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## Kids conduct next Wednesday: Oh Wow!

By Joyce Sherwin

**DOWNEY**—"Music From Many Places" will fill the air at Furman Park next Wednesday evening, Aug. 17 when the Downey Symphony offers its annual program as part of the City's Summer Concert Series, an event free to the public.

The music begins at 7 p.m., but lawn chairs and picnic hampers will start to appear on Furman's grassy stretches well before 6. Come when you can; there's always plenty of room.

### Music from everywhere

For this performance, orchestra conductor Tom Osborn has wide-ranging ideas of what "Music From Many Places" means. We will have a Can-Can from France, Mariachi from Mexico, "An Outdoor Overture" from the United States and marches from England, Egypt and Austria, but Tom doesn't stop there. Why not Caribbean music from "Pirates of the Caribbean"? Why not music from the movie "The Polar Express"? Isn't it about time the North Pole got some representation? And how about Outer Space? "Battle of the Heroes" from the Star Wars episode "Revenge of the Sith" takes care of that one. Harry Potter turns up also. In short, during this evening in the park there is something from just about everywhere for absolutely everyone.

### Kids get chance

The topping of course, is the finale, traditional marches conducted by elementary and middle school children eager to see what it is like. As long as there are kids in line to conduct, the orchestra will continue to play a series of great marches for them, "Seventy Six Trombones" included. And each young conductor will receive a Polaroid picture taken from the podium.

A very generous grant from the Downey Kiwanis Foundation underwrites the costs of this concert that utilizes a full professional orchestra, and the Downey Symphonic Society is grateful for their continuing support.

So bring comfy stuff, there's food for purchase if you don't want to cook, relax under the trees with some wonderful music, and most important, bring your kids, your grandkids, your neighbor's kids. It's their turn to shine.

Furman Park is at 10419 Rives Avenue between Florence and Firestone in Downey.

## Overview of city's emergency services

By Mark Sauter and Brad Van Ert,  
Downey Fire Department

**DOWNEY**—Downey firefighters and paramedics respond to more than 15 emergency medical services (EMS) incidents each day and transport over 4,000 patients annually to local receiving hospitals. They provide EMS services in a progressively more complex and integrated manner each year from the four City fire stations. For the 66 firefighters (21 each day) assigned to duty, 65 percent of their emergency work is devoted to the care and treatment of the members of the community.

### 'Quality Service, Compassionate Care'

The motto, "Quality Service, Compassionate Care," is appropriate and a reminder of the care delivered by the City's first firemen. The professional attitude of Downey firefighters has remained constant. The firefighters have embraced modern technologies and trained to the highest levels (1,500+ hours a year). They have sought out increasingly better and more comprehensive methods to deliver their life-saving services for the growing needs of the community.

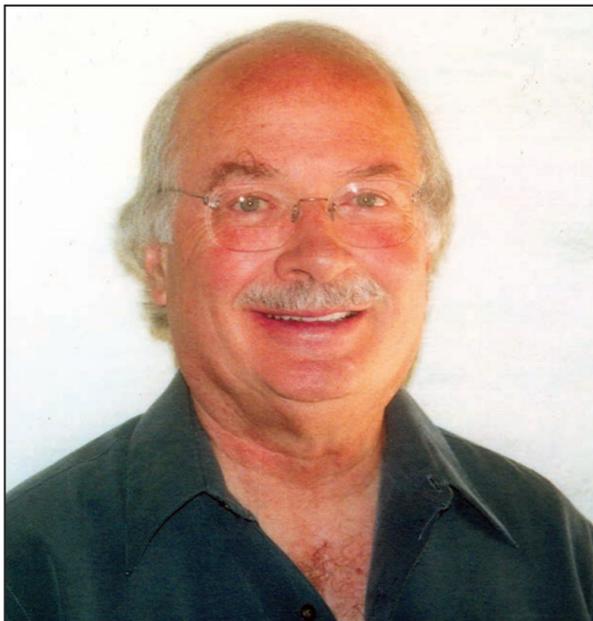
All emergency medical incidents dispatch a minimum of five firefighters. The closest fire engine company (with at least three firefighter/EMT-1s) and a paramedic squad (two firefighter/paramedics) respond to each incident. Responses can sometime require units from two separate locations to meet at an incident. Each member of the responding team has a specific role. The system works and the firefighters use the same emergency response system they have used since 1957. They rely on their personal abilities, common communications, shared training, high-quality equipment and a chain of command. On critical incidents these staffing levels provide quick and efficient service for the patient. The mission of the EMS work is the same as their firefighting mission ... to save lives.

### Location important

The location of the fire stations is very important as well. Each station covers a district of the City and serves as the back-up emergency service provider for the neighboring district. With the closest fire engine company responding, those in need are guaranteed a short response time for all life-saving services. Nearly all of the patients treated by Downey Fire Department paramedics are transported to the emergency room at Downey Community Hospital. Contacting a Base Station Hospital is part of the paramedic's routine as they treat a patient's injuries or illness in the field. This contact serves as a check and balance for the patient's treatment and ensures there is room for the patient in the emergency room. Occasionally a patient is diverted for specialized care to another receiving facility (i.e. Long Beach Memorial Hospital for pediatric emergencies). The call-ahead practice continues to be one of the hallmarks of the pre-hospital care system. While today the methods have changed (cell phones instead of bulky radio boxes), the tenet remains, patients are taken to the nearest, prepared and equipped receiving hospital facility.

Immediate delivery crucial

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**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR** – Thomas Osborn will lead the Downey Symphony Orchestra as they play for the Summer Concert Series at Furman Park on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. Furman is located at 10419 Rives Ave., Downey. For information, call 904-7238.

## 1960s: expansion and development of campus

(This is the second in a series of five articles tracing Cerritos College's half-century of education and service in the community. The college officially began its 50th anniversary celebration Aug. 1.)

**NORWALK**—The 1960s were years of societal growth, change, reflection and reform. This period also marked growth for the Cerritos Community College District as its campus grew and evoked pride from its visionaries. These were the college's true formative years as additional buildings adorned the campus, new departments and curriculums were created and many post World War II baby boomers flocked to the burgeoning institution from surrounding communities.

By the end of 1959, eight buildings had been completed on campus, and funds were made available to provide the remaining facilities to accommodate a student body of 3,500 students. The Student Center was completed March 8, 1960 and became a social nucleus for students who could collaborate, question, debate and discuss the topics of the day.

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## Agreement reached on Spreading Grounds

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The City Council has approved an agreement with the Los Angeles Flood Control District for the use of the Rio San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Spreading Grounds.

The action was 5-0 at Tuesday's regular Council meeting. It was without comment as part of the consent agenda.

As background, documents at the Tuesday Council meeting noted that the L.A. Public Works Department operates the Los Angeles Flood Control and Water Conservation District to provide flood control and water supply for the County. As part of the latter the District operates 27 spreading grounds that capture and store flood waters for replenishing aquifers that are part of the L.A. County Water Supply. In the Central Basin, Downey's water source, the District operates three spreading grounds: 1) The Rio Hondo Coastal Spreading Grounds in operation since 1937-38 located along the Rio Hondo River between Whittier Blvd. and

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## Hearing on pipeline set for Sept. 13

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Council has declared its intention to grant an oil pipeline franchise to BP West Coast Products, LLC., and set a public hearing to consider objections to the plan for Sept. 13.

The action at Tuesday's regular Council meeting agrees with Council actions of 10 years ago when it approved a franchise to Atlantic Richfield to install and operate pipelines to transport oil, gas and petroleum within the public streets of Downey. In 2001, as part of the reorganization, ARCO transferred substantially all of its West Coast refining and market assets to limited liability company BP West Coast Products LLC. This assignee has requested an extension to the franchise which terminates on Oct. 20, 2005.

The next step in the process is the adoption of a resolution of intent and the setting of a public hearing for Sept. 13, at which time objections can

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## 'Mansions' issue hot at Council meeting

By John Adams

**DOWNEY**—The questionable legality and wisdom of continuing to allow developers to build huge multi-story mansions on R-1 Downey lots has captured public interest, judging by the number of spokesmen who flayed the policy at Tuesday's meeting.

While "mansionization" was not the only hot issue of discussion, it was certainly the most popular topic. Led by Elsa Van Leuven, speaker after speaker gave testimony to the problems the big houses are creating not just in Downey, but also in the San Fernando Valley and elsewhere. Harold Tseklenis spoke briefly but with great fervor, and received applause from the audience. Tseklenis is also working to coordinate the drive for public art in the city.

