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Wi-Fi may be coming to public places

DOWNEY – Two years after agreeing to install Wi-Fi inside the Downey City Library, council members are considering expanding wireless internet access to select parks and public buildings.

It's unclear which city-owned properties could get Wi-Fi or how much it would cost.

A detailed report is expected to be presented to the City Council at a future meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Vasquez suggested installing Wi-Fi in the downtown area, an idea well received by fellow council members.

Councilman Roger Brossmer has first suggested Wi-Fi expansion in the past but it never happened due to budget concerns, said community development director Brian Saeki.

"Today, there could be new funding sources available that were not included in staff's original study," Saeki wrote in a report to council members.

In February 2011, the city council spent \$8,800 to install Wi-Fi inside the library, plus \$700 per month for an upgraded internet connection.

Downey Police contracts with LexisNexis

DOWNEY – Traffic collision reports will soon be available online after the city council on Tuesday agreed to contract with LexisNexis to manage its reports.

Records personnel inside the Downey Police Department currently have to manually scan traffic collision reports written by police officers, in addition to filing the original report.

Personnel also respond to requests for traffic collision reports. Last year, the police department handled 1,058 requests for collision reports, about 90 percent of which came from insurance companies, city officials said.

The police department charges \$15 for a report copy.

LexisNexis will now allow police officers to upload reports directly to an electronic database. When an insurance company or member of the public requests a collision report online, it will be handled by LexisNexis, which will collect Downey's \$15 fee.

LexisNexis adds a \$7 convenience fee, which it retains.

Residents can still walk into the police station for a collision report and pay \$15.

Police Chief Carl Charles said the LexisNexis software will free up records personnel staff and make the department more efficient in managing the reports.

He also touted the convenience of requesting a collision report online.

"The LexisNexis eCrash Application will allow our officers to complete their traffic collisions on software that is similar to what they are currently using," Charles wrote in a report. "However, the eCrash software allows the report to be submitted, reviewed and uploaded into our Records Management System electronically, eliminating the need to print out a report or manually scanning it."

Rancho legend Dr. Jacquelin Perry mourned

• Renowned physician died Monday; a public memorial is scheduled for March 22 from 1-4 p.m. at Rancho.

By Greg Waskul
Rancho Los Amigos Foundation

DOWNEY – Dr. Jacquelin Perry, a legendary physician and researcher considered the Grande Dame of Orthopaedics, passed away at her home in Downey on Monday at age 94.

Dr. Perry was the world's most accomplished physician in Rehabilitation Medicine and the study of human gait analysis. She began her long association with Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in 1955 and continued to be a major contributor to the renowned hospital's work during the remainder of her life, most recently serving as Emeritus Chief of Rancho's Polio and Gait Clinic and Pathokinesiology Program.

She was honored throughout her career with many awards and recognitions for her distinguished contributions to patients and the fields of Orthopaedic Surgery and Pathokinesiology.

Dr. Perry is credited with many clinical breakthroughs that have been adopted by clinicians around the world, from refining the halo device that helps stabilize the spine for patients with broken necks to many new surgical techniques to improve patients' lives. Through the years, her passion for improving the function of her patients never wavered.

She was beloved not just at Rancho, but throughout the worldwide medical community, a superstar who was revered for her dedication to advancing the practice of Rehabilitation Medicine, the extraordinary care she gave each of her patients, and the class with which she lived her life.

A TRUE GIANT

"Dr. Perry was a true giant of Rehabilitation Medicine," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, who was a friend and admirer of Dr. Perry's for more than three decades. "In addition to being a brilliant physician, physical therapist and surgeon, she was beloved for her intellect, her dedication and her kindness. She was a legendary scientist and an even more memorable person. We will remember her always as Rancho's greatest doctor and an enduring symbol of true excellence. She will be greatly missed."

"Dr. Perry was a remarkable physician and an inspirational leader," said Rancho Chief Executive Officer Jorge Orozco. "She continued to contribute and continued to push our clinicians to practice at a very high level, even into her 90's. She made major contributions to Rancho and our patients for nearly 60 years, and we move forward determined to honor her legacy by assuring that Rancho will always have the very highest quality of clinical care."

"She contributed more than any other person to the practice of Rehabilitation Medicine, not just in America, but throughout the world," said renowned retired Rancho physician John Hsu, MD.

"Dr. Perry didn't just set the standard, she was the standard," said Rancho Chief of Rehabilitation Therapies Lilli Thompson.

THE HEART OF RANCHO

"Dr. Jacquelin Perry was the heart of Rancho," said Rancho Los Amigos Foundation President and former Rancho CEO Connie Martinez. "She leaves us with so many memories of her greatness and with full hearts knowing how lucky Rancho was to have such a talented, loyal and accomplished friend for so many years. She was, and will always be, our guiding light."

Jacquelin Perry was born in Denver on May 31, 1918 and grew up in Los Angeles, the only child of a clothing shop clerk and a traveling salesman. She decided on her career path at a very young age. "I knew at about age 10 that I wanted to be a doctor," she said. "I read every medical book in the Los Angeles library."

After earning her Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from UCLA, she joined the U.S. Army and trained to be a physical therapist. She served in the Army as a physical therapist from 1941-1946 prior to attending medical school. "I had to convince the Army that I was completely unable to write, because if they thought I could write they would have made me a secretary," Dr. Perry said. She earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from UC San Francisco in 1950 and completed her internship at Children's Hospital of San Francisco in 1951. She completed residencies in General Surgery at the Children's Hospital in San Francisco in 1952 and in Orthopaedic Surgery at UC San Francisco in 1955.

"Orthopaedic Surgery was definitely not a field for women back then," Dr. Perry said. "People said it was too strenuous and too mechanical. Surgery wasn't very fancy back then...the hardest part was holding up some football player's leg while putting on a plaster cast."

"My medical school class had nearly 10% women - seven out of 76, pretty good numbers in those days. Orthopaedic surgery wasn't very popular then - it was mostly braces and buckles, not the surgical specialty it is today."

AN ENVIRONMENT TO INNOVATE & FLOURISH

She joined the medical staff at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in 1955, where as one of only 10 female orthopaedic surgeons in the U.S., she found an environment that suited her interest in human function and allowed her to innovate and flourish.

Like many of her contemporaries, she was skilled with hand tools and improvised and built many of the rehabilitation devices she used with her patients. For example, recognizing that bracing was not an adequate method to provide stability for polio patients who had paralysis of the neck and trunk, Dr. Perry worked with her friend and Rancho colleague Dr. Vernon Nickel to pioneer the use of halo devices for spinal surgery and rehabilitation.

She was Chief of the Pathokinesiology Service from 1966 to 1996, when she was named Chief Emeritus and became a Medical Consultant to the service. She consulted there for the remainder of her life.

Dr. Perry once stated that her polio experience at Rancho broadened her medical experience and that of others because they developed a team concept of patient care. In this model, which has been replicated around the world, nurses, therapists and other clinicians were encouraged by the physician to take responsibility for evaluation and treatment planning. Although Dr. Perry stopped performing surgeries in the late 1960s, she continued to train surgeons and accelerated her research efforts.

Dr. Perry was Director of Rancho's Quality Assurance Program from 1977 to 1990 and Chief of Rancho's Polio and Gait Clinic from 1972 to 1999, when she became Chief Emeritus.

Dr. Perry was a Professor in the Department of Orthopaedics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine from 1965 to 1992, and was a Professor at USC's Department of Physical Therapy from 1977 to 1991. She served as Professor Emeritus beginning in 1992. She also was a Clinical Professor at the UC San Francisco School of Medicine from 1966 to 1985.

PROVIDING THE FINEST CARE

"Rancho was made for me," Dr. Perry said. "Our patients had such a wide variety of disabilities that it was the right environment to spark my curiosity. Then, as now, Rancho's clinicians were concerned with only one thing-to provide the finest care in the world for our patients."

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She broke new ground in laboratory research by becoming the world's foremost expert on gait analysis. Dr. Perry authored *Gait Analysis: Normal and Pathological Function*, the classic textbook on gait and instructional course lectures for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. The Second Edition of this seminal work was published in 2011. Every physical therapist student throughout the world is taught to observe human gait using the observational gait analysis techniques that Dr. Perry helped to develop.

She also had one of the most prolific academic publication records of any clinician. Dr. Perry authored more than 400 peer-reviewed publications and nearly 40 book chapters, gave hundreds of invited presentations and was honored with dozens of major awards. Her publications are noted for their rigorous scientific standards, and they reflect her concern for patients with conditions such as polio, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy and stroke, and individuals with spinal cord injury and stroke.

HIGHEST STANDARD

Rancho's main inpatient care facility was named the "Jacquelin Perry Neuro-Trauma Institute and Rehabilitation Center" in her honor when it opened in 1996. "It amazes me that I should be honored for doing the very things I enjoy," she said at the grand opening ceremony.

Rancho's Pathokinesiology Laboratory, which she founded in 1968, was also named in her honor. The Laboratory has been the research home for many of Dr. Perry's proteges such as Drs. Sara Mulroy, JoAnne Gronley and Phillip Requejo, who continue to keep Rancho at the cutting edge of research in this vital area.

"Dr. Perry set the highest possible standard in all her research work, and it was a great honor to work side-by-side with her on many research projects," said JoAnne. "Nobody ever brought more curiosity, knowledge, intellect and dedication to advancing science as did Dr. Perry, and she always had her trademark twinkle in her eye when she was working with her patients or her publications. She loved what she did. And as a result, she stood alone in her accomplishments as a researcher and as a clinician."

"It's a tremendous honor to have worked with Dr. Perry for more than 25 years," Sara said. "She has been such a role model, particularly in her dedication to patient care. She would arrange her very busy travel schedule so that she would miss as few appointments as possible. She would



Dr. Jacquelin Perry

have the taxicab from the airport drop her off right in front of the polio clinic so that she could see the patients who were lined up and waiting to see her."

