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L.A. Concertmaster plays here Jan. 29

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—In its next concert scheduled for Saturday evening, Jan. 29, the Downey Symphony will present a program of Bartok Folk Dances, Haydn's "London" Symphony, and Dvorak's Violin Concerto, featuring soloist Martin Chalifour, Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. When the LA Phil gave its last concert in the Music Center's Chandler Pavilion just over a year ago, it was Chalifour who played the orchestra's final notes heard in that hall. The work was Franz Joseph Haydn's "Farewell" Symphony, written in 1772, and there is a little story around that famous "farewell."

Haydn and his musicians had not had a vacation for many months from their intensive gig for a wealthy patron who kept them continually busy, composing, rehearsing and performing. They had not been home to see their families for a long time. So Haydn came up with a small conspiracy to drop a hint in his patron's ear. He wrote a symphony whose fourth movement gradually thinned down to nothing, no sound, no performers to make a sound. Following the score as written, the musicians began, one by one, to quietly leave their chairs, snuffing out candles on their music stands, and walking out of the room. Finally only one musician remained, the principal violinist. Soon he too played the last notes of the symphony, poofed the candle and departed. It was the farewell symphony which the LA Phil presented as its final work in the Music Center Pavilion before moving into the new Walt Disney Concert Hall.

And as Martin Chalifour's violin was the last voice from the Los Angeles Philharmonic heard in the Pavilion, it became the first orchestral voice heard in the new hall across the way. Standing beneath the glorious visual exuberance of Disney Hall's organ pipes, Principal Concertmaster Martin Chalifour played a solo work of Bach to open the inaugural gala program.

It will be our privilege to hear him, accompanied by the Downey Symphony under conductor Thomas Osborn, in a performance of Antonin Dvorak's Concerto for Violin that has no intention of thinning out at the end.

The orchestra's concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Civic Theater, at the corner of Firestone Boulevard and Brookshire Avenue. Dr. Osborn's pre-view discussion of the evening's music is at 7:15 and is free to ticket holders.

Reserved seat tickets to this program are \$10 to \$25 and may be purchased at the theater box office on Wednesday, Jan. 26, between noon and 4 p.m., or from 6 p.m. prior to the performance on Jan. 29. For information, call (562) 403-2944.

Symphony to honor Dr. Jordan Phillips

By Joyce Sherwin

DOWNEY—Dr. Jordan Phillips, physician-educator, innovator, humanitarian, and a Downey resident of many years, will be honored for his contributions to the Downey Symphony at the orchestra's concert on Saturday evening, Jan. 29 in the Downey Civic Theater.

"On this occasion, we want to recognize Dr. Phillips," stated Harold Ttskelenis of the Symphonic Society, "as an internationally known philanthropist and a community benefactor. His recent generous gift has largely underwritten this performance, the second in the orchestra's 47th season."

1960...

Dr. Phillips' involvement with our local orchestra began in about 1960, when his wife, Ellie, "Downey's Grand Dame of Music", founded the Women's Committee for the Downey Symphony, now known as the Symphony Guild, a fund-raising arm for the orchestra.

According to a history of the orchestra, one of Ellie Phillips' goals was for the Downey Symphony to present a concert in the Music Center's Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, "an ambition realized in 1977. As a birthday gift to his wife, the event was arranged by Dr. Jordan Phillips.... a second such concert was arranged in 1978, shortly following the death of Mrs. Phillips, as a tribute to her."

In the succeeding years, Dr. Phillips has maintained an incredibly active schedule involving speaking engagements, lectures, conferences, writing and editing, always traveling, traveling, traveling.

Field of medicine

His field of medicine is in gynecologic laparoscopy and endoscopy. To a layman scouring the fattest dictionary around, that pertains to those astounding medical instruments that give an actual picture of what's going on with your innards. Useful.

His work has sent him crisscrossing the United States time after time, to France, Israel, India, the Republic of China, Russia, Italy, Singapore, Hong Kong, Mexico, Germany, Venezuela, Spain, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Australia, Hawaii, Finland, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Portugal, Ireland, Hungary, Puerto Rico, the Netherlands Antilles, Tunisia, Switzerland.

From throughout the world, resultant honors have flowed in.

He is listed as a member of the Los Angeles Music and Performing Arts Commission, the Los Angeles World Affairs Council, the Board of Trustees of UC Irvine College of Medicine, the World Medical Association, and as a consultant to the World Health Organization and from 1976 to date, to the Federal Drug Administration, Department of

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SCHOOL AWARD WINNER—Joyce Pitts holds a Downey Unified School District Award for Outstanding Service, presented to her at Tuesday's DUSD Board meeting. Congratulating her (from left), Board President Barbara Samperi, Leslie Jones, Director of Categorical Programs, and right, District Superintendent Wendy L. Doty. Also honored Tuesday was teacher Cherry Marks of Griffiths Middle School (not shown).



HONORED FOR SERVICE AS PRESIDENT—D. Mark Morris, outgoing president of the Downey Unified School District Board (center), displays an award honoring his year of service as president. At left is new Board President Barbara Samperi. At right is District Superintendent Wendy L. Doty.

Alternative uses for freeway water

DOWNEY—The large amount of water currently being drained from beneath the I-105 freeway and then dumped in the drainage system where it then runs to the sea may yet be put to good use if a study paid for by the Water Replenishment District of Southern California is positive.

The WRD, a regional water agency in charge of maintaining groundwater levels in the area, is financing the study by Carollo Engineers at a cost of \$389,743. It will study the 13 wells currently pumping water from beneath the freeway to determine if it can be used for non-drinking purposes at the Dominguez Gap Barrier in Wilmington.

Use of recycled water instead of fresh would mean less cost and more conservation of fresh drinking water.

The State Department of Health Services tentatively approved the project last March, if the study indicates the water is good enough for such use. The study itself will begin soon and take about eight months.

If it is approved by the state, the water will be pumped into a series of wells along the Dominguez Gap to block a threatened salt water intrusion from the sea that otherwise will eventually pollute the underground water supply.

A previous study by Caltrans and the City of Downey found that the water cannot be used for drinking unless it is extensively treated. Downey decided last year that it would be too expensive to build a treatment plant beside the freeway and transfer treated water to Downey's system.

The need for pumping the water from beneath the freeway which was completed in 1993 has caused a series of repair plans, finally resulting in the costly system of wells and pumps.

Caltrans has studied the alternative of building an eight-mile long pipeline to Wilmington and awarded \$8 million to finance it. It would run through Paramount, Lynwood, Compton, Long Beach and Carson, and carry about 8,000 acre feet a year.

Pitts, Marks honored by Downey schools

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The Board of the Downey Unified School District heard presentations honoring Certificated employee Cherry Marks of Griffiths Middle School and Joyce Pitts, Classified employee, for their outstanding service in the area of Personnel to the District.

The presentations by Griffiths Principal Wayne Diulio and Director of Categorical Programs Leslie Jones were at Tuesday's regular Board meeting.