### Homeowners Alliance

A grassroots group known as the Downey Homeowners Alliance has formed following a meeting at the Art Museum Aug. 4, and has appointed George Redfox as chairman. The alliance is seeking evidence through back records, and photos. The next meeting is tonight, Aug. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the Art Museum in Furman Park. Opponents of mansionization are urged to attend.

On a separate subject, a member of the audience noted for chastising members of the Council accused Councilman Kirk Cartozian of spending City money too lavishly during a market convention he recently attended in Las Vegas.

When Cartozian attempted to answer back he was stopped by the Mayor, Anne Bayer, who pointed out it was the public's turn to speak.

### Accusation denied

Cartozian had to wait to the end of the meeting before responding to the accusations which he denied. He pointed out several ways he saved money on the trip, and said his accuser was repeatedly guilty of demanding district attorney probes that proved to be baseless.

Cartozian and his accuser were still jawing at each other even after the meeting had ended.

In other matters Councilman Rick Trejo urged all to attend a gathering in honor of the U.S. Marines at Mambo Grill at Third and Downey Avenue Saturday at 5:30 p.m.



**NANCY SWENSON**—A Management Systems Analyst at Raytheon Systems (formerly Hughes Aircraft) and Downey resident for 30 years, is a candidate for the DUSD Trustee Area 5, a seat being vacated by Betty Ferraro.

## Swenson announces candidacy for Area 5

**DOWNEY**—Nancy Swenson (formerly Nancy Wright) has announced her candidacy for Trustee Area 5 of the Downey Unified School Board that will be vacated by Betty Ferraro at the end of her term this year.

Swenson, a Management Systems Analyst at Raytheon Systems (formerly Hughes Aircraft), attended Downey schools, graduated from Warren High School and has been a Downey resident for 30 years. Both of her children as well as four of her nieces and nephews, are beneficiaries of the Downey school system and all graduated from Warren High School. Her daughter was a member of Assisteens of the Assistance League of Downey and is now an elementary school teacher in the Downey Unified School District. Her son played in Downey Little League and was on the football team at Warren.

Swenson says she has endeavored to help her children, nieces, nephews, their friends and the children of the neighborhood whenever possible. She tutored high school students in algebra and helped set up the first computers for family members and friends in her neighborhood.

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**SOMOANO-VILLA NUPTIALS**—Took place on May 14 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

### Somoano-Villa wedding at OLPH

**DOWNEY**—Yvette Somoano, daughter of Juan Jose and Ivonne Somoano, was recently married to Jose R. Villa, son of Jose Ramon and Angeles Mariana Villa, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey, followed by a reception at the Bowers Museum of Cultural Art in Santa Ana.

The couple met in 2000 and became engaged in June of 2004.

The bride grew up in Downey. She received a Bachelor of Science in 1999 from UCLA and a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine in 2003 from Western University of Health Sciences, CA. She is currently completing a residency in Osteopathic Manual Medicine at St. Barnabas Hospital, NY.

The bridegroom grew up in Burbank and received a Bachelor of Arts in 1998 from Harvard University. He is currently the president of Focus Multimedia, an interactive agency.

The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and will be residing in Brooklyn, NY.

## Chamber's 2nd annual Oldies Show fundraiser

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

Hosting the show is singer/comedian/emcee Mark W. Curran.

Tickets are \$30 and may be ordered from the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 923-2191. The Chamber office is at 11131 Brookshire Ave. in Downey.

### GriefShare seminar series starts Sept. 11

**DOWNEY**—A bereavement seminar series entitled GriefShare, intended for people grieving the loss of someone close to them, will be presented by Downey First Christian Church beginning Sunday, Sept. 11 from 6-8 p.m. and continue for the next 13 Sunday evenings.

Each two-hour seminar consists of a 35-minute video presentation and group discussion. The series features biblical teaching and video talks by leading authors, counselors, speakers and pastors. Visitors will also hear the real-life stories of individuals who have experienced a loss and how they are coping with that loss.

A \$15 donation for the workbook materials is requested.

Additional information may be found at [www.newstreetchurch.com/griefshare](http://www.newstreetchurch.com/griefshare). You may also send an email to [griefshare@newstreetchurch.com](mailto:griefshare@newstreetchurch.com), or call the church office at (562) 862-2438.

### Keep Downey Beautiful hotline numbers

**DOWNEY**—Keep Downey Beautiful, a functional arm of the City of Downey Public Works Department, has provided the following Hotline Numbers for the public's use:

- Graffiti**  
562-923-4484
- Shopping Carts**  
800-252-4613
- Illegal Dumping**  
562-904-1161
- Household Hazardous Waste**  
1-800-CLEAN-LA



**KELLY RICHART**—Says she feels it is an honor to join the Elders of her church as a missionary, even though it means putting her social and educational life on hold. She has left to serve an 18-month mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Salt Lake, Utah area.

### Kelly Richart off on LDS mission

**DOWNEY**—Downey resident Kelly Richart, daughter of Glenn and Sue Richart and granddaughter of Raymond and Teddie Richart, all long-time residents of Downey, has left to serve an 18-month mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Salt Lake, Utah area.

Richart graduated from Warren High in 2002. All her siblings have graduated from or will attend Warren High in the fall. Older brother Jeff served a mission for the church in Japan and sister Julie served in upstate New York.

Richart makes the 12th young person currently serving from Downey, and is the first young lady to be called in several years. The young men, who choose to do so, go out after their 19th birthday and serve two years. The ladies go out after they are 21 and serve a year and a half. Many senior couples also serve missions for the church after they retire. Some 56,000 missionaries are serving the church worldwide.

Downey's missionaries, all products of Downey schooling and most of whom were before-school students in the church's seminary program, are scattered across the world.

Six young people from other parts of the country and the world are currently serving the people of Downey. They are recognizable by their tailored, clean-cut look and name badges that say "Sister or Elder."

They are available to teach any interested person or family about the principles and the family values of the church and can be contacted at (888) 637-7700.

### Literacy program for preschool children

**DOWNEY**—The Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave., offers a free class for parents to help their preschool children with early literacy. Its "Every Child Ready to Read" program is scheduled on a Monday, either Aug. 22 or Sept. 19, from 7-8 p.m. in the Children's Room.

Instructor Claudia Dailey will give parents techniques for helping young children to read and develop early language skills through picture books.

Register at the Adult desk or call 904-7360, ext. 23 for information.



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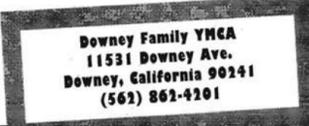
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**JEAN KISKADDEN'S**—Daughters, from left, Lani Potts, Hollie Briggs and Laurie Lambreth recently gave her a party attended by about 100 guests at the Downey United Methodist Church to help her celebrate her 80th birthday. Jean, third from left, has had an exciting year: on March 13, the Downey Rose Float Association named her "Miss Downey VIP," for being a role model to all women in Downey; a week later, the Soroptimist Club of Downey named her their "Woman of Distinction," an annual award honoring outstanding women in the community.

## COLLEGE

The library, completed July 1, 1961, became an anchor of valuable knowledge for students and the beneficiary of archived campus news publications that would later serve as windows into the thoughts, goals, ambitions and events that paralleled the college's evolution. The campus included 95 acres, and its permanent buildings brought the value of the college to \$16 million.

The Ralph F. Burnight Center for Performing Arts, named after the first president of the college, was also built in the early '60s and would serve as a reminder of Burnight's commitment to the creation of the institution after his retirement in 1962.

The \$1.3 million Performing Arts Center was constructed north of the quad to serve the college and the community. It was a magnificent addition to the campus, offering facilities for virtually any type of theatrical production.

The music wing of the building included classrooms, concert areas and individual practice rooms. Also included were a production center for the audio-visual services and a radio studio. The music drama complex offered a 400-seat theatre, including large workshops equipped for costuming, makeup, scene construction and lighting.

Following President Ralph Burnight's retirement in 1962, Dr. Jack W. Mears became the second president and superintendent of the college. Mears, a former president at Arkansas A&M College, expressed much praise for the college's students and faculty, commenting, "I have found the Cerritos student to be exceptional and the faculty outstanding."

Mears expressed great confidence in the abilities of the nation's youths. "I believe that with proper leadership, young people will be capable of making judgments consistent with heritage of this country," he said.

