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THE HEALING FIELD – A dramatic display of over 1,400 full-size American flags symbolizing child abuse victims across the United States, was displayed last week on the field of East Middle School. The project was coordinated by the Exchange Club Family Support Center.

GOOD luncheon at Hondo Wednesday

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, camps 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.

For more information/to make 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.

Healing Field displayed 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 five years, opened on the North Field at East Middle School last Wednesday. The display ran through last week.

It was the first-ever such display in the Los Angeles area. It was 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 surrounding communities to prevent child abuse.

Decreased enrollment spurs school move

DOWNEY—In response to declining enrollment at the elementary level the Downey Unified School District has established a Blue Ribbon Elementary Enrollment Study Committee. The group is comprised of parents, community members, City officials, principals and district administrators.

The committee has found after a study of enrollment figure projections for the years 2003-08, that the District will be losing about 700 elementary students over this five-year period. The District receives about \$5,000 per student annually.

Proactive response

Superintendent Wendy Doty said, "As enrollment figures decline, the District will have to be proactive in addressing the loss of revenue. The estimated cost of running an elementary school is about \$380,000—\$400,000 every year regardless of how many students are on campus. This includes the expenses of a principal, office manager, clerk, utility worker, night custodian, cafeteria service, utilities, and general maintenance such as gardening. The expense of salaries for teachers and aides remain the same since these employees move to wherever the students are assigned."

Although most of the District's elementary schools have 800 or more students, Pace is projected to have 261 students next year. As a result, the Committee is recommending to close Pace Elementary School and move all Pace students to neighboring Lewis Elementary. In order to accommodate the Pace students at Lewis, the committee is recommending that Lewis students currently being bused from South Gate and West Downey be relocated to schools closer to their homes. These schools are Williams, Ward, and Imperial Elementaries.

Huge plans for Alameda Corridor East

WASHINGTON D.C.—A new plan is being pressed to get trucks off the crowded routes around the Alameda Corridor including the much troubled 710. But supporters of the 2.5 billion proposal admit they do not expect to get all the funding they need from Congress.

It will take a united effort on the part of the California delegation to get even a portion of the funding necessary for the huge road plan from the Congress.

Currently, the huge \$284 billion National Transportation Bill approved by the House last month doesn't even mention the Corridor East. The members of the California Delegation are counting on using their political clout. Their goal is an appropriation of \$900 million to be distributed equally by the state to Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange and

Riverside Counties to improve rail lines to facilitate the movement of more cargo from the ports by rail, rather than trucks.

It is generally agreed that by better utilizing the rail system more goods can be transported rapidly eastward and throughout the nation. It follows that the nation should be asked to pay for a portion of it. Housemember Millender-McDonald and other congresspersons express the hope that the funding for Alameda Corridor East can be appropriated from a \$6.8 billion pot of funding reserved for "projects of national significance," aimed at projects that provide benefits beyond the local level. But this pot was dramatically reduced from what was \$17.6 billion last year.

The remaining sum has not yet been allocated, but other projects in Chicago, Seattle and Alaska are also still in the running.

Symphony tap concert an artistic triumph

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The fortuitous link between conductor and artistic director Tom Osborn and choreographer and dancer Jon Engstrom culminated on the stage of the Downey Theater Saturday, April 2 in an outstanding performance of Morton Gould's Concerto for Tap Dancer and Orchestra.

Gould, never known to shun a challenge, put together the modern symphonic sound and the percussion of tap dancing, wedding the two into a unique symphonic and dance experience. Of course you must have a dancer whose talents measure up to such a strenuous stint on stage. Luckily, Engstrom proved more than capable of the unique demands, leaving a Downey audience calling for more Saturday.

Osborn, who met Engstrom some years ago through Pepperdine College productions, more than held up the orchestral artistry by leading the Downey Symphony through the difficulties of the modernist Gould's score.

It was noted in the program that this work was scored for a moderate-sized orchestra to leave adequate stage space for the dancer's expression.

Creative work

This is a perfect example of how a fine community orchestra of a level

such as Downey's can bring inventive and creative work to the viewer's attention.

The early program for the evening included the sunny and lyrical Brahms's Second Symphony. Brahms may have been under a cloud cast by Beethoven for much of his career, but when left to his own lyric devices could break free with astonishing clarity, as he did in the Second.

Fine strings

It was also a perfect vehicle to show off the Downey Symphony's fine string section.

Osborn chose to end this last of the season concert series with Johann Strauss, Jr.'s Waltzes from Tales from the Vienna Woods. Lifting and sweeping images of dance!

All in all it would be hard to imagine a more eclectic and enjoyable night of music.

Baton Winner Jasmin Jackson opened the evening with a rousing turn at the baton directing the orchestra in the St. Louis Blues by W.C. Handy. The winner of the Baton Auction for next season's performance was Pauline Hume.

Seniors celebrate 49 years of dancing

By Eric Pierce

DOWNEY – Fred James remembers not too long ago when the halls of the senior center were filled to capacity every Tuesday morning, two-stepping seniors dipping and turning, twirling and jiving, transforming the tranquil community center into their own personal Studio 54.

The party continues, but the dance floor is getting empty.

The Downey Senior Citizens Recreation Club celebrated their 49th anniversary Monday, drawing current and former members from throughout the country to the Rio Hondo Country Club. Gentlemen looked handsome in bow ties and spit-polished shoes, the ladies dashing in flowing dresses and blue opals. Membership in the social club is dwindling though, and members hoped the party would help attract new dancers of the blue-haired variety.

Pied Piper Concerts under way in Downey

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Downey's Civic Theater was up and ready, staff and assistants in place, stage crew waiting, orchestra tuned, anticipating the first audience of the morning. "Here they come," a voice called and within 15 minutes, 606 energetic fifth graders on a field trip had piled out of their school buses and were in assigned seats.

The "Pied Piper" concerts were under way.

This 9:30 performance was the first of three 45-minute concerts which the Downey Symphony would perform that morning until an impressive total of 1,879 children, sitting respectfully in a beautiful theater, had learned a lot about classical music, how a symphony orchestra fills the stage with musicians and those gorgeous instruments, how music sounds scary or jubilant, tender or silly, and can carry your thoughts and imagination

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**WATCH FOR THE
DOWNEY STREET FAIR
COMING MAY 7**



JOAN FREY—Nominated by the Downey City Council, was recognized at a recent awards ceremony held at LAX Hilton, as one of 54 "extraordinary individuals (from 22 L.A. County cities) who have been making a positive difference in their communities." The only nominee from Downey, she has served on the City of Downey Environmental Health and Sanitation Committee since 1976 and on the Keep Downey Beautiful Committee since its inception in 1978, and has on several occasions chaired both committees. Downey Mayor Anne Marie Bayer, right, presents her with a plaque at the ceremony.

Life in internment camp meeting topic

DOWNEY – Paul Yakota, a board member of the Downey Historical Society, will tell of life in WWII Japanese internment camps at a breakfast meeting April 13 at the Rio Hondo Country Club.

Yakota was born in the United States and, while a student at Los Angeles City College, was relocated to an internment camp when war broke out. Still, upon his release, he enlisted in the United States military to serve his country. He later completed his education at USC, becoming a teacher and school principal.

The meeting begins at 7 a.m. The public is invited and no reservations are necessary.

Street Fair set May 7 in Downey

DOWNEY—The great Downey Street Fair will be offered Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. along three blocks of Brookshire Avenue north of Firestone Boulevard.

Sponsored and produced by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, the event will kick off at 9 a.m. with an appearance by the Warren High School Marching Band and Flag Bearers at the stage located at Brookshire and Firestone.

The event is cosponsored by CalMet Services, Inc.; Colin Clarke Century 21—Jervis & Assoc.; Downey Federal Credit Union; Downey Ford; Downey Regional Medical Center; Financial Partners Credit Union; HealthFirst Medical Group; and Penske Toyota.