Diulio referred to Marks as a pillar of the profession. She has been a teacher at Griffiths for nine years, three of them as Department Chair. She oversees the placement of every Special Education student and monitors their progress. She serves as school Gatekeeper to Special Education and has years of service on the Social Committee. She is also a model teacher and regularly works with students before school, snack and lunch to assure their understanding of subjects. She cares about the health and safety of everyone on campus, and no priority is higher to her than a quality education.

Joyce Pitts

Jones pointed out that Pitts started out as an instructional assistant in physical education. When opportunity opened, she took a position at West as attendance records clerk. She then moved to the District Office in 1989 to input test results and other data from the District's English learner population. The numbers have grown from 500 to more than 5000. She learned the District's total English Learner program. Classroom and resource teachers recognize her expertise, and ask her help. Her communication and interpersonal skills make her selection for this honor clear.

The Board also heard a presentation by Warren High Principal Eileen Wannett on the implementation of the two-lunch program at Warren. A similar lunch move is under consideration by Downey High School.

In other action the School Board:

Donations

* Accepted donations to the TLC Center of \$500 from the Rotary Club of Downey, \$1,000 from the Hoag Property Management, \$2,000 from the Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary, \$5,000 from Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, \$12,000 from the Dr. Mary Stauffer Foundation, \$25,000 from the Crail Johnson Foundation, and \$5,000 each in promotional productions from

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Inland truck depot said freeway answer

LOS ANGELES—At its Governing Board meeting Jan. 13, the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) approved an ambitious new initiative to promote developing an inland truck depot as part of an expanded mission to reduce port-related congestion and solidify Southern California's position as the nation's pre-eminent trade center.

The proposed depot would provide a facility where containers being shipped during expanded port hours can be parked prior to their daytime delivery to distribution centers throughout Southern California.

Reduced traffic

"The development of an inland truck depot will go a long way toward reducing port-related traffic and addressing one of the most important issues associated with expanded port hours," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman and ACTA Board Chair Janice Hahn. "ACTA is taking a lead role in the development of this and other critical elements of a regional goods movement network for Southern California."

"While considerable work remains, we are very pleased with the progress being made to implement ACTA's expanded mission," said Long Beach City Councilman and ACTA Board Vice Chair Frank Colonna. "Adding the development of an inland truck depot will only enhance overall efforts to make the critical investments our region needs to keep up with current and future cargo demands on Southern California's trade network."

Pier Pass program

ACTA is already supporting efforts by the marine terminal at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to implement the "Pier Pass" program to extend the hours of operation at both ports in an effort to reduce truck traffic during peak driving times. The ACTA Governing Board also authorized ACTA management to begin the implementation of a shuttle train demonstration project to further increase the use of rail facilities to move goods in and out of the ports and reduce freeway congestion. Finally, ACTA, in cooperation with Caltrans, has nearly completed the environmental documents associated with developing a four-lane elevated expressway on State Route 47 to alleviate truck congestion. The documents are expected to be completed by the end of the year. ACTA will pursue various federal, state and local funding opportunities over the course of the coming year to implement that critical project.

Already in service

The new inland truck depot initiative will augment these and other elements of the expanded mission adopted by ACTA last year. Similar facilities are already in service near the ports to relieve storage-related congestion, and an inland facility would further reduce the number of trucks using area streets and highways during daytime hours. The inland facility could also hold some of the cargo handled by the shuttle train demonstration project as well as provide another facility to temporarily house empty containers.

Blood Mobile to take blood drive donations

DOWNEY—Century 21 My Real Estate and Treadway, Lumsdaine & Doyle invite the community to making a donation to their annual American Red Cross Blood Drive.

The Blood Mobile will be in the parking lot of Century 21 My Real Estate at 7834 Florence Ave., Downey on Tuesday, Feb. 8 from 1-7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

“The need for donations continues to rise year after year. The only way we can meet this need is by the generosity of individuals,” stated Rob Torres of the Red Cross. Laurie Mac Isaac of Century 21 reports, “The Downey community has always supported the drive and has been generous in their donations. We are positive this year will be successful.”

To set up an appointment, you are asked to contact Mac Isaac at (800) 641-2111.

West Little League try-outs tomorrow

DOWNEY – Try-outs will be held tomorrow, Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at West Middle School as West Downey Little League takes sign-ups for its new season.

Cost is \$45 for t-ball (ages 5 and up) and \$75 for Minor A, Minor B, Minor C and Majors. A birth certificate, California ID and current gas or electric bill will be needed when registering.

West Middle School is at 11985 S. Old River School Road. Call 928-2837 for more information.



CROSS-TOWN RIVALS—The St. Raymond's and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Girl's "B" volleyball teams enjoyed squaring off this year. While the schools are cross-town rivals, many of the girls have been friends for years. CYO "B" teams are made up of 5th and 6th grade students. The OLPH team won their CYO Division Championship.

'Tea and Torah' series starts Feb. 2

DOWNEY—The Sisterhood of Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is presenting a month of "Tea and Torah" gatherings on 4 successive Wednesdays with the Temple's spiritual leader, Cantor Kenneth Jaffe.

Tea and Torah 2005 will be a very special learning series starting Feb. 2, and continuing on Feb. 9, 16, and 23, all scheduled at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m. The community is welcome to attend.

Donation for all 4 sessions is \$10 for members, and \$15 for non-members. The sessions will deal with "Tradition."

An "Introduction to Judaism" class will be offered Monday evenings beginning Feb. 7.

All events take place in the Temple Ner Tamid Fellowship Hall, 10629 Lakewood Blvd in Downey. Call the Temple office, 861-9276, for more information.

Eaters Anonymous meetings

DOWNEY – Compulsive Eaters Anonymous is a group of men and women that have found relief from eating disorders of compulsive eating, Bulimia and anorexia, who hold three weekly meetings in Downey.

There are no dues or fees. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively.

For information call Marie Augimeri at 884-5799.

Keep Downey Beautiful seeking street help

DOWNEY—Keep Downey Beautiful, an independent community beautification group, is seeking groups and individuals as volunteers to maintain clean roads and thoroughfares in Downey.

The Adopt A Street program allocates streets in the city to groups and individuals who provide the labor and \$225 (\$325 if KDB provides the cleanup crew).

Carol Rowland, director of the program, said a sponsors period runs from Sept. 1 to Aug. 31, during which a designated section must be cleaned and debris picked up and removed at least four times. Street sections range from a half mile to mile in length. After the first pickup KDB will install Adopt A Street signs, one each for each direction, indicating the name of the business or individual.

If KDB recruits the volunteer such as a local church group, school or civic club, their names will be listed. For information or to help, call (562) 904-7159.

Candy Bouquet opens in Downey Jan. 26

DOWNEY—A new Candy Bouquet franchise, located at 8644 Florence Ave. (near McDonald's), will have its grand opening Wednesday, Jan. 26. Owners Bijay and Meena Agrawalla, along with the Downey Chamber of Commerce, will entertain city officials and other community leaders in an open house celebration starting at 4 p.m.

