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SHARED STORIES:
THE TIES THAT BIND

Leaving Manchuria

In 1931 the Japanese invaded and occupied Manchuria. Nobuyo Avery spent her childhood there where her father was a Japanese businessman. The family had to stay in Manchuria for the duration of World War II, and tensions were high when the war ended and the Japanese were forced to leave. Nobuyo recounts a harrowing journey as she was sent with her younger brothers on a train to evacuate the children first. 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

As the war approached its end, we had more frequent air-raids by enemy planes. The bombs dropped far from where we were, and we did not have severe war experience where we lived.

About a week or so before the end of the war my two younger brothers, Kozo, 14, and Shinsaku, 12, and I, who was 15 years old at the time, had to evacuate from Shenyang, an industrial city that was likely to be a target of enemy bombing.

This could be around the time that Tokyo was almost turned to ashes. We understood that the Japanese forces were defeated terribly. Japan was trying to save the younger generations as much as possible. The authorities gave orders to let children between the ages of infant and fourteen be evacuated to a safer town to preserve their lives in case of the worst situation.

They allowed the very young children to be accompanied by an adult. But my brothers were too old to ask mother to go with them. I was chosen to go, not my older sisters, but poor me. I did not want to go and be separated from my parents.

Even if we were safe at the remote town, what could be a life without parents! But they begged me to go with my brothers and take care of them as a big sister. They did not wish to let two boys go without me. I did not want the responsibility of looking after two brothers if I could have had a choice. My parents persuaded me of how important this evacuation was and I had to give in.

We were so sad when the large truck packed all of the evacuees and left the dear old town. The tears were rolling down my cheeks as I wondered if and when we would see each other again.

There was a beautiful full moon that night that looked as if it was comforting us with a warm smile. The bright stars, being consolation to our wounded hearts, were twinkling with soft, gleaming light, as if they were trying to ease our pain of departure from loved ones.

However, luckily, or unluckily, that night we got to go home! The train that was supposed to take us to a remote town did not operate for unknown reasons. We had ridden a truck to go to the train station, but there was no transportation for evacuees returning home. Some people must have taken horse carriage rides home.

We, being young children, were afraid of strange people and decided to walk home. The three of us cried again, and walked all the way home about midnight. The streets were quiet, and it must have taken us about an hour to walk.

We surprised mother when we knocked on the door and told her what had happened. We had one more night with our beloved parents and sisters.

The second night we again rode the truck and this time the train was waiting for us. The cargo train carried us to a remote small town of about a few thousand or so Japanese. Most of them were women and children because nearly all of the male population was taken to the war front. Needless to say, it was very quiet and peaceful there.

My two brothers were placed next door to the house where I stayed with a pregnant woman and her two-year-old daughter. A week or so went by quickly.

One clear, hot day, when I was strolling with the two-year-old in the park, I saw people gathered at a spot around a radio. They said that there would be a very important message from the Emperor at noon. That was the announcement of the surrender of the Japanese forces to the U.S. and its allies.

Most of us could not believe at first what we were hearing. My brothers and I were relieved that the war was over. That meant that we would go home where our parents were waiting.

In a few days, the Red Chinese army marched into the city and we Japanese were asked to leave the town immediately. The next morning my two brothers and I were carrying our belongings and were walking the street together with the group of Japanese refugees.

At first we were among the people we knew, but soon we realized that we were among all strangers. Our feet were too slow and the adults walked faster. Everyone was silent, just walking quickly.

The native people, young and old, were standing along both sides of the street watching and staring at us. A Japanese man put a suitcase on the ground to rest a moment. A Manchurian man ran out and stole the suitcase. It happened so fast that we could not believe what we saw.

None of us said a word. My brothers and I were so terrified, fearing that they might pull us kids out of the procession and make us stay in Manchuria as their slaves. Everyone was quietly walking as fast as he or she could.

We had been walking for several hours when we heard shouting, "The train is here and waiting for us!" We had passed several stations along the way, but no sign of a train. My brothers and I were overjoyed that we made it! We ran with all of our strength.

Finally, when we sat on the train floor (there were no seats left), we held our hands, cried, and rejoiced that we made it to catch the train to Shenyang where our parents were waiting. Being hungry and tired, yet happy, we fell asleep.

Downey remains at center of L.A. County library world

• L.A. County library system is headquartered in Downey, unbeknownst to many.

By Greg Waskul Contributor

DOWNEY – Last Saturday, Downey became the center of the County of Los Angeles Public Library volunteer community as representatives from nearly 80 groups supporting libraries throughout the county gathered at a packed Rio Hondo Event Center for the 2014 Annual "Friends of the Library Exchange."

Hosted by County Librarian Margaret Donnellan Todd and Volunteer Programs Director Jim Allred, the event provided Friends of the Library leaders with an update on the Library's Strategic Plan and provided an opportunity for information sharing with a number of display boards from Friends groups throughout the county.

"Your support of public libraries is absolutely essential," Ms. Todd told the volunteers. "You are the heartbeat of the library in your local community."

Although the city of Downey has its own library, including outstanding Friends of the Library and Library Advisory Board groups, the massive County of Los Angeles Library system is also headquartered in Downey.

In addition to their Downey Library card, local residents may also get a free County Library card that provides access to millions of books as well as magazines, newspapers, videos, music CDs and government publications. The system is a technical marvel, making available many free eBooks, music downloads, streaming videos, online databases and even a mobile app.

"Although the County Library system has 85 regional and community libraries, an institutional library and three bookmobiles, it really operates as a single system that provides access to its immense collection to anyone who holds a County Library card," said Rosemary Hook, President of the Friends of the La Canada Flintridge Library. "It's amazing how well this incredibly diverse system works. It's a great joy to be part of the more than 6,000 Friends of the Library volunteers throughout the County Library network who enhance library resources throughout the community."

Officials pointed out that there are a number of County Libraries in communities near Downey, including Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Lakewood, Norwalk, Paramount and South Gate.

A library card provides much more than just the ability to check out materials from local collections. It also allows individuals to:

- place holds and access their account online
- remotely access library databases
- download audiobooks, eBooks, and music
- use the Library's public computers and Internet
- connect to wireless Internet at all County Libraries

A decade ago, the conventional wisdom maintained that libraries were a dying breed. But as epitomized by the Downey Library and the County of Los Angeles Public Library system, libraries in



PHOTO BY GREG WASKUL

Los Angeles County are becoming more relevant today in a multitude of ways that matter to customers of all ages and backgrounds.

For example, the County Library has one of the most vibrant social media operations of any library system on the planet, with Susan Broman and Mary Yogi of its Adult and Digital Services division leading the way. They presented a lively discussion on "Navigating the World of Social Media" at Saturday's event where they described the two-way communication the library system has created and nurtured using applications such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.

This forward-looking approach is encompassed in the County Library's Strategic Plan, which is designed to give people the freedom to connect, explore and create—whatever their needs or dreams. This is a tall order, yet the library system is committed to providing platforms for both traditional learning and what it calls "unexpected collisions of creativity."

The plan includes eight initiatives for the future, including:

1. Telling the Library Story: Improving the way the library tells its customers about the wide range of available programs and services.
2. Affirming the Library as a Center for Learning: Addressing communities' learning and literacy needs through classes, events, and online technology.
3. Expanding and Supporting the Digital Library: Adding more digital content and making it easier to find and use, as well as expanding mobile access.
4. Transforming the Role of Library as Place: Increasing the role of the library in the community and

other services beyond the library's walls. This means customizing each library to the community it serves.

5. Supporting and Cultivating the Community's Creativity: Introducing collaborative work spaces to learn new tools and technologies or share a creative hobby or interest.

6. Developing the Library as a Center for Community Engagement: Collaborating with the community's cultural groups and broadening the library's leadership role as a trusted source for equal access to information.

7. Developing a Staff Prepared for the Future: Improving the library experience by developing the library staff's leadership and technology skills.

8. Ensuring the Financial Health of the Library: Managing the library budget wisely and seeking new funding sources to bring more services to Los Angeles County communities

Accomplishing this ambitious plan won't be easy, but Ms. Todd's team is determined to continue to move the library experience forward by collaborating with key constituencies such as those who attended last Saturday's Friends of the Library Exchange event in Downey.