Southland Chorus

Entertainment will include the Southland Harmony Chorus which was originally chartered as The Downey Chorus which will sing at 9:30 a.m.

Then at 10:15 the Ku'uipos O Hula, a local group of dancers ranging from age six to 82 will offer hula selections.

The Class 6 Band will take the stage at 11 a.m. with classic rock numbers.

Then the Country Kickers will take the stage at 12:15 p.m., offering line and partnered dances.

At 1 p.m. Flight, a five piece dance band, takes the stage.

Car Show winners will be announced at 3:15 p.m., followed by All About Me from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

The Street Fair includes a Kids Zone, Classic Car Show and Foods Court. There is ample free parking.



CONCERT CHAIRPERSON – Myra Valdez of Budget Blinds has been named chairperson of the Downey Chamber of Commerce second annual "Oldies" benefit concert set for Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Downey Theatre. The Drifters will be the headline attraction. For information call 923-2191.

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.

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

Open house at Good Shepherd Lutheran

DOWNEY—Good Shepherd Lutheran School, 13200 Clark Ave. in Downey, invites the public to its School Open House and Literature Fair Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m., featuring a free hot dog supper and a tour of the classrooms.

The school, with K-8th grade, boasts small class size, excellent academics, and before and after school care, along with a strong home-school partnership. It has been serving Downey and the surrounding areas since 1956. For more information, call (562) 803-4918.

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.

Downey DUI suspect booked for two deaths

MISSION VIEJO—A man from Downey, 25-year old Jon Tafoya, has been booked on suspicion of felony driving under the influence when his Chevrolet pickup truck hit a car head-on at the intersection of Jeronimo Road and Valermo Drive in Mission Viejo, killing the car's two occupants.

He was fleeing the scene after an Orange County Sheriff's deputy, noticing his pickup had no license plates, flagged him down and approached the vehicle. The suspect allegedly sped away before the deputy could confront him.

The victims were the 40-year old driver of the car and his passenger, 22-year old Melody Carolyn Woodriddle of Redlands, authorities said. The fatal collision occurred around 11 p.m. Tuesday. Authorities also said Tafoya, despite a broken ankle, was able to clamber over a 6-foot fence onto a backyard before being captured. Other felony charges are likely to be brought against him.

Top teachers and students to be honored

DOWNEY—Downey Unified School District's top elementary, middle school, and high school teacher and student, as selected by a vote of the principals involved, will be honored at a 6:30 p.m. dinner Thursday, April 21 by Downey Unified Masonic Lodge #220 at the Temple at 8244 Third St.

The honorees are: Unsworth Elementary School teacher Wendie Graf and student Cejay Anderson; Griffiths Middle School teacher Jenny Pridham and student Kristena Hall; and one set from Warren High School, teacher Ann Courtney and student Monique Cole, and another set from Columbus High School, teacher Virginia Rooney and student Linda Quinonez.

Theme of this year's ceremony, to which the community is invited, is "Public Schools—Lighting the Way for America's Future."

Dinner reservations are a must, by April 19. For information, call Bob Udoff, 862-4578, or Scott Morrissy, 425-4676.

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DARREL JACKSON – Founder of the 10-20 Club, receives a \$500 donation from Dan Gold, right, President of the Optimist Club of Downey. “The Optimist Club of Downey takes pride in supporting Downey youth organizations,” said Gold.

DUSD elementary track and field meet April 23

DOWNEY—The Downey Unified School District will hold its 45th annual Carnival of Champions Track and Field Exhibition Saturday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave. The public is welcome; admission is free.

The meet brings together 4th and 5th grade representatives from nine Downey elementary schools. Approximately 500 boys and girls will compete in the following seven track and field events:

- 50 Yard Dash
- 100 Yard Dash
- Baskets in One Minute
- Softball Throw for Distance
- Standing Long Jump
- Four-Member-Team 440 Yard Relay
- Mixed Coed Relay

Field events will begin at 8 a.m., followed by running events at 10:15 a.m. Final heats will take place at 11:30 a.m.

Team scoring will be on a 10-8-6-4-2 basis for 1st through 5th place in each event.

Financial Partners inks deal with SBC

DOWNEY—SBC Communications Inc. announced Wednesday a new servicing agreement with Financial Partners Credit Union to provide bundled telecommunications services for the not-for-profit financial organization. The agreement is worth almost \$750,000 over the three-year life of the contract.

Under the agreement, SBC companies will provide FPCU's Downey headquarters with local, long distance, audio conferencing, and Voice over Internet Protocol services.

Rancho's Amistad 2005 gala April 23

DOWNEY—Rancho Los Amigos' "Amistad 2005 Gala," set for Saturday, April 23 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel, will honor James C. Hankla, L.A. Care Health Plan, and Meg Mitani Moss, OTR/L. The event benefits the patients of Rancho through the work of the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation.

Sebastian Sidi returns to Downey Theatre

DOWNEY – Sebastian Sidi, hometown composer, arranger and instrumentalist, returns to the Downey Theatre where he will be joined by special guests for a live performance April 16.

Tickets are only available through Johnny & Co. Hair Salon, which is sponsoring the event.

Joining Sidi on stage will be Javier Lima (guitar), Mike Roper (bass) and Tonya Hoodye and Georgia Waggenor (vocals) singing "Time to Say Goodbye" by Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli and newly arranged by Sidi himself.

Influenced by the sounds of rock, classical, jazz and Latin, Sidi has combined them all to create an electrifying genre of its very own.

General admission tickets are priced at \$15 and may be purchased by calling Johnny & Co. at 862-2111 or in person at 10921 S. Downey Ave.

Log on to www.sebastiansidi.com for more information or call (562) 544-7774.



SEBASTIAN SIDI — Returns to the Downey Theatre April 16 for a live performance of his unique combination of rock, Latin, jazz and classical sounds. Tickets are still available by calling (562) 544-7774 or visiting Johnny & Co. Hair Salon.

Stroke Awareness Day at DRMC

DOWNEY—Community members are invited to Downey Regional Medical Center (DRMC), 11500 Brookshire Ave., April 16 for a free seminar on "Stroke and Diabetes—Are you at risk?" from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Private consultations and stroke screenings will be given on a first-registered, first-served basis. Endocrinologist David Berger, M.D., medical director of the DRMC Diabetes program, will speak and answer questions. Other speakers include DRMC diabetes educator Elsa Saucedo discussing "Signs and Symptoms," clinical dietitian Kum Kum Sinha on "Dietary Information," and social worker Michelle Harvey on "Advanced Healthcare Directives—When your loved one is in the hospital."

Seating is limited and registration is required. For more information/to register, call 904-5162.

Rise 'N Shine Networkers meet April 12

DOWNEY—Chamber members Dean Hartley of Cafe 'n Stuff, Angeliqe Harris of Southland Credit Union, and Dayna Moore, Country Butcher, are the scheduled speakers when the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N Shine Networking Group meets Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 a.m. at Nordic Fox Restaurant, 10924 Paramount Blvd. RSVP/information: 923-2191.

The group next meets April 26 with Judge Phillip Mautino of Downey Superior Court expounding on "Jury Reform." Members are urged to bring their business cards to these meetings.

Memorial to Pope on display at Zrelak

DOWNEY – Three local funeral homes, including Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary, have erected temporary memorial walls in honor of Pope John Paul II. The public is invited to visit the memorials and sign a book that the funeral home will send to Vatican City in Italy.

The public is welcome to bring flowers, photographs, candles, memorabilia and drawings by children to enhance the memorial, which will remain in place through Monday, April 11. The other mortuaries participating are Moritz Funeral Home in Montebello and Morrow's Pico Rivera Mortuary.

Newcomers 'hat parade' April 11

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers hold their Hat Parade luncheon Monday, April 11 at 11 a.m. at Maggie's Pub, 11900 Telegraph Rd. in Santa Fe Springs. President Barbara Emry encourages members and guests to show their creativity by decorating their hats. Prizes will be awarded and Mark Keller will provide the music for the whimsical parade. For reservations, call Vicki at (562) 923-0471.

