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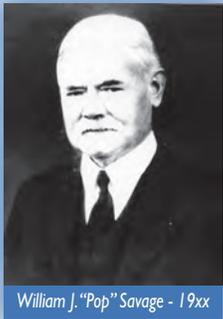
Threads of yesterday ...

... "Pop" Savage — a Daly City schools leader, 1918-1931

by Bunny Gillespie

"POP" SAVAGE NEVER TIRED OF SHARING HIS LITTLE JOKE. He was often asked by Daly City friends, "How many children do you have today?" Mr. Savage would reply, "Hundreds, and they are all doing well!" Then he would smile and continue his walk to visit all of his children.

Formally, "Pop" Savage was William Jeremiah Savage, Jefferson Grammar School District's superintendent from 1918 to 1931. He was never married. The children of which he proudly boasted, and visited almost daily, were the earliest students of Daly City's public schools. He was the area's first professional school overseer and was uniquely beloved.



William J. "Pop" Savage - 19xx

Mr. Savage made it his practice to "hoof it" to each of the elementary schools in his

jurisdiction. On his way between Woodrow Wilson, Vista Grande, General Pershing, Crocker, and Jefferson schools he chatted with friends and exhibited a knack for recognizing students and parents. He patted the heads of tots and handed out candy.

William Savage had earned a teacher's certificate for San Mateo County in 1885. After teaching elsewhere on the Peninsula, he served as principal at Jefferson School in Colma from 1898 to 1918.

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April 20 - 26 at the Lake Merced Golf Club Swinging Skirts LPGA Tournament returns to Daly City

THE SWINGING SKIRTS LPGA CLASSIC returns to Daly City for a second straight year. The 144 player women's professional golf tournament will be held at Lake Merced Golf Club April 20-26, 2015. The LPGA event is the first of three golf tournaments taking place in our area. The PGA Tour Match Play Championship takes place at Harding Park in San Francisco April 29 – May 3, while the Olympic Club plays host to the US Amateur Four-Ball Championship May 2-6.

Daly City is bracing for an increase in visitors throughout the three tournaments, with the largest crowds expected for the Swinging Skirts event



Swinging Skirts 2014 winner, Lydia Ko

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Help make every day Earth Day in Daly City

SINCE 1970, EARTH DAY HAS BEEN CELEBRATED around the world on April 22. It has come to symbolize a movement to clean and protect the environment. To commemorate Earth Day, consider participating in one of the following events:

**FREE Recycling & Reuse Drop-off Events,
including secure Shredding and Free Compost**
Saturday, April 18, 8:00 a.m.-12 noon
Mussel Rock Transfer Station, 120 Westline Drive

This event is made possible in partnership with *Allied Waste Services*. Some restrictions apply; to learn more visit www.dalycity.org.

Recycle: This event provides an opportunity to drop-off recyclables, appliances, scrap metal, mattresses, small electronics, used motor oil, batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, yard waste, and food waste.

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Daly City — where residents make a difference

City-wide photo contest ...

... establishing a digital photo library for Daly City

DALY CITY IS HOLDING ITS FIRST EVER CITY-WIDE PHOTO CONTEST to help establish a digital library of inspiring images that can be used for the dalycity.org website and other publications. Entries will be judged in three categories that capture the uniqueness of Daly City: Cityscape, Landmarks, and People. While contemporary images are preferred, feel free to submit historical photos if you feel they capture a distinctive moment in time. This is your opportunity to share your favorite Daly City images with the world.

Send photo entries to dalycityphotos@gmail.com. Please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Include your name with each entry
- Photos must be taken within the city limits of Daly City
- Include a title or caption with each photo

- Include the date and location for each photo submitted
- Limit file size to 3MB
- Submit each entry separately – no more than four entries total.