After the County Library was established in 1912, its first 100 years of growth and service was remarkable by any measure.

Yet today, it is positioned even more strongly for its Second Century as its visionary leaders, talented staff, and Friends of the Library members and other volunteers lead the way toward fulfilling the needs and dreams of the more than 3.5 million people it serves.

DOWNEY FIRE GOES DIGITAL

• Paramedics begin using iPads to electronically store patient records.

By Christian Brown Staff Writer

DOWNEY – In an effort to streamline basic care reporting performed by paramedics everyday, the Downey Fire Department launched an iPad-based system this month, replacing outdated paper forms with a digital interface that stores patient records electronically.

"Going electronic allows for better documentation -- it's also an efficient way for auditing and data structuring," said Battalion Chief Bruce English. "The change was ordered by President [George W.] Bush with a target date of January 2014 to encourage medical entities to comply."

Electronic patient care reporting, or ePCR, is the latest wave of technological changes in emergency medical services as data efficiency and auditing concerns become more pertinent for fire departments nationwide.

In addition to saving lives, paramedics are also required to provide heavy documentation after treating patients. English believes the new system allows Downey's first responders to collect information much faster in an organized, digital system.

"We provide patient care, but we also have to document symptoms, EKG, blood glucose -- the baseline of what happened to the patient," he said. "Electronic documentation allows us to transfer the data to hospitals and run our stats to prevent fallouts."

English also said electronic forms save time during the auditing process and accommodate more efficient billing.

"We expect to see a 10 percent increase in receivables this year with going electronic," he said.

Contracting with local company Digital EMS, Downey Fire purchased the nearly \$80,000 ePCR software jointly with the cities of Vernon, Compton, and Santa Fe Springs, splitting the costs to save money. For \$20,000, Downey Fire bought the interface, employee training, and 10 iPads, now deployed in every paramedic unit, fire engine, and truck company.

"The graphical interface on the iPad looks just like the old paper forms...and with Siri, personnel can dictate narratives for better documentation," English said. "One person will be caring for the patient and the other will be inputting the information."

MISSING TEEN



Friends and family are searching for a Downey teenager believed to have run away from home. Sage Lee is 15 and still believed to be in the Downey area. Anyone who spots her is asked to call Downey Police at (562) 861-0771.

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Financial advisor accused of stealing from elderly

DOWNEY – Criminal charges have been filed against a Downey financial advisor accused of taking more than \$300,000 from elderly clients.

Jose Carbajal, 45, is charged with three counts of theft from an elder or dependent adult. He was expected to be arraigned Monday at Bellflower Superior Court.

Authorities initiated an investigation after an elderly woman reported that she had received a \$125,000 tax bill from the IRS for a large monetary transfer that she had not authorized.

The investment account was managed by Carbajal, prosecutors said.

The investigation led to other alleged victims, including a Baptist mission. Prosecutors said the alleged crimes occurred between May 2009 and March 2013.

Carbajal was arrested Saturday at a financial planning seminar in Downey where he was making a presentation before potential investors, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors have recommended Carbajal's bail be set at \$325,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Fraud and Cyber Crimes Bureau.



POLICE DEPARTMENT OPENS TRAINING CENTER

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department last week officially opened its new use-of-force training center, where police officers can test and practice techniques, decision-making and judgment skills with the help of state-of-the-art technology.

The center will offer ongoing training for both non-lethal and lethal force options, officials said. Police officers previously had to travel outside the city for training.

The training center features an interactive, video-based use of force simulator with variable lighting and video monitoring. There is also protective padding and room for equipment storage.

No taxpayer funds were used to construct the training facility. The \$200,000 facility was paid for through asset forfeiture funds.

"The addition of this new force training room is a great asset to our police department and will serve as yet another tool to enhance the training of our officers," said Mayor Fernando Vasquez, who participated in a demonstration of the simulator last week.

Dia de los Muertos to return

DOWNEY – Save the date: Downey's second annual Dia de los Muertos Art Festival has been confirmed for Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Downey Theatre.

The family-friendly festival features artisans and master craftsmen displaying, demonstrating and teaching traditional Mexican arts such as papel picado, paper mache and calaveras de azucar.

There are also displays of sculpture, paintings and altars.

"Last year's event exceeded expectations in both attendance and in presentation," said Arlene Salazar, Downey's director of Parks and Recreation.

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CRIME REPORT

Thursday, April 10

At approximately 9:00 a.m., Downey officers assisted a local narcotics task force serving a search warrant at a residence in the 8600 block of Cheyenne. An indoor marijuana growing operation was discovered and approximately 40 plants were seized.

At 5:45 p.m., the westbound 105 freeway was closed for a few hours at Paramount Blvd. when a subject threatened to jump from the overpass. Downey officers assisted the Sheriff's Department and CHP. After an extended period of time, the subject was safely taken into protective custody.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., Officers responded to Furman Park regarding a robbery investigation. Officers spoke with the victim who reported he was assaulted and robbed of personal belongings. Officers searched the area and located three suspects and they were placed under arrest.

Friday, April 11

At 1:40 p.m., Officers responded to the Metro PCS store at 7814 Florence, regarding a robbery investigation. The store employees reported a male suspect entered the store with a handgun and demanded money. The victims complied with the suspect demands and the suspect ran out of the store with an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency. Detectives are investigating.

Saturday, April 12

At 2:00 a.m., officers responded to a disturbance at the Glen Bar, 7356 Stewart & Gray Rd. An intoxicated and belligerent subject was pepper sprayed and detained by security. The subject continued to be uncooperative when officers arrived and was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

WWII veteran Clyde Griffin passes away

DOWNEY – Clyde Orlando Griffin, a veteran of the World War II European Campaign, died April 15. He was 93.

Griffin was born June 25, 1920 and lived in Downey for 80 years. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Monday, April 28, at 4 p.m. at Miller-Mies Mortuary.



Margaret Garde mourned

DOWNEY – Margaret "Peggy" Garde, a longtime volunteer at the Downey library and hospital, died March 31 surrounded by family. She was 83.

Peggy was born May 3, 1930 in New York City, the sixth of seven children.

She worked for TWA in flight operations for 25 years at JFK International Airport before moving to Long Beach in 1980 to be near her sister, Kathleen.

She worked another seven years for Robert Shaw before retiring and buying a condo in Downey, where she had resided since.

She volunteered at the library for many years and also at Downey Community Hospital for 15 years.

She is survived by her sister, Mary (Peter) Ruelius of Texas; nephews, Richard von Reyn of Oregon and Tom (Georgia) von Reyn of Colorado; and nieces Doreen von Reyn of Oregon and Eileen (Dave) Bushway of Arizona.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 3, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, with a reception to follow.



West Nile virus expected back this summer

DOWNEY – With summer just around the corner, vector control officials gave a presentation Wednesday on West Nile virus and how residents can guard against mosquitoes.

The free presentation by the Greater L.A. County Vector Control District was held at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Last year, West Nile virus affected nearly 400 people in California — more than a third of those affected were L.A. County residents. At least one dead bird discovered in Downey tested positive for the virus.

Public health officials predict West Nile virus will post a similar health threat again in 2014.

Vector control officials urged residents to take the following safety precautions to protect against mosquito-borne diseases:

Eliminate or manage all sources of standing water to discourage mosquito breeding every week.

If you are outdoors when mosquitoes are biting, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts and use an insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535 and oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD). Always apply according to label instructions.

Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.

Call (562) 944-9656 or go to glacvcd.org if there is a significant problem or potential mosquito breeding source where you live or work.

In Memory of Gary Wayne Zollman

February 8, 1952 to April 9, 2014



Gary Wayne Zollman died on Wednesday April 9, 2014 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident in Downey, California.

Gary was born on February 8, 1952 in Jeffersonville, Indiana. He has been a resident of Santa Fe Springs, California since 1969. He graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1971 and worked for Ralph's for more than 27 years.

