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## Kitchen fire damages downtown restaurants

■ An early morning kitchen fire broke out at Peking China, forcing the restaurant and Bastards Canteen to close.

By Eric Pierce Editor

**DOWNEY** – A two-alarm kitchen fire damaged at least two Downtown Downey restaurants early Sunday morning, forcing their temporary closures.

The flames were reported at around 4:30 a.m. Sunday at Peking China restaurant, located at 11039 Downey Ave.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire to Peking although adjacent businesses suffered ceiling and wall damage as firefighters searched for flames.

No injuries were reported, said Downey fire chief Dan Hurlock.

Peking restaurant and Bastards Canteen both closed this week due to the damage. Bastards started a GoFundMe to help staff members who are now out of work one week before Christmas.

“Unfortunately, our staff now have to face a hardship that is going to greatly impact their lives, as they will no longer have a pay check to rely on while we wait to open our doors again,” said Nick Velez, owner of Bastards.

“We considered our staff family and therefore are asking for the community that they enjoyed serving so much to give what they can during this unexpected time. Our staff would greatly appreciate any help you can will go towards ensuring they are taken care of as well.”

The cause of the fire has not been determined.

## Greg Boyle to speak at OLPH

**DOWNEY** – Father Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries will be the guest speaker at an event hosted by the Women’s Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Thursday, Jan. 26.

Boyle served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Boyle Heights from 1986 to 1992, then the poorest Catholic parish in Los Angeles that also had the highest concentration of gang activity in the city.

In 1988 they started what would eventually become Homeboy Industries, which employs and trains former gang members in a range of social enterprises, as well as provides critical services to thousands of men and women.

Boyle is the author of the 2010 New York Times-bestseller “Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion.” His latest book, “Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship,” was published in 2017.

He has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2014, President Obama named Father Boyle a “Champion of Change.”

Boyle’s talk begins at 7 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10727 Downey Ave. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit Homeboy Industries.

For questions, call (562) 923-3246.

# Mother, daughter killed in Downey fire

■ A mother and her 12-year-old daughter were killed after a garage fire spread to their apartment unit.

By Eric Pierce Editor

**DOWNEY** – A girl and her mother were killed in a Downey apartment fire while a woman believed to be the girl’s grandmother was hospitalized in critical condition Wednesday with burn injuries.

The fire was reported at 10:47 p.m. Tuesday in an apartment at 9943 Tweedy Lane, near Florence Avenue and Paramount Boulevard, according to the Downey Fire Department.

On Thursday, the coroner’s office identified the girl as Kayla Kaimimoku-Diaz. Authorities withheld the name of the fatally injured woman, pending notification of her next of kin.

“Arriving units reported heavy smoke and fire from a garage” the fire department reported. “Crews

were notified of a possibility of three trapped occupants. Once on scene crews found one patient in front of the building suffering from significant burn injuries. That patient was treated and transported to a local trauma hospital.”

“During the fire attack, crews were able to locate two additional occupants,” the fire department reported. “Both victims were treated on scene. One victim, a minor, was transported to (a hospital), where the victim was later pronounced deceased. The other victim was pronounced deceased on scene.”

Downey Fire Department Battalion Chief Jorge Villanueva told reporters at the scene that the two people inside the building were a mother and daughter who were found inside an upstairs bathroom, both in full cardiac arrest.

The mother died at the scene, and the daughter, reported to be 12 years old, died at County-USC Medical Center, according to the fire department. Their names were withheld, pending notification of relatives.



The woman who was found outside the building is the girl’s grandmother, according to reports from the scene.

“It hits us all pretty hard,” Villanueva told reporters, noting the proximity of the fire just before Christmas.

Fire officials said the blaze appeared to have started in the garage then spread to the apartment. The cause remains under investigation. Crews extinguished the flames in 25 minutes, and prevented them from spreading to adjacent units.

**Weekend at a Glance**

Friday 70°

Saturday 80°

Sunday 81°

ON THIS DAY

**1791:** The first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution—the Bill of Rights, which is a collection of mutually reinforcing guarantees of individual rights and limitations on federal and state governments—were adopted as a single unit.

**1894:** French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was sentenced to life in prison for treason, sparking a controversy that divided France for 12 years.

**1941:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill met in Washington, D.C., to discuss World War II.

**1965:** “Doctor Zhivago,” David Lean’s adaptation of Boris Pasternak’s novel, had its world premiere; the hugely popular drama, which starred Omar Sharif and Julie Christie, became one of cinema’s highest-grossing films.

**1984:** Bernhard Goetz, an American electrician, shot four African American males on a New York City subway train, alleging that they were mugging him; the incident triggered widespread debate about race and crime in the United States.

**2001:** British Islamist militant Richard Reid attempted to blow up an airplane on which he and some 200 other passengers were traveling by trying to ignite explosives hidden in the soles of his high-top basketball shoes.