"I was so lucky to have been mentored by Dr. Perry," Phillip said. "She challenged and inspired me to be the very best that I could be, and she was always there to advise me when the going got tough."

A PASSION FOR PERFECTION

Dr. Perry's passion for perfection in the care of Rancho's patients was a shining example to clinicians everywhere. "She expected a very high level of commitment, dedication and critical thinking from all of the staff who were involved with the patients," Lilli said.

For example, the journal *Physical Therapy* dedicated its entire February 2010 issue to her work. The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation honored Dr. Perry with the Amistad Award in 1990 and its inaugural Amistad "Rancho Legend Award" in 2011.

In 2011, the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation inaugurated the Dr. Jacquelin Perry Legacy Society and last year The Perry Initiative was launched by UC San Francisco to motivate girls to consider medical careers. In addition, The Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society annually presents the Jacquelin Perry, MD Resident Research Awards for individuals in accredited orthopaedic surgical residency programs.

Dr. Perry received dozens of other major honors, including being named Woman of the Year for Medicine in Southern California by the Los Angeles Times, and Physician of the Year in the State of California in 1994.

THE WORLD LEADER

She was acknowledged as the world leader in the treatment of Post-Polio syndrome and played the pivotal role in Rancho's Post-Polio Clinic. Dr. Perry often completed rounds in Rancho's spinal cord injury service, sharing her wisdom and insight with

her fellow Rancho clinicians. Dr. Perry continued her legacy of creativity and innovation by helping train new generations of clinical leaders that are creating their own breakthroughs, becoming tomorrow's innovators and continuously improving the care for Rancho's patients.

"Dr. Perry helped us to make sure that while patients transition from inpatient to outpatient and into the community our patient care is as good and comfortable as it can be," said Rancho's Chief Medical Officer Mindy Aisen, MD. "She was a towering figure who by her mere presence inspired each and every member of Rancho's clinical team. She was our rock, our inspiration and the person we most wanted to emulate."

Dr. Perry lived with Parkinson's Disease for many years, learning how to adapt as the effects of the disease placed many challenges in her way. She took the same advice that she gave polio survivors, namely to "Modify your lifestyle to accommodate your new reality," and to "Listen to your body and adopt a program that avoids the strain."

"Dr. Perry also loved hiking and camping," said retired Rancho physician Donna Barras, MD. "For someone who was great in every way, she was such a humble, warm and caring person. I think that's why she was so esteemed by people from all walks of life."

Dr. Perry was also a stalwart member of the Downey community, where she lived for much of her adult life. She was a familiar figure at cultural events in the city, often attending symphony and Civic Light Opera performances at the Downey Civic Theatre.

EMPOWERING PATIENTS

Perhaps the best measure of Dr. Perry's work is the success of her

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PERRY: Patients share memories

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patients. Two examples are Ernest Baca and Emma Eivers, PhD, who were Dr. Perry's patients for more than half a century. Dr. Perry performed groundbreaking spinal fusion surgery on Ernest and Emma in the 1950s that enabled them to walk after suffering severe scoliosis from polio.

"When you look in Webster's dictionary under the word 'doctor' there should be a picture of Dr. Perry there, because that's how awesome she was," Ernest said.

Emma Eivers, PhD would have likely died from her polio had she not come to Rancho in the mid-1950s. "Because of the spinal fusion surgery Dr. Perry did for me, I have been able to walk and wear regular clothes all these years," Emma said. She was able to go back to

school, getting her high school diploma, Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Then she studied in France for a year, returned to the U.S. and earned her PhD from USC.

"I fell in love, got married and had a family," she said. "Because of the gifts of life and mobility Dr. Perry gave me, I have been able to achieve all my dreams. I thank Dr. Perry not only for saving my life, but for making it worthwhile."

HER WORK WILL LIVE ON

"Ernest and Emma are just two of the tens of thousands of people who have benefited from Dr. Perry's groundbreaking work," Jorge said. "Her work will live on, not just with the many clinicians she trained and mentored, but also through those who have learned from all her scientific works, as well as those who were lucky enough to call her their doctor."

"Looking back, I could swear that she was at least nine feet tall," said Rebecca L. Craik, PT, PhD, FAPTA, Editor-in-Chief of the noted journal Physical Therapy in the publication's full-issue tribute to Dr. Perry. "She challenged our research results and probed our expertise. It was clear she was a powerhouse who had earned the respect of our colleagues, and we were inspired to learn her respect."

"Dr. Perry wasn't just a legend, she was an incredible person who contributed so much to science, improved the lives of countless people around the world and was a tremendous mentor and friend," said Dr. Helena Chui, Chair of the Neurology Department of the Keck School of Medicine at USC. "What an inspirational life she led!"

A public celebration of Dr. Perry's life will be held at Cafe Amigos in the Support Services Annex Building on the Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center campus on Friday, March 22 from 1-4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in honor of Dr. Perry may be made to the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation or a charity of your choice.

Restaurant relocating after city acquires land

• City of Downey agrees to pay relocation costs for La Chiva Loca restaurant.

DOWNEY – The city of Downey has reached a deal to purchase property at the southwest intersection of Firestone and Paramount boulevards for its appraised value of \$690,000.

In addition, Downey agreed to pay relocation costs for La Chiva Loca restaurant. The city plans to tear down the restaurant and an adjoining vacant space to accommodate wider traffic lanes.

The sale agreement was ratified

by the city council on Tuesday.

Property owners Javier and Maria Uribe agreed to sell the land at its appraised value of \$690,000, according to a staff report.

City officials are hoping to keep La Chiva Loca in Downey, which is known for its pork skin tostadas and ahogada recipes.

A paint and body shop also located on the property will remain.

According to the staff report, about 58,000 vehicles travel the Firestone and Paramount boulevard intersection on a typical weekday and traffic is projected to increase 22 percent by 2030.

An extensive street rehabilitation project is expected to get underway this year, which will include widening the street and reconstructing the curb at all four corners of the intersection.

A right-turn only lane will be installed on Firestone approaching Paramount, along with two left-turn lanes on Firestone at its eastbound approach to Paramount.

The city is in negotiations to buy property at the intersection's northeast corner, the site of a 76 gas station, and southeast section, where there is a CVS pharmacy.

–Eric Pierce, editor

Caltrans grant may pay for bicycle plan

• City hopes it is awarded \$250K grants to commission a bicycle master plan.

DOWNEY – In what may be the first step in creating bicycle lanes in

Downey, the city is applying for a Caltrans grant to help fund the creation of a bicycle master plan.

The plan would serve as the official policy document "to guide the development and maintenance of bicycle-friendly roads and bikeways in the city," assistant city manager John Oskoui wrote in a report.

"Additionally, the Bike Master Plan will help encourage more people to bike for transportation and to provide an attractive and healthy transportation option, helping to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution."

Oskoui estimated it would cost up to \$250,000 to complete the plan. Caltrans requires a 10 percent match, so Downey would contribute \$25,000 if it is awarded the grant.

Support for bicycle lanes in Downey has been steadily growing for the past year or so. A group of health conscious riders founded the Downey Bicycle Coalition last De-

cember, sponsoring monthly rides around town.

Dozens of bicycle riders rallied at City Hall on Sept. 25 in support of bicycle lanes, including Olympic cyclist Tony Cruz.

Caltrans expects to award about \$9 million in grant funding this year. Grant winners should be announced this summer.

Downey has had good luck securing grant money. Just last week, the city was awarded \$10,000 from Kaiser Permanente for its "Healthy Downey" initiative.

The grant will pay for a part-time activity specialist to help with "Healthy Downey" outreach, including educational brochures and flyers.

Kaiser Permanente is also sending Mayor Mario Guerra and Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Vasquez to the National Association of Elected and Appointed Officials Health Academy.

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Eric Ledet traveled 1900 miles for independence

• Developmental disability has not held back Eric Ledet from being self-sufficient.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Imagine taking a one-way plane ride nearly 1900 miles across the country with no guarantee of a job or a place to live upon touchdown.

Eric Ledet need not wonder – he's flown that path before and likes telling how the story ends.

"I was born and raised in Los Angeles. Thirteen years ago I was living in Chino," said Ledet. "I was 29 when I left California with my family...I lived four years in New Orleans."

After his father died in 2004, Ledet decided to make a move back to his roots in Southern California, but with little assistance, the task to get from New Orleans back to Los Angeles was daunting.

However, Ledet's journey was altered when he was connected to The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

"We got a call from the other end," said Linda Ripley, coordinator of adult education at The Arc. "We picked him up from the airport and because Eric was so positive, The Arc just went with it."

"He's a smart guy and he knew what he wanted," she added. "Any problem, he overcomes it and with a positive attitude."

Ledet is being praised by administrators at The Arc as a prime example of the hope and inspiration that results when community members participate in the Arc Walk for Independence, which supports children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Since 1997, the Arc Walk has raised funds and awareness for The Arc's various educational and occu-

pational programs by inviting community members to walk either a one or three-mile route around Stonewood Center.

Starting at 8 a.m. on March 23, registered walkers who donate \$15 to The Arc will set out on the course, walking for independence.

Beginning at Acapulco Restaurant and Cantina, the 3-mile walk travels west on Firestone Boulevard to Lakewood Boulevard, up to Florence Avenue, around to Woodruff Avenue and back to Firestone. The Arc has seen its annual fundraising event grow from just 250 walkers in 1997 to nearly 4,000 last year.

As a result of the Arc Walk, The Arc was able to pay for Ledet to stay in a motel on Firestone Blvd. once he arrived in Downey.

"The Arc helped me with Social Security and Medi-Cal," Ledet said. "I was at Arc everyday for four months in the employment services until I could find a job and a place to live."

"In July 2004, I moved into my single-room apartment and one month later I was approved for Wescom," Ledet said with a smile.

Now the 44-year-old Downey resident works Monday through Friday at the Wescom Credit Union branch in La Habra.