He is survived by his mother, Helen Gosnell, and siblings Glen Zollman, Phyllis Frazee, Bonnie Cecil, Linda Martinez, Roy Zollman, Stella Zollman, Terry Zollman, Dennis Zollman, and Regina Gonzalez. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his sister Glenna Click and brother Richard Zollman.

Services held for Rosemary Meyer

DOWNEY – Rosemary Meyer, a longtime Downey resident heavily involved with Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, died April 11.

She was born Oct. 26, 1935 to Florence Wozniak and Joseph Zayic in Perham, Minn. She was the oldest of four children and lived on a farm near the small town of Ogema, Minn.

She attended a one-room country school initially, then finished grade school in Ogema and attended high school in nearby Waubun, Minn., graduating as one of a class of 40 in 1953. Following high school, she moved to Detroit Lakes, Minn. to attend business college.

In the fall of 1957, her family moved to Huntington Park. Rosemary went to work for the Gas Company as an executive secretary. There she met her future husband, Ron Meyer.

They were married in 1962 at St. Matthias Church and lived in Huntington Park. Rosemary resigned from the Gas Company in 1964 and had five children over the next eight years.

The family moved to Downey in 1973 where Rosemary was very involved with Our Lady of Perpetual Help School and the Catholic Women's Guild, filling various roles including secretary, two terms as president, co-chair of the Christmas Boutique, and taking reservations for the annual Christmas Luncheon, as well as donating her time and crafts as needed.

In 1983, she went to work for St. Joseph High School as the bookkeeper, retiring in 1999.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her sister, Janice Palmer Tinnesen and brother-in-law, Vince Hohman.

She is survived by her husband, Ron; children, Kathy Gjevre (Kristoffer), Richard Meyer, Jeff Meyer (Candace Gee), Michelle Ngai (Lim) and Theresa Meyer (Rich White); grandchildren, Erik Gjevre, Emily Gjevre, Harper Meyer-White, Maika Ngai and Noa Ngai; brother, Jim Zayic; sister, Karen Hohman; sisters-in-law, Sr. Juanita Meyer, Marilyn Costello and Pat Zayic; brother-in-law, Gary Palmer; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey and burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City.



Police officers will collect tips at Carino's

DOWNEY – Downey police officers will be serving up pizza, lasagna and other Italian favorites when they work as hosts and waiters at Johnny Carino's at Downey Landing on Thursday, May 1, from 5-9 p.m. The event is part of a fundraiser to benefit local Special Olympics athletes.

The Tip-A-Cop fundraiser has become an annual tradition for Downey police officers. The public is invited to participate.

To learn more about Special Olympics, go online to sos.org.

'Jive dude' Al White visits Downey

DOWNEY – Actor Al White, best known for his portrayal of one of the "jive dudes" in the cult comedy classic "Airplane," was in Downey last week.

White is a friend of local photographer John Zander. Downey Police Cpl. Mike Pope, a fan of White's, asked for an introduction.

The three men met and had lunch at Marisa's Mexican restaurant, where they also met restaurant owner Fidel Palomo.

After lunch, Cpl. Pope gave White a tour of the Downey police station where he met Downey Police Chief Carl Charles and other police officers.

Also at the station was Mayor Fernando Vasquez and council members Alex Saab and Mario Guerra, who gave White a brief rundown of Downey's history.

"Everyone I met was so warm and friendly," White said. "I enjoyed my visit to Downey."

Al White will be back in Downey on May 3, signing autographs at the Downey Street Faire. He will be at the John Zander Photography booth.



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DOWNEY – The Assisteens, the youth auxiliary of Assistance League of Downey, will host its fifth annual Glamour Gown giveaway event this Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Casa de Parley Johnson, 7749 Florence Ave.

Girls in need can receive a complete outfit for prom at no cost.

The Assisteens work throughout the year to accumulate gowns, jewelry and beauty services for high school girls.

Donations are also welcome and can be delivered to the Second Tyme Around thrift shop on Downey Avenue.

For more information, call Stacy Brabant at (310) 991-3757.

Temple plans casino night

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid will host a casino night and raffle – complete with poker, blackjack and craps with professional dealers – on Saturday, May 10, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 (\$40 if purchased before April 28) and include \$100 in chips, a chance at a prize drawing, and one soft drink.

In honor of Mother's Day, women receive an extra \$100 in casino chips.

Tickets are also available for the night's "Super Raffle," which features a top prize of a one-week stay at a furnished condo at Del Ray Beach in Florida. Second place prize is four box seats with reserved parking at a Dodgers home game, and third place prize is a new Samsung tablet.

Only 2,500 raffle tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$5 each or \$50 for a book of 12.

For questions or more information, visit Temple Ner Tamid or call (562) 861-9276.

BICYCLING IN DOWNEY DURING NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

• Bike to School Day and Bike to Work Week create plenty of opportunities for cycling.

By **Lars Clutterham**
Contributor

DOWNEY – National Bike Month is right around the corner, celebrated each year in May, as it has been since its establishment by the League of American Bicyclists in 1956. Included in the celebration is Bike to Work Week and Bike to Work Day. In addition to Bike to Work Day, Bike to School Day was inaugurated two years ago by the National Center for Safe Routes to School, adding to a WALK to School Day tradition which began in 1997.

In fact, Downey schools participated in both events last year for the very first time. Some 13 Downey schools were actively involved in International Walk to School Day, and the District's four middle schools participated in Bike to School Day, with support from the Downey Bicycle Coalition, local KIWIN'S, a high-school-age service club sponsored by Kiwanis International, and several Downey City Council members. Kaiser Permanente, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and the Downey Bicycle Coalition contributed bike lights, fliers on health and safe cycling, and refreshments to the Bike to School Day event.

This year, West and Griffiths Middle Schools have enthusiastically committed to Bike to School Day, and while the number of schools involved is fewer thus far than last year,

both school district officials and the Downey Bicycle Coalition are in agreement that Bike to School Day should be given the opportunity to grow organically from within the schools, rather than through District mandate.

This concept—organic evolution—has of course, always been the best (and the worst) way in which both nature and human culture have adapted to changing necessities. The City of Downey evolved from rural orange groves into a classic U.S. suburb at the peak of America's oft-described love affair with the automobile, and its current infrastructure testifies to that evolution. In today's climate, with an ever-increasing population resulting in an overcrowded transportation system, as well as the escalating costs—both fiscal and environmental—of mostly fossil fuels, that culture and its infrastructure need to change.

Fortunately, there are successful models for that kind of evolution in the world of bicycling. The Netherlands is a particularly interesting example. Initially, post World War II, the Dutch were as fascinated with the automobile as were all the world's developed countries at that time. But the Dutch population began to be troubled by the increasing incidence of traffic fatalities, especially among children, as well as the increasing costs of fuel due to the petroleum shortages of the early 1970's. (Some of us remember those long lines at gas stations in the U.S.)

So – slowly but surely – the Netherlands infrastructure began to change such that, nowadays, bike paths crisscross the communities and towns of

the entire nation, many times offering more direct and more efficient access across these areas than provided by streets and roads for motor vehicles. Moreover, Dutch children receive official training in how to ride their bikes, as do Dutch motorists in how to interact with cyclists.

In short, the Dutch culture has changed so significantly that almost half of primary school children ride their bikes to school! That number increases to three-quarters of secondary school students, up to more than 80% within 3 miles of school. Likewise, in urban areas, bicycling accounts for as much as 59% of all trips and 29% of commuters NEVER drive a car to work. Such numbers are currently inconceivable in Downey, and certainly many factors differ from the Netherlands, although both Downey, CA, and the Netherlands offer a flat terrain conducive to bicycling.

In summary, the hope of a natural, organic evolution towards significantly greater bike travel is possible within the City of Downey, just as it has evolved over the past four decades in the Netherlands.

Meanwhile, at least two Downey schools will celebrate Bike to School Day on May 7. And for you grownups, Bike to Work Week will be taking place Monday, May 12 through Sunday, May 18, and Bike to Work Day will be celebrated in the Los Angeles area on Thursday, May 15.

So see you all out there headed to school or work on your bikes. And stay tuned for more on bicycling next month.