**2010:** President Barack Obama signed legislation to repeal Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, the policy regarding the service of homosexuals in the military; it took effect the following year.

Top Songs on this Date

- 1992:** “I Will Always Love You” by Whitney Houston
- 2002:** “Love Yourself” by Eminem
- 2012:** “Locked Out of Heaven” by Bruno Mars

Birthdays

Baseball hall of famer **Steve Carlton** (78), TV journalist **Diane Sawyer** (76), retired Dodgers first baseman **Steve Garvey** (74), pop singer **Jordin Sparks** (33), rapper **DaBaby** (30), pop singer **Meghan Trainor** (29), rapper **Latto** (24), and actor and singer **Joshua Bassett** (22).

THINGS TO DO



**It’s a Wonderful Life**  
Friday, 6 pm  
Warner Grand Theatre, San Pedro  
Frank Capra’s 1946 Christmas classic will be shown on the big screen, with special guests in attendance. \$15 tickets



Rochelle Koepp speaks at a news conference outside Downey City Hall on Tuesday. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

# Family pleas for tips as woman remains missing

■ Regan Koepp, 25, has not been seen since leaving her Downey home on Dec. 7.

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Two weeks after her disappearance, police and family members are desperately asking for any information to help bring Regan “Reina” Koepp home.

Koepp, age 25 with diminished mental capacity, was reported missing on the morning of Dec. 7.

She was wearing unknown type clothing, blue Reebok shoes and was possibly carrying a black backpack, according to the Downey Police Department.

Koepp suffers from several conditions that require medication,

without which she is susceptible to seizures.

On Tuesday, law enforcement officials, joined by Koepp’s family, held a press conference outside Downey Police Station.

“It’s important that we get her photo out there,” said Police Chief Leslie Murray. “Our main concern right now is finding her and bringing her home safely to her family.”

Murray said detectives have followed up on all leads and collaborated with other agencies, including Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, the Attorney General’s office, homeless outreach and the Department of Mental Health.

Police were able to secure Ring camera footage of a woman walking about two blocks from Koepp’s home around 3 am the morning before her disappearance.

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# It’s crunch time for Downey’s Rose Float

■ Designed by Jason Redfox, the float highlights the struggles of the bee population.

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – With just two weeks to go, The Downey Rose Float Association are working like a bunch of busy bees in preparation for the annual Rose Parade.

In line with Pasadena Tournament of Roses 2023 parade theme “Turning the Corner,” Downey’s float “Bee Inspired” will highlight the struggle and resurgence of the bee population, once in decline.

The float was designed by Jason Redfox, who himself was inspired by his wife’s own beehives.

“Recently, our bee populations have been not getting smaller, just because people are now beginning to realize that a lot of our fruits and vegetables rely on bees,” said Redfox. “So, this was just kind of a way for me to let people know, ‘Don’t be afraid, bees are cool.’”

Construction Chair Kelley Roberts described the float as “very floral,” depicting honey comb, strawberries and animated bee elements.

In particular, the bees are anticipated to be “totally realistic,” according to Redfox.

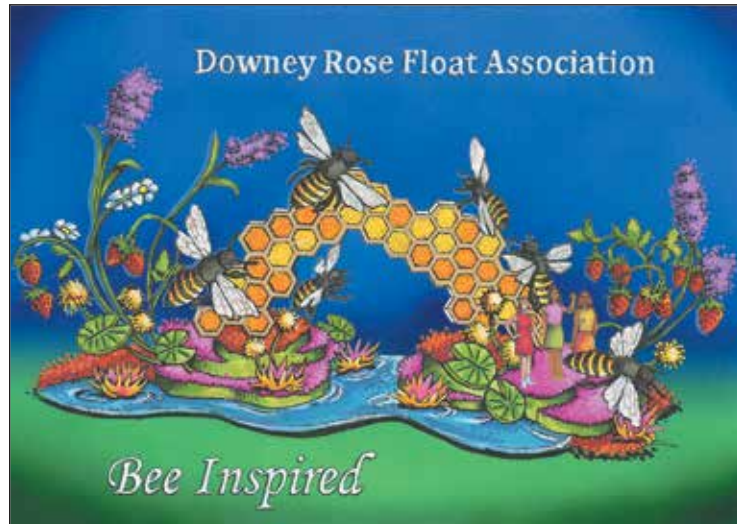
Miss Downey Sarah Sarofeem and her court will be riding.

Downey Rose Float President Jeremy Clifton expressed excitement and enthusiasm for the parade.

“I’m looking forward to seeing this thing go down the parade route in Pasadena, and hopefully we can win some kind of trophy,” said Clifton.

Starting Monday, Dec. 26, residents are invited to come decorate the float at the Rose Float Association barn, located at 13030 Erickson Ave.

Due to New Years Day landing on a Sunday next year, the Rose Parade will take place on Monday, Jan 2.



