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SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

Mount Fuji

Nobuyo Avery was born and raised in Japan. As a young woman, she made a pilgrimage that is the goal of many citizens and visitors to the island country – climbing to the top of Mount Fuji. The trek required a night on the mountain. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Nobuyo Avery

When I was working at the Camp Drake Dental Dispensary, around 1956 or so, my co-workers and I decided that we would like the challenge of climbing Mount Fuji. Until then, I had never climbed anything anywhere and was curious to discover the thrill of climbing Japan's highest mountain.

There is only a limited season for climbing Mount Fuji because of the weather. Winter is too cold to climb and it could be dangerous. The climbing season begins in summer.

It was a beautiful Saturday in July when Masako, Sumiko, Dr. and Mrs. Lang and I left Tokyo early in the morning by train to a station near Mount Fuji. Bus transportation was available up to the fifth Mount Fuji station.

There are ten stations to the top of the mountain. At each station there is a rest house, a shop, and outhouse facilities. From the foot of the mountain to the fifth station is a very mild slope; it would take too much time if we walked it on foot. It is time saving for the climbers to ride the public transportation up this easy slope. We had lunch here.

The road from the fifth to sixth station was not steep climbing. The climb from the sixth to the seventh station was getting harder and we were walking in to the clouds. It was misty, and instead of a beautiful blue sky, it was cloudy and wet.

After we passed through the clouds, the sky was clear again. There was no more misty rain, but now it was windy and cold. It was getting dark when we arrived at the ninth station. All of us with no experience in climbing high mountains were very exhausted. Our legs had enough work for the day.

Most climbers spend the night at the ninth station. Our goal and purpose is to see the glorious creation of the Creator in the morning. We had no choice but to spend the night at the small cabin built for the climbers. There was a stove burning that kept us warm. But it is not like a motel. There was no individual bed, no mattress, nor shower to wash up.

We slept as we were on the tatami mat floor. There were many people and the floor space was barely enough to hold all of us. When you are dead tired, you can sleep anywhere under any conditions.

Mrs. Lang remembered more than I did and told me that there were some U.S. sailors who were talking loudly that night and she told them to "Shut up."

"They quieted down immediately," she said. She also recalled that I burned one of my shoes by the stove during the night. The burning rubber must have been a terrible odor in the cabin.

The early morning came too quickly for us tired climbers. Maybe it was four in the morning. Everyone was hurrying; otherwise you might miss the sunrise at the top. It was very steep climbing; each one of us was using a long stick to support ourselves in the gusty wind at the high altitude. No one said anything until we arrived at the destination, the top of Mount Fuji.

The huge, orange sun was slowly coming out of the dark sky and the bright rays lighted the world, the beginning of a new day. It was a breath-taking sight!

After this excitement we were cold and ready to go home. Did you know that when downward steps begin, your legs do not know when to stop on the slope? I had never walked as fast as those steps when I was descending Japan's highest mountain.

Each step became faster and faster. If we fell, we could have rolled down like a ball, so we were careful, but our legs did not stop. I wish I had kept track of how much time it took to descend. I am sure it was much shorter than ascending.

Doris said that we were embarrassingly dirty on the returning train and people were staring at us. I surely did not remember that at all.

After this experience I climbed more mountains; but this was the first and most thrilling one ever.



The Our Lady of Perpetual Help School team placed 29th out of 110 schools at an academic decathlon earlier this month. OLPH placed 10th in Super Quiz while Erin finished 2nd in Literature and Mariah placed 8th in Social Studies.



ABC-7 traffic reporter Alysha Del Valle will emcee the Arc Walk for Independence, taking place Saturday, March 22, at Stonewood Center. Registration is available online at arcwalk.org.

STORIES OF HOPE

ONCE SHY, GABBY CHAVEZ NOW THE LIFE OF THE PARTY -- AT WORK

• Gabby Chavez is one of several ongoing success stories at The Arc, which will hold its annual walk March 22.

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Gabby Chavez's work day starts long before the sun rises these days.

"I have to get up at 2:30 a.m. and I start work at 4 a.m.," she said with a grin. "I love Starbucks now -- I drank coffee four times this morning."

While the routine of morning coffee and work commutes might seem mundane to most, for 32-year-old Chavez, these newfound experiences are light years away from the nightmares she endured before joining The Arc -- Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

Before Chavez became a participant at The Arc, the Paramount native says she faced discrimination in the workforce, which unfortunately led to abuse.

"My mom always tried to get me to do the same stuff as my older brothers...to have a normal life, you know," Chavez said. "I wanted a job, but when [employers] saw my problem, they made me feel bad. They started giving me less hours and discriminated against me."

Things only got worst for Chavez when she began working at a local daycare facility.

"The boss yelled at me to 'do

that' and 'don't do that.' I was scared of that lady, but I never defended myself," Chavez recalled. "She told me I would never find another job if I quit there."

Chavez not only quit, but she joined The Arc's Employment Center. Her life hasn't been the same since.

"I learned how to talk to other co-workers, where to go job searching, and how to take the bus from here to my house," she said. "Thanks to Brenda I learned how to inventory."

As a result of the training she received at the Employment Center, Chavez now works full-time at aerospace manufacturer Permaswage, joining nearly 50 other participants who found jobs through the program.

"I net the hoses and check if there are any scratches on the parts. I've been learning how to use the computer and package the products for shipping," said Chavez. "I like my job. Now I have a better life -- and my mom is really happy."

Leading up to the 18th annual Arc Walk for Independence on March 22, officials at The Arc say Chavez's story of hope and success is a perfect example of why the community supports the 58-year-old organization.

Since 1997, the Arc Walk has raised funds and awareness for The Arc's various educational and occupational programs by inviting community members to walk either a one or three-mile route around Stonewood Center.

Starting at 8 a.m., registered walkers who donate \$15 to The Arc

will set out on the course, walking for independence. The Arc has seen its annual fundraising event grow from just 250 walkers in 1997 to nearly 4,000 last year.

L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe will serve as the host sponsor again this year along with several local sponsors including Century 21 My Real Estate Company, Penske Toyota of Downey, Aussie Movers, Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, and Wescom Credit Union's WeCare Foundation.

The Arc also announced this week that ABC-7 traffic reporter Alysha Del Valle will serve as mistress of ceremonies during The Arc Walk, which is likely to draw thousands of participants.

Jeffrey Stephens, director of The Arc's Employment Center, has seen the transformation in Chavez first hand and believes the services The Arc offered Gabby truly helped her blossom.

"Gabby's grown in confidence. She had the ability, but wasn't supported well," Stephens said. "Now she's the life of the party. Everybody knows Gabby."

Chavez has now become one of The Arc's main cheerleaders, even recruiting 20 people from her new job to walk on March 22.

"People here [at The Arc] helped me -- now I can help them back," said Chavez, who hopes all of the community will show its support. "The walk is important to keep my program open to help other people like me."

Downey PD plans DUI patrols Monday

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department plans to dispatch roving DUI patrols this Monday -- St. Patrick's Day -- to catch drunk drivers.

The DUI patrols are in addition to regularly scheduled patrol officers.

"When you celebrate St. Patrick's Day, just be smart about it," said Police Chief Carl Charles. "If you know you're going to drink -- whether with friends at a pub or attending a party -- designate a sober driver ahead of time or call a taxi to make sure you get home safely."

"There's never an excuse for driving after drinking," Charles added.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 269 people have been killed on St. Patrick's Day between 2007 and 2011 due to drunk drivers.

The Downey Police Department offered the following tips to remain safe on St. Patrick's Day:

Before festivities begin, plan a way to safely get home at the end of the night.

Before drinking, designate a sober driver and leave your car keys at home.

If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation to get home safely.

If you see a drunk driver on the road, report them by calling 911.

If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

The DUI patrols are funded through a grant by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Discounted pet adoptions Saturday

DOWNEY – Pet adoptions at the county animal shelter in Downey will be half-off their regular prices Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors can also receive complimentary gift bags with a new leash and collar. Kids can receive free face-painting.

The county shelter is at 11258 S. Garfield Ave.

'Walk the Talk' fundraiser April 5

DOWNEY – The annual Walk the Talk Against Child Abuse and Neglect fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown Downey.

The event will include the second annual Chalk Art Festival, with award-winning artists creating works of art at Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

Meanwhile, Stay Gallery will host a demonstration of 3D art starting at 8 a.m., as demonstrated by artist William Zin.

All events are free, but donations will be accepted at Stay Gallery to cover costs.

For more information, call Shirley Johnson at (562) 862-2378.

Gabby Chavez says she faced job discrimination due to a developmental disability.

After going through The Arc's employment training center, she found work with an aerospace manufacturer.



CRIME REPORT

Friday, Feb. 28

At 7:20 p.m. officers responded to the 7800 block of Brookmill Rd regarding a domestic assault. Officers discovered that the male suspect had assaulted the mother of his 2 children, causing visible injuries. The suspect was arrested and booked for domestic violence.

Saturday, March 1

At 2:00 a.m. officers responded to a motel in the 13000 block of Lakewood Blvd. regarding a sexual assault. The adult female victim reported she had been assaulted by a male suspect. Responding officers conducted an investigation and determined a crime occurred. The officers arrested a male suspect for sexual assault.

Wednesday, March 5

At 4:00 p.m., officers responded to the area of Telegraph Rd. and Pico Vista St. to assist the California Highway Patrol. An officer from the CHP was in pursuit of a suspect who was driving a truck. The suspect ran from the truck and into the residential neighborhood. Downey Police Officers assisted with the initial search and the suspect was ultimately arrested. The suspect was arrested for evading police and it was learned he was a parolee at large.

AB 109

Throughout the month of February 2014, the Downey Police Department in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Probation Department checked approximately 13 residents. These 13 subjects are classified by Los Angeles County Probation as high risk level individuals who were released under Assembly Bill 109. We were able to contact five individuals and one of the contacts resulted in the arrest of a male for violation of California Health and Safety Code Section 11377- Possession of a Controlled Substance. The other four subjects were contacted, interviewed and their residences were searched.

The Downey Police Department and the Los Angeles County Probation Department are committed to providing quality service to the citizens of Downey and we will continue to conduct these types of searches on a weekly basis.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

Tracing the history of Downey United Methodist Church

• PART 2 OF 4: Rev. John Ardis builds a school, helps grow a congregation.

