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## My family of veterans

*Dora Silvers grew up in New Jersey, not far from New York City. After World War II, she and her husband settled in Norwalk where they raised five children. In this piece she recalls her family's military contributions and her wish for peace. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles from a writing class held every Thursday at the Norwalk Senior Center. Curated by Carol Kearns*

By Dora Silvers

My father came from Russia in 1914. His uncle sponsored him. He drove a horse and wagon to West Point and continued on to his uncle's cleaning establishment in Newburg, New York. He met a lot of generals, and they encouraged him to enlist in the army in 1917. That was World War I.

My father went to Cooks and Bakers School and took a crash course in French. He was sent to France where he was injured in the leg and had shell shock from the mustard gas. My father was a great cook. My mother had six children, and whenever she went to the hospital to deliver a baby, she had to stay there for eight days, so Papa did the cooking. He made my favorite hamburger with lots of fried onions, no buns. This was before McDonald's.

My brother Jay enlisted in the army during World War II. He also went to Cooks and Bakers School. Jay was on a hospital ship that went to Germany. When he arrived, he was summoned by an officer and asked, "Why are you still here? I sent you back to the States as you completed too many reconnaissance missions."

Jay replied, "That must be my cousin. He's over six feet tall and has dark hair. I am only 5 feet 8 inches and have blond hair."

After looking up some records, the officer apologized and excused Jay. They both had the same name, Jack Phillip Edelman. Jay found out that his cousin was on the tailgate of a plane and took pictures over Germany that helped us win the war.

My brother Jay became a chef in a hotel in Atlantic City. Then he opened his own business.

My brother Sam enlisted in the army in 1952, and was sent to the Philippines. He was my baby brother, the youngest of six children. When he came home, he had a bakery and deli.

My husband Jack enlisted in the Navy in 1944. He was on an oil tanker that went to North Africa, England and Scotland. After he came home in 1948, he went to Refrigerator and Air Conditioning School. Jack and I were married in 1949, and we moved to California.

My son Mitchell enlisted in the Marines in 1967. He went to Vietnam and died under fire in 1968. I miss Mitchell. He was my firstborn and a wonderful son. In the summer he would help the neighborhood boys get fishing rods ready, and then take them to the lake in Whittier to go fishing.

Now, I want all of our troops overseas to come home. No more wars, just peace.



## SUMMER OF CYCLING

• More people in Downey turning to bicycles for fun, transportation.

By Lars Clutterham  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – Bicycling is on the move in Downey.

At its latest meeting on Tuesday, May 13, the City Council approved a "Professional Services Agreement for Preparation of a Citywide Bicycle Master Plan." In layman's terms, what that means is that the city is hiring a consultant to direct the preparation of the plan, which is a long-term set of goals designed to make the city more bicycle friendly. That consultant is Fehr and Peers, a widely respected transportation planning firm doing business in several western states in 2013, according to its website, with a particular focus on California urban areas.

As the agreement points out, Fehr and Peers is also currently preparing an Active Transportation Plan for the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, of which Downey is a member.

The opening statement of the agreement reads as follows: "The city desires to accommodate and promote bicycle transportation as a viable alternate mode of travel. In order to lay the groundwork for this initiative, the city is proposing the development of a Bicycle Master Plan to serve as a blueprint for the development and gradual implementation of the city's bicycle circulation system, to establish a policy framework that will enhance bicyclist mobility and safety and to comply with the [City of Downey] General Plan by identifying active transportation as a travel alternative and a strategy for meeting the mobility needs of residents, workers and visitors."

**Soroptimist International of Downey awarded scholarships to deserving Downey students at the club's annual scholarship breakfast May 15. DUSD superintendent Dr. John Garcia was the event's keynote speaker.**

**Soroptimist is a global women's service organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.**



Photos courtesy Downey Bicycle Coalition

Furthermore, the agreement proposes the ambitious goal of October 2014, for preparation and adoption of the Master Plan, which will include extensive public outreach, as well as data collection, needs assessment, analysis of proposed bike facilities, and completion of the document. As has been widely reported, the funds for this project were largely provided by a State Community-Based Transportation Planning grant through Caltrans.

Mayor Fernando Vasquez also announced these developments at the most recent Stay Healthy Downey partnership meeting. Vasquez, along with Councilman Mario Guerra, have generated the impetus for a day-long citywide event entitled "Rock 'n' Ride," which is scheduled for June 14. "Rock 'n' Ride" will combine three morning bicycling events dubbed "Tour de Downey" with the second annual celebration of "Make Music Downey," a community live music event featuring local artists performing many different genres of music at several venues in the downtown area.

The Tour de Downey rides, planned in conjunction with the Downey Bicycle Coalition, will include a long-distance ride from

City Hall to Shoreline Village in Long Beach via the Los Angeles River Bike Path. That ride, about 35 miles in length, will depart at 7:30 a.m. A second community ride, a 6-mile loop on central Downey streets, will depart City Hall at 9 a.m. Finally, a "Tour de Trainees" seminar for children ages 3 to 7 will take place at the City Hall Civic Center at 10 a.m. Participants should bring their own bike and helmet.

The Tour de Trainees is a free event taught by Downey Policy Department officers specializing in cycling. Registration for all three Tour de Downey events is available online through June 6 at [downeyca.org](http://downeyca.org).

Finally, the Downey Bicycle Coalition will be doubling up its monthly rides from June through August, beginning with the Tour de Downey on June 14. DBC "Summer Cycling" community rides will continue on the last Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. on July 26 and Aug. 30. Long-distance rides will begin on Saturday, May 31, at 8:30 a.m. with a 46-mile trip up the San Gabriel River Trail to the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains in Azusa, and will continue, following the Tour de Downey, on July 12 and on Aug. 23.



## Memorial Day ceremonies in Downey

**DOWNEY** – Downey will host two separate Memorial Day ceremonies Monday.

The first event, at the historic Downey Cemetery, begins at 11 a.m. The ceremony will feature remarks by the cemetery district trustees, a wreath laying, a rifle salute by American Legion Post 270 and the playing of Taps.

A free shuttle service will take attendees from the Lakewood Boulevard Green Line parking lot to the cemetery. The bus will deliver riders to the ceremony site and return them to the Green Line parking lot at the conclusion of the program.

The ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Wall and Garden and will last approximately one hour.

For more information, call Lorena Arellano at (562) 904-7223.

The second ceremony begins at 1 p.m. at the veterans fountain outside City Hall.

Festivities include a patriotic reading, invocation, the posting of colors, and Taps.

For more details, call (562) 904-7238 or go to [downeyca.org](http://downeyca.org).

## Bastards charity event Monday

**DOWNEY** – Bastards barbecue restaurant in downtown Downey will hold a day-long charity event this Monday as it raises money to assist homeless veterans.

The event includes live music, dunk tanks, performances, two beer gardens and family-friendly activities.