"I take the bus to work in the morning and transit at night," he said. "I'm responsible for the members entering and exiting the branch, providing fresh, hot coffee and ice-cold water, and maintaining the lobby."

Ledet also maintains his own apartment, which includes buying his own groceries, doing his laundry, and cooking meals seven days a week.

"It's very comfortable and very satisfying," Ledet sighed.

While Ledet's employment may be satisfying for him, it has been an inspiration to others.

In an anonymous letter sent to Wescom last Thursday, a branch member praised Eric for his courte-



ous nature and professionalism.

"As I was walking to the front door, it was immediately opened by a very friendly gentlemen who heartily said 'Welcome to Wescom!'" the letter reads. "It dawned on me as I watched him open the door for everyone coming and going, greet every single person, provide direction, thanked you for your visit, and hand out his Wescom flyer, that I'd never seen a disabled person...in any bank I've ever been to."

The letter continued: "I wanted to say a personal 'Thank You,' for truly being an equal opportunity employer, and for allowing the man at the door to do such a great job."

"It took Eric a little while to learn that job, but anything he's told to do, he picks it up," said Ripley. "He's taken care of himself very well."

Ledet is hopeful that community members will continue supporting The Arc, which brought him stability when he wasn't sure where he was going to live.

"The Arc is trying to do good in the world, it helps us achieve our dreams and reach our goals," he said with his arms upraised. "So far, everything that I do pleases me as long as I'm independent. Having the [community's] support, others shall have the independence they really deserve."

Erik Estrada to appear at Downey church

DOWNEY – Veteran television actor Erik Estrada will be at Redeemer Covenant Church in Downey next week to screen his newest film, "Finding Faith."

"Finding Faith" is a full-length movie that tells the true story of a

14-year-old girl named Faith who accidentally falls victim to an online predator.

Estrada is the national celebrity spokesman for the Safe Surfin' Foundation, which produced the film.

"Finding Faith" will be screened

Sunday, March 24, at 5 p.m. Redeemer Covenant Church is at 10801 Fairford Ave. (behind the former Cadillac dealership).

To learn more about the film, go online to findingfaithfilm.com.

Historical society showing WWII-era musical

DOWNEY – "The Fleet's In," a 1942 musical starring William Holden and Dorothy Lamour, will be screened by the Downey Historical Society on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Filmed at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, the film is 92 minutes long and "has all the win-

ning elements: romance for the ladies, fighting Navy men for the guys and great music, singing, dancing and acting for everyone."

In "The Fleet's In," the Navy is docked and naturally the men are pursuing their favorite sport of trying to charm the females.

Through a series of misunderstandings, a very young William

Holden is thought to be a lady's man. The fleet is betting he can get the Countess (played by Dorothy Lamour) to kiss him in public. She is the top singer at a San Francisco nightclub and has the reputation of being unapproachable.

The screening is free and open to the public.

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In Memory of Jerry Dwindle Thornton

November 1, 1928 to March 5, 2013



Jerry Dwindle Thornton, a longtime resident of Downey, CA, and of The Woodlands, Texas for the past eight years went to our Lord on March 5, 2013. Born in Camp Hill, Alabama to Paul Andrew Thornton and Clara Beatrice Short on November 1, 1928, he was the oldest of four children. He moved in his early youth to California mainly due to his father's health needs. Jerry worked various jobs starting at the age of twelve until joining the Army at the less than legal age of seventeen. Corporal Jerry Thornton served as a Command Center Attache' in occupied Austria. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, Jerry returned to school to earn a BA in Education with honors from the then new Long Beach State University. He forged further ahead to finish his MS in Education Administration at USC (Jerry loved his Trojan alumnus status). His entire career was devoted to the Downey, California educational system where he spent his first three years teaching elementary grades and junior high level. In 1956, Jerry transitioned to the esteemed role of principal at several of Downey's elementary schools, and in 1969 accepted the post of Coordinator for Downey Unified Special Education from which he retired in 1988. Jerry held several additional committee and advisory positions over the years in support of Los Angeles County and the state university systems. Jerry was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann Broersma of 52 years, and a brother, Paul Thomas Thornton. He is survived by brother Jack (May) Breese and sister Nancy Wright. All five of Jerry's children were able to be with him in his final earthly hours. They are Jeanne Sue (Barry) Hoy of Merritt Island, Florida, Marianne Gouge of Palm Springs, Cheryl Lynn (Bruce) McCaughan of Santa Fe Springs, James Bryan (Kathryn) Thornton of Oakland, and Carol Thornton (Ken) Weller of The Woodlands, Texas. Jerry always felt blessed under God's kindness and was never shy when talking about his ten grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Jerry loved the ocean, camping in the CA redwoods, body surfing, and snorkeling. For many years he and Mary could be seen on the beaches of Southern CA or traveling via camper across the continental US. Often his children and some grandchildren would join them for hours of fun in the sun at Corona Del Mar where Jerry was known by the local "kahunas" by the red body board he used. Jerry also loved good music with a special ear for early country, the penning of quips such as "think in pencil and coast uphill", poems and short essays, and spinning laughable tales at family events. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's memory to: The Arc of Los Angeles and Orange County, 12049 Woodruff Avenue, Downey, CA 90241 www.thearcaoc.org. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, March 16, 2013, 4:00PM at his home church, First Presbyterian Church of Downey located at 10544 Downey Avenue, Downey, CA.

St. Joseph's Table celebrated at church

DOWNEY - St. Raymond's Catholic Church will host its 31st annual St. Joseph's Table this Sunday inside the Msgr. Bob Gipson Hall. The celebration begins at 9 a.m.

with a liturgy celebration and procession, and the viewing of the table from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The blessing of the table is at 12 p.m., and a pasta dinner will be

served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Charlene Drobeck at (562) 928-1937.

In Memory of Antonia "Toni" LoCicero

September 28, 1937 to February 23, 2013



Antonia "Toni" LoCicero passed away, surrounded by her three daughters who loved her deeply, on the 23rd of February, 2013.

She was born to the late Jose and Guadalupe Ramirez, the youngest of seven children, on the 28th of September, 1937.

Antonia attended Downey Elementary and graduated from Downey High School. She then married her high school sweetheart Robert LoCicero and had three daughters. They had fourteen years together and divorced. Antonia was more than a housewife. She worked at JC Penny's as a corsetiere, she did modeling for different agencies, she was the first Downey princess in the Rose Parade, and proud to be a Dodger Doll.

Antonia is survived by two sisters Amelia and Helen, her daughters Sherrie, Tina, and Jessica, and four grandchildren, Mark, Clinton, Matthew, and Madison. She is preceded by her sisters Lupe and Lola, and brothers Julio and Jose.

Services will be held at Dudley Hoffman Mortuary on Saturday, March 16th at 3 pm.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory and Memory Gardens.

Church music festival is Saturday

DOWNEY - Songfest, the annual Downey concert sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and featuring music of all faiths and cultures, will be held this Saturday at 7 p.m. at the church's facilities at 12425 Orizaba Ave.

Scheduled to perform are the Trombone Quartet of the Moravian Church of Downey; Tapestry, a Santa Monica-based women's choir; soloist Mei-Hwei Chen; the Community Choir of Hacienda Heights; jazz singer Beverly Taylor; the New City Parish Choir; Dust of the Saints, a trio from the Moravian Church; Compton-based Voices of Inspiration; the Immanuel Gospel Community Choir of Los Angeles; South Gate First Branch (Spanish) and the Samoan Choir of Lynwood.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will also be honored an outstanding volunteer from the community during the concert, which is now in its 21st year.

Admission to the show is free. For more details, call Lois Buchanan at (562) 927-9790.

Kaiser awards Downey \$10K grant

DOWNEY - Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center has awarded Downey a \$10,000 grant to support the mayor's "Healthy Downey" initiative.

"Healthy Downey" is a collaborative effort introduced by Mayor Mario Guerra to encourage residents to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The grant will pay for a part-time activity specialist to help with "Healthy Downey" outreach, including educational brochures and flyers.

Kaiser Permanente is also sending Guerra and Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Vasquez to the National Association of Elected and Appointed Officials Health Academy.

Since opening in 2009, the Kaiser Permanente hospital has given more than \$80,000 to several non-profit organizations to promote health and wellness in Downey.

"Kaiser continues to be a great partner for our community and we appreciate all they do," said Guerra. "Being a founding member of Healthy Downey...shows their commitment to our city, our youth and our future. Our city is excited and honored to receive this grant to be able to continue moving toward a Healthy Downey."

As part of "Healthy Downey," the city is hosting its first 5K run to benefit the TLC Family Resource Center. Guerra also hosts regular walks at Downey High School.

Citywide Easter egg hunt planned

DOWNEY - The Downey Lions Club is sponsoring a citywide Easter egg hunt March 30, starting at 11 a.m.

Thirty giant Easter eggs bearing the Lions Club logo will be hidden throughout Downey.

Residents who find an egg should redeem it for an Easter basket in the Columbia Memorial Space Center parking lot.

The egg hunt is free and the public is encouraged to participate.

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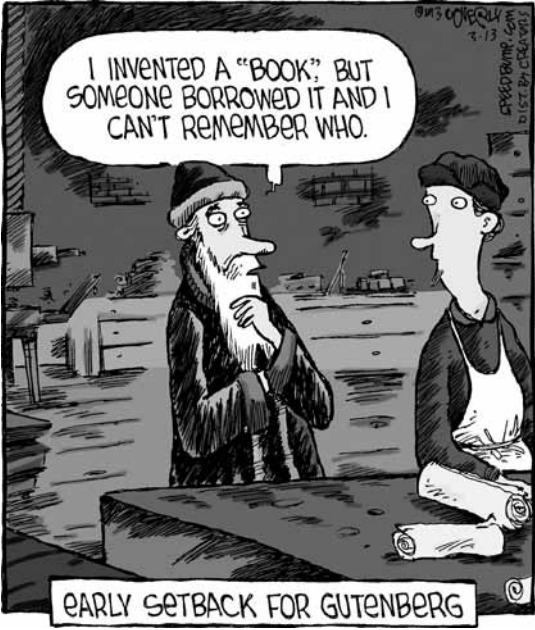
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

Sat. March 16: **Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up**, Del Taco parking lot, 9 a.m.
Sat. March 16: **Smart gardening workshop**, Wilderness Park, 9:30 a.m.
Sun. March 17: **FSt. Patrick's Day Movie Club**, Epic Lounge, 2 p.m.

City Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Planning Commission**, Council Chamber at City Hall.
1st Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.: **Recreation and Community Services Commission**, Council Chamber, City Hall.
1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.: **Emergency Preparedness Committee**, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: **City Council**, Council Chamber.
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

Mondays

7 p.m.: **Boy Scout Troop 2**, at Downey United Methodist Church, for information call 869-6478.
2nd Mon., 11 a.m.: **American Legion Auxiliary #270**, at United Methodist Church.
3rd Mon., 7 p.m.: **American Legion Post #270**, at Rio Hondo Event Center, for more info. call 806-2100.
4th Mon., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Numismatists**, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: **Downey Seniors Club**, at Apollo Park, for information call Nadine Morris at 923-9422.
10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
12 p.m.: **Rotary Club**, at Rio Hondo, for information e-mail Diane Davis at ddavis87@me.com.
6 p.m.: **Toastmasters Club 587**, at First Baptist Church, for info call Raul Castillo 400-2561.
6:15 p.m.: **Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo**, at 11231 Rives, for info call 923-1932.
1st Tues., 7:30 a.m.: **Gangs Out of Downey**, at City Hall training room.
2nd Tues., 3 p.m.: **Keep Downey Beautiful**, at City Hall, for more information call 904-7117.
2nd and 4th Tues., 6 p.m.: **Sertoma Club**, at Cafe 'N Stuff, for information call 927-6438.
2nd Tues., 6 p.m.: **Downey Fly Fishers**, at Apollo Park, for information call 425-7936.
3rd Tues., 6:30 p.m.: **Community Emergency Response Team meeting**, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.: **Writer's Workshop West**, at at Downey High School library, for info call 862-3106.
Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 a.m.: **Downey Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for info. call John Fiorenza 652-4399.

Wednesdays

7 a.m.: **Kiwanis Club**, at Rio Hondo Events Center. Call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
1 p.m.: **Women's Bocce Club**, at 7850 Quill Drive, for information call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
7 p.m.: **Out Post 132 Royal Rangers**, at Desert Reign Church, for info call 928-8000.
1st Weds., 11 a.m.: **Woman's Club of Downey**, for information call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
1st Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Downey Coordinating Council**, at Community Center, for information call Cindy 803-4048.
1st Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Stamp Club**, at Maude Price School cafeteria, for information call 928-3028.
2nd Weds., 11:30 a.m.: **Christian Women's Club**, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
2nd Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Model A Club**, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, for information call 928-4132.
2nd & 4th Weds., 5:30 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Sunrise Realty, for information call 577-1104.
3rd Weds., - **Downey Dog Obedience Club**, at Apollo Park, for info. call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
3rd Weds., 10 a.m.: **Los Angeles County Quilters Guild**, at Women's Club, for information call 426-2418.
3rd Weds., 6 p.m.: **American Business Women's Association**, Rio Hondo Country Club, Call Barbara Carlson 863-2192.
4th Weds., 12:00 noon: **Retired Federal Employees**, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
4th Weds., 7:30 p.m.: **US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10**, at First Presbyterian Church of Downey, call Brian 419-5420.
Wed. & Fri., 10:15 a.m.: **Senior Bingo**, at Apollo Park, for information call 904-7223.

Thursdays

7:30 a.m.: **Connections Networking**, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
7:30 a.m.: **Soroptimist Int'l of Downey**, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
9:30 a.m.: **Take off Pounds Sensibly**, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
12 p.m.: **Kiwanis Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
6:30 p.m.: **Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220**, 8244 3rd St., Call 862-4176.
7 p.m.: **Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America**, at First Baptist Church, for information call 776-3388.
1st Thurs., 12:00 noon: **Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call James Vanlengan 310-1335.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club**, for more information call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
3rd Thurs., 4 p.m.: **Public Works Committee**, at City Hall Training Room.
3rd Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Downey CIPAC**, at Sizzler's Restaurant, for information call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
4th Thurs., 10 a.m.: **Assistance League**, at Casa De Parley Johnson. for information call 869-0232.
4th Thurs., 7:30 p.m.: **Downey Historical Society programs**, at Community Center. Call 862-2777.

Fridays

7:30 a.m.: **Pro Networkers**, at Mimi's Cafe, for information call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618
3rd Fri., 8:30 a.m.: **Women's "In His Glory" Ministry** at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

Saturdays

9 a.m.: **Farmers Market**, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, for information call 904-7246.
2nd Sat., 12:30 p.m.: **AAUW**, Los Amigos Country Club.

On This Day...

March 14, 1794: Eli Whitney received a patent for the cotton gin.
1964: A jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy.
1967: President John F. Kennedy's body was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.
2005: A judge in San Francisco ruled that California's ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional.
Birthdays: Record producer Quincy Jones (80), actor Michael Caine (80), comedian Billy Crystal (65), radio host Rick Dees (63), actress Grace Park (39), actor Chris Klein (34) and basketball player Stephen Curry (25).

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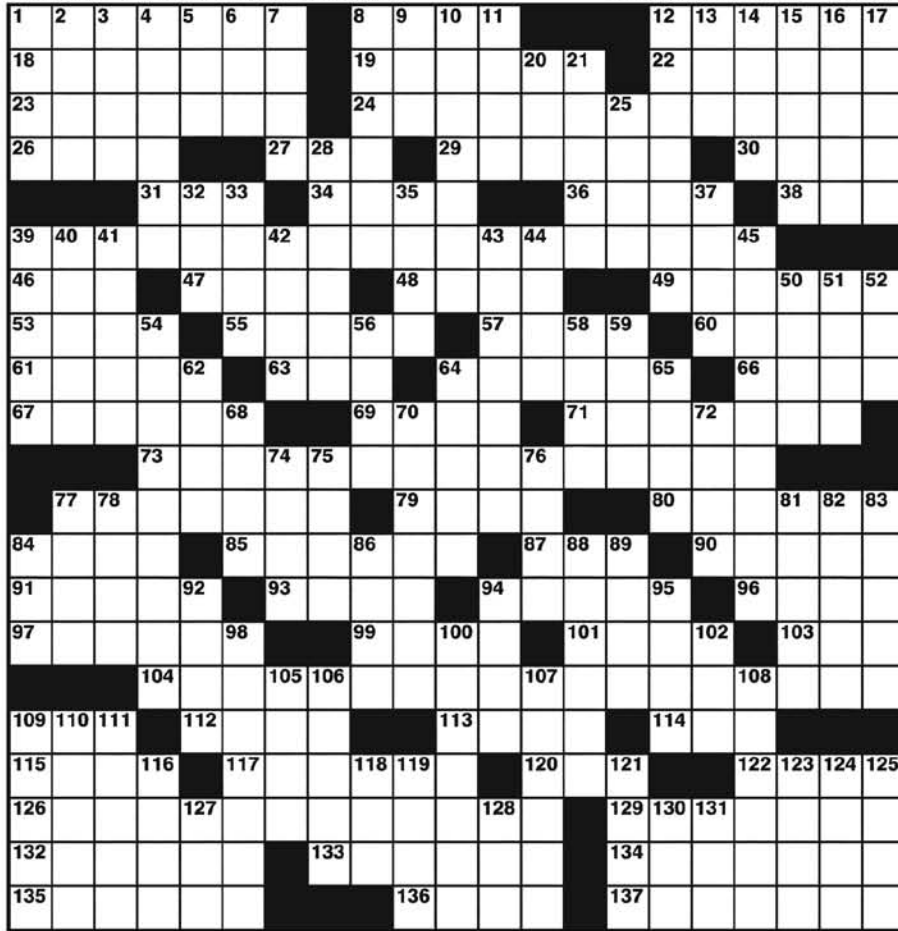
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by David W. Cromer

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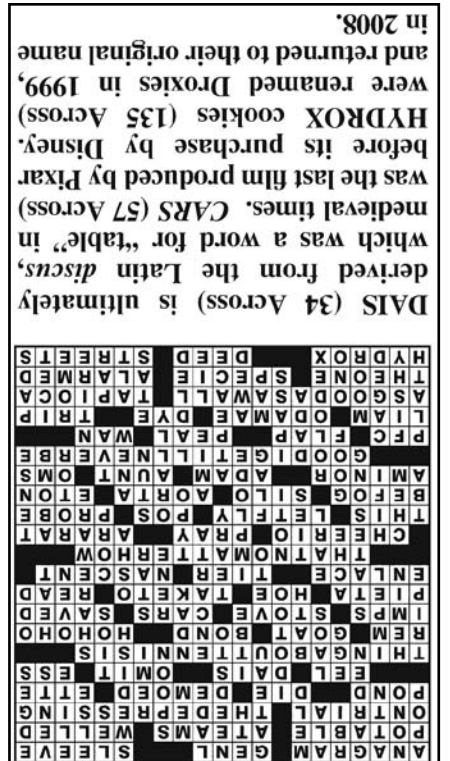
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



are good for us, but they can also carry bacteria and are among the very riskiest foods. These dangerous greens include, in particular, spinach, lettuce, cabbage, arugula and kale. Norovirus (often mistaken for flu) is easily spread; one ill food handler, or a pair of unwashed hands touching serving utensils in a buffet line, can cause a serious outbreak. Other outbreaks traced to vegetables include E coli and salmonella. Shortly before serving, wash the leafy greens well and dry with a clean paper towel. If they come from the store pre-washed, triple-washed, or ready to eat, don't bother rinsing them - interestingly, you risk picking up germs from your own kitchen with that extra wash.