In his review of the organizational structure of the college, Mears recommended to the Board of Trustees that the college be one of the first community colleges to adapt to the California Master Plan of Education.

As the college grew, public figures like Richard Milhous Nixon and renowned author and historian William L. Shirer paid visits to the campus. Famed author Ray Bradbury lectured on "The Space Age as a Creative Challenge" and foreign educators from Brazil, Vietnam, the Caribbean and the Soviet Union also addressed college students.

Students were becoming increasingly involved in college affairs. Those who served on the Student Council (a group of 14 students responsible for planning and managing a substantial budget as representatives of the Associated Students of Cerritos college [ASCC] deliberated on the adoption of a new constitution incorporating two new divisions (judicial and legislative) to the executive branch. If passed by voters, three times the number of students that were serving on council would have the opportunity to become elected representatives of the ASCC. Students also experienced a wave of change when the college's first female ASCC president took office in June 1962.

The college continued to evolve in 1963 as its Police Science program was approved, its first data processing class (IBM 1401) was offered and the first air conditioning system was installed on campus at a cost of \$163,000.

Tom and Dick Smothers, the folk-singing comedy duo, also paid a visit to the campus in 1963 to perform for the ASCC. After their show, the entertainers signed autographs for admiring students.

The college's 95 acres and 15 permanent buildings in 1964 brought its value to \$16 million and the assessed valuation of the district served by the

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## Library literacy program changing people's lives

Contributed by Downey City Library

**DOWNEY**—Six years ago, Belen Collantes, the mother of an 8-month-old boy, made a promise to herself: "I want to learn to read English before my baby goes to school."

When Belen first joined the Downey City Library's Adult Literacy Program, she was able to read only a few simple words, such as "up," "no," and "me." Through the free library program, she was matched with volunteer tutor Mary Crawford. With Mary's expert assistance, Belen has learned to read aloud to her son and daughter and help her 1st grade son with his homework.

With her new reading skills, Belen passed her driver's license test and is now able to drive herself to her tutoring sessions. She has also learned other skills such as writing a shopping list and reading medicine bottles. Crawford, who also serves on the Library Advisory Board, has taught Belen basic computer skills and how to pay bills. For the first time in her adult life, Belen has discovered the joy of reading for pleasure. "I read for fun now," she says.

If you know an adult who would benefit from this valuable program, contact the library's Literacy and Training Coordinator, Claudia Dailey, at 904-7360, ext. 23. The Downey City Library is located at 1121 Brookshire Ave.

## \$100 prize at Mixer/Business Expo

**DOWNEY**—The Downey Chamber of Commerce announced Downey Regional Medical Center is hosting a "Mixer & Business Expo" with the theme "Fall Celebration" Thursday, Oct. 13 from 4-7 p.m. at DRMC's new medical building at 11480 Brookshire Ave.

The Chamber is offering a \$100 prize for the best decorated booth. Promotional booths cost \$60 to members, \$100 to non-members.

To participate/for information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 923-2191.

## School supplies collected for children

**DOWNEY**—School supplies for the children at the Rio Hondo Temporary Home will be collected by the Moravian Church of Downey throughout the month of August. Notebooks, pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, handheld calculators, paper, scissors, backpacks and the like are sought.

Bring supplies to the church at 10337 Old River School Rd.



**TUTOR MARY CRAWFORD**—With Belen Collantes in the library's Adult Literacy Program.

## SPREADING

Foster Bridge Road; 2) The San Gabriel Coastal Spreading Grounds, first used in 1938-39 along the San Gabriel River between Whittier Blvd. and Washington Blvd.; and 3) the San Gabriel River Spreading Grounds in service since 1954-55 extending from Washington Blvd. to Firestone.

These three spreading grounds are the primary sources for artificially replenishing the Central Basin using either captured storm water, or imported water.

### Other agencies

The county also operates the spreading grounds on behalf of other agencies on request, but requires a spreading ground agreement. This agreement will allow Downey to use the specified spreading grounds to recharge water to the Central Basin Aquifer. This will allow another option to its water supply. Currently the City needs an additional 1,000 acre-feet of water annually to meet its potable needs. The water is now obtained through a lease agreement and typically costs Downey \$389,000 annually. Alternative water is available at a lower cost and can be placed in the aquifer through the spreading grounds.

There is no fiscal cost of this agreement, but there may be cost savings through acquisition of water and storage of same through the alternate means.



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## PIPELINE

be heard, whether oral or in writing. At the hearing, staff will submit an ordinance setting terms of the franchise, including the rate to be paid by the franchisee.

In other action the city Council:

\*Presented an achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and Certificate of Award for Outstanding Financial Reporting to the Financial Department.

### Long hearing

\*After a lengthy public hearing, denied the appeal and denied a zone variance that would have allowed the retention of an oversized driveway and excessive paving in the front yard of property at 12142 Dunrobin Ave. The vote was 4-1 with David Gafin dissenting. Gafin later said he would ask staff for a study of one-car garages and two-car driveways and codes relating to same. Many neighbors appeared in the homeowner's behalf to testify that he had improved the property.

\*As part of the consent calendar approved unanimously without comment the appropriation of \$25,000 from the Gas Tax Fund for a Gateway Cities I-710 Corridor study.

\*Approved the appropriation of \$13,000 for replacement of the irrigation computer system at Rio Hondo Golf Course.

\*Set a public hearing for Aug. 23 to consider a resolution self-certifying the city conformance with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's congestion management program.

\*Set a public hearing for Aug. 23 on a proposal for a code amendment relating to nonconforming conditions resulting from acquisitions for public use.

\*Approved an agreement with the L.A. Flood Control District to use the Rio San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Spreading Grounds.

### Inspection help on-call

\*Approved a two-year amendment agreement for on-call construction inspection services with DMR Team Inc.

\*Approved the final subdivision map and an agreement with the subdivider who submitted a letter of credit as surety for property at 12002-12012 Downey Ave.

The next public meeting of the Council will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

## COLLEGE

college was estimated at \$271 million. The year was also fruitful for students as sports teams, debate teams and student governments were formed and students became more active in campus clubs and school dances.

In the mid-60s, the college district included the Artesia, Bellflower and Cerritos (ABC) Unified School District (USD), Bellflower USD, Downey USD and the Norwalk-La Mirada USD. By July 1965, district population was 400,000. This would be the year that, beyond the bravest expectations of everyone connected with Cerritos College, enrollment would exceed 10,000 students.

The institution was thriving and a \$750,000 computer was donated to the campus. The massive structure stood seven feet tall, three feet wide and 20 feet long. Two years later, Texas Instruments would introduce the first hand-held calculator.

The college continued its growth spurt in 1966 as the board of trustees purchased the "South 40" acres, enlarging the campus to 135 acres, a procurement that vastly improved the college's land values. The property today supports the Health Sciences Building, the largest parking lot on campus, the Auto Technology Building and the Community Education Center. During the same year, the Liberal Arts/ Humanities/Social Sciences Building was built at a cost of \$1.3 million.

In 1967, the board of trustees experienced its first seating of both faculty and student body members. As the decade neared its end, part-time students were given the right to vote and a record number of students were expected to participate in the election for student senate seats at the college. By the 1968-69 school year, the campus included 18 buildings and boasted enrollment of more than 11,000 students. The budding district included more than half a million people.

The college saw its first graduating class of MDTA machine operator students during the final year of the decade and experienced the retirement of the college's second president, Jack Mears.

Siegfried Ringwald succeeded Mears on July 1, 1969 and would serve as the college's third president until 1973.

Cerritos College's 50th anniversary celebration officially began Aug. 1, 2005 with the Cerritos College Foundation's 20th Annual Golf Classic. Once the fall semester begins, a special convocation involving several generations of faculty and staff will be held in September. A fundraising gala is planned for October with proceeds benefiting Cerritos College students who may be presented later with 50th Anniversary Scholarships created in honor of the milestone.

*(Cerritos College celebrates the 2005-06 school year as its 50th anniversary in serving as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada and Norwalk. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently surpasses 22,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at [www.cerritos.edu](http://www.cerritos.edu) and view a celebratory site honoring the college's 50 years of tradition, honor and values at [www.cerritos.edu/50](http://www.cerritos.edu/50).)*

## Rummage sale at Abundant Hope

**DOWNEY** – Abundant Hope (formerly known as Abundant Life and Living Hope churches), the Master's Hand Ministry and the Korean OMC church, are having a fundraising rummage sale in the church parking lot at 10335 Paramount Blvd. tomorrow, Aug. 13, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There will be food and drinks, household items and clothes, new area rugs (mostly 4' x 6') and many other things. Recyclable bottles, cans and nonperishable food will also be collected.