'Relay for Life' May 14-15

DOWNEY—The American Cancer Society will honor cancer survivors May 14-15 at the 4th annual Downey Relay for Life at Columbus High School, 12340 Woodruff Ave. Information: 626-776-0201 (option 1), ext. 13.

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PIPER

along with it.

Funded for the second year by the generosity and foresight of the Hoag Foundation, these Pied Piper concerts have an important purpose, to encourage youngsters to participate in music instruction when they attend middle school next year, the bands, orchestras and audiences of the future.

Conductor Tom Osborn, well-known to these fifth-graders from the symphony's Music in the Schools outreach performances, chooses his program carefully. To illustrate a section of the orchestra and the instruments within it, there are descriptive works from several musical periods, then a young soloist, then a roof-raising finale. It is adult, first-rate, classical music made accessible to young listeners through Tom's commentary and the informal friendliness of the orchestra behind him.

(See, all you fifth graders? These are real people. All of them were your age once, believe it or not, and they decided to find out what it was like to blow into a trumpet or bang on a drum. You can do that too.)

Today's violin soloist was a delicate slip of a girl from Cerritos, 8th grader Tiffany Lin, just three years older than the students in her audience, but she had the stance and strength and involvement of a seasoned player, small fingers and young arms doing all those impossible things required by Sarasate's Gypsy Song. In the words of one orchestra member, "She just played the heck out of the piece."

(See, all you fifth graders? It can be done. Takes practice, takes work, gives a lot in return, but the first step is simply going to the music teacher at school and trying it out. Same for all of you who like to sing.)

Then the finale and, as Tom Osborn admits, he really stacks the deck for this one, the concluding portion of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. That's a spine-tingler in itself, but you add 15 wind players from Downey High School and 16 wind players from Warren High School (Oooooohs" from the audience), flanking the stage in performance with the symphony, and it's an experience not to be forgotten. One boy from Old River School not only conducted but played every instrument from his seat. He had the "1812" down cold.

These concerts happen through the spectacular coordination of the Symphonic Society, the Downey Unified School District offices and Transportation Department, the Hoag Foundation, Downey's elementary teachers and principals, theater personnel and our orchestra. Mark Artusio, Principal Contrabass, says he plays at several other cities' school programs and "Downey audiences are quiet and well-behaved in part because your school district is consistent in handling these mornings."

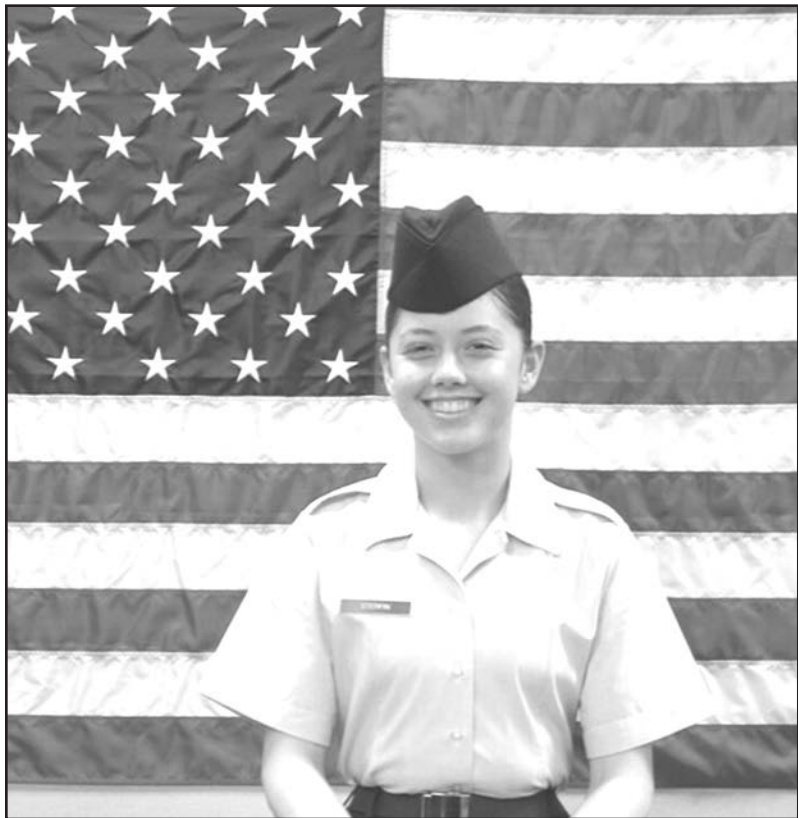
The students came from fifth-grade classrooms throughout the city, and the schools should be named: Rio Hondo, Carpenter, Gaudin, Unsworth, Rio San Gabriel, Price, Lewis, Old River and Gallatin, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Mark's and St. Raymond's.

(See all you fifth graders? The community cares about you tremendously, and wants you to become the best you can, because you will shape important things. What an opportunity!)

And now, you middle schools, the Pied Piper has played. "Here they come."

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.



AIR FORCE AIRMAN—Melissa L. Sterpin, daughter of Ivan Sterpin of Downey, has completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. She is a graduate of Red Mountain High School in Mesa, Arizona, where sister Dayana Aguilar lives.



COMPLETING BASIC MILITARY TRAINING—At Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio was Downey High School grad Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Abraham R. Hajiahmadi, who also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Linda Hajiahmadi and grandson of Marjorie Likes, both of Downey.



THE YOUNG CONTINENTALS—Trinity Baptist Church will present this dynamic young singing group on Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited. Trinity is located at 8219 Florence Ave., Downey. Mike Cleland is pastor of the church. For further information, call 927-1473.



BIG LEAGUE HELP—Steve Roberson and Rich Molinaro of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club mingle with John Willhite and Ron Johnson, coaches of the Northwest Downey Little League Challenger Division, which consists of mentally and physically challenged children from the local area. A recent Kiwanis donation will help the teams purchase new uniforms and equipment.



CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD—Joins in celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading *Green Eggs and Ham* to Mrs. Leon's 2nd grade students at Rio Hondo Elementary School. The visit was part of the recent National Education Association's annual Read Across America event. The association contributed four Dr. Seuss books in the congressman's name to the school's library.



MAYOR ANNE BAYER—Will duplicate above scene at 10:30 a.m. at the Downey City Library Tuesday, April 12, when she reads to a group of children at a special storytime as part of National Library Week.

Mayor will read at special storytime

DOWNEY—Preschoolers and their parents will have the opportunity to meet Mayor Anne Bayer during a special storytime on Tuesday, April 12 from 10:30-11 a.m. in the Downey City Library's Cormack Room, 1121 Brookshire Ave., as part of a weeklong celebration of National Library Week April 11-17. Bayer will read picture books for children ages 3-5.

"I always enjoy reading to kids," says the Mayor. "Stop by and share some of my favorite books, including *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon."

The event is free. For information, contact Children's Services at 904-7360, ext. 4.

The poets' corner

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But do not know.
Time stays, we go!
—Terese Akins Anthony,
Lakewood

Annual serious poetry contest announced

DOWNEY—Writers' Workshop West, which meets monthly in Downey, announced its annual serious poetry contest, whose winners will be determined at their meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at Stonewood Travel, 9968 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.

The competition is open to any one wishing to submit a poem for judging, and who follows these guidelines: membership in the club is necessary; only one entry per member will be accepted; maximum number of lines in the poem, 50; omit name in entry; poetry previously read at Writers' Workshop is ineligible; submit 10 photocopies which will be distributed to members present at the meeting. There will be prizes, of course. Says publicity chair Rosalie Sciortino: "This activity is an opportunity to have your work critiqued by your peers and to discover what other writers in the community are doing. Visitors and prospective members are invited to come share ideas and refreshments."

A similar contest, on light verse, will be held on May 17. For more information, call (562) 862-3106.