Several vendors and charities will be on-site, including Vet Hunters, Honorable Recharge, the Marine Corps League Teufel Hunden Detachment No. 1360 and the Gardena Veteran Center.

Admission is free and all ages are invited. Guests are encouraged to bring unwanted clothing for a clothing drive to benefit veterans.



## Downey mayor tying the knot

• Fernando Vasquez, Donna Noushkam to be wed at OLPH.

Los Brillantes. The mayor and his bride will be traveling to Italy and Barcelona for their honeymoon.

**DOWNEY** – Mayor Fernando Vasquez will be saying "I do" to his fiancée Donna Noushkam on Friday, May 23.

The two will be joined by family and friends as they embark on this new chapter in their lives as husband and wife. Mayor Vasquez's immediate family include his parents, Refugio and Maria Vasquez, and sisters Carmen and Stephanie. Donna's family consists of her parents, Mohammad and Akram Noushkam, and sister Nikki.

Mayor Vasquez's best man will be Mario Trujillo, a deputy district attorney, and Donna's maid of honor will be her sister, Nikki, an engineer with Orbital.

The couple will have two wedding ceremonies, the first at OLPH in Downey where they will be married by Father Mark Warnstedt. A Persian ceremony will follow after that. There will be approximately 160 guests in attendance who will be flying in from all over the world, including Holland, Canada and Mexico. Among the invited guests are fellow Councilmembers Mario A. Guerra and Alex Saab. Guests will enjoy Persian food at the reception, as well as entertainment from Mariachi Las Divas and Trio

Donna and Mayor Vasquez were initially introduced to each other at a taco stand in the middle of Downtown Sacramento by Donna's sister, Nikki. They hit it off instantly. As fate would have it, they ended up having lunch together that day and before they knew it "all of their friends at the convention were asking if they were a couple." It didn't take long for them to become "official"... two months after they met, Donna and Mayor Vasquez became an item.

Not only is Fernando Vasquez the mayor of the City of Downey, but is also a business owner. Donna is a partner at a large California law firm.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS EXCEL

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident **Bianca Salgado** has been named to the President's List and the dean's Honor's List at Cerritos College for maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Salgado is a full-time student carrying 16 units. Her major is political science with an emphasis on global politics and diplomacy.

A 2013 graduate of Downey High School, she is actively involved in the Cerritos College Model United Nations Club.

She is the daughter of William and Patty Salgado, of Downey.

**Kyeong Pil Kong**, of Downey, a member of the class of 2015 at Washington and Lee University, has earned Dean's List status for the recently ended winter term 2014.

Dean's List honors represents a grade point average of at least 3.4.

**Michelle Morales**, of Downey, a senior at Clarkson University majoring in humanities and psychology, received the Student Marshal Award at the school's University Recognition Day during the spring semester.

The Student Marshal Award is presented by Clarkson's alumni association and honors students "who stand out as leaders, but may not have yet been recognized for their contributions to the Clarkson community."

Award winners must be eligible to participate in the May commencement ceremony and demonstrate "outstanding campus involvement and service

and community involvement and service."

As a Student Marshal Award winner, Morales will have her name called first among Clarkson graduates.

Morales also won the Psychology Research Award, given to the senior psychology student who has demonstrated excellence in academic studies and research endeavors while at Clarkson. Morales will receive a monetary award and plaque.

**Mercy Zamora**, of Downey, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Zamora, who is pursuing a degree in public health at Cal State L.A., is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty and professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only.

**Ricky Da Silva**, a resident of Downey, was presented with the Business Honors Community Involvement Award at the Cal State Fullerton Mihaylo College of Business and Economics' annual business honors banquet.

The award is presented to students "who have reported activities that showed a willingness to contribute to the community for no reward."

"The Honors Program has a mission to graduate students who are not only academically excellent, but are also good citizens; they are able to work with many different types of people and they have an understanding of the importance of what they're doing so that they're motivated," said Marcia Clark, director of the Mihaylo College Business Honors Program. "These are the employees that every business wants."

## Incoming fire chief Mark Gillaspie focused on rebuilding trust

• Gillaspie, who takes over in August, says he wants to unite fractured fire department.

By Christian Brown  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Mark Gillaspie will have a long checklist after he's sworn in as Downey's ninth fire chief this August.

Number one on the agenda? Rebuilding trust.

"I really want to step up as a leader and try to figure out a way to unite the entire department again," said Gillaspie, who will assume control of the Downey Fire Department when current chief Lonnie Croom retires on Aug. 1.

"The current conditions are a challenge, but that's what firefighters do -- we make things better. I want to make things better."

Gillaspie, who's served as assistant fire chief since 2011, acknowledges that it's been a tumultuous 24 months for the Downey Fire Department after several heated legal and political tussles between the city and the Downey Firemen's Association.

Last year, the fire union successfully collected more than 12,000 signatures to place Measure B on the ballot in next month's primary. If approved by residents, the initiative will amend the city charter, eliminating the two-thirds voter approval necessary for the Downey City Council to contract out police and fire services.

Fire union officials say the change is necessary because Downey is violating the charter by hiring outside jailers, exposing Downey taxpayers to potential

lawsuits.

Last December, the Downey Firemen's Association also filed a tort claim against the city, alleging ongoing retaliation, harassment and discrimination following the union's vote of "no confidence" in chief Croom last June.

Gillaspie would not speak on behalf of the fire union, but made it clear that he reports to the city council.

"I'm obviously a big supporter of the Downey Fire Department," said Gillaspie, who's worked his entire career in Downey starting in 1989. "Coming from within, I understand their issues and I will try to be an advocate for them. I'd like to think that with some respect and clear communication, we can work together."

He fell short of endorsing either side of the Measure B debate, but pledged to support the city however directed following the election.

As far as the new assistant fire chief goes, Gillaspie says the decision will be a number one priority as he slowly assumes all day-to-day operations. The selection process is still being discussed, but Gillaspie would like to see candidates from within the department.

Born and raised in Grinnell, Iowa, Gillaspie has spent his entire fire career in Downey since moving to California in the mid-

80s.

"Ultimately, it was a family friend who said, 'you'd make a good firefighter.' I scoffed it off when they first suggested it, but I followed up on it...and it's been a blessing. This is not just a job, it truly is a passion."

Gillaspie was promoted to fire engineer in 1995 and appointed a captain in 1998. He was a chief officer with Downey Fire for 14 years, and was promoted to assistant fire chief three years ago. He now lives in Temecula with his wife of 25 years and their three young adult sons.

While the drive to work is admittedly long, he says it gives him plenty of time to think. And with the many changes on the horizon for emergency medical services, he just might need the time.

"The city is getting stronger, we're getting back on track, but fire service in general is getting busier and busier, trying to maintain," he said. "We've got to think of new ways to offer traditional services with less [funding]. It's the fiscal challenge of coming up with funding every year...but we've got to come up with more creative ways to do that."