## Downey grad goalkeeping at Tulsa

**DOWNEY** – Tulsa University's men's soccer team, featuring 2005 Downey High School graduate Andy Aguilar at goalkeeper, is ranked no. 15 in the nation, according to a recent poll.

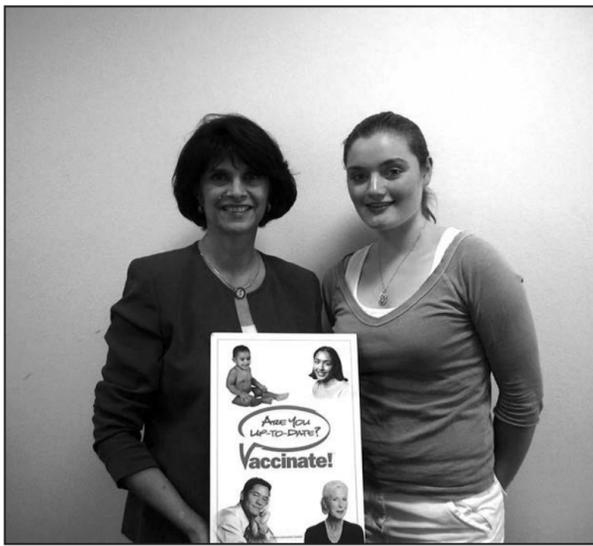
Aguilar is part of 14 new players on the team and joins 13 letter-winners, including five starters, and five red-shirt players. TU qualified for its second straight NCAA tournament last year.

## Adult School added to scholarship list

**DOWNEY**—Every year the Downey Association of Realtors gives out three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Columbus, Downey and Warren High Schools. Beginning in 2006, Downey Adult School will be added to this list.

Students are selected on the basis of scholastic achievements, submitting an essay, and a recommendation from their school counselor.

For information on the Downey Association of Realtors scholarships, call (562) 861-0915.



**IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS**—Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard recently sponsored a legislative briefing on Capitol Hill about the importance of immunizations, to mark National Immunization Month in August. She was part of a panel that included speakers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Partnership for Immunization. Here she is shown at the briefing with Sophie Starcevic, right, a teenager who spoke about her battle to recover from whooping cough, a vaccine-preventable disease that she contracted last year.

## Roybal-Allard leads immunization effort

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Noting that despite many advances in modern medicine, thousands of Americans each year die from diseases that are easily prevented by safe and effective vaccines, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34) recently introduced "The THRIVE Act" to strengthen public outreach efforts to educate adults about the importance of immunizations.

"Vaccines have been enormously successful in controlling infectious diseases like polio, measles, diphtheria, German measles, and tetanus, which once reached epidemic proportions in America," Roybal-Allard said. "Despite these advancements, however, each year in the United States more than 45,000 adults die from preventable diseases or their complications."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a significant number of at-risk adults are under-immunized for diseases such as influenza, pneumonia and hepatitis B. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices makes recommendations for adult immunizations that include: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, influenza, measles-mumps-rubella, meningitis, pneumonia, tetanus-diphtheria, and chicken pox. These vaccines prevent diseases that affect millions of adults every year – diseases that can lead to hospitalization and death. The CDC estimates that the overall cost to society from these preventable diseases exceeds \$10 billion per year.

"There is a real need for comprehensive legislation to overhaul the way we administer, finance, and plan future adult immunization programs for underserved groups such as seniors, minorities and individuals who are at high risk due to pre-existing serious health problems. Although we have highly effective vaccines that will prevent death and disability and save billions of dollars in health costs annually, they can't work if they aren't reaching those who need them most," Roybal-Allard said.

To help make our nation's vaccination programs more effective, Roybal-Allard introduced H.R. 3598, the "Total Health Requires Improved Vaccination Efforts (THRIVE) Act of 2005." This legislation would provide separate funding under the immunization program administered by the CDC to strengthen adult immunization outreach efforts, to develop and distribute adult immunization guidelines to health practitioners and state agencies and to develop and launch a national media campaign to educate Americans about the value of adult immunizations.

It would also provide funding for a four-state demonstration project to meet the needs of underserved, at-risk, adult populations.

Finally, the measure requires the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to consider adding adult immunization to the criteria used to evaluate hospitals and health care plans for participation in Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Roybal-Allard continued, "The pneumonia and flu vaccines are extremely important for our senior citizens. Pneumonia and influenza together are the sixth leading cause of death among older adults, and these are deaths that are largely preventable simply by increasing the numbers of adults that are immunized. The THRIVE Act of 2005 will save many lives lost each year due to preventable illnesses by closing the gap between our national immunization goals and the actual rates of adult immunization in this country."



**CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD (CA-34)**—Meets with Los Angeles-area transit agency representatives from Amtrak, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), Metrolink, the Municipal Transit Operators Coalition, and Union Station in Los Angeles, following last month's terrorists attacks in London. She was briefed about their current security procedures and federal funding needs. Roybal-Allard is a member of the Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

## The poets' corner

### A Live Operator, Please

On my account, I found a mistake,  
So to rectify, a call I make.  
And push the numbers asked of me  
But where I end up is a mystery.

I try to remain patient and cool,  
But I feel like a mumbling, crazy fool  
As I complain to the recordings one and all  
That I just need an answer to my call.

Oh how I long for yesterday  
When a friendly voice came on to say  
"One moment, please, while I direct your call  
You'll now be assisted by Mrs. Hall"

—Martha J. Morrissy,  
Downey

## EMERGENCY

It is very important for EMS services to be delivered immediately to those in need of medical care. The chances for resuscitation diminish by 10 percent each minute with patients in full cardiac arrest. Hence, sending the big fire ladder truck to an EMS incident, when it is the closest available unit, makes sense.

Lifesaving CPR must be started immediately for the best outcomes. Today, each Downey fire engine and the ladder truck carry an automatic external defibrillator (AED) to immediately supply the proper treatment in cardiac arrest scenarios.

Today, the level of emergency medical services provided by the Downey Fire Department is second to none. The department has continued to take a proactive approach to deal with new challenges as they arise. One of these challenges is the increasing number of medical runs handled by the department. Twenty two years ago Downey's single paramedic squad dealt with an average of eight calls per 24-hour shift. Today, the department's two paramedic squads respond to an average of 18 calls per shift (fires and EMS incidents). This increase in incidents and delays caused by increased travel distance can be significant when considering a paramedic call can last from 45 to 60 minutes. This "committed" time begins when the dispatcher answers the 9-1-1 phone call and dispatches the paramedics (less than 60 seconds). The paramedics then safely respond to the incident (less than 5 minutes). When they arrive on scene they assess the patient, contact their local base station hospital, and treat the patient. Next, they move the patient to the ambulance and transport them to the hospital. The clock stops when the patient is transferred to a gurney in the local ER, a doctor is briefed on the patient's condition, and the paramedic squad is re-supplied.

### Other challenges

Other challenges have surfaced throughout the county that have impacted emergency medical services. In addition to busy paramedic squads hospitals are also much busier. This can result in paramedics being forced to wait for extended periods of time to turn a patient over to emergency department staff.

When the ER becomes overwhelmed, paramedic units are often turned away or "diverted" to other more distant facilities. This diversion usually results in a longer drive. This negatively impacts the patient by delaying critical emergency treatment; and the fire department by taking units out of service for extended periods of time. Diversion eventually has a negative impact on other nearby hospitals because they begin to become more crowded.

Another serious challenge for emergency medical services is the closure of hospitals, emergency rooms, trauma centers, and paramedic base stations. This is a major problem when combined with an increased population and larger numbers of patients seeking medical aid. These closures cause further stress on an already overwhelmed emergency medical system. When a single emergency room closes, the "domino effect" can be felt throughout the county.

### EMS history

When cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was introduced in the early 60s, firefighters immediately began delivering the services (as did police officers). Firefighters went on to acquire additional skills to assist critical patients. The value of quick patient stabilization by field personnel and the importance of an effective transpiration system for the injured were lessons learned in the Vietnam War.