Speaker to discuss natural gas April 16

DOWNEY—Sierra Club official Rudy Vietmier will speak on Liquefied Natural Gas and their announcement that they're bringing their product to Long Beach, when the League of Women Voters Downey Area meets at Furman Park Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m.

Natural Resources Director Silvia Arroyo will take questions from the audiences. The public is invited to attend.

Fail-Safe 'Tea Affair' at Elks Lodge

DOWNEY—Fail-Safe 4 Felines, Inc. is hosting their Third Annual Tea Affair April 24 at the Downey Elks Lodge from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., where tea room delicacies, tea room modeling, prizes and a best hat contest will be available for a donation of \$25.

For tickets, call Sheranne at 708-2672.

Masonic Lodge meeting every Monday

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



GRIFFITHS MS 8TH GRADER—Minta Ramey is a gold medal winner in Los Angeles County's sixth annual AVID "Write-Off" competition.

8th grader named essay contest winner

DOWNEY—Minta Ramey from Griffiths Middle School is the top 8th grade gold medal winner from Downey in the recent 6th annual AVID Los Angeles County "Write-Off" competition. She was among 23 out of approximately 20,000 of Los Angeles County's "most determined" college-bound high school and middle school students to be named essay winners at celebration ceremonies held on March 24 at Plaza Mexico in Lynwood.

Ramey, along with the other participants in the competition, was part of a program called Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). The AVID program targets and pushes students with college potential to succeed in school and enter college. Most AVID students are often the first person in their family to go to college. Many are from economically disadvantaged families and most are from groups underrepresented in California's universities. Ninety-five percent of AVID students enter college. Statistics also show that AVID students are successful while in college.

In January, AVID students at more than 170 schools with AVID programs in Los Angeles County submitted their essays for the "Write-Off" contest. The contest challenges high school and middle school students to practice their writing skills. The AVID program stresses the significance of clear written communication and aims to help students excel at extremely difficult course work through writing.

For better or worse!

By John Adams

There are things about the newspaper business that are a lot like marriage—they both require a lot of time and attention to achieve any level of success.

You need to eat and sleep journalism, and most who try it drop out after a few years to settle into more comfortable slots in public relations or advertising.

Personally, after 35 years in newspapers since breaking in as a copy boy with the San Francisco Chronicle in the early 1960s, we went against the advice of many long-time friends and started our own newspaper, The Downey Patriot. Friends advised us that the requirements of advertising were far different from those we were used to in editorial—so different that it would break us.

Some things they spoke of have been hard—such as having to fire a young employee.

But there are the good moments to be savored as well.

We like to think that an editorial in The Patriot helped decide the balance in favor of a plaque honoring Ken Miller for his contributions to the City.

Then there was the story of Downey Police Officer Jaime Pelayo, who served a tour of duty in Iraq when his Army Reserve Unit was activated. Pelayo had no reason to trust the press and said so during the interview after his return here.

But it gradually came through that his story had a side to it that had not yet been told. Pelayo and his unit, part of the 315th Psychological Observation Company, was tasked to create links to the Iraqi population. But when the situation became more dangerous the GI's were ordered pulled back. While this saved American lives, it left the friendly Iraqis at the mercy of the radical violent and criminal elements. Pelayo and his men saw many of their new friends slaughtered.

He has never ceased thanking me for the story since. But there is no need for thanks. If a story develops legs of its own and stands out, so be it. It is part of the job.

Judge Perkins retires after 14 years on bench

DOWNEY—After serving as a Downey Municipal Court Judge since 1991 and, as a result of unification, Superior Court Judge since 2000, Judge David W. Perkins retired from the Downey bench on Feb. 18. He served a total of 14 years.

Some 230 of his colleagues and friends, including judicial officers, city officials, various community organization representatives, and court staff attended his retirement dinner on Feb. 24 at the Rio Hondo Country Club. Many at the dinner expressed admiration for the man who led a varied career. Born in Texas in 1935, his parents shortly thereafter moved the family to California. He was raised and educated locally. After graduating from Compton Junior College in 1957, he joined the Vernon Fire Department as a Fireman. After only a year, in 1958, he was drafted into the Army. He served two years, stationed in Germany.

Resuming his career at the Vernon Fire Department after his Army stint, Judge Perkins served in every position at the department, from Fireman to Acting Fire Chief. All the while, he continued his college studies and graduated from USC in 1970 with a degree in Public Administration, majoring in Fire Department Administration. In 1973, he enrolled again, this time in law school at Western State University College of Law, and graduated in 1976 with a Juris Doctorate Degree. He passed the California Bar examination on his first attempt and was admitted to practice in 1977.

Judge Perkins continued to work at the fire department during all this time, and opened his law practice in Downey in 1977. From 1977 through 1985, he worked both jobs, logging about 120 hours a week until he retired from the Vernon Fire Department in 1985, after 28 years of service.

In 1990, upon retirement of a Downey Municipal Court Judge, he ran for an open seat and was elected in November 1990, taking the bench on Jan. 9, 1991. He served as Presiding Judge of the Downey Court in 1993, 1997, and 1999, with a term as Assistant Presiding Judge in 1998. He also served as Site Judge for the Downey Court in 2001 and 2002.

Judge Perkins and his wife, Audrey, who is a past president of the Assistance League of Downey, have been Downey residents for 32 years.

Student art show at Cerritos College

NORWALK—The Cerritos College Art Gallery has announced the opening of its annual exhibition of student artwork, a show will feature a wide range of media, including painting, drawing, photography, two-dimensional and three-dimensional design, ceramics, digital and print designs.

The show will open April 18. A reception and awards ceremony will be held April 26. Call 860-2451, ext. 2612 for more information.



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.

For information, call the Adult Information desk at (562) 904-7360, ext. 3. The Downey City Library is located at 11121 Brookshire Avenue.

SENIORS

"I remember back when I was president in, oh, 1998, when we had 110 people every week," James says, himself an 11-year member who hopes word of the club will spread to Downey's senior population. "Now it's down to about 60... We need seniors. And a lot of seniors out there need us. But instead they're at home watching TV."

The club counts 110-120 current members, so about half are currently active. Minimum age to join is 55 with no maximum. Three members are over 100, with more than a few not far themselves.

The group meets every Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center, where they conduct their general meeting, dance to a live three-piece orchestra, eat lunch, and finish with card games. It all costs only \$2 per week, after a \$4 signup fee.

"We're just teenagers," James says. "Recycled teenagers."

One man at the luncheon, a quirky older fellow taking a break from the dance floor, refused to divulge his name because his "wife would kill me for talking to a newspaper reporter." But he epitomized the club's good-naturedness with a carefree wit. (When the server asked him whether he wanted chicken or beef, the man answered 'pork chops' and the old people laughed.) The seniors like their conversations like they like their dinner—light and airy, nothing too heavy.

"People fade away, move away," the mystery man says, explaining the club's declining membership. "I met my wife dancing in Paramount on a Friday night. Now I golf every Tuesday morning, rush home, pick her up, dance, and go home. I don't know what's my favorite, golfing or dancing." He went on to speak of his recent ride aboard the Goodyear Blimp and 52 years of faithful service with the Downey Masonic Lodge. They were all interesting stories, but a look at the Purple Heart lapel he wore over his heart suggested he probably had more fascinating tales than he was letting on.

Another member, Vicki Walter, is still spry at 90 years old. She works as the club secretary and editor of their monthly newsletter.

Mayor Anne Bayer presented the club with a certificate of appreciation and, before she could object, was dragged to the dance floor, letting loose and trying to keep up with a man twice her age. Experienced as he was, the old man couldn't resist because it was his "first dance with a mayor."

Join the Downey Senior Citizens Recreation Club by calling Fred James at 928-3716. Or call the Downey Senior Center at 904-7223. Dance shoes not provided.