By Richard Daggett
Downey United Methodist Church

DOWNEY – In 1855, the Reverend J. T. Cox was sent to the Los Nietos area to minister to the Methodists in the area. According to Edward Drewry Jervey, in his book, "History of Methodism in Southern California and Arizona," Rev. Cox was a three-hundred pound Texan, who was described as "white haired and of ruddy complexion." He had converted to Christianity at 15 from a rowdy childhood. His Christian spirit occasionally lapsed.

One day he was crossing a bridge owned by an uncouth blacksmith. The blacksmith shouted at Rev. Cox, using rather profane language. Cox approached and shook the blacksmith, saying, "You foul-mouthed villain. If it were not for my fear of God, I would beat you into jelly."

The Christians in the Los Nietos area were hard workers and successful farmers, but had little cash to pay preachers. At times the residents paid preachers from the bounty of their fields. At other times, especially between harvests, any pay was meager.

A colleague of Rev. Cox wrote to him, "I have been studying a great scientific question, the location of the seat of hunger. Is it in the stomach or in the brain? After consulting all the best authorities, and no little personal experience, I have concluded it is migratory; first in one place and then in another."

The Civil War brought grief and troubled times to the nation,

and the small group of Methodists living in the Los Nietos valley continued to meet in homes and open fields. Following the war, many people came west to start life anew. Rev. John Ardis, a member of the Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, reached the Los Nietos valley in 1868. He, like many others, had traveled by covered wagon. These wagons, drawn by oxen, mules, or horses proved an invaluable asset in clearing the land and in transporting supplies.

Soon after his arrival, Rev. Ardis built a school and conducted private classes in it. Joining other Methodists already settled in the area, he attended several camp meetings. These meetings played an important role in the growth of this early congregation. The meetings were filled with prayer, preaching, and singing. People shouted aloud, and sometimes leaped for joy. The camp meetings would often last two or three weeks, with people living out of covered wagons, tents, or even camping on the open ground. The emotional level was so high that the term "shouting Methodists" became familiar. The emotion of present day Methodists is still evident, but the "shouting" is less apparent.

Following an 1869 camp meeting, Rev. Ardis made his schoolhouse available for regular Sunday services. The members called themselves the Los Nietos Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the town of Downey would not be founded for another five years. Joining Rev. Ardis were J. B. Glover, E. M. Miles, S. M. Adams, and W. A. Spurlock. The group received official recognition by Bishop Wightman, and Rev. Alexander Groves was sent here as pastor.

In April 1869, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, founded the Los Nietos Collegiate Institute. Tracts of land, sold at auction, provided seed money for the

new endeavor. The school was located at the southeast corner of College Avenue (now Paramount Boulevard) and Alameda Street. It was intended for the education of children and youth from primary grades through college.

The Los Nietos Collegiate Institute was one of the first Protestant colleges in Southern California. A plaque in front of Downey's Fire Station #1 commemorates the founding of this college district.

The Dec. 2, 1874 issue of the Los Angeles Herald printed, "The Los Nietos Collegiate Institute, located at Los Nietos is enjoying considerable prosperity, having matriculated fifty-seven students during the session, fifteen of which are from abroad. The Principal, Rev. S. M. Adams and his competent assistants are doing faithful and efficient work in building up the school."

A resolution by the Church Conference reads, "RESOLVED: That the prosperity of the Collegiate Institute located at Los Nietos gives us unfeigned pleasure, and that we heartily recommend it to the confidence and patronage of an enlightened public."

The Rev. S. M. Adams was one of the first men to have charge of the school. Another of the early teachers was the Rev. E. C. Knott, father of Mr. Walter Knott of Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park.

The school closed in 1879, when the University of Southern California was opening. USC was originally a Methodist affiliated school, and many of the university's founders had Downey roots.

As the congregation at Los Nietos grew it became apparent that a more appropriate church structure should be constructed. You can read about this in Part Three, in an upcoming issue of *The Downey Patriot*.

Richard Daggett is the historian for Downey United Methodist Church.

Gospel festival Saturday

DOWNEY – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host its 22nd annual Songfest concert, a free night of multicultural entertainment, this Saturday starting at 7 p.m.

This year's event features an art exhibit featuring the work of local artists. The art exhibit opens at 4:30 p.m. but will be closed during the concert.

Participating at Songfest are Lady Fingers (harpsichordists), Trombone Quartet (from the Moravian Church), Mei-Hwei Chen (soloist), Community Choir of Hacienda Heights, New City Parish Choir, The Bateman's of Santa Monica, Widow's House (Moravian Church), Voices of Inspiration (from Compton), the Immanuel Gospel Community Choir of Los Angeles, and the Young Adult Samoan Choir of Lynwood.

The church is at 12425 Orizaba Ave., behind Imperial Elementary. For questions, call Lois Buchanan at (562) 927-9790.

Tomato, pepper sale at Downey High

DOWNEY – Downey High School will have 60 varieties of tomatoes and 40 varieties of peppers at its sixth annual tomato and pepper sale this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The sale is hosted by Downey High's botany department.

Tomatoes and peppers are \$2.50 each or five for \$10.

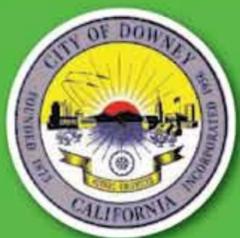
Sales are also planned for March 22 and 29.

Z Band at Mambo Grill

DOWNEY – Classic rock band Z Band will be performing at Mambo Grill this Saturday starting at 8 p.m.

The band plays '70s hard rock, with an emphasis on Led Zeppelin. Admission is free.

An Environmental Reminder

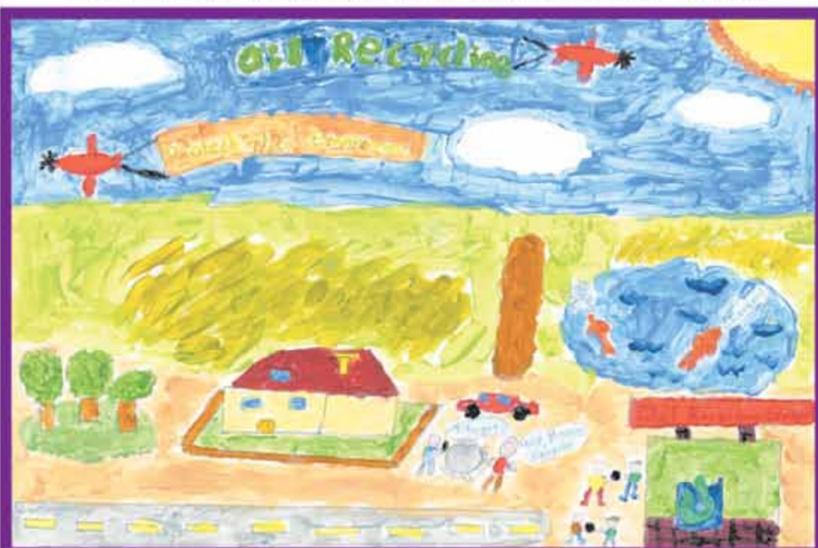


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DUSD optimistic with state budget numbers

• DUSD budget official sees a “window of opportunity unlike any we have had before.”

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Board on Tuesday heard a presentation by Dr. Nancy Nien, assistant superintendent of business services, in which she assured everyone concerned that a more favorable wind seems to be blowing from Gov. Jerry Brown’s direction.

First, she said, Brown appears to really be determined to have more funds available to districts through his newfangled Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)—which she referred to as the “Common Core for School Business,” and the intricacies of which the district has spent much time and effort trying to decipher and build a concrete course of action on.

The increase in Prop. 98 funding, she said, creates a “window of opportunity unlike any we have had before.” As one opportunity, she said, the Governor proposes “two rainy day funds to protect public education during the eventual downturns”: one for education, and one for the state budget. At full implementation, she said, the LCFF will fund every student at the same base rate. The LCFF also provides an ‘economic recovery target’ to assure district funding is restored to 2007-08 levels, adjusted for inflation.

The second interim financial report, before the May revise, has LCFF/Revenue Limit Sources of \$147,540,710 for 2013-14; and projected budgets of \$167,699,118 for 2014-15; and \$186,117,644 for 2015-16. These are based on slightly declining ADA estimates, respectively, of 22,053; 21,963; and 21,852. Total reserves are estimated

at upwards of \$47 million, \$56 million, and \$63 million for each of the three years.

Based on these estimates and projections, the Board has issued a positive certification that DUSD can meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the 2013-14 fiscal year as well as the succeeding two years.

Because adoption of the final LCFF spending requirements as well as the LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan) template and requirements is set for June 30, 2014, which is also when the district adopts its budget, work on a district-specific LCAP and the district’s Three-Year Strategic Plan is being accelerated.

To help accomplish these, the district has entered into an agreement with NPO Solutions, a management consulting group that prides itself with its 25 years of core competency in “rigorous and comprehensive strategic planning, with a special emphasis on public education,” to support DUSD staff in developing the required LCAP and the district’s Three-Year Strategic Plan.

NPO Solutions is also partnering with Los Angeles Education Partnership (LAEP) in implementing a community engagement program designed to solicit the community’s participation and input in “advancing educational excellence” in the district.

Towards this end also, it was recommended that the district create a Strategic Planning Task Force to guide the 3-year plan development process. The task force will be comprised of teachers, school administrators, district employees and representatives from community-based organizations, and will be overseen by a core team of district leaders including assistant superintendent for human resources Roger Brossmer and Janice Hobson,

director of instructional support programs.

Other action

Meanwhile, the Board heard Dr. Robert Jagielski, director of student services, in recognizing Dora Garcia, bilingual senior clerical assistant, and presenting her with the Superintendent’s Vision Award in the area of culture.

Taking a cue from the Superintendent’s Vision statement, Jagielski pointed to one of the elements from its description of ‘culture’: “The district has a supportive environment that promotes collaboration, communication, cooperation, and collegiality to unify and connect our educational community.”

He said Garcia has been working in this context during her years of service with the district. Acting as a liaison to a wide array of community agencies from outside the district that are involved with child welfare issues and beyond, Jagielski said that Garcia concerns herself with basically anything that goes to

the second floor in Educational Services, that she helps to connect visitors and parents to the right office and “coordinates services between agencies, families, and our schools to provide a productive and positive environment for all of our students and staff.”