"Downey has an excellent reputation throughout this area and I take my responsibilities very seriously. Hardworking and humble -- that's what I strive to be."

## Carnival at Downey High

**DOWNEY** – Downey High School will be holding a carnival this weekend with proceeds benefiting the band and color guard.

Carnival hours are Friday, 5-11 p.m.; Saturday, 1-11 p.m.; Sunday, 1-11 p.m.; and Monday, 1-9 p.m.

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- Measure B would **change** the Downey City Charter and take rights away from Downey voters.
- If you vote YES, the City Council can bring L.A. County Sheriff and L.A. County Fire to Downey without voter approval.
- If you vote NO, only Downey voters can consider changing Police/Fire Services with a **2/3 majority vote**.

**JOIN US IN VOTING NO ON MEASURE B!**

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**VOTE ON**  
**JUNE 3**

**DOWNEY CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

<b>B</b>	<b>CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 14</b> Shall section 702 of the Charter be amended to remove the requirement that the City shall provide for the staffing of the police and fire departments through its own staff and to remove the requirement that a two-thirds advisory vote is necessary before the City Council may consider alternative methods or agreements for providing police and fire services?	219	YES →	<input type="radio"/>
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For additional information:

visit the District's website at [www.dusd.net](http://www.dusd.net) or call (562) 469-6500 and ask for your local school.

If you do not know which school your child will attend, call (562) 469-6553



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**Personal Profile**

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Commerce and the Rio Hondo Men's Golf Club, and can often be seen riding bikes around the city with his 9 year old son Andrew.

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**Shirley Cawley was civic volunteer**

**DOWNEY** – With her family by her side, longtime Downey resident Shirley Cawley passed away peacefully on Mother's Day, May 11, at age 86.

Born Aug. 21, 1927 to Clarence and Glenn Monson, Shirley spent her younger years growing up in San Diego. As a senior at Hoover High School, she would attend the Saturday night dances held at the local San Diego Women's Club. It's there that she met her future husband, Richard "Dick" Cawley.

Following his college graduation in San Luis Obispo, Shirley and Dick married on July 22, 1950. They moved to Long Beach and had their first of five children, Susan. The three moved to Downey in 1953 where they continued to add to, and raise, their family. Shirley and Dick had four more children: Michael, Donald, Joanie and Katie.

While raising her family, Shirley was involved in numerous charitable organizations, including Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and the Church Women's Guild. She was involved with Women's Club of Downey and held several different positions on the board.

With others in the city, she helped to found the Downey chapter of the City of Hope. She produced and published their "Who's Cooking What" cookbook.

Shirley volunteered numerous hours with the Kidney Foundation, and was on the founding committee to develop Furman Park. She was also active in Northwest Downey Little League.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Richard; her five children, Susan Stratton, Michael Cawley, Donald (Marilyn) Cawley, Joanie (Geoff) Brooks and Katie Cawley; grandchildren, Lindsay Stratton, Hayden Cawley, Wyatt Cawley, Joseph Brooks and Emily Brooks; along with many nieces and nephews.

Rosary service will be held at Miller-Mies Mortuary on Thursday, May 29, at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Friday, May 30, at 11 a.m.

**Award-winning chorus returns to Downey**

**DOWNEY** – Award-winning a cappella chorus Masters of Harmony will make their third appearance at the Downey Theatre on May 31 for a show titled "Livin' Large in Las Vegas."

The concert will feature performance by current men's international quartet champion, Masterpiece, and women's international quartet champ LoveNotes. The Downey concert will mark the first and only time the two quartets will appear on the same show.

Led by Justin Miller, who in 2009 garnered international acclaim directing the Westminster Chorus to win the Pavarotti Trophy as "Choir of the World" in the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, the Masters of Harmony are a regional chorus based in Santa Fe Springs.

The group draws men from all over Southern California who perform a variety of musical styles, mostly a cappella, including famous Broadway hits, gospel, international hymns, patriotic greats, Disney favorites, and even the Beatles.

Masters of Harmony also hosts an annual youth harmony festival that promotes close harmony singing and a love of music for high school singers all over the L.A. basin.

The chorus will present two shows May 31 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29 and \$39 and can be purchased by calling the Downey Theatre box office at (562) 861-8211 or online at downeytheatre.com.

**DAC annual meeting May 31**

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Arts Coalition, a grassroots community group that promotes local arts events and coordinates cooperation between local arts organizations, will hold its annual business meeting Saturday, May 31, at noon inside the Epic Lounge.

Artists, arts advocates, and representatives from local arts organizations are encouraged to attend meetings to learn about upcoming arts opportunities, as well as to share information about their own work or events.

This month's meeting will feature the annual election of board members, voted on by members of the Arts Coalition (dues are \$15 per year).

The Epic Lounge is at 8239 2nd St. Guests should enter through L.A. Buns.

**Yard sale at First Christian Church**

**DOWNEY** – First Christian Church of Downey is hosting a yard sale this Saturday from 6-9 a.m. to help fund a refurbishment of its children's ministry.

The church is at 10909 New St.

**WET BAR DENIED LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

• After protests from residents, Planning Commission denies live entertainment application.

**DOWNEY** – After receiving dozens of letters from residents complaining about loud noise, increased crime, and declining property values, the Planning Commission Wednesday denied an application from the Wet Bar to host live entertainment, including mariachis, DJs and karaoke.

The Wet Bar, located on the southwest corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Imperial Highway, originally received an operating permit in 2012 to operate as a casual bar and lounge. But the bar expanded and earlier this year began hosting live bands, which violated its permit.

City officials recommended the Wet Bar be allowed live entertainment but with a litany of conditions, including increased security and a sound-measuring device accessible by city planners.

Dozens of residents protested, however. Seventy-six residents signed a petition urging denial of the application, and another 50 residents submitted letters of opposition.

On a 3-2 vote, planning commissioners agreed that live entertainment was a bad idea at the Wet Bar, at least right now.

"I know exactly what I voted for (in 2012), and it was a lounge," said Commissioner Matias Flores. "What they're asking for is basically to allow a nightclub, and I'm not comfortable with that."

"We were told it was going



to be a social drinkery," added Commissioner Robert Kiefer. "I also feel it's morphing into a nightclub and I don't think that's the right location for a nightclub."

Wet Bar owner Luis Gomez, who

said he has invested nearly \$1 million into the property, can reapply for a live entertainment license in one year.