Little Lake school forced teacher cuts

SANTA FE SPRINGS—The failure to pass a property tax proposal in the March 8 election has forced the Little Lake City School District to implement a Plan B—including the layoff of 19 teachers and an increase in the number of third grade students per class in the next school year.

The increase in class size will result in a loss of an additional nine teachers.

The Plan B measures approved by the Little Lake School Board Feb. 23 will save the district an estimated \$1.16 million next year. That is the same amount that would have been produced by the proposed \$145-a-year parcel tax which lost because only 58.81 percent of the voters supported it. The tax measure required 66.7 (two-thirds) support for passage.

The district is battling to compensate for the loss of \$1.3 million in state funding due to declines in enrollment. The district has lost 273 students, and dropped below a total of 5,000.

Little Lake consists of seven elementaries and two middle schools in Santa Fe Springs, north Norwalk and northeast Downey.

Small business workshops at city library

DOWNEY—Entrepreneurs and others interested in starting and running a small business may attend an upcoming series of free workshops at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. Featured will be a collection of library books for small business owners.

The series starts with "Legal Issues for Small Business: Choosing a Business Entity" presented by attorney Ben Martin Saturday, April 23 in the Cormack Room from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Martin will explain the pros and cons of establishing a sole proprietorship, partnership, C-corporation, S-corporation, limited liability company and limited liability partnership. Others in the series are: "Financing Your Small Business: Access to Capital" (May 7); "Marketing Your Small Business" (June 25); Starting & Running a Home-Based Business" (July 9); and "Running a Business in Downey" (July 23).

Participants may attend one or all sessions. The workshops are presented through a Library Services & Technology grant from the California State Library. For reservations, contact the Adult Information desk at 904-7360, ext. 3.

Property taxes due by April 11

LOS ANGELES—Mark J. Saladino, Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector, reminds property owners that the second installment of the 2004-2005 property taxes becomes delinquent if not paid by Monday, April 11, 2005. To avoid the assessment of late penalties, payments must be received by 5 p.m. or U.S. Postal Service (USP) postmarked before midnight, April 11.

Legislation monitors emergency response

NORWALK—Legislation requiring local jurisdictions to report their firefighter and emergency medical response times to the State Fire Marshal passed this week. AB 260, authored by Assemblyman Rudy Bermudez (D-Norwalk), also requires the State Fire Marshal to issue a report that compares jurisdictions against each other, as well as against a national voluntary standard.

"AB 260 is a valuable tool for local governments," said Bermudez. "This is something that every City Manager, City Council, and Mayor should embrace because it helps them do their job more effectively."

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JOE DAVIS -- Died March 21 in Yucca Valley. He was a 30-year Downey resident.

Joe Davis served on water board here

DOWNEY—Joe Davis, a 30-year resident of Downey who served on the city water board for many years, has died.

Born in Reliance, Wyoming in 1917, he passed away on March 21 in Yucca Valley. His wife, Betty, who was a Downey City librarian for over 25 years, preceded him in death in 1995. He is survived by his sons, Edward and Michael; and his seven grandchildren.

Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park on March 30.

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.

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Funeral service today for Dr. Fernando Ruiz

DOWNEY—A funeral service will be held today at 5 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary in Downey for Dr. Fernando Ruiz, who was born in Las Villas, Cuba and passed away in Sonoma, CA on March 30. He was 62.

He was a forensic and clinical psychologist in Los Angeles County until his retirement 2 years ago. As a young man in Cuba, he was a revolutionary fighter until he was forced into exile in 1962. He had since lived in Mexico, Florida, Downey, and Sonoma.

Ruiz is survived by his daughter, Diana Ruiz; grandchildren Jason and Candace; and great granddaughter Savannah.

Viewing is scheduled from 2-7 p.m. today. Interment will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow, April 9, at Park Lawn Cemetery in Commerce, 6555 E. Gage Ave.

The family requested donations be made to the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS/Lou Gehrig's disease) Foundation in lieu of flowers.

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, 11111 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.



MOLLIE ROSE WALKER – Resided in Downey for over 50 years.

Mollie Rose Walker worked at Rancho

DOWNEY – A Funeral Mass will be held at All Souls' Memorial Chapel today, April 8, for Mollie Rose Walker, who died March 30. Born in 1908 in Washington, Pennsylvania, she was 96 years old.

When she was a child, her parents relocated their family to Florida, where she lived until marrying and moving to the Los Angeles area. Walker then moved to Downey where she resided for over 50 years, more than 30 of which she worked at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital before retiring in 1972 to travel and spend time with her grandchildren.

Walker moved to Exeter, CA in 2000 to live near her daughters. She suffered a stroke in October of 2003 and returned to Downey last summer where she was cared for by her son and daughter-in-law.

Walker is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Maryann (Beliakoff) and Allen Woolsey of San Jose; son and daughter-in-law James and Mary Beliakoff of Downey; and many grandchildren and great and great-great grandchildren. She will be buried at All Souls' Cemetery in Long Beach.

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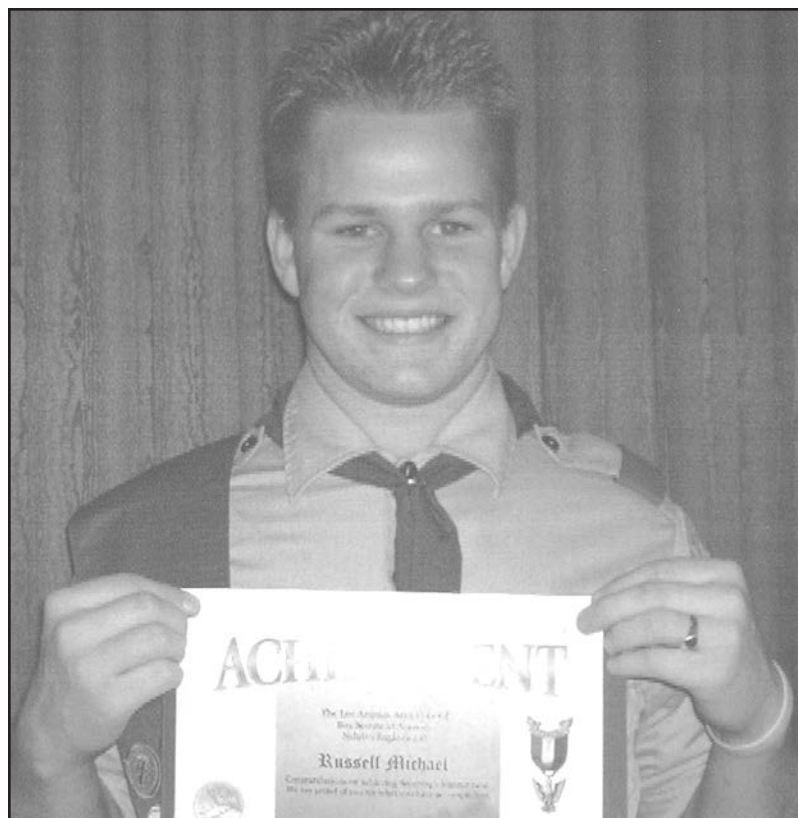
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RUSSELL HARRISON MICHAEL—Is their newest Eagle Scout, Boy Scout Troop and Venturing Crew 307 announced. Friends are invited to his Court of Honor at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 7 p.m. tomorrow, April 9.

Russell Michael newest Eagle Scout

DOWNEY—Boy Scout Troop and Venturing Crew 307 announced that their newest Eagle Scout, Downey High School senior Russell Harrison Michael, will receive the award tomorrow, April 9 at 7 p.m. at a Court of Honor at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 10511 Paramount Blvd. in Downey. Friends are invited to the ceremony.

Russell began in Cub Scouts at age 8 and worked his way through the ranks until his final Board of Review last December. He completed 27 merit badges in addition to his Eagle Scout project, which consisted of making bookshelves in the basement ("I didn't even know there was a basement!") for the English Department at Downey High School.