It wasn't long before medical experts found the similarities between the injuries caused by car accidents and violent behaviors here at home, with those that occurred on the battlefield. The experts knew that when the local specialized treatment of a patient occurred and the patient was rapidly transported to a nearby, prepared, and fully staffed emergency room the patient had the best chance for survival. Equally important, the doctors involved in the new 'pre-hospital' care field found that fast, effective treatment led to better survivability for patients suffering from medical problems like heart attacks, strokes, and difficulty breathing. Before long, pre-hospital treatments were developed for a host of medical emergencies. Many babies were safely delivered in the field as a result of this specialized training.

### 'Pre-hospital' care idea blossoms

The new pre-hospital care phenomenon led to the development of the mobile Intensive Care Paramedic Specialty. In an early pilot program in 1969, firefighters were trained as paramedics in Los Angeles County. In the early 70s the television show, *Emergency*, made the public aware of this new, higher level of emergency patient care. As the show became ever more popular, the interest in paramedic training and EMS blossomed.

As the public interest grew in pre-hospital care, the Downey Fire Department recognized the value of providing this new, higher level of service. Six Downey firefighters initially underwent an intensive five-month training program at County USC Medical Center to achieve their certification. In November of 1974 the Downey Fire Department staffed the department's first paramedic unit. Paramedic squad 641 responded to nearly all EMS incidents from the new Headquarters station, which had just opened at 12222 Paramount Blvd. At the same time, in an effort to provide the highest levels of professional emergency medical care, many non-paramedic personnel were being trained to the Emergency Medical Technician I (EMT-I) level.

By the end of the 1970s all Downey firefighters who were not paramedics had achieved the EMT-I certification. This staffing configuration remained in place until the early 80s. The 1980s saw the continued demand for emergency medical services. The frequency of major fires was reduced (but the risk remains) by aggressive fire prevention programs and inspections delivered by the on-duty firefighters and firefighter/paramedics in-between emergency calls for service. EMS calls eventually accounted for nearly 65 percent of all fire department responses. The over-

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## Assessment grows

Los Angeles County Assessor Rick Auerbach has released a record 2005 Assessment Roll of \$855.8 billion, a 9.6 percent growth in assessment values. Home sales were a dominant factor again in the real estate market and a key reason for the unprecedented \$74 billion increase over last year's \$781 billion gross Roll.

The net local Roll (after exemptions and excluding utilities assessed by the Board of Equalization) totaled \$823.7 billion, compared to the \$749 billion net Roll last year, an increase of 10 percent.

"We are a long way from the two-to-three percent value gains of the 1990s," Auerbach said. "There probably is a gradual slowdown ahead, but all the signs show a seller's market continuing in the near future and no bursting bubble anytime soon."

"Increasing home prices, which are the key element of the Roll increase, result largely from low interest rates and a short supply of low-to medium-priced housing" he added. "What we are seeing is simply a continuing combination of high demand, low rates and a shortage of new housing stock."

### Changes in ownership

Changes in ownership requiring a reassessment under Prop. 13, mainly consisting of single-family residences and condominiums, added \$54 billion to the Roll—the largest single factor in the increase. Each property that changed ownership resulted in an average increase of \$262,000 in assessed value. That compares with an average increase of \$174,000 last year.

Another major factor in the Roll increase was the annual Consumer Price Index adjustment required by Prop. 13 for properties which did not change ownership. This year, the CPI increase was 2 percent. This adjustment added \$14 billion to the Roll compared to 11.7 billion in 2004.

The third largest factor was new construction which increased the Roll by \$5.6 billion compared to \$5.5 billion last year and includes homes, apartment buildings and commercial structures.

### L.A. leads

As always, Los Angeles City was the highest valued municipality in the County with total assessed values of \$315 billion (a 9.8 percent increase over 2004), followed again by Long Beach with a \$34 billion assessment (a 10.4 percent increase).

Assessment appeals continue to decline, with only 15,600 cases filed last year—compared to the record 110,000 cases in 1996.

## School Board race is heating up here

**DOWNEY**—Martha Sodemani, who has formally filed as a candidate for the empty seat in Area 1 of the Downey Unified School District, may have a race on her hands in November.

Former City Councilman and Mayor Gary McCaughan has taken out papers but has not yet filed them with the Registrar—Records Office for the seat in Area 1. And a third candidate in the 1st, Joseph Serrano, an educator, has taken out papers to run in the 1st District, but like McCaughan, has not yet filed them.

In Area 7 Barbara Samperi has filed to run again for the seat she represents. And no one has yet taken out papers for the seat being vacated by Betty Ferraro in Area 5.

### CANDIDATE

This was all accomplished while raising two children as a single parent, working full-time, and attending night school. Nancy earned an A.A. degree from Cerritos College as a Computer Programming Analyst and continued on to earn a B.S. in Business Administration in Computer Information Systems with honors from CSU-Dominguez Hills. She was the first in her family to earn a college degree and by this accomplishment modeled the value of a college degree to her children and the other children in her extended family. She says she has encouraged all of them to persevere until they reach their final goal.

She has just celebrated her 20th anniversary at Raytheon Systems, where she is responsible for management of a multi-million dollar budget in support of the engineering computing environment. She also helps the engineers develop their computing requirements, leads a team in charge of asset management, directs database development and drives the team to initiate and implement improvements to existing systems. On her own time, she attends the El Segundo Diversity Council dialogs to, she says, broaden her view of the challenges of working in a diverse organization.

She notes that as the budgeting requirements at work have grown over the years as well as the process needed to generate and track the associated expenses, she has grown with the changes. She states, "I feel that just as in the work environment, continued progress in the school system is the key to success. If we are not progressing in our methods of education, as well as in the curriculum we provide, then we are losing ground for all of our children. The Downey School Board has demonstrated a commitment of growth to our educational system, and I want to be a part of that continuing development."

Swenson says it is crucial for the school system to remain as vital and forward-thinking as possible to ensure that all the children of Downey have the same opportunity for an optimum education just as she and her family members have received. Without a strong school system, she says, the city of Downey would not be the thriving community it is today.

She states, "I am very sad to see Betty step down from this position, but we share the same vision for the children of our neighborhoods. I just hope that I can be as successful as she was in helping the Downey schools."



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### Sunflower-vulnerable

Dear Editor:

Let's see if I've got this straight:  
 1) The DUSD builds two identical football facilities (instead of one at Downey Town Center, that the two high schools could share); 2) These two identical facilities are built outdoors in a temperate climate where the annual rainfall is in the range of 14-17 inches; 3) An artificial surface (Astroturf?) is installed in facilities that will probably never have a game rained out—regardless of the fact that football is played in the rain, snow, sleet, etc.; 4) We now are told that the surface is subject to damage from chewing gum and sunflower seeds!

Well, we (the taxpayers who have to pay off those construction bonds that financed this albatross) are really going to save money here aren't we. No grass to water or mow. No overpaid landscapers to pay to plant seeds in the first place.

But did anybody add up the additional costs to install "Astroturf" in place of grass (the subsurface is usually asphalt—they just put a rug over a parking lot so to speak)? And what about the increased personal injuries that occur on "Turf"? How much is that going to cost over the life of the field?

Whether DUSD is self-insured, or has to get a policy out in the market, insurance costs for Astroturf are what compared to grass? What will be the difference over the life of the field surface? Which is how many years by the way?

But, what the hey, we've got two state-of-the-art football facilities for our two high schools which may or may not allow common folk to use the 98 percent of the time that the football teams, etc., are not using them.

—Andrew R. Kelley,  
 Downey

#### Mourning Josh Copeland

Dear Editor:

Last week, 14-year-old Josh Copeland lost his battle with leukemia. Josh was a wonderful student and an amazing athlete. While he may have been shy, you could not find a person who had anything negative to say about him. Teachers, coaches, parents, anyone who was around Josh assuredly feels the same way. This is a testament to his parents, brothers, and sister.

We cannot begin to imagine what the Copeland family is going through, but our thoughts and prayers are with them. Also to his many friends who are hurting now. Perhaps this will encourage us all to give a little bit more of ourselves (i.e., blood, donations, etc.) and help find a cure for this horrible disease.

Our condolences to the entire Copeland family.  
 —The Marifian family,  
 Downey

#### 'Business legislation' topic at luncheon

**DOWNEY**—Southern California Gas Co. will host a "Legislative Luncheon" presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16 at the Energy Resource Center, 9240 Firestone Blvd.

State Sen. Alan Lowenthal and Assemblyman Hector De La Torre are scheduled to talk on the topic, "Business Legislation."