–Eric Pierce, editor

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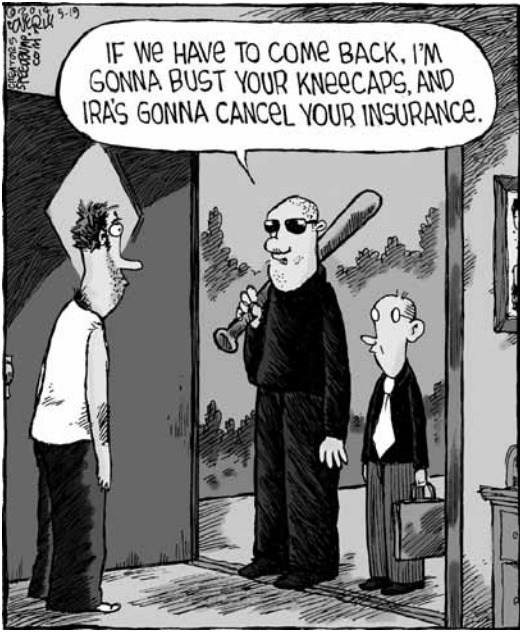
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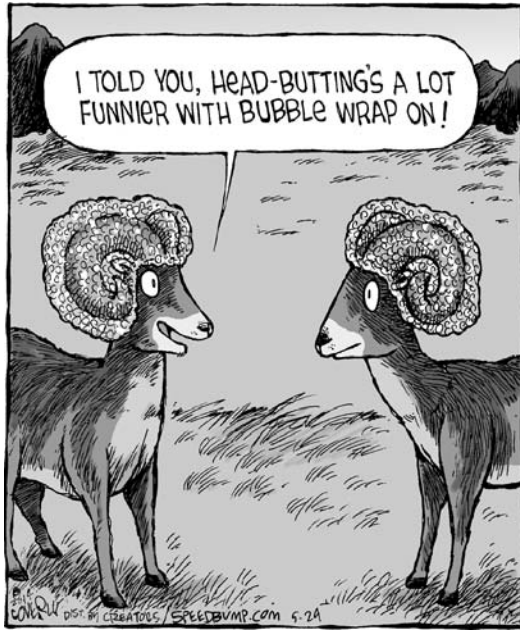
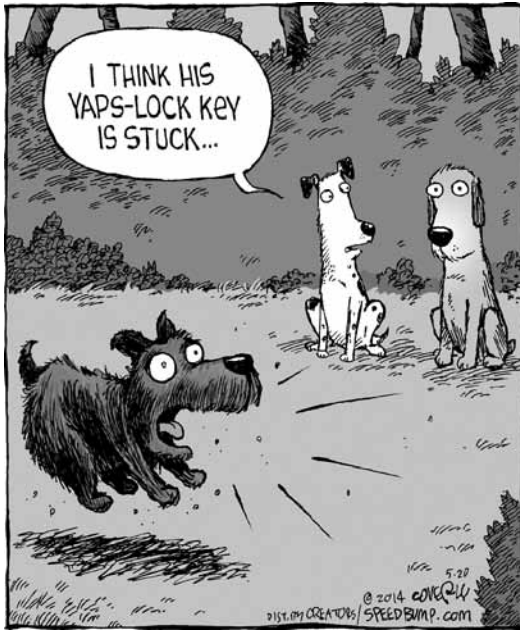


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# Downey Community Calendar

### Events For May

- Sat., May 24: **Warren High robotics demonstration**, Stay Gallery, 10 a.m.
- Mon., May 26: **Memorial Day ceremony**, Downey Cemetery, 11 a.m.
- Mon., May 26: **Memorial Day ceremony**, City Hall concourse, 1 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.
- 4th Sat., 12:00 p.m.: **Downey Arts Coalition**, at Epic Lounge.

## On This Day...

**May 22, 1868:** The Great Train Robbery took place near Marshfield, Ind., as seven members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in cash, gold and bonds.

**1960:** A magnitude 9.5 earthquake, the strongest ever recorded, struck southern Chile, claiming 1,655 lives.

**1992:** Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time after nearly 30 years in the job.

**Birthdays:** Rock singer Morrissey (55), model Naomi Campbell (44), actress Ginnifer Goodwin (36), speed skater Apolo Ohno (32) and tennis player Novak Djokovic (27).

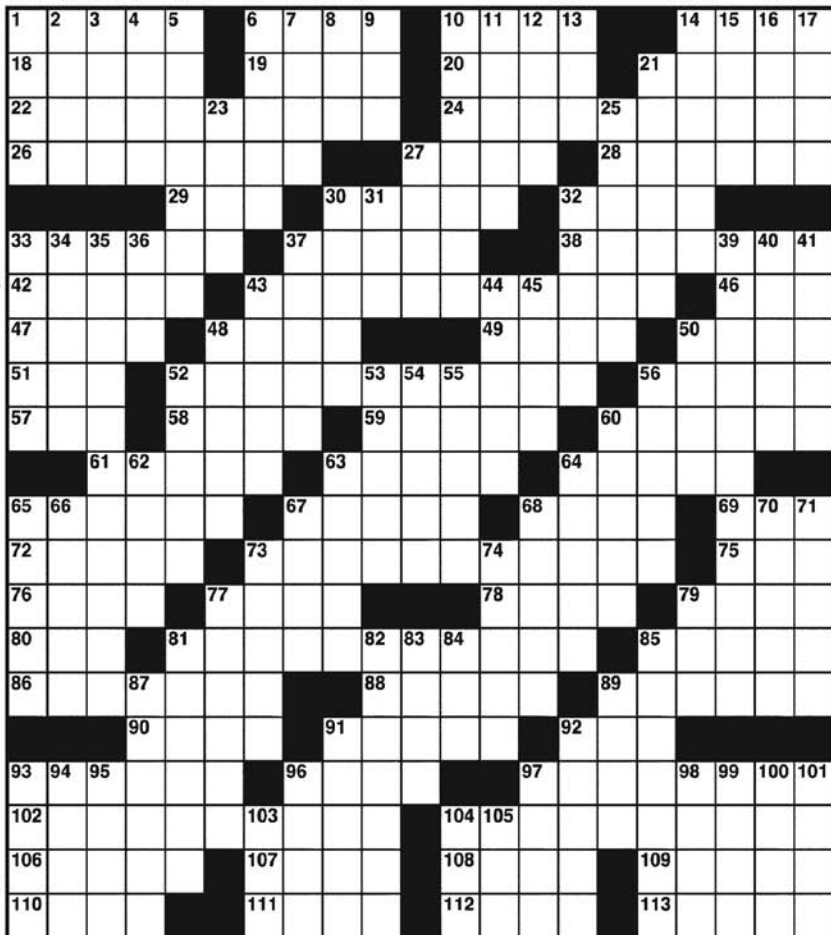
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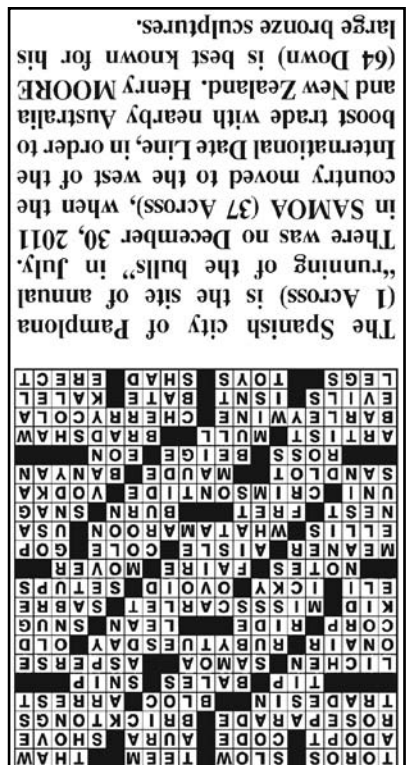
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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



far better composition of minerals like calcium, iron, manganese, magnesium, and zinc than does other fruit. It is a good source of vitamin B complex and is high in potassium, and has less sugar than other sports drinks, sodas, and fruit juices. It is also relatively low in calories, at about 46 calories per cup, and is fat and cholesterol free.