Before he died in 2007, TJ Peacock fulfilled a lifelong dream: to caddy for golf legend Jack Nicklaus.

TJ PEACOCK'S MEMORY LIVES ON WITH FOUNDATION

DOWNEY – The World Famous Comedy Store in Hollywood is hosting a comedy fundraiser Sunday, May 18, with proceeds benefiting brain cancer research.

Tickets are \$25 (\$30 after May 4).

The event is a fundraiser for TJ's Dream Team, a non-profit created in memory of Warren High School grad TJ Peacock, who died in 2007 of a brain tumor.

TJ's Dream Team raises money for brain cancer research, one of the least funded types of cancer.

"My son was only 14 when diagnosed with this disease," said TJ's mother, Diane Peacock. "Many cancers have routine pre-screening tests, which in many cases, save lives. There is no routine pre-screening for brain cancer. By the time most people find out they even have this type of cancer it is because they have begun to exhibit symptoms which, in my son TJ's case, meant the tumor had grown large enough to cause him visible issues."

"When TJ was diagnosed with brain cancer, it had already reached a stage III Astrocytoma. Had this been caught early, it is very likely that it could have been removed before spreading throughout TJ's brain."

The comedy event will also include a silent auction. More event details will be posted online at tjdreamteam.org.

Tickets can also be purchased on the website (under the "events" tab).

"I promised my son and myself that I would spend the rest of my life making him proud," said Diane, "and carrying on his battle so that some day we can prevent another family from suffering the way we and many others have suffered."

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 1, 2014

The Christian Businessmen Committee of Downey, will be hosting the 63rd Annual National Day of Prayer

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Everyone is invited to join this local event at the Flagpole, near City Hall at 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Farr's closure

Dear Editor:

I have seen many stores closing in Downey but it really made me sad to see Farr's Stationary shutting its doors forever.

It was such a nice store with so much variety. It was special and different. I loved to go there when I had to make copies and browse around looking at the beautiful toys, gifts, cards, ornaments, figurines, etc.

Thanks, Farr's, for the many years that you helped us with our office needs and our purchases of great gifts. You were good!

**Margo Baird
Downey**

Stay Gallery exhibit

Dear Editor:

Before seeing an article in the *Downey Patriot* for Rita Labib's "Nearly Naked" exhibit, my friends and I had no idea that the Stay Gallery even existed in Downey.

The photograph used in the paper, entitled "Before Botox", really sparked our interest. My friends and I are all very interested in art that deals with the female experience.

I visited the gallery with the cast of the show we've been working on for over a year, "Pieces of Her," and the exhibit was beautiful and breathtaking. Each piece was honest and to the point. We all related to Rita's message immediately. It was inspiring and empowering to see an exhibit full of pieces which represented the thoughts, conversations, and struggles we each face.

Rita Labib's "Nearly Naked" exhibit was not just an incredible statement about unhealthy beauty standards, but a beautiful representation of the power of the female form. We all walked around in awe. Rita's pictures and sculptures seemed to give life to the words and thoughts we've had about female beauty our entire lives. She made those words and thoughts tangible. We are all women in our twenties, coming of age and trying to make sense of the world around us. We are also artists who were lucky enough to find inspiration in Rita's beautiful work at Stay Gallery.

At the end of our visit, we had the opportunity to meet Rita and speak with her about her exhibit and to tell her about our theatre piece. She was incredibly sweet and interested in our project, and so was the creative director of the Stay Gallery. Because of Rita's show, we are currently in the process of pitching our show for performance at Stay Gallery.

**Jesse Schiffmacher (and the cast of "Pieces of Her")
Downey**

Oil production

Dear Editor:

In a Letter to the Editor (4/17/14), Mike Sandoval asks why gasoline prices are so high if there is so much oil being produced in North Dakota.

Well, it's complicated, but it could be said that the new production from the Bakken Field and other state-controlled fields are barely keeping up with the decrease in production from on-shore and off-shore fields that are under federal control (Department of Energy, Interior and White House).

And that the price of crude oil is set in a world-wide market with increases sensitive to governmental regulation, of which the United States has countless pages – many only imposed to restrict the availability of oil products in the guise of "saving the environment."

**Drew Kelley
Downey**

Delayed cord clamping

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for publishing Rita Shertick's article on delayed cord clamping in newborns. ("Birth: In Defense of Delayed Cord Cutting," 4/17/14)

As she demonstrated, all the latest research supports the benefits of DCC and yet it is a practice that one rarely sees in today's hospitals. When my first child was born six years ago at Downey Regional Medical Center, I had learned of the benefits of DCC and wanted that to be done. My doctor absolutely refused, stating that if we insisted on that, she would not let me hold the baby until the cord had been cut. That wasn't a battle we wanted to fight.

When my second child was born we did a lot of things differently, including giving birth at home with a licensed midwife in attendance. Fortunately my midwife shared my views about DCC and this is something we were able to do.

I hope more obstetricians follow the lead of their colleagues in midwifery and begin having more respect for the natural processes of childbirth, including delayed cord clamping, especially when it is something the parents request.

I also look forward to seeing more articles by Rita Shertick in the future.

**Lana Wahlquist
Downey**

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EARTH DAY AT A LOCAL LEVEL

By John Beynon

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. The passage of the landmark Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and many other groundbreaking environmental laws soon followed.

On March 1, 2014, only a few hundred people joined the sendoff of the L.A. to D.C. Great Climate March. Media coverage was close to invisible. After all, this protest was against an invisible pollution: greenhouse gases.

Even though the greenhouse gases are putting the health of our planet in peril, it is proving far more difficult to mobilize the public to combat this invisible enemy.

Sobering, fact-based, rock solid scientific reports from the U.N. International Panel on Climate Change have made the challenge clear. Yet, at the national level, our Congress is loath to act. For them, it seems the energy producers' current bottom line profits trump the well being of our nation's grandchildren.

We can, however, make a difference locally.

First, we need mass awareness. We call on all local media to step up to this issue.

Second, we need to lower the carbon footprint of our communities. We laud the fact that our state and local governments have made a solid start. Waking up our citizens to do their part is being done by WAEC, the

Whittier Area Environmental Coalition.

On Saturday, April 26, at St. Matthias Episcopal Church from 1:30-5:30 p.m., the third annual Earth Day and World Environmental Day event will explore ways we can do this.

We will hear from one of the local leaders who set off that national march. We will then discuss four areas where we can affect change by reducing our energy needs.

Energy for houses. The first step is to seal up our buildings. This can cut energy consumption by up to one-half. The break-out group will tell us how. Go solar? That's the gold standards, but how to make it happen?

Energy for transportation. Our cities need a strong dose of public transportation. How can we get trains, bus routes and bicycle lanes that link?

The energy consequences of Land Use. Our cities are but molecules of a sea that is greater L.A. Can we find creative ways to improve our communities when we infill areas? Is the LEED standard for building efficiency achievable?

The energy consequences of greater community self reliance. How can we increase the sharing of time and agriculture products in a way that will reduce energy expended and bring us closer together as a community?

The momentum is already there. Come, join in and be a part of making this area a leader in going green.

John Beynon is president of the Untied Nations Association – USA, Whittier Area Chapter

Presidential vacations

Dear Editor:

I am responding to just one of the several points Ms. Gallo made in her Letter to the Editor.

In her letter, she compared the total time President Bush was away from the White House – 1,020 days during his 8-year presidency to only President Obama's 78 days of vacation time.

I thought this was misleading, like comparing apples to oranges, so I googled President Obama's time away from the White House. I learned, according to CBS reporter Mark Knoller, that as of Jan. 2, 2014, President Obama had been in office for just 712 days, 339 of which President Obama has been out of the White House, or 48 percent. 176 days of domestic trips, 70 days of foreign travel, 58 days of vacation and 35 days at the presidential retreat at Camp David.

This was also, as Ms. Gallo states, while the country faced the aftermath of two wars (one winding down and one surging), super storm Sandy and the worst recession since the Great Depression.

**John Wehrly
Downey**

Disappearance of middle class

Dear Editor:

In response to Martha Call's letter, there's nothing normal about having a middle class.