The Chamber sees the event as the public's opportunity to meet and hear from local legislators and ask questions.

For information, call the Chamber, 923-2191.

## On Medicare's 40th, time to recommit

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

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—This summer marks the 40th anniversary of the Medicare program passed by Congress and signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in July of 1965.

Creating Medicare was one of our nation's proudest achievements. Today, Medicare provides comprehensive health insurance for nearly 42 million Americans, including more than 35 million senior citizens and six million people under 65 with disabilities. The program provides coverage for a broad range of health care services, including inpatient hospital care, physician and outpatient hospital care, and important preventive and health maintenance services such as vaccinations and prostate, mammography and glaucoma screenings. These critical health care services—made possible for the first time to many Americans with the start of the Medicare program—are credited with extending the life expectancy for both men and women.

Too many people have forgotten what life was like in the United States before Medicare existed. They have forgotten the pain and suffering that resulted from families not having the resources to pay for medical treatments and lifesaving medications. In 1964, only 51 percent of Americans over 65 had health care coverage. Today, Medicare provides lifesaving medical coverage to our most vulnerable seniors. In fact, 71 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have two or more chronic conditions, 29 percent are in fair to poor health, and 23 percent have cognitive impairments. In addition, most Medicare beneficiaries live on incomes below 200 percent



of the federal poverty level.

Despite Medicare's impressive achievements over the last 40 years, the Medicare program remains in jeopardy. A prime example of potentially detrimental changes to the federal program is *The Medicare Modernization Act (MMA) of 2003*, which became law—without my support—by the conservative majority in Congress. Among my concerns about the new program, the Medicare prescription drug benefit has a giant gap in coverage requiring beneficiaries to pay for drugs out of their own pockets while continuing to pay premiums. In addition, the law actually prohibits the government from negotiating with the big pharmaceutical companies for lower prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

The new prescription drug program which starts in January is also very complicated. Seniors are going to have to choose from an overwhelming number of confusing private prescription drug plans. Even worse, millions will actually lose their current employer-sponsored retiree health coverage or face increased out-of-pocket costs to maintain coverage for the medicines they currently take.

As a country, we should be building upon the successful program that provides almost universal coverage for our nation's seniors. As we celebrate Medicare's 40th anniversary, I reiterate my commitment to preserving and strengthening the Medicare program. I will continue to fight any attempts to slash Medicare benefits, and I will work to enact changes to the prescription drug program so that Medicare beneficiaries get the type of drug coverage they need and deserve.

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## Long Beach Playhouse's 2005-06 season schedule

**LONG BEACH**—There is a preponderance of comedies in the Long Beach Playhouse's 2005-06 season offering at its Mainstage Theater, 5021 East Anaheim St. in Long Beach.

The season starts with Neil Simon's comedy, "The Last of the Red Hot Lovers," which runs Oct. 7-Nov. 12. Barney Cashman at the age of 47 wants to join the sexual revolution before it's too late. Barney is a gentle, sober soul with a true-blue wife of 23 years and absolutely no experience in adultery. First he tries a flouncing sexpot, then a kooky actress and he strikes out, so that leaves his wife's best friend. It is a laugh a minute as we see Barney deal with the wacky nature of these three would-be affairs.

"The Loud Red Patrick," a comedy by John Boruff, is presented next, from Nov. 18-Dec. 17. An Irish-American widower is faced with bringing up four daughters ages 7 through 17. A believer in democracy and higher education, he runs his family on the parliamentary principle. When daughter Maggie wants to quit college to get married, he refuses permission so Maggie puts it before the family council where he loses. He rejects the council and kicks Maggie's suitor out of the house. The four daughters declared war on father—who finally surrenders to their marriage.

"The Butler Did It," another comedy by Tim Kelly, is next, Jan. 6-Feb. 11. This spoof of English mysteries with a decidedly American flavor finds Miss Maple, a society dowager noted for her imaginative week-end parties, awaiting a group of detective writers invited to eerie Ravenswood Manor where they are to assume the personalities of fictional characters. She arranges all sorts of scary, amusing incidents. Then a real murder takes place and the guests realize they're all marked for death. When they're not busy tripping over the clues, the zany sleuths trip over one another.

"Send Me No Flowers" is a comedy by Norman Barasch and Carroll Moore, Feb. 17-March 25. George Kimball is a Westchester commuter whose hobby is hypochondria. When he overhears his doctor talking about another patient who is on his way out with heart trouble, he misunderstands and prepares to meet the end bravely. He puts his affairs in order, writes a heartbreaking letter to his wife to be read after his death and arranges for the soon-to-be widow to have a good second husband. He buys a cemetery lot big enough for: Himself, the Widow and Hubby Two. Complications follow with plans for Reno and false confessions.

Ray Cooney and John Chapman's "Move Over Mrs. Markham" runs March 31-May 6. Three clandestine meetings are arranged at the same time and place — Mrs. Markham's apartment! The Markhams plan an evening out and each secretly plans to allow the apartment to be used by a friend for an illicit affair. Their plans become a mixed-up mismatch and the Markhams end up suspecting each other of being the unfaithful ones. The next presentation is the only non-comedy in the lot. It is a mystery by Jack Roffey, "Hostile Witness." In this psychological drama, the daughter of a British barrister is killed in a hit-and-run accident. Her bereaved father swears his revenge. When the man's neighbor is killed, the barrister finds himself accused of the death. He begins to wonder if he is not going stark raving mad.

A romantic comedy by Matthew Barber, from the novel by Elizabeth von Arnim, "Enchanted April," picks up the comedic rhythm, June 23-July 29. Two frustrated London housewives decide to rent a villa in Italy for a holiday away from their bleak marriages and they recruit two very different English women to share the cost and the experience. There, among the wisteria blossoms and Mediterranean sunshine, all four bloom again, rediscovering themselves in ways that they and we could never have expected.

"The Man Who Came To Dinner," a comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman and regarded as one of the American stage's endearing classics, closes Long Beach Playhouse's season, Aug. 4-Sept. 9. This comedy makes fun of the 1938 New York social set. It centers around Sheridan Whiteside, who having dined at the home of the Stanleys, slips on their doorstep and breaks his hip. A tumultuous six weeks of confinement at the Stanleys follow with hilarious complications such as ex-convicts being invited to meals, strange exotic gifts arriving from friends, transatlantic calls reaping \$784 phone bills and the summoning of a glamorous actress to woo away Whiteside's secretary's boyfriend.

Single tickets are \$20; \$18 for seniors and students with valid ID. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Parking is free. For other information/to order tickets, call (562) 494-1014.



**SEBASTIAN SIDI** – Will give a free live concert Saturday, Aug. 27 at Granata's beginning at 8 p.m. RSVP by calling 544-7774.

### Sidi performs at Granata's Aug. 27

**DOWNEY** – Sebastian Sidi will perform Saturday, Aug. 27 at Granata's, 11032 Downey Ave., starting at 8 p.m.

Joining Sidi will be guitarist Javier Lima and Georgia Waggenor and Tonya Hoodye, singing Sarah Brightman and Andrea Bocelli's "Time to Say Goodbye."

The concert is free but reservations are required by calling 544-7774. Seating is limited to 150 people.

### Arts for children at First Baptist Church

**DOWNEY**—The First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 East Third Street (behind Embassy Suites), offers KidzArts, a weeklong program for children in the arts (music, dance, writing, film and composition), from 9 a.m.-12 noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 15-19. It's suitable for children entering grades one through five.

With the theme, *Created to be creative*, KidzArts will provide participants the opportunity to explore various elements of the arts. The event will culminate in a showcase of the various skills learned, in a dinner theater held Friday, Aug. 26, and Saturday, Aug. 27, at 6 p.m. at the church.

A nominal registration fee is required. Information: Martha Wade, 923-1261, ext. 269.

## Beach party to mark 2005 State Fair

**SACRAMENTO**—In addition to the regular attractions that the State Fair is famous for, such as the Magnificent Midway, deep-fried delights and the livestock, the California State Fair this year will be throwing the "biggest Beach Party ever seen in California history," featuring amazing sand sculptures, tubular surfing displays and everything fun under the sun.

Also, for the first time ever, the State Fair is expanding its schedule to 22 "fun-filled days so families, students, and everyone else will have even more opportunities to enjoy the Fair." The State Fair will run from Aug. 12 to Sept. 5.