Candy Bouquet International, Inc. specializes in floral-like creations crafted from gourmet chocolates and candies. Candy Bouquet says it takes customized orders to suit any occasion, any budget, and any person of any age. Also, it ships anywhere in the world. Answering the need for "the perfect corporate gift," the new Florence Ave. franchise will also carry other gift items, gift baskets and fresh fudge.

The owners invite the public to visit the store, and check out their "sweet and unique" creations, especially for Valentine's Day. The number to call: (562) 923-2736 or visit <http://3330.candybouquet.com>.

Annual Community Job Fair March 12

DOWNEY—The Downey Chamber of Commerce and Downey Adult School are again co-sponsoring the upcoming fourth annual Community Job Fair on Saturday, March 12 which will be held at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center/Diane Boggs Auditorium, 7810 Quill Drive, Downey, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The job fair brings prospective employers and employees together. For more information, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce, 924-2191, or Tina Campos, Downey Adult School, 940-6257.

NARFE meets at Furman Park Jan. 26

DOWNEY—The National Association of Retired Federal Employees (Southeast Chapter) will hold its monthly meeting at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Furman Park-West Bldg., 10419 S. Rives in Downey.

To be discussed is the planning of the association's 50th anniversary luncheon in March, as well as the upcoming state convention in San Mateo.

Members are to bring a sack lunch; beverages will be served. Retired and active Federal workers are invited to the meeting. For more details, contact Chapter president Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

'Hypnotherapy as a career' offered

NORWALK—Certified clinical hypnotherapist Frank Genco offers a 10-week, 30-hour certification class on "Hypnotherapy as a Career" at Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd. in Norwalk, starting Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. This would appeal to those contemplating developing a new vocation or a part-time retirement career.

Cost is \$219 plus a \$60 material fee payable to the instructor at the first class. Genco is the author of "Trance Script," a practical guidebook to self-hypnosis.

To register for the course, call Community Education, Cerritos College, (562) 467-5050, ext. 2521.

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 by Scheir S. Azer, D.D.S.

By now, most parents are well aware of the risks that secondhand smoke presents to their children. Now, however, researchers added another potential risk to the list. According to a study involving 3,531 children (which was recently published in the Journal of the American Medical Association), children between ages four and eleven who were exposed to large amounts of secondhand smoke were found to be twice as likely to show signs of tooth decay as children were with little to no secondhand smoke exposure. This is not the first study to show that the harms of smoking can extend to teeth and gums. Research has also shown that secondhand smoke increases the risk of gum disease in adults.

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ANITA TUTTLE—Shown here with husband **Julius**, has held various offices with the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #270, which awarded her recently with a 50-year Membership Pin.

Tuttle awarded 50-year membership pin

DOWNEY—Anita Tuttle, who has lived in Downey with her husband Julius since 1942, was recently awarded her 50-year Membership Pin by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #270, in honor of her service in various capacities to the organization over the years.

In addition, she was a charter member of the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) and the White Shrine, both in 1951, and has held several positions with Eastern Star #160.

Husband Julius, who retired in 1984 after 38 years with Peat Manufacturing, has been active in the American Legion and Boy Scouts. Their children, Tom and Dick, attended Griffiths Elementary and Warren High School in Downey. Dick still lives in Downey and is with the Downey Police Department. Tom lives in Washington and is employed by the Washington Department of Forestry.

The American Legion Auxiliary prides itself as the world's largest women's patriotic service organization.

DNC to tour Uptown Whittier Jan. 25

DOWNEY—The Downey Newcomers Club will be visiting the "Past Tyme Tea Parlor" and gift shop, located at 6550 Greenleaf Avenue in historic Uptown Whittier, Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m.

The fun trip is under the direction of tour chairman Vicki Augimeri. For other details, she can be reached at 862-7562.

Grant to go towards DRMC nursing program

DOWNEY – The Bridge to Nursing program at Downey Regional Medical Center will receive more than \$300,000 over the next 18 months, thanks to a grant by UniHealth Foundation, according to the hospital.

UniHealth recently informed the Memorial Trust Foundation at DRMC that it intends to give \$312,500.

Bridge to Nursing is a scholarship program founded in 2000, which works with citizens from East Los Angeles planning a career in health care. Graduating nurses have agreed to work at DRMC for a minimum of two years after completing the program and passing the state licensing exam.

"The Bridge to Nursing program was the first of its kind on the greater Los Angeles area, and is now used as a model for other acute care hospitals," DRMC CEO and President Allen Korneff said. "It has proven to be a very innovative and successful collaborative effort that is helping us overcome the severe nursing shortage that our state is experiencing."

UniHealth Foundation is a charitable foundation that focuses on healthcare services and programs through a framework of education, prevention and treatment. In considering the merits of grant applications, it examines community needs, population health data, trends and challenges in the healthcare system, particularly issues pertinent to Southern California hospitals.

To learn more about the Bridge to Nursing program, call the Memorial Trust Foundation at 904-5055. Downey Regional Medical Center is at 11500 Brookshire Ave.

Judge Mautino 'Rise 'N Shine' speaker

DOWNEY—Judge Phillip Mautino of the Downey Superior Court will be the guest speaker at the Downey Chamber of Commerce's Rise 'N' Shine Networking Group's meeting at Nordic Fox Restaurant Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 a.m.

Judge Mautino will address "Jury Reform." Chamber members are to RSVP 923-2191.



'SCOOTER' THE CLOWN—Of the Al Malaikah Clown Unit makes a heart-shaped balloon, one of many different figures he crafted for some 40 DUSD children at recent holiday party sponsored by the Downey United Masonic Lodge. Those in attendance included parents, Downey Councilman Meredith Perkins and Downey Fire Department members. Coordinating the event were Bob Udoff for the Masons and Dr. Jerilyn King, DUSD Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services. Each student received school supplies and other goodies.

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Flower power!

By John Adams

The small flower garden just to the east of Third Street Coffee on Third Street across from the movie theater has been the focus of a cultural war in recent months.

We are happy to report that the good guys (the flowers) appear to be winning.

This was not always the case.

A certain element that hangs around the movie theater (they were described to us as the "Gothics"), found the perfect spot to express their contempt for anything beautiful and fragile in these flowers. They simply stood on them, crushing them until all that remained were a few wispy weeds.

This was reported in a previous column here, along with some comment about signs of our times.

Someone in authority apparently took the column to heart and when we dropped by again this week we found that iron railings have been put up to keep the "gothics" out of the flowers, which have been replanted and are doing wonderfully well.

So, what's a few flowers one way or another, you may ask?

It's all a matter of attitude. Of how we conduct ourselves and how we want to view life.

If you want to stand on top of flowerbeds on street corners so be it. But please, not on my street corner, that I and a lot of folks who appreciate flowers, have to share with you.

Central Basin appoints managers

CARSON - The Central Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors, together with its sister-agency, West Basin Municipal Water District, approved the appointment of acting co-general managers Art Aguilar and Rich Nagel as co-general managers at its December meeting. Aguilar and Nagel held the positions on an interim basis since May 2004.

"Art and Rich's overall knowledge of the water industry and its nuances is a tremendous asset to Central Basin," said Central Basin Board President Bob Apodaca. "From their collective experience to their management skills, they are highly qualified to excel in these positions."