Having a middle class is a choice that a society has to make, and it's a choice we need to make again in this generation if we want to stop the destruction of the remnants of the last generation's middle class.

Despite what you might read in the Wall Street Journal or see on Fox News, capitalism is not an economic system that produces a middle class. In fact, if left to its own devices, capitalism tends towards vast levels of inequality and monopoly. The natural and most stable state of capitalism actually looks a lot like the Victorian England depicted in Charles Dickens' novels.

At the top there is a very small class of superrich. Below them, there is a slightly larger, but still very small "middle class" of professionals and mercantilists – doctor, lawyers, shop owners – who help keep things running for the superrich and supply the working poor with their needs. And at the very bottom there is the great mass of people – typically over 90 percent of the population who make up the working poor. They have no wealth – in fact they are typically in debt most of their lives – and can barely survive on what little money they make.

So, for average working people, there is no such thing as a middle class in "normal" capitalism. Wealth accumulates at the very top among the elites, not among everyday working people.

Inequality is the default option.

**Margaret Hittinger
Downey**

Judgmental statements

Dear Editor:

In reply to Greta Campbell's Letter to the Editor: she said there is a price to be paid by those who are afraid of "progressives," evolutionists, "gay marriage" and all the paranoid conspiracies that are trying to corrupt our children.

We are not afraid of them; we just don't agree with them.

Is Ms. Campbell not putting down everyone who doesn't agree with her? Is she not being very judgmental, in a sense using the same tactics the young man used against her? Not agreeing with her on the issues she mentioned does not corrupt children.

First, re homosexuality, there are the Biblical views about it that cause people to not agree with her. However, this does not give one the right to be abusive, or make any unkind remarks to anyone. This also applies to religious beliefs and races. I feel there has been more racial division in the U.S. under President Obama than when he took office. This "race card" is played politically in many situations.

So far as evolution is concerned, it takes a big stretch of the mind to believe that humanity was started with some small worm, or even from apes (though many people act like them). Where did the ape or worm come from? It's difficult for me to understand that something came from nothing.

I've seen the damage done to our country by the Progressives in our government from the top down to the President's appointees, and others in high places seem to feel the way to achieve their purposes is to lie to the American people. Surely by now I don't have to enumerate them. So, Ms. Campbell, perhaps if she doesn't like being insulted, she should take a look at the statements she made.

I'd like to address Measure B. If we want to retain our right to vote on police and firemen, we must vote no. Otherwise, the City Council will decide.

I'm very happy with the fire department and police department, so please vote no on Measure B to keep them in Downey.

**Elsa Van Leuven
Downey**

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

This year, as it falls on the Hebrew calendar, Holocaust Remembrance Day – or Yom Hashoah – is April 28. The date marks the anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising, inspired by the deportation or murder of an estimated 300,000 Jews by German authorities in 1942.

"With the attrition of the population there, the remaining 55,000 to 60,000 Jews coalesced to form the Jewish Combat Organization, or Zydowska Organizacja Bojowa – ZOB. The Jewish underground combatant forces were an important example of active Jewish resistance. There were much greater examples of unarmed Jewish resistance that were instrumental in the defeat of Germany's army, yet this piece of history remains unknown to most," says L. Craig Williams, author of "The Fourth Army," (www.lcraigwilliams.com), which adds perspective on the Holocaust, or the Shoah, and maps important lessons from that nightmare for today's society.

"Europe's Jews were, in fact, a fourth army that was crucial in defeating Nazi armies; Hitler's destruction of the Jews absorbed immense amounts of arms and effort while the Allies concentrated only on defeating the Nazis in battle."

In observing Holocaust Remembrance Day, Jewish people and others say "Never again!" They will never allow such a thing to happen again, and everyone should fully understand the Shoah to ensure that massive killings stop, but there remain many examples today that show a level of violence perpetrated in the Holocaust can happen again.

How can all of society help to keep that promise? Williams offers lessons to remember from a labor-economics perspective.

- Do not be tempted into whitewashing industrialized genocide in any way. In today's Germany, conventional thought has it that the average citizen didn't know genocide was being perpetrated during World War II – that it was a fairly well-kept secret among 10,000 psychopathic Nazi Party members, he says. But the systematic murder of 6 million people was a national effort on an industrial scale, Williams shows.

- Hitler's racist obsession was a logistics nightmare that cost his army dearly. The Nazi genocide was a determinant factor in the defeat of the Nazi armies. In war, the ability to quickly transport resources is a vital factor for victory. With gasoline and fuel being of utmost importance to fuel tanks, planes and other vehicles, the railways were a preferred method of moving goods. More importantly, Hitler's determination to move Jews out of their hometowns and into concentration camps significantly obstructed the efficient transport of Nazi army goods, including food, coats and arms. Rather than focusing on support for his army, Hitler diverted large numbers of soldiers, transport experts, professionals, and massive amounts of materials and supplies to killing Jews.

- The Nazis caused a true bleeding of human resources from which Germany did not fully recover for 50 years after the war. Part of Hitler's murderous resentment of the Jews was due to the population's tremendous success. There were more than 1 million registered German-Jewish citizens in January 1933. Many were highly skilled professionals, academics and artists who would soon no longer contribute to German industry; some were able to emigrate before being detained and deported to death camps. Horrified, many other Germans, including Nobel Prize-winning author Thomas Mann, also fled, and a vast array of Europe's Jewish surgeons, pharmacists, teachers, lawyers, judges, businessmen and tradesmen died in or on the way to the camps.

- The Shoah is unique in showing a new level of industrialized violence and murder. We remain awash in violence today and must learn to recognize new forms of violence to keep the promise of "Never Again."

Irish exhibit

Dear Editor:

It is a great pleasure to be welcomed by the residents of Downey and I feel right at home.

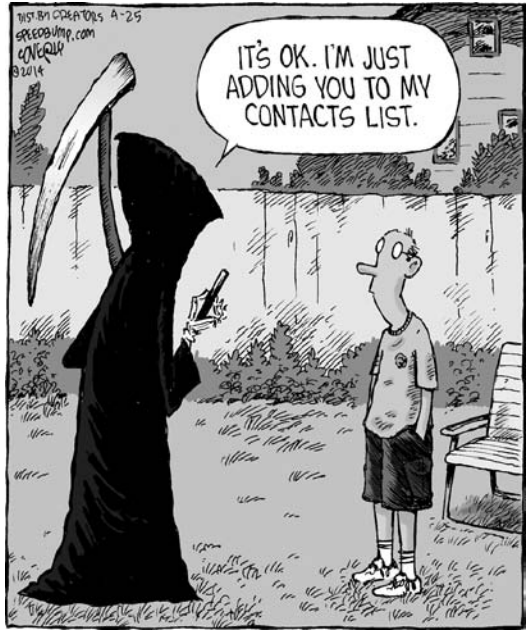
I was delighted that Stay Gallery wished to exhibit my work given that Roscommon County (Ireland) was recently twinned with Downey as a Sister City. I had an exhibition of paintings and prints in my local village of Knockcroghery, a small town in Ireland, to raise money to travel to Downey. I feel as if I am bringing a bit of Ireland with me to this wonderful city. My hometown has a very vibrant artists community, and I feel that this is also the case at Stay Gallery.

My influences come from the constant changing of nature – the passing of seasons, changing colors, and reflections on the water. I feel that painting slows me down, and serves as a form of meditation. Each piece of work I create is unique and original, and connects the soul, the mind, the hand, and the brush.