There are claims that coconut water is so similar to human plasma that it was used in the Pacific during World War II when supplies of regular IV saline solution ran short. This is not recommended by modern medical doctors!

Although coconut water is a tasty and nutritious source of hydration and electrolytes, it is high in potassium, so those with kidney problems and elevated potassium levels should avoid it. On the other hand, assuming that the kidneys are healthy, the potassium helps to lower blood pressure. Also note that coconut water has less sodium than, say, Gatorade, and vigorous exercise may require a drink with more sodium. Therefore, it may not be the ideal drink for heavy exercise.

My own opinion? Coconut water is a great alternative for hydration, electrolytes, potassium and taste. Give it a try!

*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.*

A "new" beverage has started to show up everywhere - not only at my marathons and at health food stores, but also in practically every mainstream grocery store. For years it's been popular outside the United States, and now sales are skyrocketing here as well.

Coconut water is the juice from the center of a young, tender, green coconut. Each nut contains about 200 to 1000 ml, and this clear liquid is sweet, sterile, and includes sugars, vitamins, minerals, electrolytes, enzymes, amino acids, cytokine, and phyto-hormones. Note that this differs from coconut milk, which is extracted from the meat of the coconut.

What are the health benefits of coconut water? It is very refreshing and its high levels of electrolytes make it great for rehydration. In fact, it has been used worldwide to replace fluid loss for those suffering from diarrhea, and reduces the need for intravenous hydration. It is also well balanced with calories and added nutritional value. It contains bioactive enzymes that aid with digestion and metabolism. It has a

## MOSQUITO TESTS POSITIVE FOR WEST NILE VIRUS

SANTA FE SPRINGS - Fires are not the only thing affecting public health this week.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) has confirmed the first West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquito sample in Los Angeles County for 2014.

The sample of mosquitoes was collected in Sherman Oaks (zip code 91403). Statewide, there have been additional positive mosquito samples reported in San Bernardino and Sonoma counties this year.

"This is an unfortunate reminder that West Nile virus continues to be a problem here in Los Angeles County," said Kelly Middleton, community affairs director for the district. "We can anticipate more activity as the season progresses."

West Nile virus is transmitted to people and animals through the bite of an infected mosquito. There is no cure for West Nile virus.

One in five persons infected with West Nile virus will exhibit symptoms. Symptoms usually occur between 5-15 days and can include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, or a skin rash. These symptoms can last for several days to months.

One in 150 people infected with the virus will require hospitalization. Severe symptoms include high fever, muscle weakness, neck stiffness, coma, paralysis, and possibly death.

"The threat is real and cannot be underestimated," said Levy Sun,

the district's public information officer. "Despite the drought, the warm weather and neglected water sources - such as swimming pools and flowerpot saucers - have provided perfect conditions for mosquitoes to thrive."

Any water left standing for more than one week in containers such as flower pots, fountains and pet dishes provides the perfect breeding habitat for mosquitoes. GLACVCD reminded residents that even the smallest of breeding sources can contribute to a large public health problem within the Greater Los Angeles County area.

Residents can take an active role in reducing the threat of WNV in their neighborhoods by taking the following steps:

- \* Eliminate standing water in clogged rain gutters, rain barrels, discarded tires, buckets, watering troughs or anything that holds water for more than a week

- \* Ensure that swimming pools, spas, and ponds are properly maintained

- \* Change the water in pet dishes, birdbaths and other small containers weekly

- \* Request free mosquito fish from your local vector control district for placement in ornamental ponds

- \* Report mosquito activity near vacant or foreclosed homes to your vector control district

- \* Report neglected (green) swimming pools in your neighborhood to your vector control district

## CRIME REPORT

Friday, May 9

At 2:45 p.m., officers arrested an adult male for lewd conduct. The male was inside his parked car at the CVS parking lot (7915 Florence). Officers contacted the male after receiving a phone call from someone who was concerned about the man's behavior. The suspect was booked for indecent exposure.

At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to the area of Bellflower Blvd and Hall Rd regarding a disturbance. Officers spoke to witnesses who reported there was an argument between two groups of males when one of the males pulled out a handgun and shot at the other group. Detectives are investigating, no injuries were reported

At 8:00 p.m., motorcyclist collided with a van at the intersection of Imperial and Brookshire. The motorcyclist was transported to a local hospital for injuries. The driver of the van fled the scene and is being sought. Traffic Detectives are investigating.

At 9:30 p.m., officers responded to the 9200 block of Horley regarding a burglary investigation. Officers spoke with the victim who reported an unknown suspect had made entry into the residence and stole items from inside. Forensics responded and conducted a forensic examination. Detectives are investigating.

Sunday, May 11

At 3:00 p.m., officers responded to the 7100 block of De Palma regarding a burglary investigation. The victim reported an unknown suspect entered the residence and removed items from inside. A Forensics examination was conducted. Detectives are investigating.

Information provided by Downey Police Department.

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# A new push for Downey students to STAY YOUNG

• Stay Young Initiative focuses on reintroducing students to the arts.

By Valentin Flores  
Special to The Downey Patriot

**DOWNEY** – It is well known that funding for education in general, and art education in particular, has decreased significantly over recent years. To help address this issue, Downey Art Vibe (DAV) has developed the Stay Young Initiative, a long-term project geared to partner with Downey Unified School District and other local youth organizations to create and implement enriching arts-based educational youth programs within the City of Downey.

DAV, the non-profit organization that operates Stay Gallery, is working directly with DUSD administrators, teachers, and parents to help fill the void that our public school system is faced with regarding arts education. DAV is dedicating the use of Stay Gallery during the last week of May and the entire month of June to showcase our growing relationship with DUSD.

The Stay Young Initiative provides creative interaction by hosting student exhibitions, field trips, festivals, internship/volunteer opportunities, workshops and the development of arts education programs. These programs engage youth in creative activities, local cultural identity, and historical learning.

The objective of the Stay Young Initiative is to create a culture of excellence in the arts by providing the resources necessary to involve students in programs and activities inside and outside of schools. Stay Young aspires to awaken and sustain the interest of the arts in our youth through the creation, exhibition,

and education of student art. DAV firmly believes that art education is crucial to develop students' ability to innovate, communicate, and collaborate.