Prior to his appointment to co-general manager, Aguilar was the Manager of Public and Governmental Affairs for Central Basin and West Basin for five years. In this position, he oversaw all aspects of the Districts' community outreach operation including public/media relations, public education, conversation, legislative efforts and special events.

Nagel has more than 17 years of experience in the water industry.

Water body urges synthetic grass

CARSON—The Central Basin Municipal Water District is one of several area water agencies urging owners of large properties in its area to apply for grants for installation of synthetic turf.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, based in Los Angeles, has asked for proposals from owners interested in exchanging their grass areas for synthetic turf. Applicants are eligible for up to \$50,000 for installation and maintenance of synthetic turf, said a spokesman. The synthetic looks and feels like real grass but requires no water and little maintenance after installation.

The grants are specifically for the synthetic turf, and paved surfaces do not apply. For more information visit the MWD Web site at www.mwdh20.com or call Bill Eubank at (213) 217-6489.

Three deputies honored for stolen car arrests

PICO RIVERA—Three deputies from the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station have been recognized by the Auto Club and California Highway Patrol for outstanding work in the recovery of stolen vehicles.

The deputies made 21 arrests and recovered 45 stolen vehicles.

Hend Hasrouni of the Auto Club of Southern California's Downey office and CHP Santa Fe Springs area Capt. Sharon Baker presented the honorees Jan. 19 at the sheriff's station.

The 10851 Award gets its name from the California Vehicle Code that prohibits vehicle thefts. To qualify for the award, an officer must meet any of the following criteria in a one year time span:

- * Make six separate "rolling stolen" (suspect occupied) in-custody arrests;
- * Recover a total of 12 stolen vehicles, at least three of which are suspect occupied;
- * Develop information resulting in the identification of a theft ring and the arrest of two or more suspects and recovery of at least 10 vehicles. Honored were deputies David Zarda, Gabriel Ramirez and Raymond Huang.



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Comcast Cable Communications and HSS Security, as well as many lesser dollar amounts that are no less valued by the School District.

*Accepted a cash donation of \$8,500 for classroom field trips at Carpenter School from Pecos Inc., and the Esnayra Family; a cash donation of \$7,500 for field trips at Maude Price School from the Price PTA; plus many donations of lesser dollar value but reflected no less in gratitude by the District.

*Approved the 200-06 Course of Study for Middle and High Schools.

*Approved a revision of the 2004-05 Downey Adult School Course of Study.

*Reviewed proposed changes to BP 1105, Uniform Complaint Procedures; and reviewed AR 1105.1, Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures for adoption.

*Approved payment of expenses and fees for conference and convention attendance.

General agreements

*Ratified a general agreement with Autism Behavior Consultants for the 2004-05 fiscal year retroactive to July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

*Ratified a general agreement with Mid Valley Learning Center for the 2004-05 fiscal year starting July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

*Ratified a general agreement with Morning Sky Residential School for the 2004-05 fiscal year retroactive to July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.

*Ratified a general agreement with the Speech and Language Development Center for the 2004-05 fiscal year retroactive to July 1, 2004, and ending July 1, 2005.

*Ratified a general agreement with Zinsmeyer Academy for the 2004-05 fiscal year retroactive to Oct. 18, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

*Ratified a contract with Administrative Services Cooperative for Special Education Transportation for services as needed in 2004-05 not to exceed \$120,000.

*Ratified payments as submitted for several education placements.

*Approved purchase orders by the Purchasing department per Board policy.

*Ratified the issuance of Payroll Orders for Hourly, Overtime, Civic Center work by the Classified personnel, Adult School, and Food Services for the months of October, November and December, 2004.

*Ratified B Warrants for the month of November and December.

Claremont pact

*Ratified pre-intern and student teaching agreement with the Claremont Graduate University starting Aug. 1, 2004.

*Approved a teaching agreement with Chapman University starting Nov. 1, 2004 through Oct. 31, 2005.

*Approved a consulting services agreement with Educational Consulting services for an interim financial director and other related services on an as needed basis starting Jan. 19, 2005 through June 30 2006.

*Approved an agreement between greater Long Beach Workforce Development Bureau and the Downey Adult School to provide training for customers eligible under the Workforce Investment Act, or Welfare to Work legislation.

*Approved the extension of the current contract with Wal-Mart for internships to Downey Adult School students through Jan. 31, 2006.

*Ratified a contract with Cal-Los Angeles for District Employee on Loan Reimbursement starting Aug. 1, 2004 through July 31, 2005.

Adult School tours

*Approved tour contracts with Great Western Tours for the Adult School's Educational Tour program submitted for Feb. 24, 2005 through May 25, 2005. Student enrollment fees cover costs.

*Ratified a memorandum of understanding with Claremont Graduate University.

*Accepted as complete trade electrical work by Spike Electric of Whittier in the sum of \$8,788 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete fencing work by McCullah Fence Co., of Bell Gardens in the sum of \$8,494, to be charged to the Bond and/or General Fund.

*Accepted as complete backhoe services with Tarra Pave of Whittier in the sum of \$1,131 to be charged to Maintenance, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete improvement and repair of concrete areas by 3D Concrete of Downey in the sum of \$13,750 to be charged to the General and/or Bond Funds.

*Accepted as complete a bid package for aluminum storefront and windows at the Warren High Administration Building, with Queen City Glass of Palm Springs in the final sum of \$63,603 to be charged to the Bond Fund.

Awarded bid packages

*Awarded the following bid packages for expansion and modernization work at Lewis School: Glass and Glazing to Moonlight Glass of San Marcos, \$123,000. Painting by Angeles Contractor of Garden Grove, \$267,000.

*Awarded the following bids for bid packages of work to expand the Unsworth Elementary School campus: General works to Toby B. Hayward of Monrovia, \$1,982,500. Plumbing and Site Utilities to HPS Mechanical of Bakersfield, \$309,360. HVAC and EMS to Liberty Climate Control, of South El Monte, \$121,360. Electrical to Dennison Electric, Inc., of Los Alamitos, \$584,000. All the above charged to the Bond Funds.

*Awarded a bid for contract electrical labor to Spike Electric of Anaheim in the estimated annual sum of \$500,000 with no guarantee the sum will be met or exceeded with an option to renew on mutual agreement, to be charged to Maintenance, General, Deferred Maintenance and/or Bond Funds.

Sussman freezer

*Awarded a bid for a new freezer for Sussman Middle School to Sally Paris Equipment Sales of Sunland in the sum of \$17,850 to be charged to Food Service Fund.

*Approved the renewal of a bid for backhoe services on an as needed basis from Jan. 1, 2005 through Dec. 31, 2005 with Terra Pave of Whittier in the estimated annual sum of \$150,000 with no guarantee that sum will be met, to be charged to the Deferred Maintenance, General and/or Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 2 for chicken products with Kings Delight/Braselton Poultry of Atlanta, Ga., in the increased amount of \$8,300 to be charged to Food Services.