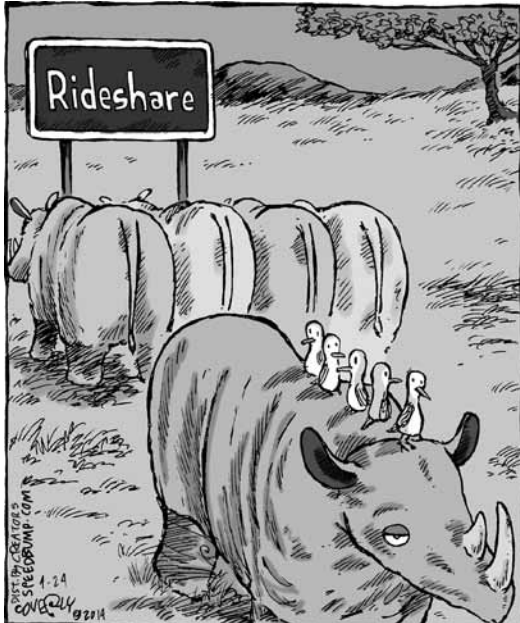
I am excited for my exhibition titled 'Moments in Time'. I hope this show provides glimpses of my beautiful Ireland to the Downey community. I would like to thank the Sister Cities partnership with the City of Downey and Stay Gallery for making this possible. Displaying these works means the world to me. We look forward to hosting a delegation of Downey artists in Roscommon County in the near future.

**Anne Rigney
Roscommon County, Ireland**

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Downey Community Calendar

Events For April

Fri. April 25: **Anne Rigney exhibit opening**, Stay Gallery, 7 p.m.
 Fri. April 25: **"Oceanside" CD release party**, St. Raymond's Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. April 26: **Modern Corsair live**, Stay Gallery, 7 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.
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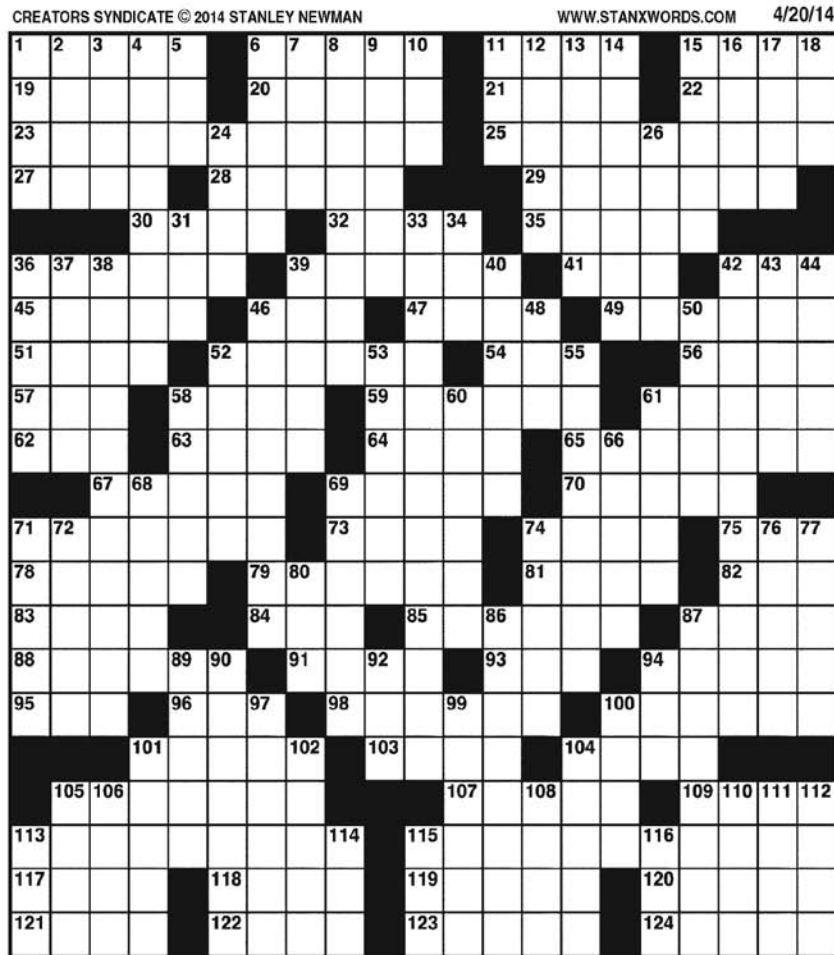
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April 24, 1898: Spain declared war on the United States after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.
1915: The Ottoman Empire rounded up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople at the start of what many scholars regard as the first genocide of the 20th century. An estimated 1.5 million Armenians died.
2005: Pope Benedict XVI was installed as leader of the Roman Catholic Church.
Birthdays: Actress Shirley MacLaine (80), comedian Cedric the Entertainer (50), retired Braves third baseman Chipper Jones (42) and singer Kelly Clarkson (32).

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



It's time to revisit a controversial subject... cellphones and our health.

I last wrote on this topic in 2007, and disagreement over cellphone safety continues. In recent years a large number of studies from over a dozen countries have been published showing no evidence of a detectable link between cellphone use and brain cancers. This should be reassuring.

Nevertheless, there are hard-core believers, including scientists, who promote contrary views. Well-educated friends of mine continue to avoid putting their cellphones up against their ear. On the other hand, teenagers all over the world continue to hold their cellphones against their ears, in their pockets, and even under their pillows, 24/7. Should we be concerned?

Cellphones emit radio frequency energy, and the quantity to which a cellphone user is exposed depends on the technology of the phone, the distance between the phone and the user, the distance from cellphone towers, and how much the phone is used. Radiofrequency energy is a form of non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation, which can be absorbed by tissues closest to where the

phone is held. While ionizing radiation is known to increase the risk of cancer (even the radiation therapy we use to fight cancer has the potential to cause other cancers), many studies have examined the potential effects of non-ionizing radiation, and have found no cancer connection to date.

Microwave ovens use this non-ionizing radiofrequency energy for heating. Likewise, the radiofrequency exposure from our cellphones causes heating, but not enough to measurably increase body temperature. One recent study showed that using a cellphone for 50 minutes caused the brain tissue on that side of the brain to metabolize more glucose than did tissue on the opposite side of the brain. Whether that is dangerous is inconclusive.

It is generally accepted that damage to DNA is necessary for cancer to develop. To date, radiofrequency energy has not been shown to damage DNA (unlike ionizing radiation), but researchers are certainly searching for such evidence. One Israeli study compared the saliva of 20 heavy cellphone users (more than 30 hours per month) with the saliva of 20 people who did not use a cellphone. The study found that exposure to cellphones causes oxidative stress, which harms human cells and DNA and contributes to a "carcinogenic effect." These researchers advocate caution, but not stopping all cellphone

use. This small study is by no means conclusive.

In 2011, the World Health Organization classified cellphones as possibly carcinogenic to humans. Note that power line exposure, talc-based body powder, and coffee are similarly classified.

Other current research is zeroing in on changes in brain activity, reaction time, and sleep patterns. To date, these effects are minor and have no apparent health significance. Other interesting studies investigate cellphone use near medical devices such as pacemakers, implantable defibrillators, and hearing aids. They do show possible interference, however the effect appears to be declining with newer technology. What has been conclusively proven is this: the risk of traffic accidents increases by three to four times when cellphones are used - whether handheld or hands-free!

Research continues to address gaps in knowledge, cancer risk, long-term risk, and risks to children in particular. Let's all continue to exercise reasonable caution - and stay tuned.

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

Students see potential consequences of drunk driving

LYNWOOD - Lynwood High School students were presented with a harsh lesson in drunk driving this week, when three of their peers were "killed" during a mock car collision on a stretch of Imperial Highway, just days ahead of their high school prom.

In conjunction with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the City of Lynwood, the Lynwood Unified School District on Tuesday hosted the "Every 15 Minutes" Program, a two-day event at LHS meant to showcase the very real consequences of driving while under the influence.

"This is a powerful program that has effectively reached our students since it first began last year," said LUSD Board of Education President Briseida Gonzalez. "The 'Every 15 Minutes Program' has been essential in helping LUSD students see first-hand that their actions have consequences that can immensely impact their friends and loved ones, and that is a strong message that we want our kids to know before they get behind the wheel."

The program began with a Grim Reaper removing one student from class throughout the morning. A uniformed campus safety officer read the obituary of each student, who became one of the "living dead," to the others in the classroom.

The crash, which took place mid-morning, triggered an emergency response by law enforcement agencies, firefighters and paramedics, who arrived to a scene that included students being trapped inside badly-smashed vehicles. Two students were

pronounced dead at the scene, while another died after being transported via ambulance to St. Francis Medical Center.