He has played football for DHS for 4 years and is captain of the newly organized Lacrosse Club. He has been an ASB for 2 years. Currently Commissioner of Athletics, he has been the videographer for the girls basketball team all 4 years. He represented DHS as well at Boys State last summer in Sacramento, where he says he learned the "ins and outs" of government. He has attended early morning church classes every school day for the past four years and is on his way to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah in the fall.

He says the Boy Scouts expedience has "helped me in everything I have done."

Downey High student gets S.A.L. award

DOWNEY—Local resident Nathan Spann, who carries an A- average at Downey High School and is a member of its Marching and Concert Bands, has been named the Sons of the American Legion's Under 21 "Son of the Year" awardee for 2004-2005. The award goes to only one recipient in the entire state; the award is duplicated for an Over 21 S.A.L.

Nathan is an active member of the American Legion's Sons of the American Legion, Norwalk Squadron 359. An accomplished bass clarinetist, according to dad Ronald Lee Spann, he has done extensive volunteer work on behalf of veterans and their families.

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.



NATHAN SPANN—Receives his S.A.L. award from St. Cdr. Ramirez.

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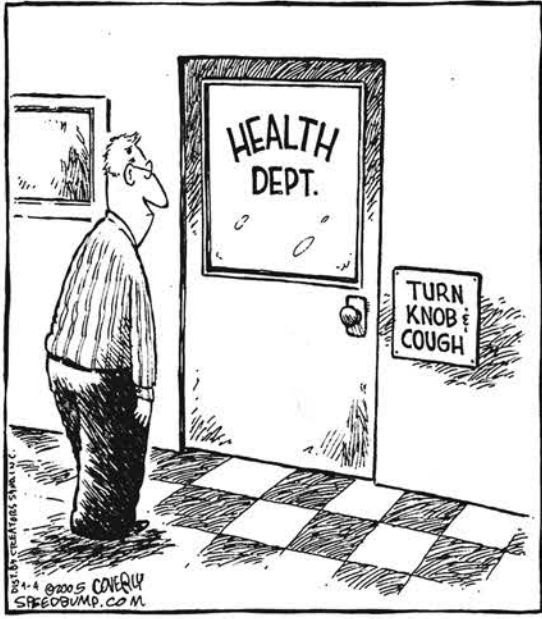
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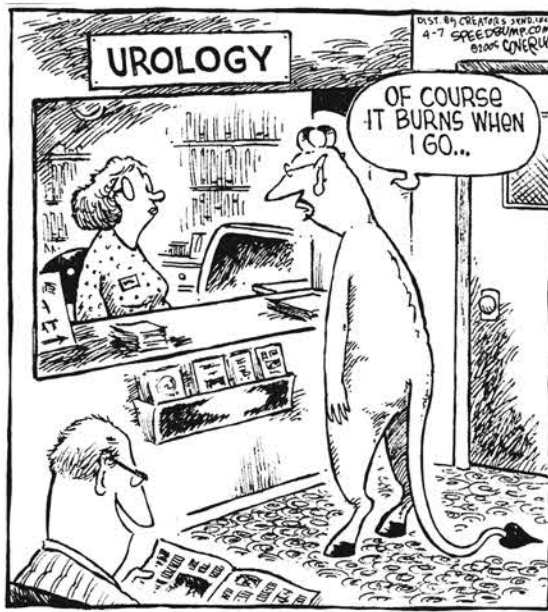
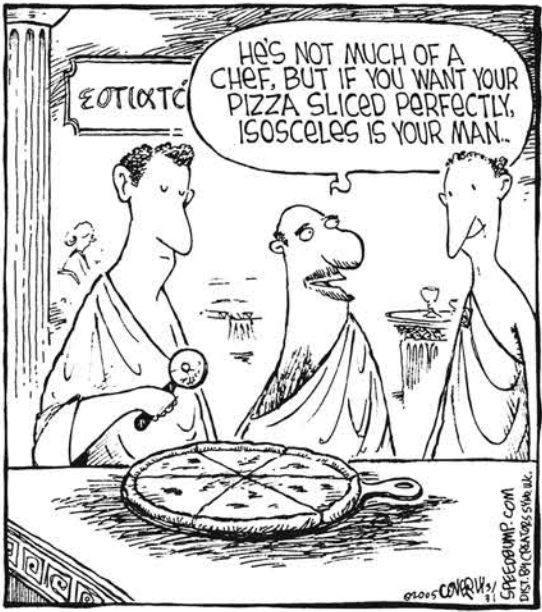
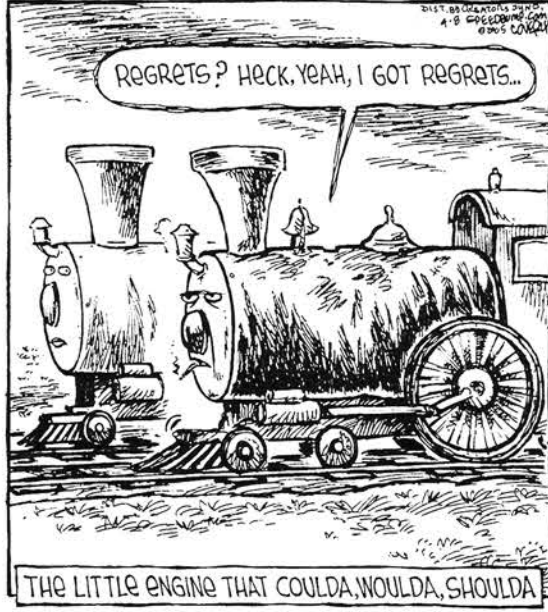
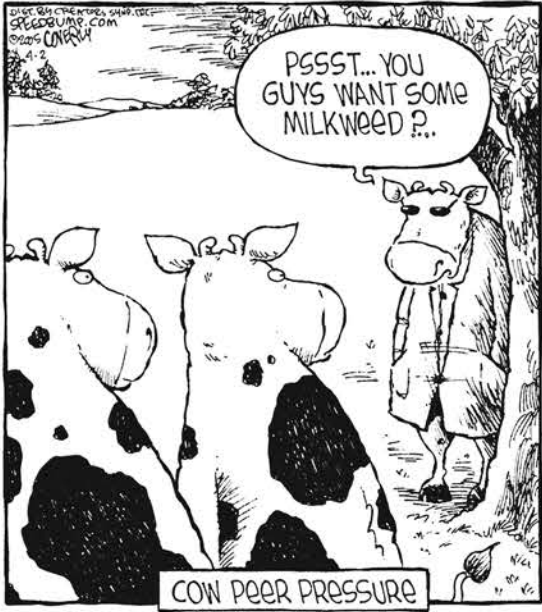
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Events For April

Sat. Apr. 9, 10:30 a.m.: **Free Composting Workshop.** Learn to improve your yard and garden at Furman Park Bldg. #1, 10419 Rives Ave. For reservations and information call 904-7103.
Wed. Apr. 13, 7:00 p.m.: **Author Luis Rodriguez** will speak and sign books at Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. Tickets Required. Call 904-7360, extension 3.