Many of the families who either come upstairs or call in, Jagielski adds, are dealing with extremely personal, emotional and/or sensitive topics.

Whether it is “a student, parent, or agency representative that has been referred to the office for records information, a disciplinary matter, enrollment issue, suspension, expulsion, custody case, homeless situation, guardianship, Forster Youth, as well as our homeless and unaccompanied youth, an attendance issue, lack of insurance, a missing persons investigation, or being in need of a referral to our TLC Family Resource Center, she listens and gets people to where they need to go.”

Richard Morrison passes away

DOWNEY – After a 4 1/2-year battle with colon cancer, Richard Morrison died peacefully at his home March 8 with all his family present. He was 66.

Richard was born Feb. 15, 1948 in Connecticut and moved with his family to Downey at age 8. He attended Maude Price Elementary, North Junior High and graduated from Warren High School in 1966. He also attended Long Beach State.

An avid baseball player, he played for North Downey Little League and helped the team advance to the Senior Little League World Series in Pennsylvania in 1963. He also played baseball for Warren High, nearly winning the CIF championship in 1965. Richard was named MVP the following season.

He was an auto mechanic in Downey his entire adult life.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife of 40 years, Linda Morrison; daughter, Stacy Cabrera (Andy); brother, Randy Morrison (Linda), sister, Susan DiFrancesco (John); and nieces and nephews.

An informal service and celebration of life will be held at his home March 29 at 2 p.m. For information and address, call Linda Morrison at (562) 261-6621.

In Memory of

Sylvia "Syl" Miller

April 15, 1936 - February 27, 2014

Sylvia “Syl” Miller was born on April 15, 1936 in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was the only daughter of Howard and Maxine Miller. She had one brother, Barry, who has preceded her in death. Sylvia grew up in Artesia, New Mexico and had many fond memories of her early life there. She attended and graduated from Texas Woman’s University where she earned her teaching credential. She began teaching in Houston, Texas but moved to Phoenix, Arizona and taught there as well. Eventually, she came to California to pursue a teaching career. She lived in Long Beach for many years, but moved to Downey and had resided there for the last 24 years. In 1964 she began teaching in the Downey Unified School District. Her first teaching assignment in Downey was at Unsworth Elementary. However, over the years she taught at Carpenter, Williams and the now closed Roger Casier Elementary School. She briefly went into the plant business, but went back to teaching where her heart was. Generations of people can thank Ms. Miller for teaching them to read. She retired from the same school she began at, Unsworth Elementary, in 2001. While Sylvia loved teaching, she found great enjoyment in retirement. Retirement enabled her to spend more time with the friends that she held so dearly. She also took art classes at the Downey Adult Center and painted many beautiful paintings which she shared with her loved ones. Sylvia fought different forms of cancer since 1992. She was cancer free for many years, but cancer reared its ugly head again for a third time in 2013. Sylvia left this world on February 27, 2014, at her home in Downey, California with her dear friend Dorie Knaub by her side. Sylvia was loved by everyone who knew her. She had a warm, positive spirit even to the end. Her great sense of humor and love for life will be missed. It was Sylvia’s wish to have no service. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the Class of 1959 Endowed Scholarship at Texas Woman’s University in memory of Sylvia Lenore Miller.

Bill Orndorff, 85, mourned

DOWNEY – Bill Orndorff, 85, died peacefully at home in Downey on Feb. 23. He was interred at Riverside National Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 31, 1928 and served active duty in the Korean War. He worked in the tool and die industry as a mechanical engineer for more than 48 years.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Kathy Orndorff.



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If you can't volunteer that night, donations are being accepted to reach their goal of 25,000 meals.

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- Visit DFCU Headquarters at 8237 Third Street (in Downtown Downey)

There will be great music, good fun and the chance to make a tangible difference in the life of a hungry child!

Questions about the event? Please contact:

Sheila Tetangco-Bartolone
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March 22, 2014 *The Arc*

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PIH Health Hospital -- Downey gave a tour of the hospital to business and community leaders, and the media, last week. PIH officials are pictured above with Mayor Fernando Vasquez

PIH investing millions into hospital

DOWNEY – PIH Health Hospital - Downey, previously known as Downey Regional Medical Center, opened its doors for a public tour last week, inviting community leaders and media on a tour of the hospital campus, which has already undergone millions of dollars in upgrades since its acquisition last year.

Hospital officials used the tour to unveil plans for a \$5.5 million expansion of its emergency room. Fourteen exam rooms will be added, easing the crowd inside the ER.

There are also plans to upgrade patient rooms, improving the hospital’s Imaging Center, upgrade the Operating Room, and improve food and nutrition services.

PIH plans to spend \$19 million on capital improvements before September 2014, not including an additional \$4.2 million on new medical equipment.

Seismic work is also underway at the hospital, at a cost of about \$18 million. The seismic retrofit should be completed by 2016.

“We want to bring this hospital back to where it was when it first opened,” said PIH CEO Jim West. “We’re committed to providing the highest quality care to residents of Downey.”

Downey residents may be eligible for WIC

• Residents with limited incomes may be eligible for WIC benefits, officials say.

Anges Health Projects, said. “Pregnant women, mothers who have recently given birth, infants and children to age 5 could be eligible for both.”

DOWNEY – Many Downey residents are hurting, not able to purchase as much food with their CalFresh (food stamps) cards as before because the dollar value has been reduced.

However, many of these same residents are eligible for free WIC food checks and WIC health education.

The dollar value of CalFresh is lower for two reasons. The federal government’s Stimulus Package, which increased the dollars available to CalFresh recipients for several years, ended in 2013. People continued to receive CalFresh, but their benefits were reduced.

More recently, President Obama signed the Farm Bill, which further reduced the amount of money a CalFresh recipient has to spend on food.

“Some people with a limited income are eligible for both WIC and CalFresh,” Heidi Kent, executive director of South Los

between WIC services and CalFresh if they are eligible for both. People with limited income can use the combination of these benefits to be better-fed and healthier,” Kent said.

“Some Downey residents are even eligible for three types of benefits: WIC services, CalFresh and Medi-Cal. But the eligibility requirements are not the same for each. We encourage people who have questions to phone for information.”

“Anyone on Medi-Cal—as long as that person is an infant, child to age 5, pregnant woman or new mother—is automatically eligible for WIC. That is good news,” Kent said.

At area WIC centers, pregnant women and parents and guardians of eligible children can receive special checks to buy healthy foods. They can receive free nutrition, breastfeeding and health information and support. They can also receive referrals

to healthcare and community services.

Health counselors at the SLAHP WIC centers also share information about immunization against the flu, and information about all the shots infants and children need to be healthy.

“If pregnant women and parents with young children think they might be eligible for WIC, we encourage them to call us,” Kent said. Grandparents, foster parents and other guardians can also apply for infants and children to receive benefits.

Eligible Downey residents can visit visiting a WIC center in nearby South Gate, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Lynwood, Paramount or anywhere else that’s convenient.

South Los Angeles Health Projects (SLAHP) also manages WIC centers in Compton, Huntington Park and four communities in South Los Angeles.

The addresses of SLAHP’s WIC centers are located on the agency’s website at slahp.org.

-- Contributed by South Los Angeles Health Projects

Silent auction at Downey Library

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library is holding its monthly silent auction to raise funds for library programs.

Up for auction are: “The Ultimate History of Fast Motorcycles” (tells the story of 140 of the most exciting high performance motorcycles ever built);

“The Last Good Season-Brooklyn, The Dodgers, and Their Final Pennant Race Together” (if you’re a baseball fan, don’t miss this one);

“Rally of a Purple Heart” (a love story of the author’s grandmother who moved from the Midwest and eventually met her husband here in Downey);

“The Comic Book Heroes” (a history of modern comic books from the Silver Age to the present);

“The Planets” (Dava Sobel takes us on a guided tour of the Sun’s family of planets);

“The Story of God and All of Us” (scripture’s greatest stories come to life in this companion to the ten-hour miniseries The



Bible);

“Tales of the South Pacific” (James Michener’s stories of Nellie, Farbus, Bloody Mary, Lt. Cable, and the sailors of these beautiful islands);

“Living Homes-Sustainable Architecture and Design” (surveys the beauty of these homes cropping up all over the West);

“Van Gogh’s Van Goghs” (brother Theo’s collection given to him by the famous artist in gratitude for his financial and moral support);

“The Power of Miracles: In the Arms of Angels” (stirring accounts of unexpected healings, celestial

visions, miraculous rescues and angelic encounters);

“Hershey’s Best Loved Recipes” (Hundreds of recipes for an assortment of cakes, cookies, brownies and more); and

“Dr. Strangelove, Easy Rider, One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest and a Sean Connery Collection” (10 hours of classic movie watching).

All items have opening bids of \$6-\$8 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through March 29 on cards in Friend’s Bookstore, located in the young adult section of the library.

Letters to the Editor:

U.S. soldiers

Dear Editor:

It was absolutely wonderful to open the paper and read comments from the students at Warren High School.

While most were to be expected with trivial thoughts – the school board should review the one about out-of-district student transfers who have created overcrowded schools – there was one student who I hope we all take a moment to support.

Jordan Mann spoke of his honorable decision to go into the military, a decision that appears to be mocked and looked down upon. I don't know this young man but his decision is one millions of men and women have done since the founding of our country. He has decided to defend our nation against all enemies both foreign and domestic. He has decided to do what many won't and that decision should be praised regardless of one's political beliefs.

Where would we be if the men and women didn't join to fight for our country to be founded? Where would we be if those in the greatest generation didn't defend us against tyranny in World War I and II? And where would we be without the men and women fighting to defend our country still today?

These men and women deserve our support and praise for their decision to serve and I, for one, thank Jordan Mann for his decision to serve his country – our country!

Sam Ferreira
Downey

Dear Editor:

Thank you, Warren High School students, for writing to the Downey Patriot. I really enjoyed reading their letters about their concerns, ideas and general thoughts.

It is good to know what the young citizens of Downey are thinking because they are the future. If you are really passionate about making changes in Downey or at your school, make it known to the officials (i.e. city council members, DUSD and Warren High administrators) and hopefully they will look into it and make something happen.

As for Jordan Mann's letter, it is sad that many view joining the military as a negative thing. Many famous people did serve in the military, such as Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Reagan; celebrities Drew Carey, Hugh Hefner, Chuck Norris, Bill Cosby, and the list goes on.