This year's State Fair concert series lineup includes a wide variety of world-renowned musical groups and entertainers. A few of those scheduled thus far: Boys II Men (Tuesday, Aug. 16), Carrot Top (Thursday, Aug. 18), Paul Rodriguez (Thursday, Aug. 25), and Huey Lewis (Saturday, Sept. 1).

All major entertainment will be showcased at the Golden 1 Stage, and concerts are free with Fair admission. New in 2005, Fair attendees will also be able to purchase Golden Circle seats, which are reserved seats near the front of the stage.

Ticket prices are \$10 general admission, \$8 seniors 62+, children 12-5 \$6, and children 4 and under are free. The California State Fair is held at Cal Expo, 1600 Exposition Blvd., in Sacramento.

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## EMERGENCY: Downey Fire Department opened in 1957

all volume of calls continued to rise.

### Growth and funding

By 1983, squad 641 was averaging eight calls per 24-hour shift. In 1985 a Downey City councilmember, noting that the northeast section of the city still relied on Santa Fe Springs for paramedic coverage (the closest paramedic squad), proposed the addition of a second paramedic squad. At that time, funding for the additional apparatus, equipment, and personnel was a concern, so methods to generate revenue were explored. It was decided that an advanced life support (ALS) transport program could be implemented to address some of the funding needs. There were two parts to this proposal. The first was a subscription fee. Downey residents were offered a subscription program which allowed them to pay small annual fee with their water bill. ALS transports were then provided at no out-of-pocket cost to the subscriber. If they were not a subscriber, they would be charged a competitive fee for the transport service. It was projected that this would help to offset part of the cost of this expanded paramedic program.

In March of 1986, the City of Downey rolled out their second paramedic unit, squad 642, stationed at station 4. This team covered the north and east portions of the city and assisted in reducing squad 641's increasing call volume. Minimum staffing was doubled to four paramedics on-duty every day (18 paramedics were trained overall). Career opportunities caused many paramedics to promote out of the program, only to be replaced by many of the newer firefighters. This practice of paramedics promoting to higher ranks boosted the overall level of emergency medical experience throughout the department, further improving the overall level of service. Presently, over two-thirds of the fire department staff has

served as paramedics at some time during their career.

In 1999, fire department staff proposed another enhancement to the service level. Up to this point, basic life support (BLS), or non-critical patients, were still being transported by private ambulance companies.

Ambulance arrival times were frequently long because many of them were responding outside of the city. The fire department made a recommendation that the city begin their own program and staff and maintain their own BLS ambulance. Transport fees and a portion of the subscription fee would help offset the cost (such as they had when the ALS transport program was initiated in 1986). On Dec. 7, 1999, the BLS transport ambulance (Rescue 644) was started. Ambulance operators (most of whom were interested in being firefighters) were hired to staff the ambulance unit. Rescue 644 was housed at station 3 (where it remains today). The new BLS program ensured most Downey residents of a transport by the fire department staff whenever the need arose. The need for mutual aid from neighboring departments was greatly reduced and a higher level of service was once again provided to the community.

### Early Fire Department history

Once the City was incorporated in 1957, the first priorities of the City Council were to provide police and fire protection for the residents. These responsibilities had been previously handled by the County of Los Angeles. At noon on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1957, the Downey Fire Department opened for business.

The initial department staffing included 55 firefighters who were housed at three fire stations and were led by Chief Robert Gain and Asst. Chief Don Warren. Headquarters was located at 11435 Downey Ave, Stations Two and Three were located at 9556 Imperial Highway and 9900 Paramount Blvd., respectively. Fire Station Four at 9349 Florence Ave. was built and staffed in 1960. With the exception of the headquarters fire station, the original stations have remained in the same locations.

### Summary

Since the inception of the Downey Fire Department, emergency medical services have been a key part of the department's mission. There have been many changes and improvements over the years and the level of service has continued to increase. However, the core tenets of service to the community and dedication to duty remain. Working collaboratively with the neighboring departments, the local receiving hospitals, and the Department of Health Services will ensure the City EMS delivery system is positioned to provide solutions to EMS issues as they arise. In the future, the Downey Fire Department will continually strive to provide "Quality Service, Compassionate Care"—the highest level of professional emergency service for the community it serves.



**JOHN COLLINS INSCHO**—Was a corporate lawyer and owner of the Inscho Company of Hermosa Beach. Upon his retirement 30 years ago, he traveled the world by sea on his 60-ft. yacht.

## John Collins Inscho was world traveler

**DOWNEY**—John Collins Inscho, a retired corporate attorney who moved to Downey in 2001 after briefly residing in Laguna Woods, passed away July 29 in Whittier.

Born Nov. 19, 1919 in Wichita, Kansas, his father was a prominent Kansas City, Missouri dentist, political activist, and friend to President Harry S. Truman. He was named after his grandfather John Collins, a pioneer Kansas banker and cattleman. He was proud of his Midwest upbringing and his Kansas frontier heritage.

His service in the U.S. Navy during WWII took him to North Africa and Italy. He was assigned to the U.S. Heavy Cruiser, USS Tuscaloosa (CA 37), President Roosevelt's flag ship.

At war's end, he attended Law School at Vanderbilt University, graduating at the top of his class. He practiced private law in Nashville, Tennessee, as well as corporate law in Wichita, Kansas and Los Angeles; was corporate counsel for Beach Aircraft Corporation and Hoover Electric Corporation; and was a contract law administrator for Northrop Corporation and North American Aviation. He owned the Inscho Company of Hermosa Beach.

He retired 30 years ago to live on his 60-ft. yacht at King Harbor, Redondo Beach. In his retirement, he traveled the world by sea. He was a member of the Vanderbilt University Alumni Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and the USS Tuscaloosa (CA37) Veterans Association.

Inscho is survived by his nephews and nieces, Dr. Michael (Maria) Sullivan of Downey, Dr. Collins J. Sullivan of Oxnard, and Sheryl L. Sullivan of Bedford, U.K.; and great nieces and nephews E. Tim Sullivan, James G. Sullivan, and Patricia H. Sullivan, all of Downey; and Brian and Kevin Sullivan of Oxnard.

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**Women's Conference held this weekend**

**DOWNEY** – As part of their annual Women's Conference running through this weekend, Love, Peace and Happiness Church in Downey will host an "Upper Room Seminar and Luncheon" tomorrow, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. Evang. Tammie Gibson, Minister Sandra Randall and Jacqueline Martin are scheduled speakers.

Special Sunday services will be conducted at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend all functions. For ticket and conference information, call 806-9890. Love, Peace and Happiness Church is at 11022 Old River School Road, cross street Firestone Blvd.

**Teacher/lecturer recounts epic story**

**DOWNEY**—For its 10 a.m.-12 noon program at its meeting Tuesday, Aug. 16, the EZRA Center for Mature Adults features Stuart F. Tower, author of "The Wayfarers," who will recount the story of this group of disenfranchised Romanians, who, in order to survive, marched to freedom from a hostile Europe during the first decade of the 20th century.

Negotiations are underway to create a feature film of the epic. Tower, who teaches history and lectures extensively at Elderhostel programs, will have copies of his book available at the meeting.

The EZRA Center for Mature Adults welcomes the community to its meetings held on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For information, call the Temple office, 861-9276.

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**Business Breakfast Meeting Aug. 24**

**DOWNEY** – More than 100 people are expected to attend Action Faith Ministries' next Business Breakfast Meeting, scheduled for Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m. at Rio Hondo Golf Club.