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 862-7197.
2nd Weds., 11:45 - **Downey Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos CC. Call 927-8488.
3rd Weds., 7:00 p.m.: **Diabetes Support Group**, at DRMC, for more information call 622-2088.
Wed.& Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Pat Heineke, 904-3534.
7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Nordic Fox 10924 Paramount, for information call 869-1414.
9 a.m.: **Senior Californians of Downey**, (a social activities club for senior citizens), for information call 803-6887.
12 p.m.: **Downey Christian Businessmen's Committee**, for information call 928-4153.
12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Sambi's, for information call Steve Allen at 806-3701.
12:30 p.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at United Methodist Church, call (626) 965-9991.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 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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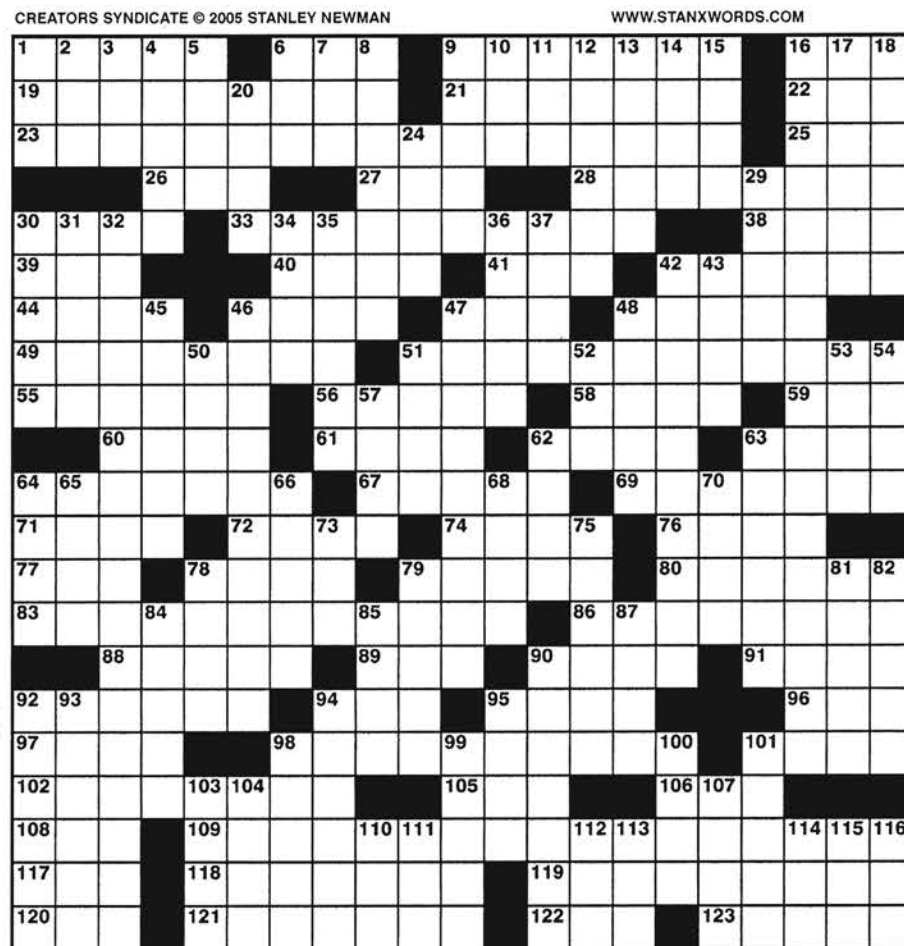
7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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SHERYL Swoopes (92 Across) of the WNBA was a member of the gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic basketball team in 1996 and 2000. Victor Borge's 1953-56 "Comedy in Music" (9 Down) is the longest-running one-man show in Broadway history. SKAGWAY, Alaska, during the 1890s gold rush, is today a popular port of call for Alaska cruises.

First Baptist to hold 1st annual keyboard festival

DOWNEY—First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 East Third Street (behind Embassy Suites), will present its first annual Keyboard Festival Friday-Saturday, April 29-30, featuring four grand pianos, 14 keyboard players, choir, dance, drama and special effects. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. both days.

The musical program will consist of a variety of selections (featuring many original arrangements), from Handel to Broadway, ragtime to Disney, and sacred to pop. Much of the drama offered will portray life stories of composers and contemporary musicians. Film segments from recent movies, to include *Ray*, *Immortal/Beloved*, and *Beauty and the Beast*, will be shown. In the program as well will be the winner of the 1st annual Keyboard Festival audition.

Performing will be the 60-voice choir of First Baptist, the Ps 150 Dance Team, and the FACES Drama Ensemble.

The concert is free to the public (offering will be received). Tickets are required to assure seating. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Keyfest Ticket Office, (562) 923-1261, ext. 276.

Carroll plays 'Jack Benny' tonight

LA MIRADA—Veteran stage and television actor Eddie Carroll brings his one-man show, "Jack Benny/Laughter in Bloom," tonight at 8 p.m. to the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, 14900 La Mirada Blvd. in La Mirada.

Carroll, who researched and penned the show, spent months preparing for the role and perfecting every facet and nuance of Benny's persona. "I didn't want to just imitate Benny or do an impression," says Carroll. "My goal as an actor was to re-create Benny's honest reality and the true humanity of the man." Carroll's career has spanned every area of show business, from the Broadway stage, motion pictures, television, to movies of the week. His current TV credits continue with guest starring roles on "Frasier" and "Spy-TV."

Tickets for the event are \$25-\$45 and can be purchased online at www.LaMiradaTheatre.com, or by calling the La Mirada Theatre Box Office at (562) 994-9801 or (714) 994-6310.

Bellflower Chorus seeks singers

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

The chorus has existed for more than 35 years singing favorite songs. Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Simms Park, 16614 S. Clark Ave., in Bellflower.



NICOLE STIER—Returns to the Downey Civic Light Opera to portray Shprintze, one of Tevy's daughters in "Fiddler on the Roof", to be offered May 26 through June 12 at the Downey Theater. She has appeared in eight productions including "The Sound of Music," and "Gypsy." For tickets and information call 823-1714. The box office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Cafe n' Stuff features new business buffet

DOWNEY—Ebie Ghaneian, owner of Downey's popular restaurant, Cafe n' Stuff, has announced the eatery is now featuring a Business Lunch Buffet Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Included in the buffet choices are such items as fresh garden salad, fresh spinach salad, antipasto salad, cucumber salad, tzaziki with pita triangles, fresh fruit, pasta salad, potato salad, homemade soup of the day, special recipe chicken kabobs and beef kabobs, teriyaki chicken, pasta with sundried tomatoes, seasoned wild rice, sautéed mixed vegetables and fresh baked rolls and butter.

The menu selection changes daily and the price is only \$6.95, according to Ghaneian.

Cafe n' Stuff is located at 9306 Firestone Blvd. at the corner of Woodruff Ave. For further information call 803-6766 or 803-4813.

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.

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Prudential agent honored at convention

DOWNEY – Carrie Uva of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate has been named to the Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc., a Prudential Financial, Inc. company, prestigious President's Circle for 2004. The award recognizes residential sales professionals who earned between \$150,000 and \$239,999 in closed residential GCI, commercial GCI or closed 50 residential units for the year. This is the third consecutive year Uva has won the award.

Uva was recognized during special awards ceremonies at Prudential Real Estate's Sales Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada from March 13-16, 2005. More than 7,000 real estate professionals from the United States and Canada attended the four-day event.

"Carrie Uva exemplifies the customer orientation that has helped us grow," said Mel Berdelis, Broker/Owner, Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate. "We go to lengths to maintain our focus on our customer's needs and preferences, and are prepared to meet them. Carrie Uva has been very successful in pursuing this philosophy."

Carrie Uva entered the real estate field in 1991 and joined Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate in Dec. 1994. Prior to winning the award, she also has won Leading Edge Society, Quality Service Award and President Circle honors.

Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate, which is independently owned and operated, became an affiliate of the Prudential Real Estate Network in Dec. 1999. Since that time it has earned a host of honors, including #1 Office in Downey, Cornerstone Office and Quality Service Award Winners. To reach Uva, call 562-382-1252.



MELISSA GONZALEZ – Member of the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe Springs Heritage and past member on the Lakeview Elementary School Site Council, has joined the staff at ReMax Online in Downey. Belonging to both the California and National Association of Realtors, Gonzalez specializes in first-time homebuyers, receiving nearly all of her business from referrals, she said.

Rancho exhibit pays tribute to Polio vaccine

DOWNEY – Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, which provided care to hundreds of Polio-stricken patients during the 1950's, will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Salk Polio vaccine with a special multimedia exhibit opening April 11.

The Salk Polio vaccine was declared "safe and effective" on April 12, 1955 -- the 10th anniversary of the death of President Roosevelt, who battled the disease.