Entries must be submitted by Friday, May 29. Entries must be submitted by the original photographer. Do not submit a photo on behalf of others. The winning photographers in each category will win a \$50 gift card courtesy of Serramonte Shopping Center. Photos submitted may be featured online, in social media, and in future community newsletters. While entrants will retain copyright to their submitted photos, by entering the contest all entrants agree to allow the City of Daly City to publish and use each entry in any and all media (including print and online) without compensation. Employees of the City of Daly City and their immediate family members are not eligible for the contest. **Good luck!**

Community input sought for Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit Study

THE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY is working with *San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency* and San Mateo County partners on the *Geneva-Harney Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study*. The purpose of this study is to identify potential routes for a Bus Rapid Transit connection between the Balboa Park BART/ Muni Station and the future Hunters Point Shipyard Transit Center. Through this study, the SFCTA is conducting conceptual planning work to understand how this investment can be best designed to benefit residents in the area. To learn more, receive meeting notices and study updates, and share your feedback, please visit www.genevabrt.org.

The *Geneva-Harney BRT Feasibility Study Community Advisory Committee (GHCAC)* meets quarterly to provide input on the potential improvements to the corridor and advice on reaching the broader community and neighborhoods adjacent to the corridor — in San Francisco, Brisbane, and Daly City — as well as transit riders, pedestrians, cyclists, commuters, youth, seniors, and businesses. Meetings of the *GHCAC* are open to the public.

Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic

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on Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26. Due to the limited parking available at the Lake Merced Golf Club, spectators driving to the event will be directed to off-site locations for parking. Tickets for the Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic are available online at www.SwingingSkirtsLPGAClassic.com.



Golf fans looking for the most behind-the-scenes, up-close and personal tournament experience are encouraged to join the Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic as a volunteer. The volunteer package includes a tournament polo shirt, outerwear piece and hat, grounds admission for tournament week (Wednesday through Sunday), breakfast in the volunteer tent and free food and beverage vouchers for use during working shifts. For more volunteer information or to apply to become a volunteer, please visit www.SwingingSkirtsLPGAClassic.com.

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Community benefits from individual efforts

Taking action to celebrate Earth Day

Earth Day in Daly City at Mussel Rock

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Reuse: Goodwill Industries will be on site to accept items in good reusable condition, such as clothes, housewares, books, bicycles, and furniture. Your donated items fund Goodwill's job programs, giving people a second chance and a dignified path out of poverty.

Secure Shredding: Gather personal and financial documents for secure shredding (two banker boxes per household). This protects you and produces recycled material.

Free Compost: Up to one cubic yard per household is available, while supplies last. Please bring your own container or bag to fill.

Earth Day Planting Project, Wednesday, April 22, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Westlake Park, 101 Lake Merced Blvd. Show your Earth Day spirit by volunteering to plant drought-tolerant native plantings



at Westlake Park. Advance registration for this event is required. Please contact Julie Underwood, Assistant City Manager, at **(650) 991-8101** or at junderwood@dalycity.org.

FREE E-Waste Recycling Event, Saturday, May 9, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
City Hall, Main Parking Lot, 333 90th Street Electronic equipment is highly toxic to the environment. Please keep these items away from our roadsides, oceans, and landfills and dispose of it properly. Acceptable items include camcorders, phones, computers, connectors/cables, DVD players, fax machines, keyboards, laptops, monitors, PC boards, PDAs, printers, radios, scanners, servers, stereos, storage discs, tape and zip drives, televisions, video game consoles, and VCRs. Unacceptable items include lighting, household hazardous waste, batteries, and household appliances. To learn more about this event visit www.dalycity.org.

"Pop" Savage — schools leader, 1918-1931

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In 1918, Mr. Savage was promoted to the position of Jefferson District Superintendent of Schools. Affectionately known as "Professor Savage," he became "Pop" in later years. He was a member of the San Mateo County board of education continuously from 1893 to 1931.

Professor Savage's book *Forward Looking Lessons in United States History*, was published in 1920 by the Harr Wagner Publishing Co. of San Francisco. For many years it was used throughout California as a classroom textbook for Seventh and Eighth grades. The book achieved its fifth printing in 1927. In the foreword, the Publisher lauded Savage's work with the commentary "These lessons are so satisfactory that they are presented in permanent form ... this book will be of real service to the schools."

The late Muriel Mosconi Vint, in retirement after years as a JSD classroom music teacher, recalled Superintendent Savage during "the good old days, with good schools and great kids ... His were the years when our district had the highest academic standing in San Mateo County... Mr. Savage taught art and current events once a week ... It's too bad the Board of Trustees never named a school in his honor."

