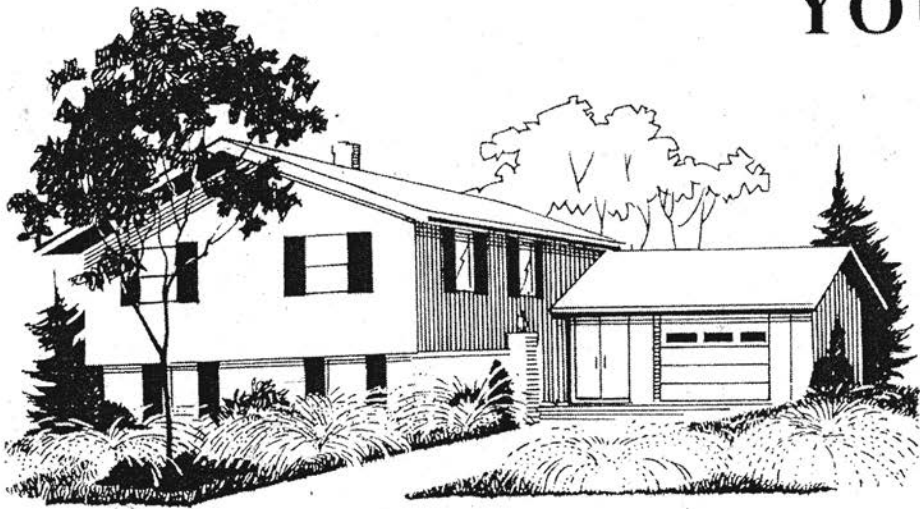
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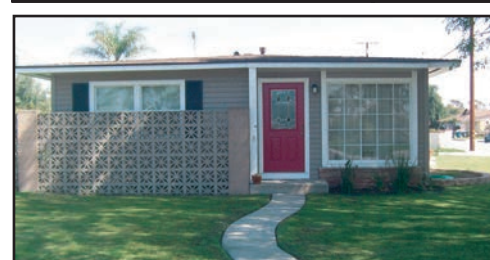
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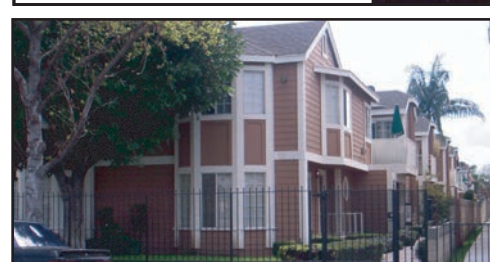


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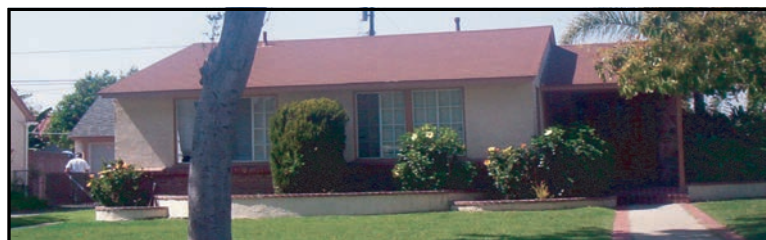
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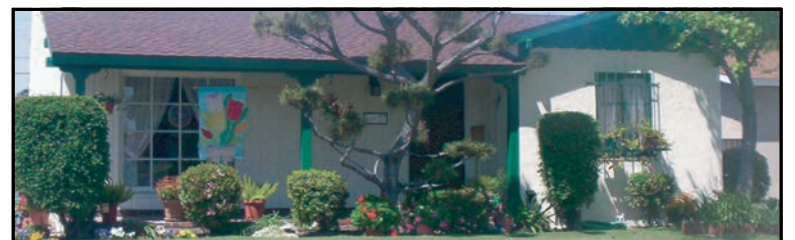
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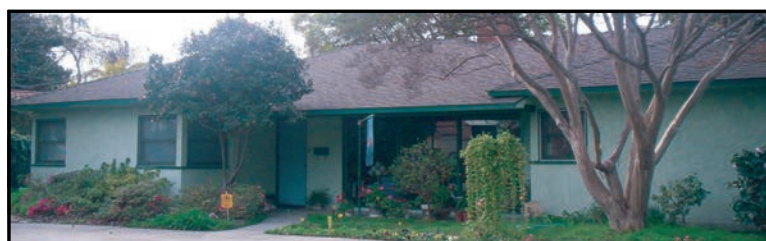
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