If you would ask them if they regretted joining the military, their answer would probably be “no” and, from my point of view, it sure doesn't look like they threw their lives away.

Don't worry about what others think of you joining the military; it's your choice and your life, so make the most of it. Good luck in the Air Force and thank you for your future service to this country.

Guillermo Vazquez
Downey

Police work

Dear Editor:

My husband and I would like to commend the Downey Police Department for their kindness.

Monday, March 7, my husband drove off with a book on the trunk of our car. I was driving behind him and signaled to him trying to get him to stop. When he stopped the book had fallen off the trunk. He walked to where it had fallen and picked it up but failed to notice that our handicap placard that was in the book was left behind.

By the time he noticed and returned to the location where the book had fallen, the handicap placard was gone. We thought we would have to file for a replacement.

The following day we received a call from the Downey Police Department letting us know that one of their officers had picked up a handicap placard and researched to find the owner.

We are very grateful and thankful for his kindness in returning the much-needed handicap placard to us.

Arthur and San Juana Callahn
Bellflower

DCLO

Dear Editor:

I can't help but remember that March is the time of year that we'd all be enjoying the winter musical from DCLO.

Of course that privilege was robbed from all of us last year by the city of Downey and Venuetech management company. I wonder how they feel now that the theater is dark most of the time and the steady rent payments from the DCLO have ceased?

What is most amusing to me is that these short-sighted dimwits have the audacity to try luring another company into the building. Word travels very fast in the theater community. I'm sure that everybody who produces musicals within a 500-mile radius knows exactly what they did to drive the beloved DCLO out of its longtime home and out of business. If by chance there is someone who doesn't, I'll make it a point to personally tell them.

When VenueTech's five-year contract is up in 2015, most of us hope they get out of Downey and never come back again.

Please boycott their shows. Money is better spent on a quality production elsewhere such as the Carpenter Center in Long Beach or one of the local colleges.

Mike Sanburn
Bellflower

June election

Dear Editor:

As we get closer to the June primary election, I would encourage all my south Downey constituents to exercise their right to vote.

Not only will we get the chance to vote for Assembly, state Senate, fire protection and governor, it has come to my attention that Prop. 41 aims to prevent our veterans who served our country from becoming homeless. This proposition will set aside funds for housing, counseling and job placement services.

Please join me in seriously considering this ballot measure to address the issue of homeless vets. They served us, let's serve them.

John Paul Drayer
Bellflower

John Paul Drayer represents southern portions of Downey on the Cerritos College Board of Trustees.

Sex offenders

Dear Editor:

Our worst nightmares became a reality when we discovered a convicted sex offender was stalking my underage daughter.

He had the audacity to follow my daughter for 25 miles from Downey to Pasadena and to park immediately behind her when she arrived at her destination at which time pictures were taken of his car and he was identified by my daughter and another adult when he took off after being photographed.

We reported this last incident immediately to the Downey Police Department who told us there was nothing they could do about it and suggested us to apply for a restraining order. We went to court looking for a restraining order and had to endure the maneuvers of the sex offender's attorney who kept getting continuances on the case which caused my daughter to miss several days of school after these obvious attempts to intimidate us and create a fear atmosphere for my daughter.

After spending money on an attorney and investing considerable time in court, we were able to obtain a permanent restraining order. While this is a legal victory, we will not be lulled into a false sense of security and will continue to be alert and vigilant against any action that this individual may take against my daughter.

I respectfully suggest to all my Orange Estates neighbors and citizens of Downey to keep their guard up against sex offenders. Downey is home to 105 registered sex offenders according to the Megan's Law website.

It is only a matter of time before they repeat their crimes and hopefully they will be caught and punished, but that is small consolation for their victims.

Jorge Montero
Downey

Benefits of illegal immigrants

Dear Editor:

Every so often something happens in the news that pushes people on both sides of the fence to sound off about the supposed injustice of allowing undocumented immigrants to remain here while spending public resources on them.

It always starts with name-calling. The southern-flag-flavored patriotic lingo suggests that undocumented immigrants be referred to as “illegals” for not having permission to be here but I bet those furious patriots would likely be opposed to Native Americans applying this principled argument to refer to the English settlers as “illegals.”

Spending tax money on undocumented immigrants is rarely seen as a benefit to anyone else and it is commonly attacked as an injustice against hard-working and law-abiding citizens and documented immigrants. Undocumented immigrants are thought of as parasitic invaders and intrusive robbers, criminal-minded border crossers, just here to plunder and pillage from our nation's “basket of opportunity.”

It's hard to dispute that companies of all sizes – nationwide – employ millions of undocumented immigrants and only face tiny sanctions or fines if they are caught by federal authorities. In exchange for taking these small risks, companies enjoyed great profits and cost savings, which they passed on to their shareholders as dividends and to their directors as compensation, often in lump sum salary bonuses. Companies weren't forced to forfeit the profits made by employing “illegals” since they had disbursed the money almost as soon as they made it. All the while, we enjoyed products and services that could have been much more expensive.

There are many examples of how this country enjoyed the benefits of a great influx of undocumented immigrants. These so called “illegals” were the secret sauce in America's economic hamburger for a long time.

So before you fall in line with the anti-immigrant rhetoric that flares up when those patriots with a false sense of entitlement squeal about a little less slop in their troughs, understand that what undocumented immigrants earn “under the table”, they continue to spend here on housing, services and taxable goods sold by businesses owned by Americans.

Dan Chantre
Downey

Military service

Dear Editor:

This narrative is about the mental stress endured by service men, women and their families, as I learned from my duty in the armed forces, which was what I did not previously realize.

Recently, I accepted the invitation extended to our military personnel to submit their biography describing experiences encountered while in the service.

I do not expect nor seek praise and glory, which is due to our valiant men and women – it would not be proper for me to do so. The only pride I derive is from the thought that I deemed it my duty to serve; at the time I was needed, and did so with no regrets.

We put our lives on hold in exchange for one that literally converted us into targets, and our families along with us share the pride and glory, who from one day to the next lived with the uncertainty of not knowing when or if they would hear from the Department of Defense, informing them that their loved one – husband, son, brother, sister or father – would not return because they were killed in the performance of their duties.

That is sheer martyrdom. It is impossible to fathom the anxiety unless you live through it, and I can remember it happening to my mother. But thanks be to God, He heard her unceasing prayers she offered on my behalf.

As strange as this may sound, I could not help think that our enemy, being human, endured the same agony our families did, who shared identical fates, which would not have been revealed had it not been for basic training. Here we were training to kill someone we did not even know but with whom we had everything in common. We were all victims of unscrupulous, greedy individuals using us as common fodder.

They (the enemy) are also farmers, accountants, factory workers, struggling to make ends meet and support their family.

Having said all that, I will close with a quote by President Obama when closing his speeches: “God bless America and God bless you.”

Frank P. Calderon
Lynwood

Pledge of Allegiance

Dear Editor:

In 1971 I was sworn-in as an American citizen. It was a moving experience and I was very proud to be able to vote and purchase a handgun.

Things have changed since and I would like to render my version: “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, divided, without God, with liberty and justice for some.”

In my opinion, this version is more truthful.

Dieter Oltersdorf
Downey

Politics

Dear Editor:

The President and Congress just agreed to a budget compromise that prevents another near-term government shutdown. The bipartisan agreement terminates unemployment benefits for 1.3 million workers who are still suffering from the 2008 economic crash while giving the Pentagon, the NSA, CIA and the Department of Energy a vast part of the government's discretionary funding budget.

The United States is experiencing a gigantic redistribution of wealth. The very meager “wealth” of working families is being taken from them and given to the biggest banks and war corporations who make up the military-industrial complex.

The 2013 profits for the banks and corporations are at an all-time high but nearly one out of every two Americans now lives in or near poverty, according to the most recent U.S. census report. Hunger is rapidly increasing in the United States. Mayors in 29 cities say more than one in four people needing emergency food assistance did not receive it.

The military-industrial complex is one of the biggest swindles in history and a device for redistributing the country's wealth from the bottom to the top. In the name of “keeping the country safe,” the Pentagon chiefs and their friends in corporate America are looting the national treasury. More than 50 cents of every dollar of our federal tax money is spent on the military.

This plunder of the national treasury is not to keep America safe, but rather to exercise social and economic control by the same forces that make huge profits at the public's expense. And now as they fix our elections, they hope we can all be so stupid we really did not know it was all fixed by the Supreme Court.

Our vote means nothing anymore. Wake up, America.

Margaret Hittinger
Downey

Dear Editor:

I read with interest Rev. Derryberry's letter to the editor. He's correct. He owed no apology to anyone for his or his wife's letters. There is supposed to be freedom of expression and belief in the U.S. Who reading this has always been right 100 percent of his whole life?

I found Glory Derryberry's letters to be sweet and sincere. I don't recall the Reverend's letters. I was aware of Mr. Camping's prediction of the return of Christ Jesus, but wasn't convinced because the Bible states no one will know the day of His coming. I feel the ones who should fear are those who don't look for His return. We now have the “Freedom from Religion” group. I can only conclude that they fear Christians are right. No one is forcing them to believe; no one is harassing them.

I don't believe in extraterrestrial beings, but I won't form a movement to stop those who do. I might add that we do see signs spoken of in the Bible there will be earthquakes and famine.

We could have food shortages. The San Joaquin Valley doesn't have the water needed (remember Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and other Democrats, voted to give the water to the smelt fish instead). Our President just visited this area and did nothing. So we have already seen food prices rise dramatically and milk is projected to go up 60 cents a gallon.

Now I'll address Mr. Clarke's letter. I will try to make my words kinder. But which words would he use when someone (President Obama and others) have repeatedly lied to us on many issues? Untruthful? I understand that Bill Clinton is highly respected – how can this be? He not only was “untruthful” about Monica Lewinsky, he had sexual relations with Jennifer Flowers and others, exposed himself to Paula Jones, was accused of rape by Juanita Broderick and had other affairs, violating his marriage vows. Have the morals of Americans sunk so low that we respect this? I don't.

I think if I had studied constitutional law under Obama at Harvard, I'd ask for my money back, as he was the one who wanted government employees to audit news offices, but thankfully it failed because of the outcry of the American people. Guess they didn't like having someone dictate what we were told to believe.