DAV is developing programs to compliment DUSD's emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). DAV is working closely with administrators, teachers, and parents to integrate art, design, and creativity into youth programs.

By the beginning of next school year, alongside traditional art workshops (photography/painting/drawing), DAV will introduce arts-based afterschool programs geared towards developing students in areas of teamwork, leadership, and presenting skills while emphasizing communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity.

## STAY YOUNG EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS:

We will begin the Stay Young Initiative by highlighting one of the most innovative and creative programs that DUSD has to offer. On May 24, Warren High School's robotics program will be taking over Stay Gallery to hold a demonstration of what their program is all about.

"Our robotics program has evolved into an innovative approach to get DUSD students excited about the field of engineering and robotics," said Warren High teacher Glenn Yamasaki. "We are able to take interested students who have never touched a robot and transform them into regional, state and national champions."

DAV will continue the Stay Young Initiative with three different third grade elementary school field trips. We will host Ward Elementary on May 28, Maude Price on May 29 and Gallatin Elementary on June 5. Named after the art piece that inspired the pilot program, "Downey Doodle-icious" presents students, teachers, and volunteers

with an opportunity to explore our local culture and history.

"The Downey Doodle-icious field trip has been beneficial to our Downey students because it teaches them the value of our community and its landmarks, it brings arts education back into our classrooms, and it integrates technology into one of the final products of the field trip," said Rani Bertsch, principal of Gallatin Elementary.

During field trips, students will be driven to Downey City Hall where a city council member and city staff member will give students an explanation of the role that City Hall has within our city and touch on the history of Downey. During their time in City Hall, students will learn three key terms: Community, Economy, and Government. Students will then tour Downtown Downey and discover Downey's important landmarks along the way (John Gately Downey's statue, Rives Mansion, the Avenue Theatre, etc.). These experiences will create a 'sense of place' in students' imaginations by increasing their familiarity with the key features of Downey.

Upon arriving at Stay Gallery, students will be shown photographs from Downey's past that depict the locations they just visited. The point is for students to learn the concept of 'change over time' which is emphasized in the Third Grade Social Studies Curriculum.

Students will be greeted by gallery staff and the artist of the "Downey Doodle-icious" painting, Don Lamkin. Lamkin's painting uses familiar Downey icons and logos that symbolically stitch together the different generations of the City of Downey. Stay Gallery staff will explain the cultural significance of the painting.

During this exercise, the painting will be divided into sections and given to each student.



"Downey Doodle-icious," an original piece of art by Don Lamkin, is a major component of Downey Art Vibe's new youth program.

Students will then create a large-scale reproduction of the section of the painting they were given on canvas. Once completed, all of the canvases are put together, giving the students a sense of teamwork and community. Upon completion of the mural, Stay Gallery staff will then frame it and present it to the participating elementary school. (First student-produced "Downey Doodle-icious" mural can be viewed at Gallatin Elementary's main office.)

The remaining elementary schools will be scheduled to participate in the "Downey Doodle-icious" Program during the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. DAV's goal is to host one class from each elementary school in DUSD during 2014. Though our primary focus is the third grade, we hope to expand these field trips to other grades as our capacity grows and funding opportunities become accessible. These first 12 field trips would not have been possible without the generous contribution from Downey Kiwanis Foundation.

On May 29, we will be hosting the 1st Annual Stay Young Festival of the Arts. The best artists from Downey and Warren high schools, along with one special guest artist from Downey Adult School, will be exhibiting their work at Stay Gallery. The opening on Thursday is geared towards students, family, teachers, and DUSD administrators.

On Saturday, June 31, Downey

and Warren's ASBs will be taking over the gallery and planning different activities to celebrate the arts through a program that includes live music, live art, interactive games and food, to go along with the beautiful artwork that will be on display. The event is geared at high school students wanting to get a sense of what a local student art festival is all about.

On June 4, different fourth and fifth grade classes from Old River Elementary will be displaying their art in a new program we are calling "Display@Stay". This program is geared towards DUSD classes wanting to host student exhibitions at Stay Gallery. Students will be showcasing their artwork in an event meant to bring family, friends, and school faculty together.

We will conclude the 2014 Stay Young Initiative on June 6 with the opening of the 3rd Annual Downey & Warren Photography Contest. This event brings both schools' advanced photography departments together for a beautifully curated exhibition. This exhibit will be up until June 15.

Special thanks to Maude Price Elementary, Gallatin Elementary, Ward Elementary, Old River Elementary, Downey/Warren's Art Departments and our incredible youth coordinators Aldo Fratti and Ana Godinez for putting this entire initiative together.

Valentin Flores is executive director of Stay Gallery and Downey Art Vibe.

## Indie film screening in Downey

**DOWNEY** – "50 to 1," a new independent film about a misfit group of New Mexico cowboys who find themselves on the journey of a lifetime when their crooked-footed racehorse qualifies for the Kentucky Derby, will be screened exclusively at Krikorian Theatres in Downey on Friday, May 23.

Based on the true story of Mine That Bird, the cowboys face a series of mishaps on their way to Churchill Downs, becoming the ultimate underdogs in a final showdown with the world's racing elite.

The film by Ten Furlongs is written and directed by Jim Wilson and stars Skeet Ulrich, Christian Kane, William Devane, Madelyn Deutch and Todd Lowe.

The film's trailer is available on YouTube.

## Mall honors St. Pius X teacher

**DOWNEY** – Teacher Appreciation Day on the campus of St. Pius X – St. Matthias Academy was a little extra special this year, when Stonewood Center in Downey contacted the school to announce that 11th grade teacher Sarah Barriga was the mall's Teacher Appreciation Week Award winner.

Students from St. Pius X – St. Matthias Academy nominated Ms. Barriga without her knowing.

A total of 1,639 nomination forms were submitted by K-12 students to Stonewood Center, praising the qualities and attributes of these and many other dedicated individuals. Each day, a different teacher was featured, and each teacher received a \$25 gift card.

"I am very surprised by this recognition and would really like to thank the students for their nominations," said Ms. Barriga. "I am so grateful to have students who make teaching a joy because of their open hearts and minds. It is already an honor for me to be able to do what I love which is teach Theology. This recognition really reveals the appreciative nature of our students at St. Pius X – St. Matthias Academy."

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Officers from the Downey Police Officers' Association donated their time and served as waiters at Johnny Carino's restaurant in Downey earlier this month. "We raised over \$2,200 in 'tips' from patrons and 100 percent was donated to the Special Olympics," said Cpl. Mike Pope, president of the DPOA. "Other Carino's restaurants had the event the same night and the Downey Carino's raised the most money for the Special Olympics."

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### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS HONORED

**DOWNEY** – More than two dozen local volunteers were honored by the Downey Coordinating Council last week as the organization hosted its 60th annual Community Service Awards Banquet.