On the morning of April 14, 1931, Prof. Savage visited each of "his" schools in Jefferson District. At noon, he took tea with a local PTA activist. He'd brought a doll for her ailing daughter. "When



"Pop" Savage with Robert Thornton, a founder of Daly City's first public schools — 1915

do you think they will start a Catholic school in Daly City?" he was asked. He responded, "When someone dies and donates money for it."

That afternoon, while attending to papers at his desk in the modest Daly City home he shared with his sister and brother-in-law, a thud was heard in the house. Mr. Savage had fallen from his chair to the floor, was found unconscious, and died moments later. After funeral services at St. Maximus Church (now OLP) on Wellington Avenue, Supt. Savage was buried with ancestors in Half Moon Bay. He was 64.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help elementary school opened in 1933. A generous memorial gift from "Pop" Savage helped fund the Top-of-the-Hill parochial school. In 1966 the JSD acquired land in St. Francis Heights (DC) for a school to be named

in tribute to the beloved administrator. After several decades, the site was abandoned and the honorific negated. Officials of the District and parents had feared that students might be considered "little savages". The site was sold. Modern housing now occupies the property.

Among the shortest thoroughfares of Daly City is Savage Way, which now commemorates the persona of Professor William J. Savage ... truly a *Thread of Yesterday*.

(Bunny Gillespie has been Daly City's official Historian since 1987.)

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Free spay and neuter clinics ...

... provided by the Peninsula Humane Society

DOG AND CAT OWNERS can take advantage of a series of free spay and neuter clinics in Daly City. The *Peninsula Humane Society (PHS)* is providing the free service at its mobile clinic in the Pet Food Express parking lot at 6925 Mission Street. Spay/neuter clinics are scheduled once a month through the end of the year. Remaining dates are *April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 18, and December 16*. PHS/SPCA also plans to schedule clinics on the fourth Wednesday of each month in 2016. Dates and locations are subject to change, so please call PHS/SPCA at **(650) 340-7022, ext. 387** to confirm dates, times, and location.

The free service is not available for dogs weighing more than 80 pounds or for pets over 8 years old and is limited to one pet per family. Pets must fast from midnight on the night before surgery and be current on vaccinations. Surgery is performed by a licensed veterinarian inside the Peninsula Humane Society's mobile clinic. Owners return the same afternoon to pick-up their pets. Spay and neuter services can cost up to \$400 at a private veterinary clinic. Consequently, some pet owners cannot afford to have their animals "fixed" – resulting in litters of kittens and puppies that all too often end up at local animal shelters.

The Peninsula Humane Society is offering this free service to Daly City residents who want to be responsible pet owners but lack the financial means to pay expensive veterinary bills. If you, a family member, or friend in Daly City has a pet that needs to be spayed or neutered, please contact the Peninsula Humane Society at **(650) 340-7022, ext. 387**.

Spaying or neutering your pet may add years to its life. According to a 2013 study, neutered male dogs live 18% longer than un-neutered male dogs and spayed female dogs live 23% longer than female dogs that are not spayed.



Spaying / neutering may add years to your pet's life.

Daly City Community Calendar

City Council Meetings

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Monday of each month

Planning Commission Meetings

City Hall – 7:00 p.m.

1st Tuesday of each month

Library Board of Trustees

City Hall – 6:00 p.m.

3rd Tuesday of each month

Recreation Commission

City Hall – 6:00 p.m.

4th Tuesday of each month

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Mussel Rock Transfer Station

120 Westline Drive

<http://www.dalycity.org/earthday2015>

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April 20 - 26

Lake Merced Golf Club

2300 Junipero Serra Blvd.

www.swingingskirtslpgaclassic.com

Electronic Waste Collection

Saturday, May 9 • 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

City Hall – Main Parking Lot

333 90th Street

<http://www.dalycity.org/ewaste>

Bike to Work Day

Thursday, May 14 • 6:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Energizer Station

Near Fire Station 91

151 Lake Merced Blvd.

www.youcanbikethere.com