Also, now the U.S. armed forces will be at its lowest number in 75 years. Does this make you feel safe?

Elsa Van Leuven
Downey

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter titled “Ramblings” last week, I would like to say to Elsa Van Leuven: please continue enlightening us with what is going on in our government. A lot of us are aware of what you are saying and are in agreement, but lack the ability to describe these happenings as eloquently and accurately as you.

There are many who want to remain in the state of “ignorance is bliss” because the truth can hurt, and the truth is not what they want to hear. However, with this being said, I am a senior citizen and not speaking as a 16-year-old.

We all need constant reminding of what is right and just, and we should never sugar coat or ignore the corruption and injustices that are occurring in our wonderful country.

Martha Call
Downey

Dear Editor:

In response to Shelly Wilson's letter to the editor, she apparently can stay awake to read more than two sentences, as she managed to read enough to put down two people – not addressing any issues, but only personal attacks.

If she read only two sentences, how does she know Ms. Van Leuven's letters ramble? This has happened before. Rather than say what they disagree with, others just attack people personally.

Mrs. Wilson's sad attack on Rev. Derryberry's name and person was entirely uncalled for. Stick to the issues.

Rafaela Ramirez
Downey

Street signs

Dear Editor:

I could not fail to notice how many overhead street signs (Lakewood and Gallatin, as an example) appear to now be in Gothic.

There are now several of these in town. One would think the city could afford to update these faded and paint-peeling signs.

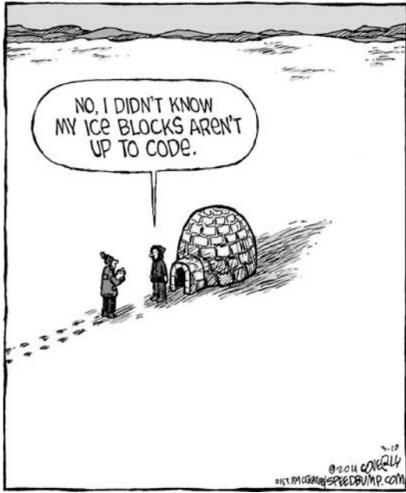
I also fail to understand why the mockup of the Columbia space shuttle has turned into such a boondoggle.

There is space next to the existing museum, so put it there. I'm sure a contractor could build a garage or some such thing for a lot less than a few million dollars. It's a part of Downey's history.

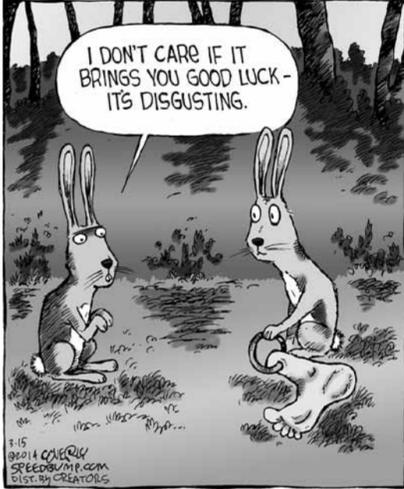
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Downey Community Calendar

Events For March

- Sat. March 15: **Tomato and pepper sale**, Downey High School, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Sat. March 15: **Historian Dr. James Busby**, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 1 p.m.
- Sat. March 15: **Songfest concert and art show**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 7 p.m.
- Sat. March 15: **Z Band concert**, Mambo Grill, 8 p.m.
- Mon. March 17: **Business mixer**, Mambo Grill, 4:30-7 p.m.
- Mon. March 17: **Bunco fundraiser**, Woman's Club of Downey, 6 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, 6:30 p.m.: **City Council**, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.: **Library Advisory Board**, at Downey City Library.
- 4th Mon., 5 p.m.: **Green Task Force**, at City Hall.

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 Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
- 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 dianedavis4sc@gmail.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., 3:30 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.
- 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.
- 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 (310) 322-2342.
- 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.
- 12 p.m.: **Optimist Club of Downey**, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 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.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 p.m.: **Lions Club**, at Coco's, for information call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 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.

On This Day...

- March 13, 1781:** Sir William Herschel discovered Uranus.
- 1852:** "Uncle Sam" made his debut as a cartoon character in the New York Lantern.
- 1884:** Standard Time was adopted throughout the United States.
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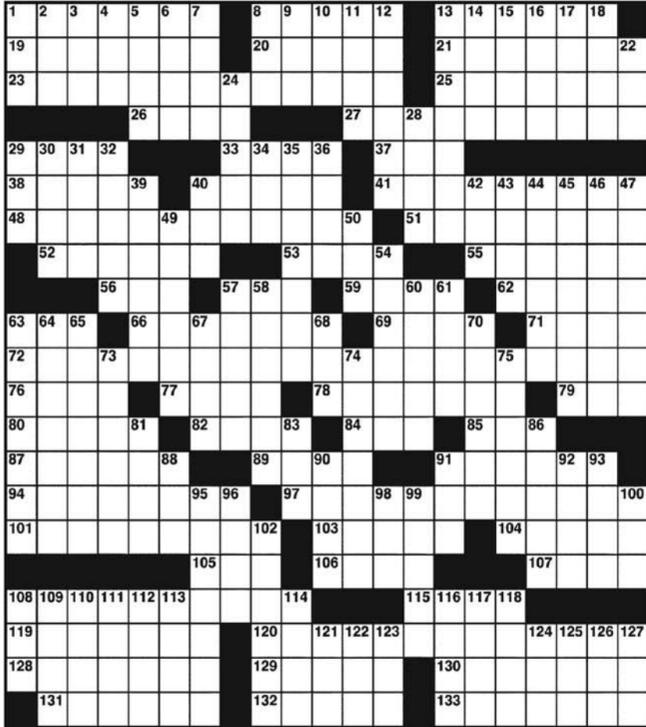
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



far less. So, men may be naturally smellier, and the odor may bother some of us while not even being noticed by others.

Body odor clearly can result from poor hygiene. Many of us can recall an older relative who skipped on showers and clothes washing. The lack of oral hygiene and resulting tooth and gum disease, such as periodontal disease or gingivitis, will also cause odors. Other causes related to lifestyle choices include the use of drugs, alcohol or cigarettes, and the foods we eat.

How do we minimize our body odor? Sweat is actually virtually odorless, but as it sits on our skin, bacteria break it down, which forms the odor. First and foremost, wash with an antibacterial soap and water every day, especially in the groin and armpits. Towel off completely to remove any residual sweat from the skin. Use a deodorant or antiperspirant, up to twice a day if necessary. There are deodorant powders for socks and shoes as well. Wear natural fabrics like cotton, which absorb perspiration better than synthetic materials like polyester. Wash and change your clothes frequently. Some of us may need to make changes to our diet, especially when it comes to garlic, onions, and spicy foods.

While the immediate motivation for controlling our body odors may be social acceptance, be alert to any changes. Don't hesitate to consult your physician for advice; there may be underlying health issues.

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PROS AND CONS OF NEW FOOD LABELS

It's nothing new to the American consumer that food packaging emphasizes only part of a product's health story, and the fact that the nutritional labeling hasn't been overhauled in 20 years hasn't helped, says cardiologist and professional chef Michael S. Fenster, MD.

A proposed update, which could take a year or more to appear on store shelves, is being driven by first lady Michelle Obama, as part of her "Let's Move" campaign.

"Our current nutrition labeling is the same as that implemented in the 1990s, except with the 2006 addition of trans fats information. It's based on nutrition data and eating habits from the 1970s and 1980s," says "Dr. Mike," author of "Eating Well, Living Better: The Grassroots Gourmet Guide to Good Health and Great Food," (whatscookingwithdoc.com).

From the perspective of physician and foodie, he analyzes what's good about the first lady's proposed new label, and what could be improved.

• Good: Calorie counts would be displayed in a bigger, bolder font. Emphasizing calories allows consumers to think with a helpful "energy in / energy out" baseline. Do I really need the calories in this product when I could stand to lose a few pounds? That's a reasonably good question to promote.

Bad: Basing the value of food primarily on calories oversimplifies the evaluation process.

An energy drink may have zero calories, but it's not better for you than an apple, which may have 100 calories. We cannot overlook nutrition!

• Good: Serving sizes would be determined from real data reflecting the portions real people typically eat. A serving of ice cream is expected to increase from a half cup to a full cup, and a one-serving muffin would be 4 ounces instead of 2 ounces, reflecting the obvious fact that people generally consume the whole scoop of ice cream and the whole muffin.

Bad: Food producers may simply change the size of pre-packaged portions to skirt the rules. Industry experts suggest some food manufacturers may just reduce the package size to make their labeling more seductive. When food is parceled into smaller packages, the price per unit usually increases – it becomes more expensive for consumers.

• Good: New labeling would have listed separately, "added sugar." The grams of sugar added, irrespective of whether it's pure cane sugar, corn syrup, honey, sucrose or any other source, would be shown as one listed value. This is good because it starts to get into the quality and composition of the food product, at least indirectly. Many public health experts say "sweet creep" has been a major contributor to obesity, certain cancers, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

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CERT training next month

DOWNEY – Training classes to join Downey's Community Emergency Response Team begins next month.

Classes are April 5, 12 and 19 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All training is provided free of charge by the Downey Fire Department.

The CERT program is designed to prepare residents in the event of a major disaster.

"Your training in responding to emergencies in the event of a disaster is essential our city's ability to recover," city officials said.

CERT training covers basic skills such as first aid, fire extinguisher use, light search and rescue, and how to protect yourself from becoming a victim.

Training is open to anyone age 18 or older.

For more information, or to sign up for classes, email ready@downeyca.org.

Training classes are conducted at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, with a one hour lunch break.

"With training and information, individuals can be prepared to serve as a crucial resource capable of performing many of the emergency functions needed in the immediate post-disaster period," officials said.

We are all exposed to it! This condition, also known as bromhidrosis, is when an unpleasant smell comes from the body. It is B.O., or body odor.

Most of us are concerned about the way we look and how we smell. Body odor can be a serious problem for our work as well as our social life. Consciously or subconsciously, we are judged by how we take care of ourselves and by how we smell. In fact, it was clever advertising playing to our insecurities and to the fear of being excluded that caused the market for deodorants to boom. The first trademarked deodorant was sold in 1888, but it wasn't until the 1950s that the roll-on was developed – inspired by the new ballpoint pen. This was followed by the aerosol in the 1960s.