Every year, roughly one in six Americans get sick from the food they eat, and approximately 3,000 die as a result. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), there are 11 foods that cause the vast majority of these illnesses. Let's explore them, and keep our loved ones and us safe.

Poultry: Salmonella in poultry is one of the most common foodborne dangers. It is a bacterium that flourishes in raw or undercooked foods, can survive for weeks outside a living body, and is not destroyed by freezing. Enough heat, however, will kill it. Keep uncooked chicken and turkey in sealed containers or bags, and never use the same cutting board for raw foods (such as vegetables or fruit) unless it has been thoroughly cleaned with hot water and soap. Likewise, don't reuse the same platter for cooked poultry that was used for the poultry when raw.

Leafy greens: Yes, vegetables

Ground beef: E coli bacteria are infamous for contaminating raw ground beef. When making burgers or meat loaf, cook to 160 degrees. Checking the color of the meat while cooking is not reliable - most meat can turn brown before it is fully cooked. As with poultry, any raw meat can contain salmonella - follow the same precautions, and don't allow uncooked meat to contaminate other foods.

Milk: A number of pathogens can be found in milk. Consider how a cow passes its days - grazing in pastures potentially filled with disease-causing microbes - and that's not so surprising. Protect yourself: Avoid raw milk. Keep dairy products well refrigerated and throw them away when expired or when the smell is "off."

Fruits and nuts: These, too, are highly nutritious foods that can carry pathogens. In 2012 alone, nut butters were recalled for causing outbreaks of salmonella in 19 states. They accounted for 12% of food-related illnesses and 29% of parasitic illnesses (including cryptosporidium). Be on the lookout for recalls.

Tomatoes and cucumbers: These popular vegetables (yes, tomatoes are technically a fruit!) can spread E coli. As with leafy greens, wash them with cold running water and dry with a clean paper towel. Make sure that your hands, the sink, and the cutting board are clean.

Pork: The parasite trichinosis, and more recently the swine flu, can be transmitted by uncooked pork. Pork is considered safe when heated to an internal temperature of 145 degrees, (160 degrees if ground). Follow the same precautions as with poultry and beef.

Fish: Fish can carry bacteria, viruses, fungus and parasites. Defrosting fish properly is key! It can be defrosted in a sealed bag or container in the refrigerator, or by submerging it in a sealed bag into cold water, changing the water every 30 minutes. Even a microwave oven will work, but never thaw out on the counter, as warmer temperatures will encour-

age the disease-causing agents to multiply.

Eggs: I was one of those kids who seemed to magically appear in time to lick the beaters when cookies went into the oven, and as the youngest of four that was never easy. This means, of course, that I was consuming raw eggs. The more salmonella bacteria are present in an egg, the greater the chance of getting sick. Refrigerate your eggs as soon as possible, and ideally cook them until the yolks are firm. Thanks to salmonella, my own daughters missed out on that particular childhood experience - they had to be far more patient, and wait for the cookies to come out of the oven!

Oysters, clams, and mussels: These seafood items can be contaminated with bacteria or parasites. Buy these from suppliers who fish them out of safe waters, keep them cold, and cook them thoroughly.

Seeds and beans: Seeds and beans thrive in warm and humid environments just as bacteria (like salmonella and E coli) do. Bean sprouts are especially risky. Some choose to avoid raw sprouts in salads and sandwiches, and eat them only when thoroughly cooked.

Let's add these to our CDC list as honorable mentions:

While tuna is a nutritious food and is eaten both cooked and raw,

it does contain high levels of mercury. To be safe, dine on tuna no more than twice a week.

Tapioca comes from the root of the cassava plant. If prepared incorrectly, the plant can produce cyanide.

I love to recommend nuts as part of a balanced diet. However, roughly one out of 100 of us has a peanut allergy, which can potentially lead to anaphylaxis and death.

As a non-coffee drinker, I am always on shaky "ground" when criticizing coffee. Nevertheless, it can lead to an increase in the heart rate, cause trouble sleeping, discolor teeth...and beware of spilling hot coffee!

Irrational or not, my dislike of mushrooms is no secret. Still, there are varieties of mushrooms that cause hallucinations and even death. The names are a "dead" giveaway: Death Cap, Destroying Angels, and Deadly Webcap. To be safe, you may want to stick to the grocery store for your mushroom shopping, and don't bother inviting me over.

Dine safely!

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

Soroptimist throwing casino night fundraiser

DOWNEY - Tickets are now on sale for Soroptimist International of Downey's annual casino night fundraiser, taking place April 19 at the Rio Hondo Event Center and themed "Havana Nights."

Guests are encouraged to dress "island festive" and enjoy hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, casino script, silent auction, raffles and opportunity drawings.

Admission is \$40. The party starts at 6:30 p.m.

For tickets, or information on donations and sponsorships, call Mia Vasquez at (562) 862-2611.

Club to mark St. Patty's Day

DOWNEY - The Downey Newcomers Club will celebrate St. Patrick's Day at its March 18 meeting at Los Amigos Country Club.

The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.

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Bears looking forward to start of league

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 4-2 and will start S.G.V.L. play against Downey at Downey on March 26.

Warren is the reigning San Gabriel Valley League champion and also C.I.F. Division III finalist. Warren lost to South Torrance 3-1 (25-22, 25-18, 20-25, and 25-21) in the final at Cypress College last year.

Despite the C.I.F. finals loss last season to South Torrance however, Warren was invited to the Division I Southern California Regionals where they lost to Buchanan in three sets.

The Bears finished last season with an overall record of 31-5 and a perfect league record of 10-0. The Bears also lost Nick Alvarez, the Long Beach Press Telegram Dream Team Player of the Year, to graduation last June.

Warren has had a busy preseason schedule in order to prepare for S.G.V.L. play. The Bears defeated Cypress 3-0 on 2/26, defeated Culver City 2-1 on 3/1 and lost to Burroughs 2-0 on 3/1 as well. The Bears then defeated Rio Mesa 2-0 on 3/2, Van Nuys 2-1 on 3/2 and lost to Los Alamitos 3-1 on 3/7.

The Bears traveled to Santa Fe yesterday to play the Chiefs (score unavailable at press time). Warren will play their final preseason game at Valley Christian next Wednesday before traveling to Downey in the league opener for both schools on March 26.

Coach Simons and his team are certainly going to be the hunted this year by having such a successful season last year. Cross-town rival Downey (8-2 last season) should provide Warren with their toughest league match.

Coach Simons and his team are looking forward to the start of league play and perhaps making another run in the C.I.F. Division III playoffs.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

OUTDOOR Q&A

Shipping deer to troops overseas

Q: We are interested in shipping sealed venison packages to the troops overseas. Are there any California laws that prohibit this? The sealed venison will consist of packages of 50 to 100 pounds. If you could please advise us of any regulations or guidelines related to the shipping of sealed game to troops overseas, it would be greatly appreciated.

A: There are no laws that prohibit the shipping of venison from California as long as the animals were lawfully taken in accordance with California Fish and Game laws, including seasons, limits and gender restrictions.

In addition, any package being shipped by common carrier must bear the name and address of the shipper and/or the consignee, and an accurate description of the numbers and kinds of birds, mammals, fish, reptiles or amphibians contained in the package clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside. Federal laws have similar marking requirements. For details, go to fws.gov.

However, whether or not the military will accept sealed venison from a private citizen is another issue. Contact them directly for details.

Q: I have been warned three times this year by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy that the next time I am caught feeding squirrels at the local park, I will get a ticket. The deputy stated they enforce state regulations. However, I fed them foods that are safe; food from pet stores such as pigeon feed, and raw unshelled peanuts. There are no signs posted in the park where I visit but I

was told it's still a violation.

There are really no food sources for these animals at the park and I don't want to see malnourished animals. Please let me know the specific law covering this subject since I have not been able to find it online. I will abide by whatever the law says. This may seem to be an unimportant matter, but to me as a senior it becomes a quality of life issue.

A: The deputy is correct. By feeding wildlife, you are likely disrupting the animals' normal behavior patterns in violation of California Code of Regulations. Some local ordinances also prohibit feeding wildlife.

It's important not to feed wildlife because feeding brings animals into close proximity with each other, which puts them at greater risk of exposure to diseases and the droppings of the other animals, especially from large populations of birds in a relatively small area.

If the animals expect the food, they will stay in the area and may create a public health and water quality issue. Also, even the healthiest pet food and seeds they get from people could never duplicate the diet they would get eating the food found in their natural environment.

If the natural food supply in an area decreases, that is a signal to the animals to move to a different area.

Q: I fish the ocean waters off Mendocino and Humboldt counties from a sport boat and target lingcod and other groundfish. My question is can I use live sanddabs and small black and blue rockfish to catch lingcod?

A: Yes, you can catch these species to then use for bait in ocean waters as long as they are all taken and possessed legally. All seasons, bag and size limits apply, even if rendered to be bait to use for ling-

cod, etc. They also must be counted toward your bag limit.

Q: What's so special about sturgeon that the new regulations and measures are required?

A: Green sturgeon is a threatened species and white sturgeon has long been a substantial management concern.

To protect sturgeon populations and the vibrant white sturgeon fishery, the CDFW and Commission have emphasized sturgeon enforcement, research, fishing regulations, passage improvements (e.g. at bypass weirs on the Sacramento River) and outreach.

The State legislature is also aware of the sturgeon issue, and in 2007 implemented a law that made it easier for CDFW wildlife officers to charge poachers with illegal commercialization of sturgeon and the law drastically increased the fines for illegal commercialization of sturgeon.

Q: Regulations literally say abalone must remain in the shell until ready for immediate consumption. Does an abalone stored at home in the freezer really have to remain in the shell? If so, if intestines and guts are still attached, isn't there a possibility of food poisoning occurring?