*Approved Change Order 3 to an open purchase order for frozen slush drinks with Fun Foods Distributing of Placentia in the increased sum of \$8,700 to be charged to Food Services.

Fuel agreement

*Approved Change Order 1 to an open purchase order for unleaded fuel as needed, with Falcon Fuels of Paramount in the increased sum of \$30,000 to be charged to the Transportation Fund.

*Approved Change Order 1 to an open purchase order for diesel fuel as needed with General Petroleum of Rancho Dominguez in the increased sum of \$35,000 to be charged to the Transportation Fund.

*Approved Change Order 6 for the new stadiums structural package at Downey and Warren High Schools by R & G Builders of Irvine in the increased sum of \$5,892 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 6 for interior work on the new stadiums at Downey and Warren, lath, plaster and drywall by Church and Larsen of Irwindale in the sum of \$3,525 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

*Approved Change Order 2 for new stadium interior work at Downey and Warren, specialties interior and exterior finishes by Pugliese Interior

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Phillips

These books cover all disciplines, and that translates to basic medical practice, nursing, dentistry, psychiatry, animal lab science, veterinary medicine, rehabilitation, physical therapy, public health, ophthalmology, bio-medical research, hospital management and hospital architecture.

With all this going on in his life, how can a man remember that there is a little pervasive problem at home, that his city's very good orchestra, one of few remaining in Southern California, still struggles for financial support? It is indeed an indication of Jordan and Mary Phillips' commitment, to further both the health of the human condition and of the human spirit, that they do remember.

Last September, when Dr. and Mrs. Phillips visited the Board meeting of the Downey Symphonic Society to present their check for \$10,000, Dr. Phillips mentioned rather casually that he had been nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize, and he added, with twinkling eyes that he feels ready to accept it any time. If it informs the Nobel Committee at all, the Symphony Board would greet word of such honors with a standing ovation and second the nomination heartily.



MEADOWS-HOWIE WEDDING—Kelly Meadows, daughter of Tim and Donna Schultdt of Downey and Tim and Gina Meadows of La Habra, married childhood friend Bryan Howie, son of Ralph and Darlene Byrd of Downey and Lonnie Howie of Las Vegas, on Oct. 2 at Pala Mesa Resort in Fallbrook. Kelly is a recent graduate of CSU-Fullerton and Bryan is a mortgage broker for Wells Fargo Bank. The couple now resides in their new home in San Diego.

Board comments assail governor

By John Adams

DOWNEY—The temper of the Board of the Downey Unified School District was short when the subject of the state budget and the failure of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to live up to his promise to fund education in the state came up.

Boardmember Donald La Plante said the governor has failed to keep his promise on education, and will be billions of dollars short both in this year and next year's budget.

The Board's Tod Corrin and William Gutierrez joined La Plante in challenging the Governor to live up to his word.

DEA speaker

And speaking from the audience, the head of the Downey Education Association (DEA) agreed and said the teachers membership were willing to join forces with the District in unity over the coming budget fight.

Board President Barbara Samperi thanked the private sector for its many contributions to the District.



MARTIN CHALIFOUR—Concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, will be featured guest soloist with the Downey Symphony Saturday, Jan. 29.

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Systems of Rancho Santa Margarita in the sum of \$17,148 to be charged to the Bond Funds.

Increase-decrease

*Approved the increase and decrease in income and appropriations for the 2004-05 Adult Education Fund budget.

*Approved the increase and decrease in income and appropriations for the 2004-05 County School Facilities budget.

*Approved adjustment of the 2004-05 General Fund Budget to reflect certain increases in revenue.

*Approved the 2004-05 transfer of funds for the Building Fund program.

*Approved the transfer of \$2,363,380 from specified funds to the Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Fund.

*Approved the declaration of surplus and sale of district property by Nationwide Auction Co., and abatement of the income to the General Fund.

*Approved purchase of equipment as listed in accordance with Board Policy.

*Authorized the service of several teachers as submitted, assigned to subject areas not listed on their credentials for the 2004-05 school year, pursuant to the Education Code.

*Ratified the establishment of a 2.5 percent salary stipend for classified positions requiring the ability to speak English and Spanish and translate orally.

*Approved changes in several senior instructional assistant/ behaviorally handicapped, food service assistant, clerical assistant-bilingual and accounting technician positions.

The next public meeting of the DUSD Board will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

Boy Scout car wash at Beach's Market

DOWNEY—Boy Scouts of America, Troop #895 of Downey, will be holding a car wash Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Beach's Market.

The boys hope to raise funds for future trips and projects.

Breath of God tea fundraiser Jan. 29

DOWNEY—Pastor Garnett Simpson-Grier and the Women's Ministry of the Breath of God Christian Fellowship Church will host its 8th annual Winter Tea Fundraiser Saturday, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. at Steven's Seafood and Steak House, 5332 Stevens Place, City of Commerce. The event's theme is "Coming Alive in 2005." Men are welcome.

Proceeds from this tea will be used to benefit men and women from local missions and shelters. Tickets are \$25 per person.

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CHERRY MARKS HONORED—Cherry Marks (second from left) is honored by the Board of the Downey Unified School District at that body's regular meeting Tuesday. Shown from left, Board President Barbara Samperi, Marks, Griffiths Principal Wayne Diulio, and DUSD Superintendent Wendy L. Doty.

New smog check station in Downey

DOWNEY—Eagle Smog Check, a test-only facility that performs smog checks and nothing else, opened recently along Telegraph Road in Downey, just east of Lakewood Blvd.

"Eagle Smog Check is committed to ensuring that our neighbors view us as a positive addition to the community," said company president and CEO Herbert Stevens.

1-day workshop on self-hypnosis Jan. 27

NORWALK—A one-day seminar/workshop on how self-hypnosis can speed up the learning process will be offered through the Office of Community Education at Cerritos College Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

Themes covered include: learn how to increase your mind power and retention; relax during tests and achieve better concentration; and discover learning style and overcome anxiety with instant recall in real estate law, collage entrance and all other examinations.

Cost of the session is \$39 plus a \$15 tape and material fee. To register, call (562) 467-5050.

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—Ellie Harrington,
Downey

Street Faire preparations underway

DOWNEY—Preparations have started for the annual Downey Street Faire, a major project of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

Jan Scott, this year's Street Faire Committee chairman, appealed to old and new sponsors for help in producing the event, in accordance with the following revised sponsor structure:

Gold Sponsor	\$5,000
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Judaism classes offered at Temple Ner Tamid

DOWNEY—Temple Ner Tamid of Downey offers "Introduction to Judaism" classes Monday evenings at 8 p.m., starting Feb. 7. These classes will be led by the Temple's spiritual leader, Cantor Kenneth Jaffe. Temple Ner Tamid, a Reform Temple, is located at 10629 Lakewood Blvd. in Downey.

The 18-week course will touch upon many of the main tenets and core practices of Judaism. While it will stress Reform Jewish practice, it will be a wonderful introduction to Judaism, whether for the Jewish individual wanting to know more about their rich heritage, or for the non-Jew who simply wants to know more about the faith that has created much of the core pillars of Western religious and ethical thought.