What causes body odor and how can we prevent it?

Body odor comes from skin gland excretions (sweat) and chemical reactions with our own natural bacteria. This happens mostly in the armpits, although these glands can also be found in the groin as well as other areas. New research has shown that roughly 50% of us are highly sensitive to a pheromone that is one of the components of body odor, androstenone. Men emit large quantities, while women release

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MONEY and TAXES 2014

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If you have no health insurance, your penalty starts at the greater of 1 percent of your income above the minimum necessary for filing or \$95 per uninsured adult in your household; the penalty for uninsured children is half the adult amount. You won't pay this penalty until you file your 2014 federal income tax return in 2015.

This year's minimums for filing a return are \$20,300-\$22,700 for couples and \$10,150-\$11,700 for singles.

You can avoid a penalty in a few ways. Among them:

- Buy a policy via the Marketplace Exchange for your state.
- Hold an insurance policy from any other source that meets the minimum standards of a midrange (bronze-level) plan on the exchanges. These policies include employer-provided health-care or other group policies, such as through an association, as well as policies you buy on your own.
- If the only coverage you can find costs more than 8 percent of your adjusted gross income.
- If you must go without coverage for less than three months, such as when changing jobs.
- If you prove that a hardship caused you to go without coverage – should, for instance, your policy get canceled and you otherwise can't afford insurance.

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PEOPLE PROFILE

GETTING TO KNOW: JESSICA FLORES

• Jessica Flores is an associate planner and business ombudsman for city of Downey.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – In the 12 years Jessica Flores has been in the city of Downey's service, first as an intern, then as an economic development analyst, then assistant planner II, and currently as an associate planner, she has consistently displayed one laudable virtue above all else: competence.

And because the city in the past few years has had to cut staff due to a trimmed budget, yet needed to intensify its business and economic development efforts for obvious reasons, she was not too long ago asked to take on additional duties as a business ombudsman. It is a new position and it carries no pay, but Jessica didn't mind: she knew that everybody else in the department was doing double duty.

The wonder of all this, she said, was the downsizing has actually led to operational efficiencies.

A product of South (now Sussman) Middle School and Downey High ('99), with honors, Jessica went on to get a BS in urban and regional planning in 2004 from Cal Poly Pomona's Environmental Design College. She is currently two months away from earning her master's in public administration at Cal State Northridge. She says she hopes to maintain her "straight A" record at the university until she graduates in May.

The following is a sampling of her functions as city associate planner: 1) the interpretation and application of the appropriate state, county and local codes, ordinances and regulations; 2) a review of

various development applications including plans, permits, site plans, variance requests and rezonings; 3) the identification of community problems, issues, and opportunities in particular neighborhoods that could be mitigated through better community planning; 4) the development of long-range plans for communities with common developmental issues, as well as strategies to promote economic and community development or efficient land use consistent with community goals; 5) the recommending of priorities, schedules, and funding sources to implement public improvements plan; and 6) the writing, or assisting in writing, of a variety of ordinances and regulations relating to development controls.

These and other functions, which call for specialized knowledge and a myriad set of skills, including communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving skills, may at times require attendance at evening and weekend meetings.

Thus add a deep sense of responsibility to her competence.

"Every job assignment I've had," she observes, "has prepared me for the next one. My experience in planning had direct relevance to what I did in the economic development area, and vice-versa. Thus I've hardly experienced any strain in my work, either as an associate planner or a business ombudsman."

And just what role does a business ombudsman play? Jessica, who relishes her added role, describes some of its minimum functions: 1) the business ombudsman works with businesses to ensure they receive answers to questions and timely resolution of issues involving local government; 2) performs a full range of professional and technical duties in support of the city's Economic Development Division's services, projects and programs; 3) assists with the analysis, coordination and/or administration of economic development projects and programs; 4) assists businesses by facilitating project processing and permitting; and 5) maintains

and analyzes economic trends and serves as a resource to other city staff, outside agencies, and the general public in answering questions, providing information and assistance, and solving problems.

To someone prepared to handle these tasks, involving as it does a lot of interface contacts with segments of the community, doing these activities is a joy; for Jessica, it affords a lot of opportunities for further personal and professional experience and growth.

There were clear indications early on as to the future direction of her career, she says: "When I was little, I must have been 8 or 9 at the time, I was always interested in construction. I would spend time drawing a floor plan."

She says she had current Councilmember Roger Brossmer as her Downey High School biology teacher, but it was through the urging of her architecture teacher, Jason Redfox, that she enrolled at Cal Poly Pomona to study urban and regional planning.

Jessica was born in East LA and raised there by her Guatemalan parents until she was five. The family then moved to Maywood. Six years later, they moved to Downey. Jessica was 11 then. Even though the family moved to Bell when Jessica was 21, she still considers herself as a "Downey-ite." She says, "I still have lots of friends, including my best friend, that still live here. I love this community. The work I do every day is a reflection of my pride in this city."

Her very first job was with Alin's Party Depot in Downey from age 16 until she was 21, just prior to hiring on with the city. At the same time, at age 20, Jessica worked for a year in Disneyland, as well as a professor's aide at Cal Poly.

Her mom, now retired, worked as a seamstress. Her dad, an automotive mechanic, still works part-time. They both live with her, she says, at her house in Bell which she bought three years ago. "I love my parents and have a great relationship with them," she says, "and I plan on being their caretaker



when they need me."

Jessica lost one of two sisters two years ago in a motorcycle accident. The other, Karina, lives in Victorville with her husband and their two kids.

"I have seven nieces and nephews, and am the proud godmother of two boys, and I have two Pomeranian dogs, Hope and Lucky. They are my babies," says Jessica, who is unmarried.

She thrills at her recollection of the Northern European cruise she took a year and a half ago. She says she looks forward to her next travel adventure, this time a Northeast Asia cruise. Travel to Italy and Spain sometime in the future is also in her "to-do" list.

In addition to travel, Jessica says she enjoys going to the movies and theatrical musicals—and food: "I enjoy eating ALL kinds of food."

As far as physical activity is concerned, Jessica says she has been on a bowling league for four years now, as well as on and off a softball league for the past five years (a leftie, she plays right field).

Revealing a compassionate side to her character, Jessica says, "Some of my friends and co-workers help me organize two annual fundraiser trips to Stataline/Las Vegas to sponsor or assist a rural community and church in Guatemala with school supplies, holiday and Christmas gifts and services. "We've been doing this for six years now," she says.

Saxophone soloist to perform at concert

DOWNEY – Question: what was invented around 1840, has 500 separate parts, and shines in night clubs?

Hint: if you answered "Bulgaria," please try again.

Another hint: when this invention is in the right hands, it can greatly influence your mood, your energy, your love life, and take the dog for a walk, though this last point has not yet been thoroughly documented.

Give up? The answer to the question is the saxophone, ta-da! And the right hands we're talking about are those of Dr. Christopher Bartz, who appears as soloist with Downey's Symphony Orchestra on Saturday evening, April 5, 8 p.m., in our Civic Theatre.

Chris Bartz plays classical sax, he plays jazz sax, and he does both exceptionally well, as competition judges and audiences across the



United States affirm. For us, he will perform on the infrequently-heard soprano saxophone in Heitor Villa Lobos's "Fantasia for Saxophone and Orchestra," composed in 1948. (There are also alto saxes, and tenor and baritone saxes. You knew that.)

This work for saxophone is the centerpiece of an exciting program titled "World Cup Classico," which features music from such gorgeously soccer-crazy countries as Brazil (Villa Lobos' home), Argentina, Mexico, Italy, Russia and Spain. It promises to be an evening loaded with national color and a dazzling percussion section that is especially prominent in composer Oscar Navarro's ode to our own orchestra, the "Downey Overture," premiered here in 2011.

In the theater lobby you will enjoy "Home Sweet Earth," an art exhibit linking Earth Day and our responsibility to walk the planet thoughtfully. In the theater patio are coffee and wine, and at 7:15 p.m. Music Director Sharon Lavery will discuss the wonderful music to be heard.

A tradition every season as part of the spring concert is the appearance of the previous year's Baton Auction winner, who this year is former Downey resident Priscilla Winslow. She will conduct the orchestra in the final section of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," and bidding for next year's chance to wield the baton will take place in a live auction from the stage.

So is all that enough to whet your appetite for a terrific evening of music and art? How about we throw in one more goodie for you: after the concert, everyone in the building is invited to a complimentary cookies, punch and champagne reception, where you can munch and mingle, talk to orchestra members, and ask that saxophonist questions, meaningful or not. Take your picture with Sharon Lavery. Take your picture with friends. Celebrate a good time.

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Wrestler Anthony Florido makes it to state

• Anthony Florido (285) pinned by eventual champion in fourth match.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY - The Downey High School wrestling team sent heavyweight Anthony Florido (285) to wrestle in the state tournament at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield last weekend.

Florido placed second at C.I.F. individual competition at Temecula Valley High School three weekends ago, placed seventh at the Master's meet at Citizens Bank Arena in Ontario two weekends ago and just missed placing at the state tournament last weekend in Bakersfield.

Although Downey had five wrestlers qualify for the Master's meet, Florido was the only wrestler to qualify for the state meet. Downey's Mark Lopez (113), Dylan Moreno (152), Juan Soto (170) and Stephen Chavez (182) each had outstanding seasons but did not advance to the state meet.

Anthony Florido defeated Mikey McCauley of Vacaville 3-2 in his first match. Florido then pinned David Hernandez of Birmingham at the 1:17 mark of the first period and followed that up by pinning Malik Hopkins of Chico at the 4:54 mark of the third period.

Florido was pinned by eventual two-time state champion Nick Nevills at the :53 mark of the first period. Florido was pinned in his final match against Jose Alvarez of Selma at the 4:57 mark of the third period.

Of Florido's two defeats, Nevills of Clovis won his second straight state title and Alvarez of Selma placed fifth.

Downey has sent three wrestlers to the state meet in the past 15 years. Troy Elam (119) from the early 2000's, Robert Chism (285) from two years ago and now Anthony Florido.

Each time Downey wrestlers qualify for the state tournament, they advance a little farther. It is only a matter of time before the first Viking wrestler returns from the state meet with a placer's medal

around his neck.

•••
The St. John Bosco High School wrestling team sent four wrestlers to the state meet in Bakersfield last weekend.