The event annually recognizes Downey residents who devote hours to local service organizations.

Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard and Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia were on hand to congratulate the honorees.

This year's award winners include:

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Linda Kennedy – Assistance League of Downey

Andrew Wahlquist – Downey Art Coalition

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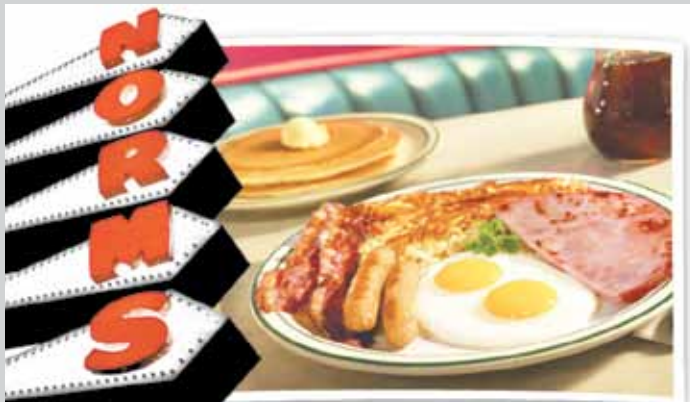
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## SPORTS BRIEFS: No. 1 seed Downey awaits opponent

• Downey baseball, winners of 16 of their last 17 games, seeded No. 1 in playoffs.

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School baseball team finished their regular season with an overall record of 19-8 and a league record of 9-1. The Vikings are the 2014 San Gabriel Valley

League champions.

For their efforts, Downey is the number one entry from the S.G.V.L. in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoff bracket. Downey will host the winner of the Rialto/Walnut game later today. Downey has won 16 of their last 17 games and are certainly playing their best baseball of the season.

Warren earned the number two entry from the S.G.V.L. The Bears finished their regular

season with an overall record of 26-4 and were 7-3 in league play. Warren will host Rancho Alamitos later today in their first round game. Rancho Alamitos finished their season with an overall record of 18-6-1 and were 12-3 in league play. The Vaqueros were the second place finisher in the Garden Grove League behind Garden Grove. Garden Grove was 20-4 overall and 14-1 in league play.

Gahr was the final S.G.V.L. team to earn a postseason spot. Gahr finished their regular season with an overall record of 19-10-1 and were 7-3 in league play. Gahr hosted a wildcard game on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) against Beverly Hills of the Ocean League. The Normans finished their season with an overall record of 13-11 and league record of 5-5. The Normans were the fourth place team in the Garden Grove League behind Santa Monica (24-5, 10-0), Culver City (17-10, 7-3) and Hawthorne (16-8-1, 6-4), respectively.

The 2014 C.I.F. Division 3 baseball playoffs are here and all

three San Gabriel Valley League teams are playing well and poised to make deep runs toward a title.

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The Downey High School softball team has seen their 2014 season come to an end. Downey finished their season with an overall record of 10-18 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 5-5.

Downey was the third entry from the San Gabriel Valley League in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoff bracket.

The Lady Vikings were defeated Tuesday afternoon at Sunny Hills 5-3 in the wildcard round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. Senior Cassie Grana was selected player of the game in the playoff effort. Moving forward, Sunny Hills now has an overall record of 14-11 and had a Freeway League record of 7-3. The Lady Lancers were the third place team from the Freeway League behind La Habra (18-10, 7-3) and Fullerton (17-13, 7-3), respectively.

Despite their challenging season, Downey had several bright spots. Senior Rachel

Rodriguez led the Lady Vikings with a .559 batting average, had 52 hits and scored 34 runs. Senior Daphne Gaspar held a .446 batting average, had 37 hits and scored 20 runs. Senior Brittany Juarez held a .386 batting average, had 27 hits and scored 16 runs.

The Lady Vikings had a team batting average of .342 and an on base percentage of .423. Downey had 68 stolen bases, a team E.R.A. of 3.75 and a team fielding percentage of .930. Coach Karzen is looking forward to next season and building on the challenges of this season.

...  
The Warren High School softball team are the 2014 San Gabriel Valley League champions. The Bears currently have an overall record of 22-5 and were 9-1 in league play.

The Bears were co-champs with Gahr (17-9, 9-1) but earned the top S.G.V.L. entry in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs due to their second round win against Gahr.

Gahr, the number two entry from the San Gabriel Valley League, defeated Fontana 2-0 on Tuesday to advance to the second round. The Lady Gladiators played Righetti (24-6, 11-1) in their second round game yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

The Bears defeated Notre Dame (16-13, 7-3) 2-0 at home on Tuesday. The Notre Dame Lady Knights were the number three entry from the Mission League behind Chaminade (17-7-1) and Alemany (16-8, 7-3), respectively.

With their win, the Bears advanced to the second round of the playoffs where they played California (17-11, 8-2) yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

California defeated Atascadero (23-6-1, 10-2) 9-2 at Atascadero

on Tuesday in their first round matchup. The California Lady Condors were the number two entry from the Del Rio League behind league champion La Serna (25-3, 9-1).

Coach Starksen, her staff and players are poised and looking forward to making a deep run in the Division 3 playoffs.

...  
The Warren High School girls' swim team competed at C.I.F. Prelims and Finals last week at Riverside Community College. Valeria Orozco placed 10th in the 200 IM and 9th in the 100 Butterfly. For her effort in the 100 Butterfly, Orozco earned a medal.

The Lady Bear 200 Freestyle Relay team of Justine Castro, Erin Gonzalez, Kim Shepherd and Kayla Casas placed 16th. Unfortunately, the 400 Freestyle Relay team of Valeria Orozco, Kayla Casas, Brittney Baron and Kim Shepherd were disqualified due to a false start on one of the relay legs during the race. Despite the qualification, the Lady Bear 400 Freestyle Relay still worked hard to qualify for the event.

Coach Cordero is very pleased with her team's effort. Cordero said, "all in all we walked away with newly written records again (both individual events and both relays)." Cordero went on to say that "the 400 relay broke the school record in Prelims and that there were plenty of best times." Cordero concluded by saying that "I could not be more satisfied with how they did, despite these last two days being marathon status and with the 100 + temperatures on both days."

...  
The Warren High School boys' volleyball team lost a tough five set match, 3-2, to Rio Mesa last Thursday night at home in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. With the loss, the Bears have now been eliminated from postseason competition. Warren defeated Hemet 3-1 in their first round match last Tuesday at home to advance.

Coach Simons is extremely proud of his team and how hard they have worked this season. The Bears will now turn their attention to getting ready for next season.

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## Biagio Genualdi graduates with honors

DOWNEY – Biagio Genualdi of Downey has been named the 2014 Outstanding Graduate of the College of Business Administration at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB).

The son of Michele (Michael) Genualdi and Simin Kavianian of Downey, Genualdi was recognized at CSULB's College of Business Administration commencement ceremony on Thursday, when he was officially conferred his bachelor of science degree in business administration with an option in accountancy.