A: The law does require that abalone remain attached to the shell until ready for immediate consumption. If you freeze the entire abalone whole and intact until ready for immediate consumption, the flesh and the guts are both preserved by freezing and should offer no health risks.

Carrie Wilson is a marine biologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. While she cannot personally answer everyone's questions, she will select a few to answer each week. Please contact her at CalOutdoors@dfg.ca.gov.

Herrerias reflects on magical season

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' C.I.F. Division II championship soccer team's season came to an end last week with a loss to La Costa Canyon 2-1 at La Costa Canyon in the quarterfinal round of the Southern California Regional Championship.

This last loss has left Bear senior soccer captain Brandon Herrerias at a loss for words. Herrerias is proud of his teammates and what they have overcome and accomplished this season after a tough start.

Brandon is a former P.E. student of mine at East Middle School, with whom I have kept in touch.

I asked Brandon a few questions about Warren's championship season and what this means to him, his teammates and Warren High School. First, I asked what it feels like to be a C.I.F. champion. He responded, "it's like hearing that you earned an A on a final exam that you've studied restless nights for and that it has taken us to another level of playing soccer." I then asked him besides winning the actual title itself, what the "high point" of the season was. Brandon responded by saying "it was the process of becoming a family on the pitch and letting go of our egos for the season."

Next, I asked him what the low point of the season was. Brandon answered that by saying "it was during the pre-season when we had such high expectations for ourselves but had to settle the differences amongst ourselves." I then asked Brandon what the turning point of the season was. Herrerias answered by saying, "it was the home loss to Lynwood right before the Paramount game." He continued by saying that "if we didn't beat Paramount in our next game, we would not of made the C.I.F. playoffs."

I then asked Brandon if it had sunk in yet that he had played his last game for Warren. He said, "on the bus ride home from La Costa Canyon it started to hit me that I had played my last game at Warren with my teammates." I then asked him what the future of Warren soccer looks like. Brandon responded by saying "there are quality underclassmen returning next year and they will be poised to defend our Division II title."

The last question I asked Brandon was about his future. Brandon said that he plans to play in college and hopefully "someday will be playing on a flat screen for all Downey soccer fans to watch."

Congratulations to Brandon, his teammates and Coach Miguel Pena for an exciting, championship season.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

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Downey playing well as league play starts

DOWNEY – The Downey High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 7-4 and is currently ranked fourth in the C.I.F. Southern Section Division III poll.

Downey will open San Gabriel Valley League play against cross-town rival Warren today at Downey and will face always tough Gahr at Downey next Tuesday and Paramount at Paramount next Thursday.

The Vikings struggled a bit at the beginning of last season by losing a few preseason games. Downey also lost their first three league games before they caught fire down the stretch.

The next two weeks will be very telling as to what kind of season the Vikings will have. Thus far the Vikings have been led by the solid play and hitting of senior Alex Rodriguez (.433), and juniors Gabriel Llanes (.389) and Gabriel Soto (.382).

The Vikings have featured a preseason schedule that has seen the Vikings defeat Long Beach Jordan 6-3 on 2/23, lose to Dana Hills 7-3 on 2/23, defeat Serra 15-7 on 2/25, defeat St. Bernard 8-1 on 2/27 and lose to El Toro 8-7 on 2/28.

The Vikings continued into March and lost to Pacifica 13-7 on 3/2, lost to Aliso Niguel 10-1 on 3/5, defeated Anaheim 3-0 on 3/7, defeated Artesia 14-2 last Saturday and swept a double header from Long Beach Poly last Tuesday 3-2 and 1-0, respectively.

The Vikings saw their season come to an end last year with a 4-3 loss to the Los Altos Conquerors in the second round of the Division III playoffs. The Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 15-13 and a league record of 11-4, good enough to win the 2012 S.G.V.L. championship.

Coach Gonzalez and his team are looking forward to a strong league showing and another run in the C.I.F. Division III playoffs.

St. Joseph beats Bishop in league opener

LAKEWOOD – Jackie Ramirez batted in two runners as St. Joseph High School beat Bishop Montgomery, 7-1, Tuesday to pick up their first win of the season.

St. Joseph opened a 5-0 lead after three innings and didn't look back.

Pitcher Maxine Rodriguez finished with six strikeouts for the Jesters.

St. Joseph (1-3) has a critical stretch of games coming up, with six games scheduled next week.



The Downey Ladyhogs fifth grade division won the 9th Annual March Madness GBL Tournament at Santa Monica College. MVP honors went to Giselle Magana and Alexandra Urzua. From left: Jordan Roussel, Leila Garcia, Rachel Spinosa, Giselle Magana, Alexandra Urzua, Kaylie Lara, Ilani Avila and Leigha Harris. Coaches not pictured are Lovel Johnson, Marvin Harris and Julio Avila.



St. John Bosco boys basketball lost a heartbreaker last Friday, falling to Long Beach Poly, 61-59, on a last second buzzer-beater in the first round of CIF state playoffs. Bosco qualified for the state tournament after winning the CIF Div. 3A championship.

Downey's 18-game streak halted

• CIF champion Vikings beat, 1-0, in semifinals of California regionals.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' C.I.F. Division IV soccer championship team's season has come to an end at the hands of El Camino Real 1-0 in the semifinal round of the Southern California Regional Championship.

The Lady Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 23-5-3 and had their 18 game unbeaten streak snapped at the hands of ECR.

Alex Marquez scored the game's only goal in the 17th minute and the Lady Conquistadores made it stand after eighty minutes of play. Marquez also scored the only goal of the game for ECR in their quarterfinal round game of the Regional Championship against Buchanan on Tuesday. The Lady Vikings almost tied the game ten minutes into the second half when senior captain Krista Velasco's free kick hit the cross bar and Janeth Acuna's re-

bound went over the cross bar. The Lady Vikings had opportunities to score but could not put the ball in the back of the net.

With the victory against Downey, El Camino Real extended their current unbeaten streak to 17 games. El Camino Real defeated Westview 0-0 (6-5 on PK's) to win the Southern California Regional Championship last Saturday at Warren High School. With the win, ECR's overall record now stands at 20-3-4 and their unbeaten streak has been extended to 18 games.

The Lady Vikings finished their season has C.I.F. Division IV champions after defeating Quartz Hill 3-1 in the championship game. The Lady Vikings won their Southern California Regional quarterfinal round game against Long Beach Wilson at Downey 0-0 (4-3 on PK's) before being stopped by El Camino Real at ECR in the semifinals.

Coach Godfrey is extremely proud of her team and how hard they worked throughout the season. Next year will certainly bring high expectations and with it, an even bigger bullseye on their backs. Congratulations to Coach Godfrey and her team for an excellent season.

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Nida supporters, mayor clash over online news site

• **MEDIA:** Supporters of Michael Nida angered after comments are deleted by online newspaper owned by the mayor.

By Tina Vasquez
Contributor

DOWNEY — On March 5, Downey Beat editor John Zander posted an image on the online newspaper's Facebook page featuring the monument located in front of the Downey Police Department. The bronze statue, depicting an officer kneeling on one knee, is a memorial for fallen police officers, with particular emphasis on Officer Wayne Presley, the only Downey officer killed in the line of duty.

Shortly after, Damion Ramirez posted a Facebook comment about the image.

"The gist of what I said was that if it were a memorial for Mikey, it would depict my friend on the ground bleeding to death as Downey officers stood over him trying to get their stories straight," Ramirez said.

"Mikey" is Michael Nida, the 31-year-old father of four who was shot and killed near the intersection of Imperial Highway and Paramount Boulevard by Downey police officer Steven Gilley on Oct. 22, 2011. Nida, who was later found to be unarmed, was mistaken as a robbery suspect.

The L.A. County District Attorney's office ruled Gilley was justified in using deadly force.

Ramirez, who was Nida's best friend, is now an outspoken activist against police brutality. As a member of Nida's Rydas, the group formed with the goal of "stopping the use of lethal force by the Downey Police Department" and raising awareness around Nida's case. Ramirez and other group members have attended every city council meeting for a year and a half and have protested against the city every Saturday near the intersection where Nida was killed.

After Ramirez posted the comment on the Downey Beat's Facebook page, Zander deleted it, along with every other comment Ramirez attempted to post. The activist has since been blocked from the site entirely, with other Nida's Ryda's members saying any and all comments they attempt to post that deal with Nida's case, police brutality, or the actions of the police department are also being deleted by Zander.

In response to Ramirez's deleted comment on the site's Facebook page, Zander wrote, "As Editor of the Downey Beat I reserve the right to monitor and delete inappropriate posts. Any posts that are disrespectful to the Downey Police Department will be removed. I have removed several that a user just kept reposting. Those were reported and blocked. The Downey Beat will not tolerate any disrespect towards the brave men and woman [sic] who protect us."

The Downey Beat was founded by prize-winning journalist Ben

Baeder, who garnered a large following for his hard-hitting, investigative journalism. Under Baeder's watch, the Downey Beat was actually one of the first news outlets to release Nida's autopsy report and was considered a reputable news source by many. Because of family obligations, however, Baeder was forced to give up the site in September 2012 and in December of the same year, the Downey Beat was purchased by mayor Mario Guerra, who hired Zander to manage the day-to-day operations of the site.

Since being purchased by Guerra, the website has taken a markedly different approach, focusing on features and city updates rather than breaking news, while also taking a more conversational approach to writing.

Baeder, who provided some initial guidance to Zander after the site was purchased by Guerra, no longer has anything to do with the Downey Beat and says that Guerra and Zander are "well within their rights" to delete comments, though it's not something Baeder did when he was running the site.

"When the site was mine, I had different goals; I wanted to run a news site. Hard news doesn't seem to be the goal of the site," Baeder said. "I wanted to keep things open, so I never deleted comments, even really negative comments that were directed toward me. Allowing people to say whatever they wanted made the site feel more user-owned."