The Braves had three wrestlers place in the top eight of their respective weight classes. Joseph Dominguez (138) placed sixth while Zahid (132) and Anthony Valencia (170) both won state titles at their respective weight classes. Julian Gendreau (113) wrestled three matches but did not place.

Julian Gendreau (113) lost his first match to Tristan Gilliland of Clovis 6-5. Gendreau won his second match against Aaron Allard of Temescal Canyon by pin at the 3:32 mark of the second period. Gendreau lost his third match to Nico Colunga of Oakdale 7-0. Gendreau was eliminated from competition. Of Gendreau's two defeats, Colunga of Oakdale placed sixth and Gilliland of Clovis placed seventh.

Zahid Valencia won all five of his matches and is the 2014 state champion at 132 pounds. Valencia defeated Chase Herrin of Hughson by pin at the :58 mark of the first period. Valencia then pinned Arik Onsurez of Bakersfield at the :32 mark of the first period. Valencia then pinned Isaiah Hokit of Clovis at the 5:47 mark of the third period. Valencia then defeated Ruben Garcia of Selma 10-1 and finished off the state tournament by pinning Wyatt Wyckoff of Paradise at the 2:53 mark of the second period. Of Valencia's opponents, Wyckoff of Paradise placed second, Hokit of Clovis placed third and Garcia of Selma placed sixth.

Joseph Dominguez (138) defeated Lane Barnes of Clovis by pin at the :54 mark of the first period. Dominguez then defeated Jae Alofaitali of Carson by pin at the 1:15 mark of the first period. Dominguez then defeated Joseph Jauregui of Clovis East 10-4. Dominguez lost his next match to Emilio Saavedra of Modesto 9-2.

Dominguez then defeated Tyler Lawrence of Escalan 4-2 and Jacob Macalooloy of James Logan by pin at the 1:40 mark of the first period. Dominguez lost his last match to Sergio Enloe of Poway 5-2. Of Dominguez's two defeats, Saavedra of Modesto won the state title and Enloe of Poway placed fourth.

Anthony Valencia won all five of his matches and is the 2014 state champion at 170 pounds. Valencia defeated Myles Lenover of Placer by pin at the 1:10 mark of the first period. Valencia then defeated Arshdeep Dhanda of Dinuba by pin at the 1:33 mark of the first period.

Valencia pinned Albino Orozco of Turlock at the 4:44 mark of the third period and decided Austin Flores of Clovis North 7-4. Valencia finished the state tournament by defeating Bryce Martin of Bakersfield 14-4.

Of Valencia's opponents, Martin of Bakersfield placed second, Flores of Clovis North placed fourth and Orozco of Turlock placed seventh.

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The Warren High School baseball team opened their spring 2014 season with a 6-1 win over Serra of Gardena. The Bears are currently 1-0 on the young season. The Bears will play their second game of the season later today against South Gate at South Gate Park.

Warren has games scheduled against Cleveland of Reseda tomorrow, Franklin of Los Angeles next Thursday and Carson next Friday. The Bears will start San Gabriel Valley League play at Gahr on April 8. Warren has a busy preseason schedule to help prepare themselves for the start of league play. Coach Pearson, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of the season and making a run at a league title.

The Warren High School softball team currently has a 4-1 record. The Bears opened their season with a 4-0 win against South

Torrance on 3/1 in the Redondo Union High School tournament. Warren followed that up with a 5-2 win against Wilson of Long Beach in the same tournament on 3/3. The Bears then defeated Jurupa Hills of Fontana 3-0 in the semifinal game of the Redondo tournament on 3/7. Warren lost to the Port of Los Angeles 2-1 in the gold bracket title game of the Redondo Tournament also played on 3/7. The Bears then bounced back to defeat Santa Fe at Warren 3-0 on Tuesday.

Warren played Woodbridge of Irvine yesterday (score unavailable at press time) and will start the Loara Tournament on Saturday. The Bears will then play a doubleheader against Long Beach Wilson at Blair Field next Tuesday. Warren will then travel to Bellflower to play the Bucs on Wednesday. The Bears also have a busy preseason schedule to prepare them for the start of league play.

The Bears will start San Gabriel Valley League play against Lynwood at Warren on March 25th. The Bears are the defending 2013 S.G.V.L. champions. Coach Starkens, her staff and players are looking forward to the season and competing for another league title.

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The Downey High School baseball team has a 2-3 record after losing to Mira Costa, 2-1, at the Edison Tournament on March 3.

Downey lost to Mission Viejo at Mission Viejo 1-0 on 3/5. Downey lost their third game of the season to Los Alamitos at Downey 3-2 last Friday. After starting 0-3, the Vikings have bounced back with two straight wins. The first of the two wins came against Yorba Linda, 4-1, at the Loara Tournament on 3/8 and the second win was a 1-0 shutout against Long Beach Poly at the same tournament on Tuesday.

Downey continued in the

Loara Tournament yesterday by playing Woodbridge of Irvine (score unavailable at press time). The Vikings will be back in action tomorrow at the Loara Tournament to play a yet to be determined opponent.

Downey will play Wilson of Long Beach in a doubleheader next Tuesday at Blair Field and then travel to Bellflower to play the Bucs on Wednesday. The Vikings have a busy preseason schedule to prepare themselves for the start of San Gabriel Valley League play. Downey will begin league play on April 8th when they host Lynwood.

The Downey High School softball team currently has a 1-3 record. The Lady Vikings lost to the Port of Los Angeles, 6-0, on 3/4 in the Redondo Tournament. Downey then defeated West Torrance 10-3 in the same tournament, on the same day. The Lady Vikings then lost both games

of a doubleheader to Lakewood at Lakewood 15-10 and 12-7, respectively last Wednesday.

Downey played Saint Joseph's yesterday (score unavailable at press time). The Lady Vikings will play California at California next Tuesday and then will compete against Torrance in the Torrance National Tournament at Wilson Park next Wednesday. Downey will then play Bingham of South Jordan Utah next Thursday in the same Torrance Tournament. The Torrance Tournament will continue through 3/21-22.

Downey has scheduled a challenging preseason schedule to help prepare themselves for the start of San Gabriel Valley League play. Downey will begin league play on March 27th against Paramount at Downey. Coach Karzen, his staff and players are looking forward to this season and making a run at the S.G.V.L. title.

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ANA GODINEZ NAMED ART CURATOR AT STAY GALLERY

• Ana Godinez takes title of art curator, will oversee youth programs.



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DOWNEY – One year ago, Ana Godinez stumbled upon the Barely Even Human exhibit at Stay Gallery. Having been an art major at USC, she was intrigued by the idea of an art gallery existing within Downey.

Being as occupied as she was with work and school, her devotion to art led her to becoming a volunteer.

As Stay Gallery and its parent organization Downey Art Vibe grew, so did her involvement. Godinez is now a part of Downey Art Vibe's Stay: Engaged, a program that gives high school and college students an opportunity to learn about gallery management, community outreach, and nonprofit development.

Godinez first began by assisting Creative Director Gabriel Enamorado with the installation of art exhibits, and has now taken on the title of Art Curator.

"As the Art Curator, I am responsible for all communication with artists," she said. "I reach out to local talent for future exhibits through in-person interviews, and I manage and arrange the selected artwork with the artists. Whether it is an individual artist or group of artists, new exhibits open every First Friday at Stay Gallery."

Godinez, along with other Stay Gallery team members, are currently developing summer art workshops. They will target

students of all ages, and will revolve around clay, watercolor, drawing and painting. Of the four, Godinez will be teaching two.

The summer art workshops are one of many projects being delivered through the Stay: Young initiative.

"The Stay: Young initiative combines my passion for art and education, to cater to the local youth in Downey," Godinez said. "It gives them the chance to experience local art exhibits, field trips, art festivals, internship opportunities, and art education programs. Stay: Young's partnership with DUSD is the reason why students continue coming back to Stay Gallery."

"When we built Stay Gallery, it was built for local artists to display their work, for Downey's youth to be inspired, and for the community as a whole to come together," added Enamorado. "Ana, and the rest of the Stay team are products of the creativity that this place has fostered."

Godinez will be exhibiting her own work at Stay Gallery on July 5.



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'Hyperpresent' exhibit now open

DOWNEY – "The Hyperpresent," a collection of paintings by artist David Layton, is now on exhibit at Stay Gallery in downtown Downey.

Layton was born in Guatemala in 1992 and adopted at six months old. He grew up in the San Francisco Bay area and is currently residing in Los Angeles, where he is close to completing his bachelor's degree in Fine Arts at USC.

Layton is drawn to painting the mechanical, industrial and/or technological features on the world. His process is to take hundreds of digital images emphasizing a person's conscious experience of the present.

He has developed his own term, "the hyperpresent," defined as the combination of the literal present of reality, which one is only consciously aware of instant by instant, coupled with the increasing technology indicative of the present society. Layton translates the quick, impermanent, low-res photographs into photoreal paintings with elements of the painterly.

This particular exhibition will house three of Layton's hyperrealistic paintings: the Arcade, Cinema and the Coaster series.

Though the subjects are familiar, the images are often disorientating, featuring odd angles, saturated colors, cropped framing, luminescence and darkness. He crops images, not only for tightly constructed compositions, but to relate to the quickness that these instances pass.

"The Hyperpresent" will run for the remainder of March.

–Ana Godinez, Stay Gallery

Macy customers can help Independence Park

DOWNEY – Now through March 31, customers at the Macy's in Downey can donate \$1 or more at check-out to help fund upgrades at Independence Park.

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"Through this wonderful program and donations by Macy's customers, we are excited about the additional funding we will receive to help make improvements at Independence Park and we greatly appreciate Macy's support," said Mayor Fernando Vasquez.

Thrift shop to close for remodeling

DOWNEY – The Second Tyme Around thrift shop in downtown Downey is having an ongoing half-off sale as it prepares to close for remodeling at the end of March.

The store is operated by the Assistance League of Downey and helps fund the organization's philanthropic projects.

The shop will close later this month for remodeling and reopen in April.

'Bunny breakfast' at Golden Park

DOWNEY – The city of Downey, in partnership with Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club, will host a "Bunny Breakfast & Spring Extravaganza" at Golden Park on Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

There will be breakfast, crafts, pictures with the bunny (bring your own camera), carnival games, prize walk, portable skate park, information booths and entertainment.