In these times, many seek comfort and community, and this is an opportunity to study Jewish spirituality. These Monday evening sessions should be very interesting and stimulating. A few field trips are planned.

For information about fees/to reserve a space in the class, call the Temple office at 861-9276.

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Spanish play kicks off 2005 season

LOS ANGELES—The Bilingual Foundation of the Arts (BFA) opens its 2005 season with a classic play from 17th Century Spanish literature, "Los Empenos de Una Casa" / "The Misfortunes of a Household," authored by legendary Spanish playwright, Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz. The play, written in 1693, is a witty and light-hearted romp about a group of young men who plan a mischievous love-hunt for virtuous young maidens.

The play is said to have had an impact on children and students who have seen it as part of BFA's *Introduction to the Classics* education series.

Sponsored in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, *Los Empenos de Una Casa* will alternate weekly in Spanish and English. It has been adapted by BFA artistic director Margarita Galban and Lina Montalvo.

The Spanish opening night is Friday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m., and the English opening is Friday, March 4, at 8 p.m. Performances run Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. The play runs through Sunday, March 20.

Preview tickets on Thursday, Feb. 17 and on Thursday, March 3 are \$18. Opening night tickets are \$35, and regular admission tickets are \$26 on Thursdays, and \$27 on weekends. Discounts are available for students, seniors, teachers, and groups of 15 or more.

For more information and to reserve tickets, call the BFA box office at (323) 225-4044. The BFA Theatre is located at 421 North Avenue 19 in Los Angeles.

Events for February at Orange County Fair

COSTA MESA—Scheduled February events at the Orange County Fair & Exposition Center, 88 Fair Drive, in Costa Mesa, (714) 708-1543:

5-6 **Crossroads of the West Gun Show** – Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Bldgs. #10, #12, #14 and Parade of Products. Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, children under 12 free with adult. B&L Productions, (801) 544-9125.

11-13 **Scats Gymnastics 2005 Hall of Fame Classic** – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Bldg. #10. Admission: adults \$8, seniors (55+) and children \$5. SCATS Gymnastics, (714) 895-2909, www.scatsgymnastics.com.

13 **Bridal Expo** – Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Bldg. #12 and Parade of Products. Admission: adults \$7, seniors (55+) and children (12 and under) \$5. Adcom Publishing, (714) 670-7800, www.brideworld.com.

Senior day trips depart next month

WHITTIER – Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier is offering day trips for seniors, beginning in February.

On Feb. 15, the group will travel to the Welk Resort (\$78); Feb. 24 to Huntington Library and Old Town Pasadena (\$32) and Feb. 28 to Pechanga Casino (\$8).

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Wine tasting and show Feb. 27

DOWNEY – Downey Regional Medical Center will host a wine tasting Feb. 27 prior to the Downey Theater's performance of "Bye, Bye Birdie."

Wine tasting will run from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.; the show follows at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person for the show and wine tasting or \$10 for season ticket holders or for wine tasting only. Tickets are available in the hospital gift shop or by calling Claudia Graham at 944-6724.

Concert performance at CSU-Long Beach

LONG BEACH – CSU-Long Beach will present its Faculty Artist Series Jan. 26 at Daniel Recital Hall. Dr. Richard Naill will be on cello, accompanied by Heewon Kwon on piano.

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Funeral mass held for Jesse Ray Miller

DOWNEY—A funeral mass was held yesterday, Jan. 20 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for Jesse Ray Miller, who was born Feb. 6, 1919 in Seattle, Washington to parents Ray Miller and Rose St. Jean Miller and died on Jan. 14 in Downey. He was 85.

He was employed for 45 years as a Design Draftsman and, at the time of retirement, was employed by Bethlehem Steel. Prior to starting his career, he served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Miller enjoyed working around the home doing yard work, tending to his rose garden, and mowing the lawn. He was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for many years, and sang in the choir.

A member and past president of the Downey Charter of Diamond Tread Model A Car Club, he also enjoyed driving around in his spare time in his Model A car that he had completely built on his own. He could also be found riding his bicycle around and taking many trips down the riverbed to Carson Park, and then back home after a lunch break at the park.

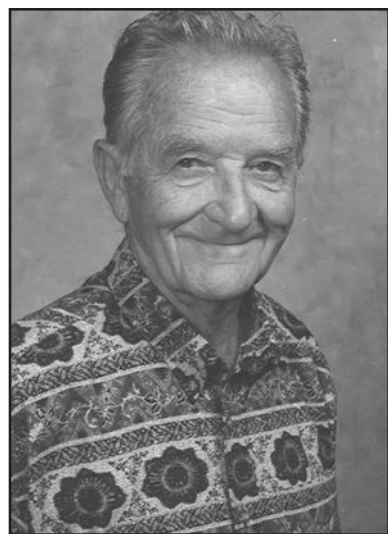
Miller is survived by his wife, Mary Eleanor Miller of Downey; sons David R. Miller of Long Beach, Daniel (Linda) T. Miller of Irvine, Dean (Marilou) M. Miller of Mojave Valley, Arizona, and Dennis (Carol) P. Miller of Plano, Texas; and 9 grandchildren.

He was accorded military honors at his interment at Resurrection Cemetery in South San Gabriel. Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary assisted with arrangements.

Cholesterol screening Feb. 23

WHITTIER—A cholesterol screening for seniors will be offered Feb. 23 at the Senior Life Center of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

Cost is \$25 and reservations are requested by calling 698-0811 ext. 2444.



Jesse Miller



Nina LaVroff

Services tomorrow for Nina LaVroff

DOWNEY—Nina LaVroff, a Downey resident since 1950 and mother of two, died at her home Jan. 12. Graveside services will be conducted tomorrow, Jan. 22, at Forest Lawn in Cypress at 2:30 p.m.

She was born July 6, 1920 to Marion and Sherman Davis in Long Beach, and married Arthur LaVroff in 1946. She loved to travel, at one point traveling the upper United States with her family from California to Maine, circling back through Canada to Vancouver and then returning home along the California coast. She later made visits to Germany, Paris, Rome, Italy and the Alps, among other destinations.

She was a member of the Emblem Club of Downey during the 1950s and 60s. Her husband, an industrial real estate broker and WWII veteran, predeceased her in 1970.

LaVroff is survived by her daughter, Denise LaVroff-Headrick; son Arthur LaVroff II (Glee); grandsons Ryan (Susan) and Jeremiah and great-granddaughter Audrey. Her caregiver, Elba Gomez, and a host of friends also mourn her.

"My life has been full," LaVroff said in a writing she penned late in her life. "I hope you have one as wonderful as mine has been."

Services tomorrow for Ronald Eugene Aldave

DOWNEY—Memorial services officiated by Pastor John Howe will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 22 in the Adams & Swanson Funeral Home Chapel in North Platte, Nebraska for former Downey resident Ronald Eugene Aldave, who was born Sept. 7, 1954 to Shirley and Richard Aldave in Artesia and died on Dec. 5 in Canon City, CO. He was 50.