The exhibit, which will include historical background, artifacts such as "iron lungs," photos and archival film footage will be on display in the Harriman Building, located at 7601 E. Imperial Highway, Monday through Friday, April 11 - 15, from 10:00 am - 3:00 p.m. Admission is free. The exhibit will move to the Stonewood Mall in Downey on Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The exhibit is a partnership between Rancho Los Amigos and the Polio Survivors Association.

Polio was one of the most feared diseases of the 20th Century and throughout the 1940s and early 1950s as many as 60,000 cases of polio were reported in the United States each year.

The medical community mobilized to cope with a sharp influx of polio patients. Emergency rooms overflowed and patients sometimes waited in hallways until beds on patient floors were available.

"People don't realize that right here in Los Angeles County, Rancho was on the frontlines of Polio treatment in the post-War years" says Valerie Orange, Acting CEO, Rancho Los Amigos. "The exhibit powerfully brings to light the anxiety of the period and the will of those afflicted."

Scholarship application deadline April 15

DOWNEY – The Downey Association of Realtors is giving out three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from each of three high schools in Downey, but the deadline to apply is April 15.

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EDGAR CORTEZ—A realtor at CPA #1 International Real Estate in Downey, has closed over \$1,000,000 in transactions during the month of February 2005. "Edgar is a valued member of our staff and is building tremendous business in Downey. He exemplifies integrity to the highest degree and is a credit to our office," said Carol Pearce, Principal Broker. To reach Cortez, call 622-1258, ext. 234.



MILA ALBERICO – Is the newest addition at Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate. She recently completed the company's exclusive "Smart Start Success Course." "We're really excited about Mila joining us," said Mel Berdelis, broker/owner of Prudential 24 Hour Real Estate. "She possesses the type of enthusiasm and commitment we know is critical in this business." To contact Mila, call 861-7257 or 659-5450.

Newcomers Club prep for annual fashion show

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club is busy preparing for their annual fashion show, "Fashions at a Glance," to be presented by Glory M'Lou of Seal Beach Monday, May 2 at the Rio Hondo Country Club.

The event will feature door prizes by Downey merchants. The proceeds will help the club award 3 scholarships to the local Downey high schools, as well as support the Rose Float Association, H.E.L.P. and the P.T.A.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 each. The event will begin with a social hour at 10:30 a.m., then a lunch of prime rib, followed by the fashion show at 12:30 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are recommended, as this is always a sold-out event. For tickets, contact Melba at 862-2799.

'Man of La Mancha' at Cerritos College

NORWALK – "Man of La Mancha," a dramatic dinner musical re-creating 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.

Home-buying seminar April 21

DOWNEY – Countrywide Home Loans will present a free home buyers seminar Thursday, April 21 at the Downey Sizzler on Lakewood Blvd., where topics such as loan processes, credit reports and real estate will be discussed.

Home loan consultants will also be available to answer questions in both English and Spanish at the hour-long seminar, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Call (562) 382-1248 for more information.

CC to host 2005 Chamber 'Mega Mixer'

NORWALK—Cerritos College and the Cerritos College Foundation will host their 9th annual 2005 Chamber Mega Mixer, easily among the community's major business and networking events, Thursday, May 5 from 5-7 p.m. at the Cerritos College Student Center, 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk.

The event is free and features eight city Chambers: Downey, Bellflower, Cerritos, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, and Santa Fe Springs, with networking opportunities, business card exchanges, door prizes, and 50/50 Opportunity Drawings, as well as a festive cuisine prepared by the college's Culinary Arts Program.

Only 40 tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a table, call Janice Cole at 860-2451, ext. 2526, or email jcole@cerritos.edu. A credit card will be required to reserve a table. Payment for tables is required by 12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4. Checks should be made payable to the Cerritos College Foundation; cash, money order, American Express, Visa, or MasterCard are accepted.



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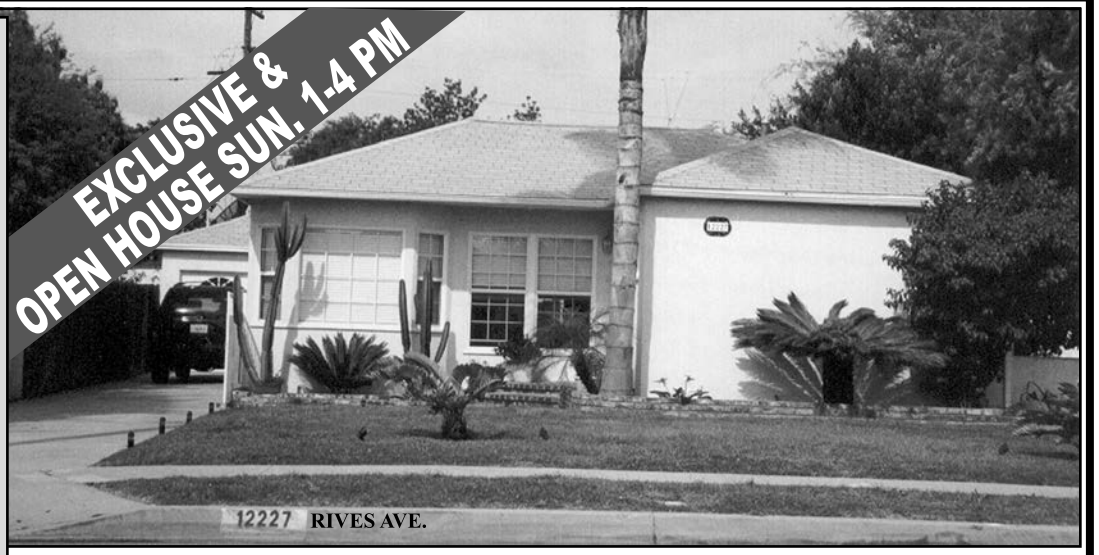


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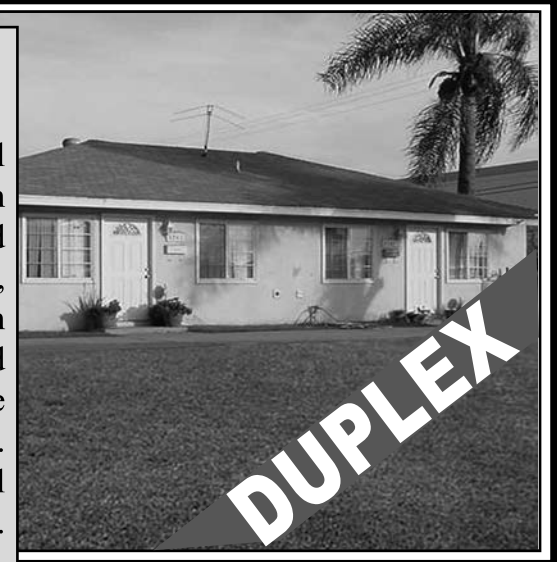
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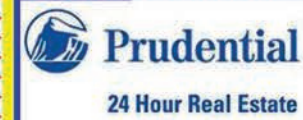


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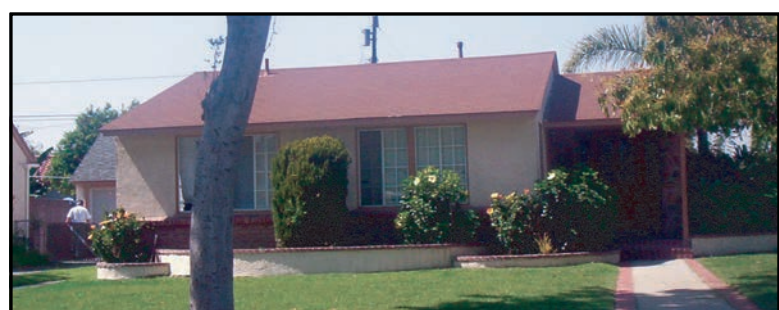


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