Admission is \$5 for residents and \$9 for non-residents.

Advance tickets can be purchased from the Parks & Recreation office at 7850 Quill Dr. or online at downeyca.org (under the Parks & Recreation webpage).

For questions, call (562) 904-7238.

Bunco at woman's clubhouse

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Tickets are priced at \$30-\$75 and can be purchased at the theater box office, online at cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 467-8818.

The Drifters delighted scores of fans with a litany of hits that included "There Goes My Baby," "This Magic Moment" and "Save

the Last Dance."

The current incarnation of the Drifters is led by Bobby Hendricks, who has toured with Paul Anka, Buddy Holly, the Everly Brothers and Fats Domino.

Merging sass and innocence, the Chiffons won hearts and shattered music charts with a string of hits, including the No. 1 "He's So Fine" and its follow-up "One Fine Day."

The Chiffons have opened for the Rolling Stones and the Beatles, and in 2005 were inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame.

The Four Preps' appearance on the "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" made the group a household name across the United States but it was the surfing song "26 Miles (Santa Catalina)" that took the pop world by storm, launching a media blitz that consisted of performances on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "American Bandstand" and profile features in Billboard and Life magazines.

The Four Preps has collaborated with music's biggest acts, including Bing Crosby, Frank

Sinatra, Bob Hope, Rosemary Clooney and Louie Armstrong.

The group includes original members Bruce Belland, Bob Duncan, Michael Redman and Skip Taylor.

The Alley Cats began their musical journey in 1987 as a featured act in Disneyland's Blast to the Past, a salute to the 1950s. The band was recognized with awards for best doo-wop album and best song for "What's Your Name."

The Alley Cats have shared the stage with Chubby Checkers,

Jerry Seinfeld and the Beach Boys.

Also scheduled to perform is Leon Hughes, an original member of the Coasters, which dominated the 1950s R&B charts with the hits "Yakety Yak," "Searchin'" and "Poison Ivy."

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Since then the demand for fish & chips has grown throughout the United States. Haddon's vision still continues to thrive through the creation of the family owned H Salt franchise. Operating 26 stores throughout Southern California including the Downey store, which has operated successfully for 41 years and has been a member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce since 1995.

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DOWNEY LAW FIRM RECOVERS ARTWORK STOLEN BY NAZIS

• German artwork taken by Nazis in 1941 fetches \$1.4 million at auction.

By Henry Veneracion
Staff Writer



"Summer Evening on the Alster"

DOWNEY – Acting in concert with attorneys from New York and Germany, Mark C. Doyle, a partner in the Downey law firm Tredway Lumsdaine & Doyle LLP (TLD), played a key role in the recovery of a 1910 Max Liebermann oil painting, "Summer Evening on the Alster," which was confiscated by the Nazis in 1941.

The painting was sold at auction on Feb. 4 by Sotheby's of London for more than \$1.4 million, benefiting Doyle's client, an heir of Dr. Gustave and Clara Kirstein.

It is said to have been shuffled through private buyers and galleries for nearly half a century before it was recovered after untangling a thicket of provenance and German inheritance laws.

Several other Kirstein heirs

also stand to benefit from the transaction.

Doyle, TLD partner in charge of the legal firm's Orange County regional office, said the painting's location was identified "with investigative support from the attorneys in New York and Germany, and with support from Sotheby's."

The painting was transferred to Sotheby's in London with legal guidance from Doyle, a BA cum laude graduate of Loyola Marymount University and who

earned his J.D. and Masters in Law in taxation with high distinction from Loyola Law School.

It was Doyle also who helped to establish his client's right to inheritance under German law, which not surprisingly posed "thorny legal challenges in the realm of restitution."

With support from the New York-based attorney, they established a client's legitimacy to negotiate and recover a confiscated artwork.

Doyle said he needed to "establish heirship among several children of a blended family, some of whom were disinherited." There were also challenges with conflict of laws

issues between California and Germany.

Doyle needed to work as well with the German Consulate in Los Angeles to apply for an *erbschein*, which is described as "a certificate of heirship issued by a Probate Court in Germany certifying the names of the heirs, their respective shares of the estate, and applicable restrictions."

He worked with the other heirs to receive their (their) percentage interest in the works recovered."

According to Doyle, the whole process took approximately two years. He said this was the first time he has handled a case of this nature.

"There are additional Kirstein works of art we're still trying to recover," he added.

Vendors, sponsors sought for Street Faire

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce is accepting vendors, food trucks and sponsors for its 21st annual Street Faire, taking place Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$3,000. Vendor spaces are priced between \$130 and \$160.

For more details, call Mia Vasquez at (562) 923-2191 or email mia@downeychamber.com.

Aerospace historian at space center

DOWNEY – Aerospace Legacy Foundation's resident historian Dr. James Busby will return to the Columbia Memorial Space Center this Saturday to lead a lecture on "the days of Mercury and Vostok 50 years ago."

The presentation begins at 1 p.m.

For more details, go to columbiaspacescience.org.

Scout group lands NRA grant

DOWNEY – The Downey chapter of the Royal Rangers, a Christian scouting group found in more than 80 countries, has received a \$2,243 grant from the NRA to purchase five target BB guns and a portable shooting range.

"We are really excited to receive this grant," said Mark Adamson, leader of Royal Rangers Outpost 132. "We have already had two practice sessions and looking forward to a NRA rifle competition later this month. On behalf of the Outpost, we want to thank the NRA for this grant."

Outpost 132 meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Desert Reign Church.

Schacknies finishes basic training

DOWNEY – Air Force Airman Fallon L. Schacknies graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland.

Schacknies completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

She also earned four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Schacknies is the daughter of Tracy Trippiedi of Raleigh, N.C.

She graduated from Warren High School in 2008.

5K walk/run scheduled April 5

DOWNEY – The second annual Health Downey 5K Run/Walk will take place Saturday, April 5, at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

All proceeds will benefit the TLC Family Resource Center, which provides underprivileged students access to physical and mental health services and more.

The center operates solely on grants, donations and fundraisers.

The event begins at 8 a.m. with same-day registration from 6-7 a.m. On-site registration is \$40 for adults and \$30 for kids over 5.

Registration is \$35 for adults and \$20 for kids if paid in advance.

For more information, call (562) 904-3577 or go online to dusd.net/tlc.

Mixer at Mambo Grill

DOWNEY – Mambo Grill is hosting a "mix 'n mingle" networking event Monday from 4:30-7 p.m.

The mixer is sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

Admission is \$8 and includes a St. Patrick's Day-theme buffet and no-host bar.

City unveils property search tool

DOWNEY – The city of Downey has added an advanced property search tool to its website, allowing the public access to a real estate property database.

By going to downeyca.org and clicking the "Business Site Locator" icon, the public can view available properties in the region, search available sites, obtain detailed property and business reports, conduct a demographic analysis of the region, create and print maps specific to their needs, and more.

Gospel musical to debut at Downey Theatre

DOWNEY – "2025 Sodium," a contemporary gospel musical about a dazzling and outspoken woman who defies her husband's appalling directions, will premiere at the Downey theatre on March 29.

The play is set in the year 2025 and features a full cast, dance, sound effects, live band and lots of gospel singing.

The musical is based on a true story.

Tickets are \$28 and can be purchased online at downeytheatre.com.

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ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 02/20/2014 NPP0227114 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 02/27/2014, 03/06/2014, 03/13/2014

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FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2014039834
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SWEET TREAT HAVEN, 10216 WESTERN AVE #203, DOWNEY, CA 90241 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) PO BOX 3992,

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANDY HAN, 10216 WESTERN AVE #203, DOWNEY, CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/SANDY HAN, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 13, 2014.
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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Downey residents Hector and Yvette Aguirre recently visited their son, Mineman Petty Officer 3rd Class Hector Aguirre III, in Sasebo, Japan. He is stationed onboard the USS Patriot.



Downey resident Sharon Flower, far right, with friends Vivian Clode, far left, and Chuck and Joy Williams went on a 21-day cruise from Buenos Aires to Santiago, Chile. They are pictured here at Palmer Archipelago, a group of islands off the northwestern coast of the Antarctic Peninsula.

BROADWAY THEATER COMING TO LONG BEACH

LONG BEACH – Musical Theatre West has released its production schedule for 2014-15, which includes the first production of the Broadway musical “Big Fish” since its New York debut with the original Broadway sets and costumes.

All performances are at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach.

The season schedule include: “Big Fish” Oct. 31 – Nov. 16, 2014: “Big Fish” is a new musical based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the Columbia Pictures film directed by Tim Burton.

Single tickets go on sale Sept. 17.

“South Pacific” Feb. 12 – March 1, 2015: Ensign Nellie Forbush meets dashing plantation owner Emilie de Becque on an island in the South Pacific at the height of World War II. “Honey Bun,” “I’m Gonna Wash that Man Right Out of My Hair,” “Younger than Springtime” and, of course, “Some Enchanted Evening,” are only a few of the hit songs from this Rodgers and Hammerstein gem.

“Les Miserables” April 10-26, 2015: Based on the Victor Hugo novel, this epic triumph tells the story of escaped convict Jean Valjean and his flight from Inspector Javert. Includes the songs “A Little Fall of Rain,” “Stars,” “Do You Hear the People Sing” and “One More Day.”

“Singin’ in the Rain” July 10-26: Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont learn how to transition to the world of the new fangled talking picture. Based on the MGM film, the score features “Good Morning,” “Moses’ Supposes” and the title song.

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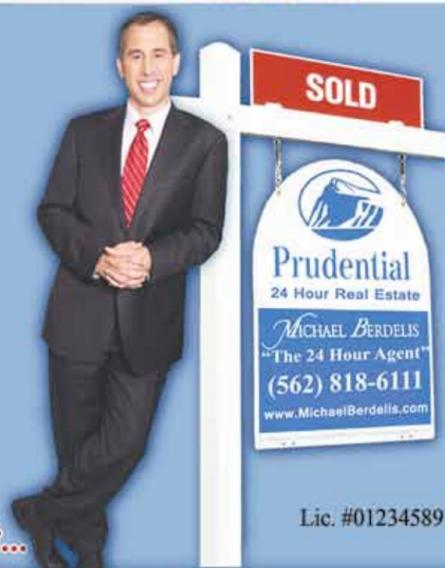
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