Zander, who declined an interview request, did release a statement, saying in part:

"I am solely responsible for the editorial content of the Downey Beat.com. As the editor, I reserve the right to remove any posts that I find offensive, harassing or disrespectful. I removed two posts from a photo of the Police Officer Memorial which were highly disrespectful to the Downey Police Department and its officers... The offensive posts continued, so those users access was deleted. The Downey Beat.com is a privately owned website. Under my supervision, the outlet has become a magazine for the city, with a mission to champion all of the positive things that the wonderful city of Downey has to offer."

Though Zander characterizes the Downey Beat as a "privately-owned website" and "magazine for the city," the Beat's website says it is an "online newspaper," which is why Ramirez says it's unethical for the site to delete comments based on the editor and owner's personal opinions.

"The site says it's a newspaper, not a personal blog, meaning it's a public record and it needs to be objective," Ramirez said. "The point of a newspaper is to make sure all sides are heard; not to be a cheerleader for the city... It's a conflict of interest and it's unethical."

Ramirez says he is being unfairly targeted by the news site because of an explosive exchange between he and Guerra during the public comments portion of a Feb. 26 city council meeting. Ramirez criticized Guerra for creating a deacon award to be issued at each city council meeting, saying it is "self-serving and egotistical," given that Guerra had "failed at his duties" as deacon at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, where he baptized two of Nida's children. In January of this year,

Guerra was removed as deacon from the church and reassigned as a station deacon at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angeles in downtown Los Angeles.

During the February council meeting, Guerra became enraged by Ramirez's comments and when Ramirez instructed the mayor to listen to what he had to say, Guerra stormed out of the meeting.

In a statement, Guerra said Zander is the editor and makes all editorial decisions: "... just as The Patriot has rightfully done in the past, any privately owned paper should reserve the right to delete any postings that are obscene, harassing or misleading. I'm glad all papers have the right to delete or not allow things that are lies and damaging to others without cause. Especially when they are inflammatory remarks that do not serve the interest of the readers."

In reference to the city council meeting, Guerra wrote:

"I am saddened that some have continued to harass and disrupt the business of our City. Some protestors have elevated their personal attacks on me, our council, our staff and our fine Police Department. Warning statements read before every council meeting about who and how to address the City Council are being ignored. They have chosen to act in an inappropriate manner, including clapping and yelling from their seats in council chambers and I feel that we need to move forward on behalf of our residents. They even continue to be disrespectful of our countries [sic] pledge of alliance [sic] at the beginning of our meetings.

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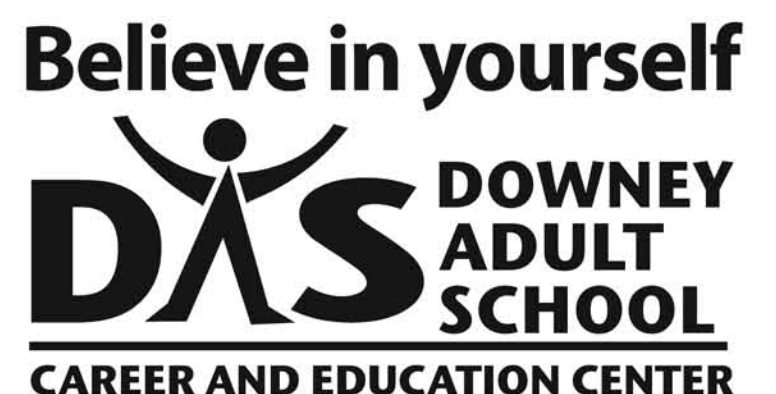


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Warren High students explore Raytheon technologies

• Engineering students get up-close look at emerging public safety technologies.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – In an effort to encourage careers in math, science and engineering, Raytheon opened the doors of its nearly 27,000-square-foot Public Safety Regional Technology Center to a group of enthusiastic Warren High School students last Wednesday.

The more than two dozen students received an exclusive, two-hour tour of the public safety facility, which serves as a test and research facility for the company's latest innovations in defense and communications for first responders.

Mike Bostic, 34-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department who now serves as the director of Raytheon's public safety solutions, lead the group of mostly juniors and seniors through the multi-million dollar technology center, located at 11899 Woodruff Ave., highlighting equipment that will soon aid law enforcement agencies everywhere.

"Our technology hasn't changed in 30 years," said Bostic holding up a Motorola radio. "This is 80 percent of the market, but smart phones are much better. The technology has been here in front of us all the time, but no one has brought it to the telecommunications market until now."

Starting in the operations room, which simulates a state-of-the-art dispatch console that manages communications between first responders and command centers, Daniel De Solar, director of the technology center, explained projects like the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS).

LA-RICS is an integrated, wireless voice and data broadband system that will support more than 34,000 first responders and local mission-critical personnel in more than 80 cities, including Downey.

Command pads, which are used to keep police and fire chiefs up-to-date on what's happening in the field in real-time, were also on display, but students proved even more interested in the innovative, hand-held See Through The Wall radar module that can detect movement behind eight inches of concrete.

"It's a terrifying thing going through the door and not knowing



what's on the other side," said Bostic with a laugh. "It senses movement in seconds."

Students previewed the one force tracker, a program that will one day allow every police officer and firefighter in the field to share media, mobile apps, and information in one, large 3G network.

De Solar also showcased the Boomerang Shooter Detection System, which listens for incoming fire and alerts officers pinpointing where the shots are coming from.

As students began to handle pieces of the technology, excited chatter quickly filled the center's lobby.

"The fact that the Boomerang can pinpoint a bullet from a sound, it's incredible – it makes you feel safer," said Nicholas Pio, 17.

"It's eye opening how much technology goes into space and the time and effort that goes into this," said Daniel Ramos, 18. "It was cool seeing all the programs cops are able to utilize."

The trip to the Raytheon facility was set up by Downey Unified School District school board member Nancy Swenson, who works at Raytheon's El Segundo offices.

"Last year, engineers came and talked to students at Warren," Swenson said. "This is more hands-on, more engaging, it's important."

Warren High Principal John Harris agreed that the tour may have solidified some students' decisions to choose engineering and science as their lifelong careers.

"I'm very grateful to Raytheon for inspiring our students to consider engineering," he said. "Project Lead

the Way has been our STEM solution including our four-year engineering program. We hope to grow it to hundreds of students. This gives them a new perspective on another aspect of engineering."

17-year-old Sahyena Khandker may just be Raytheon's first convert. After seeing the center's infrared systems up close, Khandker now wants to design her own innovations.

"We learned about and saw things...we learned how ideas start," she said. "One day we'll have our own ideas – in the future. It's going to be so cool."

Kindergarten sign-ups begin next month

DOWNEY – Registration begins next month for kindergarten students starting school in the DUSD this September.

Sign-ups will be taken at Downey elementary schools during April and May. Registration packets are available in school offices.

To be eligible for kindergarten, children must be 5 years old on or before Oct. 1, 2013.

A transitional kindergarten program is offered to children who turn 5 between Oct. 2 and Dec. 2.

Transitional kindergarten is the first of a two-year kindergarten program. Interest forms are available at elementary school sites and parents are encouraged to submit them as soon as possible.

Transitional kindergarten will be offered at Alameda, Gallatin, Unsworth and Williams elementary schools.

Proof of age, either through a birth certificate, baptismal certificate or other legal document, must be presented at time of registration. Proof of residency in the Downey school district is also required when registering for kindergarten.

In addition, parents must bring evidence their child receive a physical examination which must be completed after March 1, 2013. Parents should take the "Report of Health Examination for School Entry" to their doctor, pediatrician or health care provider.

The county health department

also provides physicals and school offices have a list of health care providers for parents without insurance or who cannot afford a physical exam.

Parents must also bring their child's immunization record, which should be current. The child must have received an oral health assessment after Sept. 1, 2012.

All eligibility requirements must be satisfied before students can be registered.

For specific information about registration times and requirements, call (562) 469-6500 and ask for your local school. If you do not know which school your child will attend, call (562) 469-6553.

Poetry series moves to Rives Mansion

DOWNEY – The monthly poetry series that previously met at Mari's Wine Bar and Stay Gallery now meets at the Rives Mansion starting with its March 21 event featuring poet, artist and teacher Patricia Scruggs.

The event starts at 7:30 p.m. and is free.

A native of Alberta, Canada but now living in Southern California, Scruggs has been published in CALYX Journal, ONTHEBUS, Spillway, RATTLE, Qarrtsiluni and sev-

eral anthologies.

The event will feature an open mic for up to 10 poets on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The poetry series moved its meetings to Stay Gallery after the closure of Mari's Wine Bar last year, but quickly outgrew the venue. Nearly 60 people attended last month's poetry session.

Lorine Parks is the series' curator. She can be reached at lorineparks@verizon.net.



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Doty attends her last DUSD board meeting

• Superintendent Dr. Wendy Doty set to retire effective March 31.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – An emotional Dr. Wendy Doty thanked the board, DUSD principals, teachers and staff, the whole student population, and all concerned for making her 10-year tenure as superintendent “memorable and special.”

Doty is stepping down as superintendent effective March 31, and is being replaced by Dr. John Garcia. Tuesday was her last attendance at the board meetings.

Garcia will commence his duties in her place at the helm of DUSD on March 18. The overlap is for orientation purposes.

An outpouring of praise and gratitude drenched Doty in her last hours in the district spotlight, as, first, members of the board spoke hailing her many “exemplary” contributions, then representatives of government officials and other associates added layers of hallelujahs on her head.

The replacement for the departing Brown-educated Kevin Condon, heretofore assistant superintendent for business services, was meanwhile introduced.