The program continued as the student-driver who caused the collision was handcuffed, taken to a courtroom and sentenced to prison.

While all of the events are staged, the gruesome crash scene and the simulated student deaths are real and emotionally gripping for everyone involved.

"It teaches students before going to prom to think before they act," said senior Kiara Miller, who played the drunk driver during the mock event. "It's a good life lesson for people out there to see and experience."


The "living dead" participate in an overnight retreat, where they write goodbye letters to their parents. Once the students

become members of the living dead, there is no contact with family or friends.

In an assembly that took place Wednesday, all LHS students participated in an "Every 15 Minutes Memorial Service," where they watched a video that captures the aftermath of the drunk-driving collision they saw the previous day.

In addition, a mock memorial service, which included a casket placed at the center of the gym, featured parents reading eulogies they have written about their son or daughter. A representative from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) also discussed the dangers of drunk driving and underage drinking.

The "living dead" students then met with their parents and friends for an emotional reunion.



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REAL POETRY

I was still a kid
It was late November on Route 413,
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The ghosts were restless on the porch of the general store,
the only store in town.
In the distance, the sound of a hammer
ringing off cold steel,
pounding lonesome at dusk.
My Dad says, "son,"
that's real poetry
right there."

By
Rick Smith

Years after,
on the day we buried my Dad,
me and Bernie
raised a couple cold Rolling Rocks
at the Pineville Tavern
the only bar in town.
We clicked those long necks
and talked about Dad.
He was with us for a moment.
There was motion, I swear
in that smoky tavern air.

Some guy down the bar
started mad-doggin' me.

Real poetry
right there.

Rick Smith began as a street musician playing blues harmonica, which Bob Dylan once borrowed for an impromptu set. Smith worked as a clinical psychologist at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey and this poem comes from his third book of poems, "Whispering in a Mad Dog's Ear." He'll be reading on Thursday, May 8, at Stay Gallery.

IRISH ARTIST TO EXHIBIT IN DOWNEY



DOWNEY – An art exhibit by Irish artist Anne Rigney opens Friday night at Stay Gallery in Downey.

Rigney comes all the way from Roscommon County, Ireland, the birthplace of John Gately Downey, this city's founder.

Downey Councilman Mario Guerra met Rigney during his visit to Ireland last year, when Downey and Roscommon County became sister cities. He connected her to Downey Art Vibe about the possibility of showcasing her work and heightening the cultural exchange between the two cities.

After the logistics were set, Rigney fundraised in her local village of Knockcroghery, allowing her to transport her work to Stay Gallery.

"This exhibit is a great way to remind everyone the cultural commonality we share with another

community 5,000 miles away," said Gabriel Enamorado, Stay Gallery's creative director.

Rigney comes from a family with an artistic background and has been passionate about painting from an early age. She paints because "colors are a language from the heart," she says. "It is how the heart speaks without words to express. It's simply part of who I am."

The passion turned into a career, having studied art and design at Athlone Institute of Technology. After her studies, she continued to make art and was involved with a professional arts group called Working Artists Roscommon, and began to exhibit across Europe, including Germany, Scotland and Poland.

Her daughter, Cara, who studied business and arts management, has accompanied her to Downey.

Rigney's exhibit is called "Moments in Time" and features a series of paintings, drawings and photographs that reflect the ephemeral nature of life. Rigney's mixture of paintings, drawings and photographs are influenced by the colors of nature, water reflections, moon reflections, a recent trip to Tel Aviv, and daily life moments stemming from the heart.

"I feel I am bringing a bit of Ireland with me to Downey," she said.

The exhibit opens Friday at 7 p.m.



Downey High School S.W.A.P. members attended a Downey Chamber of Commerce breakfast event April 9 "to get an idea of what's to come in the future." S.W.A.P. (Students with a Plan) is a club that helps students with college aspirations. The club provides members with volunteer hours and organizes tours of local college campuses.



Doty Middle School student Jessica Flores spent her spring break in Paris, and took along *The Downey Patriot*.

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Downey teen advances in 'La Voz Kids'

DOWNEY - Natalia Loya, a 13-year-old seventh grader at Doty Middle School, has passed the blind auditions on "La Voz Kids" and will travel to Florida next month to compete in a live taping. "La Voz Kids" is a Spanish children's version of "The Voice," the singing competition show that airs on NBC. Natalia, a former Jr. Miss Downey princess, joined Team Tapia, which is headed by Mexican recording artist Roberto Tapia. If she advances past the next round, Natalia will begin competing for votes from a nationwide audience, who vote during a live telecast. The winner of "La Voz Kids" receives a \$50,000 scholarship and a Universal recording contract. "La Voz Kids" airs Sunday nights at 8 p.m. on Telemundo.

International speech competition underway

DOWNEY - More than 14,000 Toastmasters clubs in over 122 countries have begun their regional international speech competitions, which will culminate in a finals contest at the 2014 International Convention in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in August. The competitions began with club, area, district and regional competitions, with all first and second place winners from all regions heading to Malaysia to compete for the title of "World Champion of Public Speaking." This year's finals marks the first time Toastmasters' International Convention has been held outside North America. Downey club 587 sent two of its members, Karika Austin and Josh Rudometkin, to compete at an area contest against the winners of five other clubs from neighboring cities. The contest was held March 15 at the Norwalk Registrar Recorder, where Karika and Josh brought home second place trophies. They also entered as alternates at the next level of competitions, the Division E Speech Competition, which was held March 29. Winners of all division contests throughout the world are currently preparing for their next level of competition of their respective regions. The Southern California competition, called the Founder's District Contest, will be held in Orange County on May 3. The contest is also a double anniversary celebration of Toastmasters International, which is turning 90, and the Founder's District, which turns 70. First and second place winners of the Founder's District Contest will advance to Malaysia. The Downey Toastmasters club meets every Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Downey. For more information, call Rene Estrada at (562) 949-5581.

Residents inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

DOWNEY - Five Downey residents have been accepted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Paola Sicolo, Rosie Herta, James Munoz, Maria Patino and Frank Dussan all were initiated into the California State University, Los Angeles chapter. Membership into Phi Kappa Phi is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership.

LIBRARY'S APRIL AUCTION ITEMS REVEALED

DOWNEY - The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent book auctions to raise money in support of the various programs of the local library. Items this month include: "The Complete Works of Shakespeare" and "The Young Person's Guide to Shakespeare" (a CD is included in the latter); "Window of the Soul" (explores the many ways we might receive messages and direction from above); "Killing Lincoln" (Bill O'Reilly's recent publication); "Leonardo Da Vinci" (written entirely in Spanish and presents 100 folios of the "Codice Atlantico"); "If You Ask Me, and of Course You Won't" (Betty White delivers a hilarious and profound take on life, love, celebrity, and more); "100 Greatest Trips" (an inspiring collection of journeys from the editors of Travel and Leisure); "Country Heart and Soul" (the best stories and photographs by Country Magazine's readers); "Gnomes" and "Faeries" (lots of history and hundreds of drawings and paintings explore the world of these magical creatures); "Titanic - An Illustrated History" (a complete history



from the ship's early construction and launch to its sinking and re-discovery; "Wolfgang Puck Makes It Easy" (more than 150 recipes with step-by-step photographed instructions); "The Story of Philosophy" (an approachable guide to the history of ideas and thinking in language we can understand); "The Book of Dreams" (a guide for anyone wishing to gain insight into the working of the mind). Books have opening bids from \$6-\$10 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through noon, this Saturday, April 26, on cards in the Friend's Bookstore which is located in the young adult section of the library.



Warren High School Humanitarian Society President Debora Jeong took first place at the Optimist International Area Oratorical Contest Tuesday night in South Gate. She is pictured with Optimist District Oratorical Chair Marie Durlinger. Debora will be one of just four female students competing for a \$2,500 scholarship in the upcoming Pacific Southeast District Contest on May 17 in Long Beach. The district encompasses major parts of Southern California and Nevada and all of Hawaii.

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GODFREY STEPS DOWN AS VIKINGS SOCCER COACH

• Rachel Godfrey steps down after eight seasons and two CIF titles.