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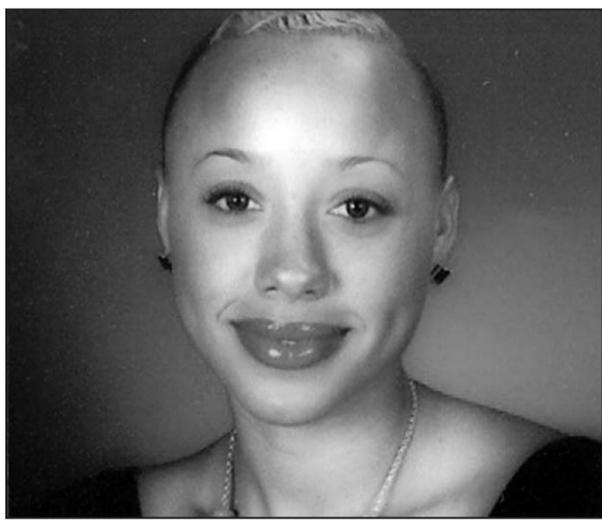
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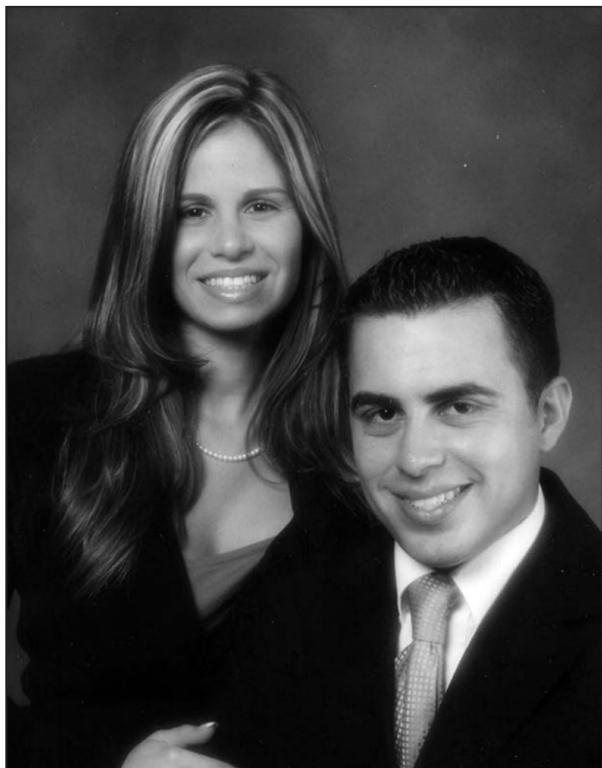
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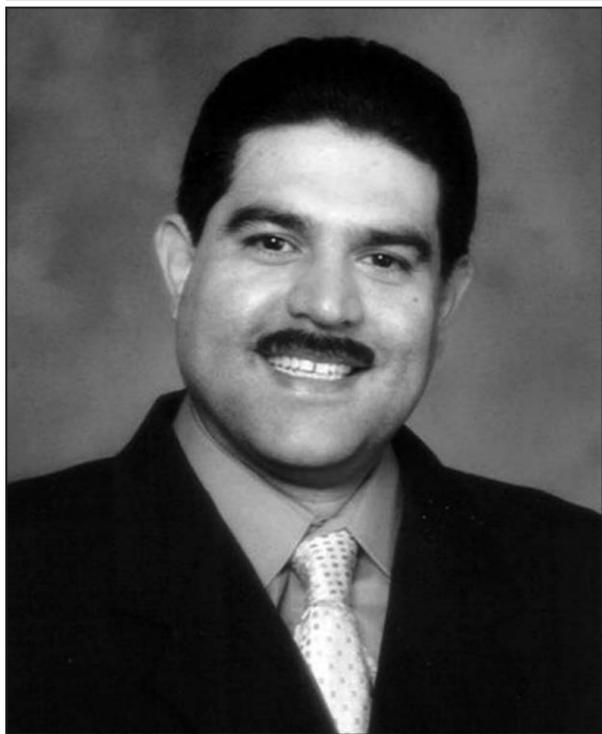
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### L.B. Embroiderers’ Guild book sale

**LONG BEACH**—The Long Beach Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America, Inc. will have a ‘big book sale’ at their Friday, Aug. 26 meeting, featuring Cecelia Palm Day Book collections from many members. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. at St. Gregory Episcopal Church, 6201 E. Willow St. in Long Beach, with a Social Hour prior to the meeting.

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Attendees will receive \$100 scrip to play casino games, including blackjack, craps and roulette. “Vacation-an-hour” giveaways, buffet dinner, live music, silent auction and a high-stakes poker game will also be offered.

“Century 21 has been a generous supporter of Easter Seals for 26 years now, and we’re excited to be teaming up with them again for what promises to be another great Casino Night,” said Mark Whitley, Easter Seals’ chief executive officer. “We especially thank our event co-chairs, Laurie Mac Isaac of Century 21 My Real Estate Co. and Pat Owen of Century 21 Allstars, and the many Century 21 offices in Southern California that are supporting this effort.”

“Century 21’s involvement with the annual Casino Night fundraiser is another testament to our company’s belief in Easter Seals’ mission – a belief we’ve held strong to for 29 years,” said Mac Isaac. “We are always proud to support Easter Seals’ important, life-changing work for people with disabilities in any way we can.”

Tickets for the Casino Night are \$45 per person. For more information or tickets, call Mac Isaac at (800) 641-2111.

## State-funded preschool now enrolling

**LOS ANGELES** – The Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF) General Childcare and State Preschool Programs are currently enrolling children ages 2-5 years old.

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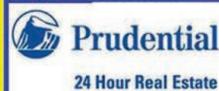


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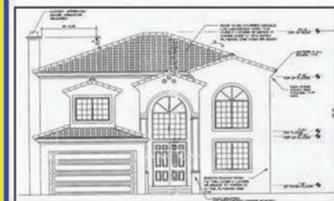


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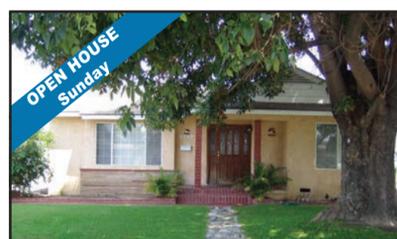
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**Champagne Taste! Beer Budget!**  
2 bedrooms, 2 baths home with new kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted interior with crown and base moldings, & new windows. The kitchen boasts granite counter tops, new cabinets, new tile floors, & new built in microwave and dishwasher. The bonus room off the 2 car detached garage makes a perfect office, game room, or storage. Price: \$549,000.  
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**BAM!!! Emeril's Choice!**  
You won't want to miss this newly remodeled home near Rio San Gabriel Park. The brand new kitchen has granite counter tops, new cabinets, new built in appliances, and plenty of storage space. Both bathrooms, including the master bathroom, have been recently remodeled. The home features a living room, dining area, and large family room. Price: \$699,000.  
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**Party All the Time!**  
3 bedroom, 1.75 bath Northwest Downey pool home with 2-car detached garage & pool room. Home includes living room with marble fireplace, kitchen that opens up to family room, newer ceramic tile, freshly painted interior, inside laundry & a master bedroom with private bath. This summer sensation is listed at \$649,000.  
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**More for your Money!**  
This 4 bedroom, 3 bath home featuring a unique floor plan that affords privacy with 2 sets of 2 bedrooms on opposite sides of home. The 2237 sq. ft. home has ceramic tile throughout, large living room, & dining area off newer kitchen. The 2 car detached garage is in the back of this 8176 sq. ft. lot. Price: \$675,000  
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**This You've Got To See!**  
This newly-built, single-story home has it all with a spectacular kitchen that includes granite counter tops, custom built cabinets, a large island, and all stainless steel appliances. This 5 bedroom, 4 bath home boasts three large master bedrooms. The open floor plan includes a living room with fireplace, large formal dining area, and a huge family room. The exterior features lush landscaping, a long driveway with potential RV access, an electric gate entry to the oversized two car detached garage, and a private pool. Call for a private showing or more information.  
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**Affordable buy!**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath Downey home with new windows, newly remodeled bathroom, central air & heat, and the cleanest, most organized, 2 car attached garage with workbenches, and lots of storage. The tidy kitchen opens up to the family room & dining area, while the backyard indicates a relaxing atmosphere with an aboveground Jacuzzi, & patio, & grass area. Price \$579,000.  
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**Too Good to be True!**  
4 bedrooms, 2.5 bath pool home in a cul-de-sac in North Downey! Home features newer hardwood floors, living room & formal dining room, kitchen overlooking cozy den with fireplace, and an upstairs master bedroom with private bath. The backyard is perfect for those summer pool parties & it even has a grass area for kids to play. This well maintained home with many other features is priced at \$799,900.  
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**Super Buy!**  
Newly constructed 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath home with large master bedroom, new kitchen and bathrooms, refinished hardwood floors, new windows, and central air & heat. Property has a new carport and 2 car detached garage. Too many amenities to list! Price: \$539,900.  
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**Move Right In!**  
There's nothing to do but move your furniture into this newly built 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home. The large, private master suit has a walk in closet, full bathroom, & a balcony with a view of the spacious backyard with avocado tree. The gated driveway has exquisite brickwork at the front porch & long driveway that leads to the 2 car detached garage. Price: \$699,000  
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