He attended school in Downey. After school he worked in construction as a roofer. He later moved to Oak Creek, CO, opening a café with his special friend, Cheri. After her death from a long illness he traveled around Colorado, finally moving to Canon City.

Survivors include: sons Scott (Ramona) Sullivan of Whittier and Travis Aldave of Lancaster; sisters Mary (Jobe) Castor of Ogallala, NE and Jerri Aldave of North Platte; stepsister Carol Ann (Bob) Moreno of Torrance; 7 grandchildren; nieces Westley and Jessica Castor, and a nephew, Jobe Castor, Jr., all of Ogallala, NE. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather Charles Wurzburg; and 2 daughters, Rhonda and infant Tangie.

Inurnment will be in the North Platte Cemetery at a later date. In the meantime, a memorial has been established in his name. Condolences may be sent to Adams & Swanson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 489, North Platte, NE 69103, which was entrusted with arrangements.

Chester Kent lived here for over 40 years

DOWNEY—Chester Kent, who was a resident of Downey for more than 40 years and employed with Lindberg Engineering, has died. He was 89.

He was born on New Year's Day in 1916 to parents Joe and Lucy Kvetinkas who, like many thousands of Lithuanians, immigrated to America looking for a better life. He was the youngest of four sons; his brothers, Dan, Bruno and Veto, all predeceased him. Chester, although not a graduate engineer, was self-taught in the mechanical engineering area of heat-treating furnace technology. He had a long career with Chicago-based Lindberg Engineering which in 1952 offered him a promotion in their California facility.

Chester and his wife, Sophie, whom he married in Chicago in 1943, traveled extensively throughout the USA, making numerous trips over the entire state of California and Mexico in their Volkswagen camper.

He was a woodworker and became involved in many toy-making projects for youngsters at local grade schools. With no children of their own, the Kents devoted time and energy to support local activities for children. They made three trips to Lithuania to visit Sophie's relatives.

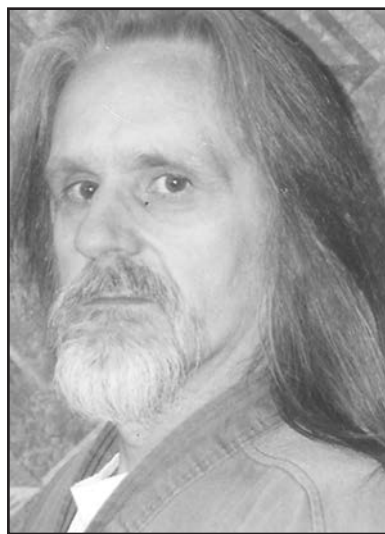
Besides woodworking, Chester enjoyed music, fishing, photography, and sailing on Lake Michigan aboard his sailboat, "Snuffy."

He will be interred at the Lithuanian National Cemetery in Justice, Illinois, near his mother and father, brother Dan, Sophie's parents, and K.P. (Gus) Yokabaitis, a family friend and mentor from Westville, Illinois.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary.



Norma LaPlante



Ronald Aldave

Memorial mass today for Norma Benna LaPlante

DOWNEY—A memorial mass will be held today, Jan. 21 for Norma Benna LaPlante at her parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, here in Downey. A longtime resident of Downey, she passed away on Jan. 11 at age 86.

She was born April 11, 1918 in Eveleth, Minnesota to parents Norman and Laura Bucklen. In addition to playing golf, bridge and bingo, she enjoyed china painting and crocheting. She also did a lot of gardening and traveling with her friends. She was a regular churchgoer as well.

She is survived by her daughter Sally J. and her husband, George Mellor; grandson Scott Mellor; brother John Bucklen and sister Ruth Pavich. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Willard.

Interment will be private. In lieu of lowers, the family requested donations be made to Norma's favorite charity, the Range Center Incorporated, 1001 Northwest 8th Avenue, P.O. Box 629, Chisholm, Minnesota 55719. Downey Zrelak Family Mortuary was entrusted with arrangements.

Charles "Fred" Osterhoudt survived by four children

DOWNEY—Services were held Jan. 20 at the Rose Hills Chapel in Whittier for Charles Frederick Osterhoudt, a resident of Downey for 43 years. He died Jan. 18 at the age of 88.

Known as "Fred" to family and friends, he served in the U.S. Army after WWII during the occupation of Korea and spent the majority of his work life with North American Rockwell in Downey.

He married his wife, Virginia, who predeceased him almost five years ago after 53 years of marriage.

Osterhoudt is survived by his three sons, Larry, Tim and Paul; daughter Carol Gilbert; and six grandchildren.

Childrens Hospital gets Top Ten ranking

LOS ANGELES—*Child* magazine in its February 2005 issue has ranked Childrens Hospital Los Angeles in the Top Ten children's hospitals in America. It is the only children's hospital on the West Coast appearing on the list.

In addition to ranking the Top Ten children's hospitals, *Child's* survey identified the Top Five children's hospitals in America in cardiology, oncology, neonatology, orthopedics and emergency medicine. The Division of Orthopaedics (Childrens Orthopaedic Center) at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles was ranked fourth in the nation in orthopedics.

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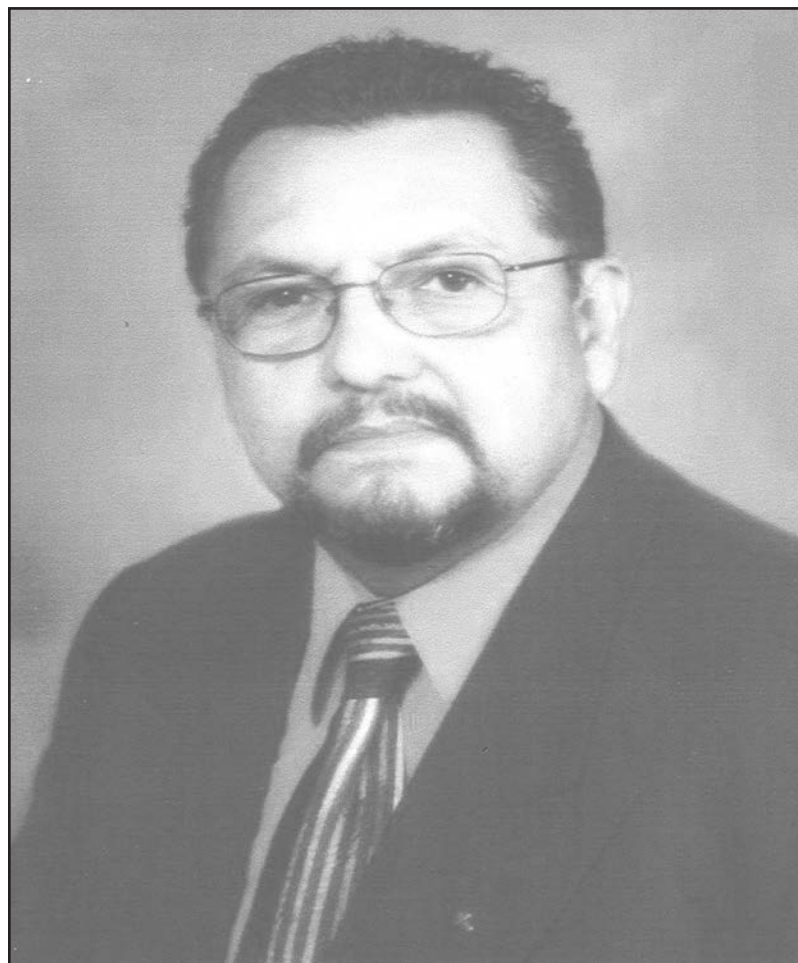
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'Pasta for Pennies' battles leukemia

LOS ANGELES—Olive Garden's 11th annual Pasta for Pennies Campaign, when Grade 1-12 students all over the U.S. bring spare change to their classroom to help fight leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma, has started. The campaign runs through April 29.