She is Nancy C. Nien, who holds a BA in political science from UC-Berkeley, an Ed.M. in



Warren High School's Link Crew was presented with the Superintendent's Vision Award this week. The Link Crew consists of juniors and seniors who help incoming freshmen with their transition to high school.

education administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University, and an M.Phil. in comparative education and economics and a Ph.D. in the same areas from Columbia University. She has worked at the World Bank and at the U.S. Dept. of Education in Washington, D.C., and most recently was assistant superintendent of business services for 12 years for the Duarte Unified School District prior to serving briefly as assistant superintendent of business and administrative services for the Centralia School District.

She assumes her new duties

on April 15.

Meanwhile, the board heard John Harris, principal at Warren High School, present the Link Crew leadership team with the Superintendent's Vision Award in the area of culture.

Describing ‘Link Crew’ as a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel “connected” throughout the first year of their high school experience, Harris said the program trains mentors from the junior and senior classes to be Link Leaders. As positive role models, these Link Crew leaders assume the roles

of student mentors who guide the freshmen to “discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school” in their 9th grade year.

It's a program that has worked wonders, Harris said. Present to receive recognition for their useful roles were Alison Davis, Daniela Keeler, Deanna Mack and Justin Muller.

Also recognized was Kaiser Permanente for its substantive contributions in the area of Parent/Community Relations.

MacLeod Thiessen, 89, was Pearl Harbor survivor

HACIENDA HEIGHTS – MacLeod Chris Thiessen, an Air Force veteran who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, died March 4 at age 89.

He was born Nov. 30, 1923 in Lewiston, Idaho to George and Blanche (Mounce) Thiessen.

He served in the Army Air Force and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, during the attack in 1941.

After an honorable discharge, he worked 42 years as a property manager for Prudential Insurance Company.

He and his wife were married on June 15, 1962 and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

Thiessen is survived by his wife, Betty; and sons, Mark and Scott. No services are planned at this time.

Alice Clements was volunteer

LA HABRA – Alice “Jane” Clements, a longtime volunteer in the La Habra community, died March 4 in Fullerton. She was 90.

She was born July 14, 1922 in Oak Park, Ill., to John Thomas and Grace Amelia (Dale) Miles.

She married Charles Colvin Clements and together they had seven children: Michael, Judy, Mark, Gary, Linda, Brian and Jeffrey.

Jane was raised in Illinois for a few years before her family moved to Southern California where she attended and graduated from Whittier High School.

A homemaker, she became active in the community after her children were raised. She took a position with the Social Services office in La Habra and worked there for more than 20 years.

She was also active with her church, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in La Habra, and volunteered with the Gary Center and the La Habra Community Senior Services Center.

She is survived by her children Michael Miles Clements, Judy Ann Mee, Mark Charles Clements, Gary Patrick Clements, Linda Carol Bedford, Brian Gerard Clements and Jeffrey Gerard Clements; 15 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1989.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. A vigil service was held last Friday at the La Habra Community Center in the Grand Ballroom.

Glenn installed as secretary

DOWNEY – Polly Glenn has been confirmed as new board secretary for the Friends of the Downey City Library.

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10 caught in Lakewood checkpoint

LAKEWOOD – Ten people were arrested at a DUI and driver's license checkpoint in Lakewood last Friday night. One DUI suspect had a blood alcohol level of .22 percent and had a prior conviction for DUI, authorities said. Four drivers were arrested for being high on marijuana and three others face charges of illegal possession of narcotics, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. One unlicensed driver was arrested and sent to court, along with another person driving on a suspended or revoked license. Four vehicles were stored for one day and one vehicle was impounded for 30 days. "Saving lives, reducing injuries,

traffic collisions and property damage is important work," said Sheriff Lee Baca. "Every life is a life worth saving and we will do our utmost to help keep the public safe." Statewide, overall traffic deaths have declined 23 percent from 3,995 in 2007 to 3,081 in 2009 and total traffic fatalities are at their lowest level in six decades, sheriff's officials said. DUI deaths have declined from 1,132 in 2007 to 950 in 2009, a decrease of 16 percent. A first-time DUI conviction can cost drivers between \$6,000 to \$1,000 when all potential fines, fees, classes, lawyers, work days missed and increased insurance costs are factored in. Sheriff's authorities offered the following tips to avoid a drunk driv-

- ing charge:
 - arrange rides home from your friends, family, co-workers and yourself before the drinking begins.
 - identify and provide free non-alcoholic drinks or other promotional items to the designated driver.
 - party hosts and servers must limit drinks to your guests or patrons. Don't serve more than one or two over several hours.
 - cut back on the amount of drinks you plan to bring to the party – and provide plenty of food.
- Funding for DUI and driver's license checkpoints is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

What whales mean to Downey

By Lars Clutterham
Staff Writer

As if on cue, last Friday the California Coastal Commission "rejected a Navy explosives and sonar training program off the Southern California coast that critics said could harm endangered blue whales and other sea life," according to NBC News, The Associated Press, and others. This, a day after our column in The Downey Patriot spoke of the environmental significance of whales as evidence of a world in transition.

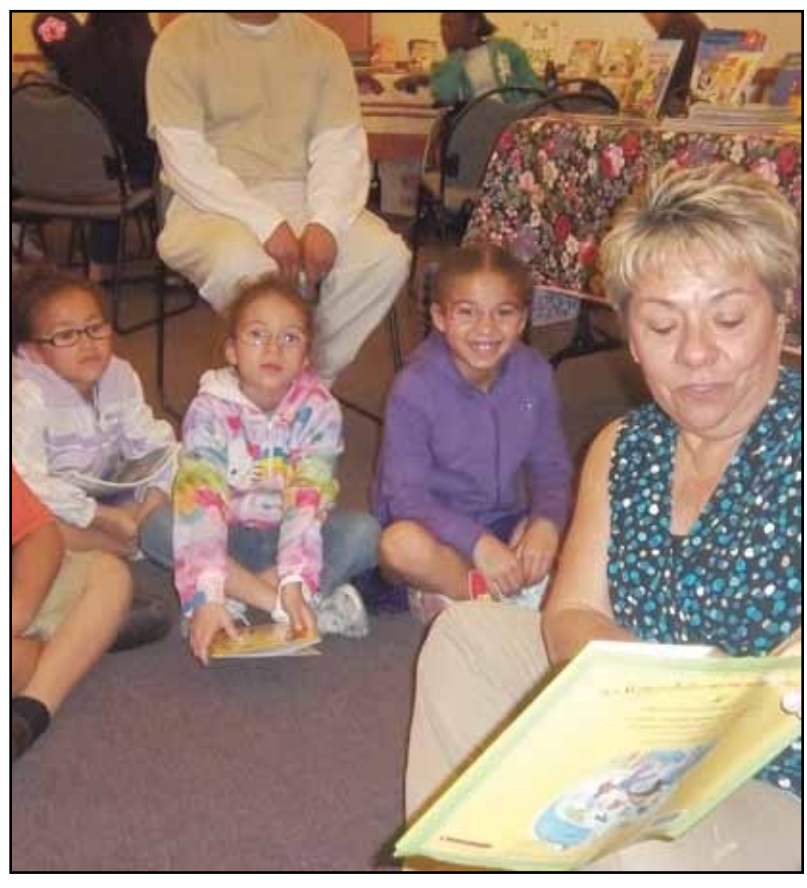
California have worked so hard and so long to create these marine protected areas, you need to start looking at this theater as a theater where some of the seats are reserved."

In our earlier articles touching on whales, we spoke of the humpback whale, which breeds and births off Hawaii during winter and spring. One of the characteristic traits of the species is that humpback males sing long extended songs, both low- and high-pitched, that are taken up by other males and sung in variation over long distances throughout the population. Think of it as hundreds of guy whales revving up for extended choruses of "Kum Bah Yah." Since the songs are sung primarily in winter breeding grounds, it is theorized that they may have to do with mating. (So maybe the tune is really something like "Baby Come Back.")

There are other threats to whales, including the continuing peril of being hunted, as well as high-velocity ship strikes, increasing toxins in the marine ecosystem, entanglement, habitat displacement, and the mounting effects of global climate change. So why the angst about water animals in Downey? After all, we're miles from the coast, and those whales don't live here. The answer to that question is the fundamental over-arching principle of this ongoing column. And that is that the experiences of all God's creatures reflect back on us humans. We're actually in charge here. (Remember the Biblical injunction that humans shall "have dominion" over the earth.) Anthropogenic activity has an overwhelming impact on the rest of creation. Whether or not that's a good thing is highly debatable. In the whale's backyard the consequences of human activity continue to be deleterious and deadly. The moral is that, if we take care of the whales, we're actually taking care of ourselves. And in the oceans, which bring us life as well as the whales, we need to clean up our act.

Children treated to free books, puppet show

DOWNEY – Normally a quiet place, the Downey City Library was jumping on Feb. 23 when the Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary of the Assistance League of Downey held its annual Storytime Festival. This free event for children is designed to inspire a love for reading. Children listened to stories read by members of the Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary, picked out free books and bookmarks, and had their faces painted by members of the Assistants auxiliary of the Assistance League of Downey. Children were also treated to a "Kids on the Block" puppet show, performed by members Betty Ferraro, Christine Eberhard and Maggie Jackson.



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Downey Home With 4 Car Garage!

Fantastic opportunity! This spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms home is very well maintained. It features a fireplace in the living room, large laundry area behind kitchen, lots of cabinet space and a nice dining area off of the living room. The property also features a spacious backyard and a deep 4 car detached garage. This great home is also located in one of the most desirable areas of Downey. Priced to sell at \$425,000.

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What a fantastic opportunity! This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a living room with a brick fireplace. The home also features a family room with a stone fireplace. The kitchen has granite counters and newer appliances. The inside has been freshly painted and both front and backyards are nicely landscaped. Call for more information.

A Must See!

This is a beautiful tri-level home. It features wood 3 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms with each of the bedrooms having their own full bath. Also, this home has a patio, wood floors and a 2 car garage. If that's not enough, it also features a fireplace in the living room, beautiful wood shutters and a balcony off the kitchen. Call today for more information on this great opportunity!

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