Genualdi has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while taking excess unit loads to become a certified public accountant (CPA) and working at least two part-time jobs. As a national accounting honor society Beta Alpha Psi member, he developed a free tutoring and professional development program and served as professional development coordinator

and director of correspondence.

In 2013, he received both the honor society's Alumni and Most Outstanding Member awards. He was invited to join the international business honor society Beta Gamma Sigma, for which he received its 2013 Alumni Award.

Genualdi took first place in the 2012 CSULB Ethics Case Study Competition. During 2011-12, he participated in the Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership by providing a Kid's Day for young, misguided girls in juvenile hall.

Along with past summer internships with Southern California Edison and KPMG, Genualdi works as a property manager and serves as an accountant for La Mexicana Spice, and he founded iLove2Grub.com, an online distribution company for candies and healthy snacks in 2013.

His immediate plans after graduation include taking all four parts of the certified public



accountant (CPA) exam and do some traveling before he starts working full-time at Moss Adams LLP, the largest accounting and business consulting firm headquartered on the West Coast and one of the largest in the nation. He will begin his work there in October in the Orange County assurance department.

"I have several career goals, but my main goal is to become of the top experts in the field of accounting and accounting regulation," said Genualdi, a 2010 graduate of Warren High School.

## Kaiser hospital gets "A" grade

DOWNEY – Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center, as well as the other 13 Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Southern California, received an "A" on the Hospital Safety Score from The Leapfrog Group, an independent industry watchdog.

This marks the second year all Kaiser Permanente Southern California hospitals were awarded the highest grade.

"Our focus and commitment is patient safety," said Binesh Batra, MD, Area Medical Director. "We attribute this designation to the powerful combination of infection control surveillance, high level technology and the personal attention our physicians and staff show our patients."

Calculated under the guidance of The Leapfrog Group's Blue Ribbon Expert Panel, the Hospital Safety Score uses 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single "A" through "F" score, representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. More than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals were assigned scores in spring 2014, with less than one-third receiving an "A" grade.

"Safety should come first for our families when we pick a hospital, because errors and infections are common and deadly," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group, which produces the Hospital Safety Score. "No hospital is perfect, but we congratulate the Board, clinicians, administration, and staff of the Kaiser Permanente Southern California medical centers for achieving an "A" and showing us that you made the well-being of your patients your top priority."

The Hospital Safety Score is fully transparent, and its website offers a full analysis of the data and methodology used in determining grades. It is the first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the Journal of Patient Safety. The Score is free to the public and designed to give consumers information they can use to protect themselves and their families when facing a hospital stay



Air Force Airman Brian Clarke has completed basic training with the U.S. Air Force and will begin advanced training to become an officer. He has been assigned to the bomb disposal unit, an elite group of soldiers "devoted to saving lives."

Clarke attended Rio San Gabriel Elementary, East Middle School and Downey High, and graduated from Cerritos College with two degrees.

## Casino night to benefit DRFA

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association will be hosting a Western-style casino night at the Gold Rush Camp at Knott's Berry Farm on Saturday, Aug. 2, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets are \$40 and include Knott's country fried chicken, St. Louis-style pork spare ribs with all the fixings (served from 7-9 p.m.), no host bar, raffle prizes, silent auction, casino script and more.

For tickets, call Jennifer DeKay at (562) 714-5658.

## DMOA fundraiser at Bob's Big Boy

DOWNEY – Bob's Big Boy will host a fundraiser benefiting the Downey Museum of Art on Saturday, May 31.

Between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., anyone who displays an event flyer will have 20 percent of their purchase donated to the DMOA.

A copy of the flyer is posted on the Downey Patriot's Facebook page.

## DMV rep to speak

DOWNEY – DMV representative Tressa Thompson will be guest speaker at a May 28 meeting of the National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees.

Her presentation begins at 1 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center. A question-and-answer session will follow her presentation.

New members are welcome. For questions, call Bob Knerr at (562) 943-5513.

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I saw askant the armies;  
And I saw, as in noiseless dreams, hundred of battle-flags;  
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I saw them,  
And carried hither and yon through the smoke, and torn and bloody;  
And at last but a few shreds left on the staffs, (and all in silence,  
And the staffs all splinter'd and broken.

I saw battle-corpses, myriads of them,  
And the white skeletons of young men - I saw them all;  
I saw the debris and debris of all the dead soldiers of the war;  
But I saw all was not as thought;  
They themselves were fully at rest - they suffer'd not;  
The living remain'd and suffer'd - the mother suffer'd,  
And the wife and the child, and the musing comrade suffer'd  
And the armies that remain'd suffer'd.

By Walt Whitman, *Leaves of Grass*

In the summer of 1865, when Walt Whitman wrote this elegy for Abraham Lincoln, the nation was in a period of profound national mourning. Whitman had worked as a nurse on the battlefields of the Civil War, and to the pity of war, brought the healing power of poetry.  
-- Lorine Parks, curator, Poetry Matters

# Legislation would alert soldiers of bad credit reports

NORWALK – Congresswoman Linda Sanchez (D) has introduced legislation that would allow credit reporting agencies to notify deployed military service members when a "negative information alert" is posted on their credit report.

The bipartisan legislation, titled the Credit Reporting Act for Military Families, was jointly introduced by Sanchez and Republican Congressman Doug Lamborn.

"Our service members make tremendous sacrifices for our country, their credit score should not be one of them," said Sanchez. "However, too many of them face challenges when they return home because of missed payments incurred while they were deployed. The Credit Reporting Act for Military Families will give service members more control over their finances and the peace of mind that they will not encounter unforeseen problems when they are ready to purchase a car or a home."

The Credit Reporting Act for Military Families allows deployed service personnel to notify credit reporting agencies of a military deployment. Secondly, it authorizes reporting agencies to contact deployed service members when an adverse action is posted on their

credit report. Both actions would give creditors more context about the circumstances under which service members accrue missed payments.

"When men and women in uniform deploy on behalf of our country they should not be stuck worrying about their credit rating," said Lamborn. "I'm pleased to have the opportunity to work with Representative Sánchez on this important bill which will provide enhanced credit protections for service members and help ensure that our nation's heroes have the tools they need to keep their own finances in order while serving our country."

Sanchez introduced the legislation after district resident John Kelsall, president and CEO of the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, shared with her stories of service members and veterans who had trouble obtaining business and home loans because of missed payments while they were deployed.

"Many times our military members find themselves with dings on their credit that mostly happens when they are deployed, through no fault of their own," said Kelsall. "It doesn't seem fair that those who volunteer to

serve their country should suffer the consequence of paperwork mishaps."

In addition to affecting personal finances, poor credit can also negatively impact security clearance for military personnel. According to VeteransPlus,

a non-profit that promotes financial literacy among military families, delinquent indebtedness is the number one reason the Department of Defense denies or revokes security clearances for service members.

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