Some 65 schools are participating in the Los Angeles area. The class collecting the most money in each school receives a pasta party courtesy of Olive Garden, the Italian restaurant.

Last year, Olive Gardens Pasta for Pennies raised more than \$3.1 million for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, with more than \$20 million raised since 1994. The Society provides a range of services to leukemia and lymphoma patients and their families. For information, call (310) 846-4716, or visit www.schoolandyouth.org.

Pasta For Pennies has enjoyed the support from many celebrities. Most recently, singer-actress Mandy Moore presented a \$3.1 million check to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for funds raised in 2004.

TOPS meets weekly at First Baptist

DOWNEY—Downey TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) CA 63, whose overriding purpose is to help men and women of all ages shed excess poundage, meets Mondays from 6:30-8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 Third St.

Part of an international organization, the local chapter says there are no gimmicks, no harsh diets or exercises involved in their weight loss program—just "lots of support, motivation, and fun." For more information, call Lou at (562) 861-9425, or Suky at (323) 560-6576.

Home and condo sales in Downey climb

DOWNEY – Single family home and condo sales in the city of Downey for fourth quarter 2004 is up 7 percent from the end of fourth quarter 2003, the Downey Association of Realtors (DAOR) reported this week. The average sale price was \$478,787.

Of the 153 home listed and sold in Downey during that time period, 76 percent were listed and/or sold by a member of the DAOR. For a list of local realtors, call 861-0915 or visit www.daor.com.

Emblem Club Pechanga bus trip Feb.16

DOWNEY—Downey Emblem Club #309 is sponsoring a Pechanga Bus Trip Wednesday, Feb. 16. It is the club's first fundraiser of the year.

Assembly is at the Elks Lodge parking lot at 8 a.m. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 5:30-6:30 p.m. Bingo will be played going and coming. A \$5 voucher will be issued each Pechanga goer to use as they choose.

Price to participate is \$6 members, and \$11 non-members. For information, contact Mary Guzman at (562) 622-1003.

Hospital offers glimpse of new building

WHITTIER – Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital will make a public presentation on their new 175,000 square-foot Foundation Tower of Advanced Medicine, which they say will bring the most modern facilities, equipment and services to the community.

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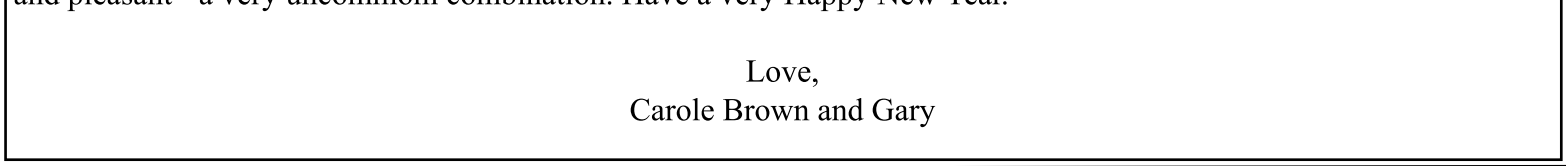


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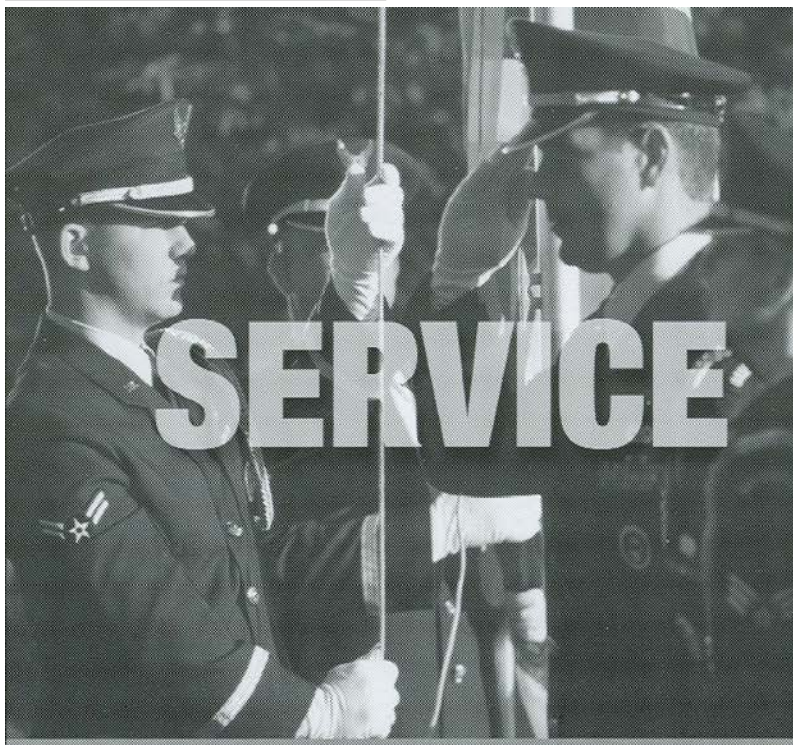
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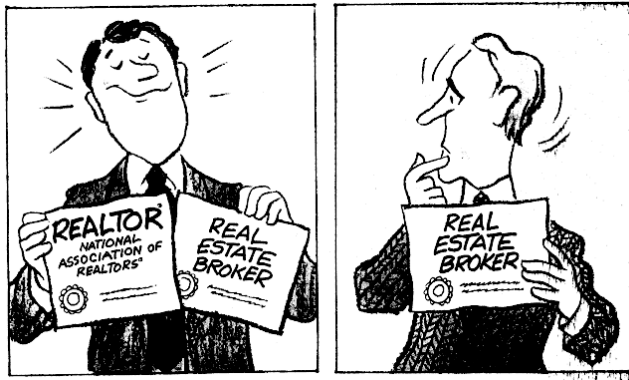
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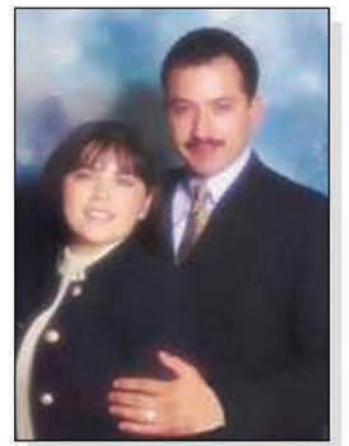
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