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – Brandon Hitchcock has been hired as the new head coach of Downey High School's girls' soccer team after serving the last six seasons as an assistant coach under Rachel Godfrey.

Coach Hitchcock played at Long Beach City College and Marymount University, and is currently an assistant coach at LBCC.

Godfrey has stepped down after leading the Lady Vikings for the past eight seasons. Under Godfrey, the Lady Vikings were perennial S.G.V.L. champions, won two C.I.F. titles in 2012 and 2013, and made it to the quarterfinals and semifinals of the Division I state regionals.

The Lady Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 16-5-2 and were 10-0 in S.G.V.L. play. The Lady Vikings have amassed a 38-0-2 league record over the past four seasons.

The Downey High School

baseball team defeated cross-town rival Warren 7-2 on Tuesday to improve to 13-7 overall and 3-0 in S.G.V.L. play.

With the win, Downey is now on a 10-game win streak, while Warren fell to 13-2 overall and are now 1-2 in league play.

Downey senior pitcher Tyler Tungate was outstanding on the mound for Downey. With his effort Tuesday, Tungate improved to 6-1 on the season.

Downey will start Gabriel Llanes at Warren later today to conclude the home and away series.

Downey currently is on top of the S.G.V.L. standings with Gahr, Paramount and Warren looking to close the gap. Head coach Jess Gonzalez likes what he sees from his team and maintains that "any win is a big win in this league."

The *Long Beach Press-Telegram* released its annual Dream Team selections for wrestling last Saturday. Nine Downey Vikings and four Warren Bears received recognition.

Downey head coach Miguel Soto received Coach of the Year honors as well.

Downey had eight individual league champions, finished second at the C.I.F. Division 4 Dual Meet and finished fourth at

this year's C.I.F. Southern Section Inland Individuals. Downey had five wrestlers qualify for the Master's Meet and one wrestler qualified for the State Meet.

Downey junior Mark Lopez (106), junior Dylan Moreno (152), senior Juan Soto (170) and senior Anthony Florido (285) were all selected to the first team. Freshman Armando Padilla (126), senior Johnny Robles (132), and senior Stephen Chavez (182) all earned second team honors. Senior Jorge Guerrero (195) and senior Benjamin Cuellar (220) earned honorable mention recognition.

Warren's Zac Brito (138) was the only Bear wrestler selected to the second team. Bear junior Ricky Medina (106), junior Adrian Duarte (113) and senior Juaquin Durazo (285) all received honorable mention recognition.

Other San Gabriel Valley League wrestlers who received Dream Team recognition were Paramount junior Noe Sandoval (220) to the first team, Paramount junior Steven DeLeon to the second team, and Gahr junior Troy Orozco (182) and senior Francisco Noyola (113) honorable mention recognition.

Paramount senior Marjorie Fargas (106), Paramount sophomore Chazal Becerra (235), Gahr sophomore Ophelia Lara (150) and Dominguez senior Rhina Lopez (150) earned Girls Dream Team Honors.

The *Long Beach Press-Telegram* continues to announce its annual Dream Team selections for winter sports. Warren High School's Lady Bear water polo

team had three first team Dream Team selections and head coach Josie Cordero was named Dream Team Coach of the Year.

Warren's senior utility Kayla Casas, senior two meter Jocelyn Castro and senior utility Destiny Hernandez were all named to the first team. Casas was a four year starter for the Lady Bears and scored over 100 goals this past season. Casas was the S.G.V.L. MVP for the past two seasons and earned all C.I.F. honors the past two seasons as well.

Jocelyn Castro scored over 50 goals this past season and was an All-CIF selection for the second straight year. Destiny Hernandez earned All-CIF first team honors this past season by also scoring more than 50 goals. Hernandez was selected to the All-CIF second team after her sophomore and junior seasons.

Head coach Josie Cordero earned Dream Team Coach of the Year honors for the third time in 12 seasons. Cordero is quick to credit her coaching staff of Gabriel Martinez, Stephanie Rosero and Janine Boutte as a big reason for her team and program's success. This coaching staff has guided the Lady Bears to three C.I.F. championship games in four years and two titles in 2011 and 2012.

Other S.G.V.L. players being selected to the Dream Team include Cerritos' junior utility Julia Reyes to the first team, Cerritos' junior Somer Piper to the second team and Cerritos' junior Destiny Nguyen honorable mention recognition. Warren and Cerritos were the only San Gabriel Valley League teams who



Los Amigos Golf Course hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday to introduce its newly-renovated golf and banquet facilities.

had players receiving Dream Team honors.

St. John Bosco standout junior wrestlers Zahid (132) and Anthony (170) Valencia were selected as the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* co-wrestlers of the year. The Valencia brothers won their respective weight classes at the state championships in Bakersfield. Zahid Valencia finished his season with a record of 36-0 and Anthony Valencia finished his season at 33-0. The Valencia brothers have now won two state titles each.

Bosco's Julian Gendreau (113) was selected to the first team as were junior Joseph Dominguez (138) and freshman Matt Williams (160). Bosco freshmen Danny Salas (160) and Josh Solomon (120) received honorable mention recognition for their efforts as well. St. John Bosco had five wrestlers qualify for the Master's Meet at the Citizen's Bank Arena in Ontario.

Warren High School girls' basketball senior guard Jacinda Reyes received Press-Telegram's Dream Team honorable mention recognition as did Downey senior forward Bukky Adefeso. Paramount senior guard Janel Jackson and Gahr freshman post Miranda Ta'Amu also received honorable mention recognition.

San Gabriel Valley League players receiving first team recognition were Gahr senior guard Ra'vyn Bowser, Lynwood senior guard Priscilla Lopez and Lynwood senior guard Jazmine Johnson. Lynwood senior post Ally Painter received second team recognition.

Long Beach Poly senior post Lajahna Drummer received Dream Team Player of the Year honors. Head coaches Carl Buggs of Long Beach Poly and Lorene Morgan of Millikan received Co-coaches of the Year honors, respectively.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2014082076 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) M & O HOLDINGS, 10063 CASANES AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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File Number 2014077514 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LOVENCARE GUEST HOME FOR SSS/SSI RECIPIENTS, 16216 AVILA, CUDAHY CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 9168 ROSSER ST., BELLFLOWER CA 90706

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 8, 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.

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File Number 2014082734 DATE FILED: JULY 26, 2010 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): GLAMOUR PHOTO STUDIO, 15001 BUSINESS CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 9125 BELMONT ST., BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2014075336 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EL RANCHO VERDE MOBILE HOME PARK, 1501 PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH, HARBOR CITY, CA 90710, LA COUNTY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, P.O. BOX 1136, DOWNEY CA 90240

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File Number 2014080779 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ANDER TRUCK REPAIR, 2116 EUCALYPTUS AVE #15, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2014077587 Current File No. 201110153056 The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating

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File Number 2014091218 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SALTON TULEAR, 12726 HADLEY ST, WHITTIER CA 90601, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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ORDER OF EASTERN STAR STAYING BUSY

DOWNEY – Under the leadership of Robin Logan, Worthy Matron and James Myers, Worthy Patron of Downey Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star have planned an aebleskiver breakfast for this Sunday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 10 and under.

It will take place on the second floor of the Downey Masonic Center. There will also be a white elephant table and baked goods table. The public is invited.

On Tuesday, April 29, the group will hold a fundraiser at Frantone's Pizza in Cerritos from 5-10 p.m. Diners should mention they are there for the fundraiser to have a portion of their total bill donated to the club.

Meanwhile, the club will hold its general meeting May 6, and a potluck on May 20 will also be hosted on the second floor of the Masonic Center.

The group's Friendship Club meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at the home of club president Dan Paul.

"We have had a wonderful turnout and great ideas for the up and coming months," the club said in a statement. "We would like to see more of our members take part."

Sammi-Jo Dunphy was installed as the newest member of Downey Sertoma Club.

She is pictured at right with club president John McKinsey.

The Sertoma Club sponsors the YMCA, PTA HELPS, Arc of Los Angeles and Orange Counties, Meals on Wheels, and a fantasy baseball camp and ice skating camp for deaf children.

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