A rendering of the Downey Rose Float Association’s 2023 entry in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The public can begin decorating the float on Monday.



# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Throughout the ages there have been those who prey on unsuspecting and desperate people. Con artists have sold shady pills, potions, and medical devices. Some of these products simply did nothing, while others actually caused harm. We now have some protection



against them; the FDA is responsible for ensuring the safety of prescription drugs, medical devices, cosmetics, and foods. What are the most common targets? The first is fake weight loss products (note that over 40% of the American population is obese). Red flags to watch for include promotional messages that include statements such as: weight loss without exercise,

permanent weight loss, no need to monitor intake, 30 pounds in 30 days; and products in the form of a patch, cream, or magical pills. A second major scam category is alleged infertility treatments (at least 10% of women of childbearing years struggle with infertility). The FDA has clearly stated that dietary supplements that claim to cure, treat or prevent infertility and other reproductive health conditions can potentially harm those who use these products instead of seeking effective treatments.

Here are just a few outrageous health scams from the past:

The 1970's Vision-Dieter Glasses claimed to reduce food cravings and hunger pangs through a secret European color technology. They, of course, did no such thing.

In 1958, Trim Reducing-aid Cigarettes were marketed for weight loss, claiming that smoking three cigarettes every day could result in a 20-pound weight loss in eight weeks, and that the product was harmless(!). Since these cigarettes were marketed as a drug, the FDA was able to ban them.

The ridiculous 1940's era Vrilium Tube, or "Magic Spike," claimed to "cure any disease." It took advantage of the postwar interest in radioactivity, and back then actually sold for a whopping \$300. It was a simple brass tube containing barium chloride, a horse laxative. Sadly, some who believed in it stopped other effective treatments.

In 1960, the FDA banned the selling or marketing

of the Hoxsey cancer treatment methods, although unfortunately they continued to be available in Mexico, and later, over the Internet as well. Beginning in the 1920s, desperate people were scammed for millions of dollars by this fake cancer potion that the FDA calls "worthless and discredited."

One of the products that led directly to the 1938 creation of the FDA was 1933's Lash Lure. This was an eyelash and eyebrow dye made from a toxic industrial chemical that actually caused blisters, abscesses, ulcers, and even blindness.

How about using tapeworms for weight loss? In theory, it might work, but of course would be accompanied by nausea, weakness, abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever, bacterial infections, and even seizures. It's possible that tapeworms have been used for weight loss since the Victorian Era, and tapeworm diet ads have been documented from the early 20th century.

In the present day, scammers promote their products with savvy marketing, and target specific populations via the web, phone, email, newspapers, magazines, TV, and direct mail. Health fraud scams are common on social media sites and messaging apps like Facebook, WhatsApp, and Viber. Scams are also common at convenience stores, gas stations, and flea markets. Watch out for clues like these:

- Personal success stories for products that "cured" diabetes or COVID-19
- Quick fixes, such as a 30-day cancer cure
- A single product that cures many diseases
- Miracle cures
- All-natural cures
- Products that feed into conspiracy theories

If you encounter a potential scam, please walk away, and report it to the FDA (1-800-FDA-1088). If you are considering a new treatment, always feel free to discuss it with your own health care provider.

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.



The Rotary Club of Downey treated 70 second-graders to lunch and a visit from Santa Claus last week at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Each student received a present, candy, and a mini cow donated by Chick-fil-A. (Photo courtesy Downey Unified School District)

## In Memory of Vicki Rusick (Morrison)

May 8, 1954 - November 28, 2022



She leaves behind from her prime Heavenly place her beloved husband of 44 years, Ron Rusick; cherished son Curt (Shannon); adored grandkids Owen and Luellen; Brother Rick (Sherry); Sister Julie (Gary); and a bounty of sweet in-law's, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, cousins; her countless "forever friends", faith community, and many former students. All were touched by her passion for living positively despite her challenges. They may not have shared her daily life, but certainly felt her spirit.

Services to honor a woman who touched us all will be held January 14, 2023 at 1:00pm, Downey First Christian Church: 10909 New St., Downey, CA 90241.

In Lieu of Flowers, donations can be made to Downey First Christian Church Children's and Youth Ministries.

## In Memory of Patricia Marie (Hawkins) Wilson

June 28, 1931 - November 6, 2022



Patricia Marie (Hawkins) Wilson, a 76-year resident of Downey, passed away on November 6. She was 91 years old.

She was born in Los Angeles on June 28, 1931, to parents Katherine C. Hawkins (nee O'Leary) of Belle Plaine, Minnesota, and Robert Teddy Hawkins of Sydney, Arkansas.

She graduated from Downey High School in 1949. She married her husband William P. Wilson, a World War II Purple Heart-decorated veteran and graduate of Loyola Law School who was starting out as a young lawyer, in 1953. Her husband was integral in forming Downey Community Hospital and practiced law in Downey for 40 years.

She worked for the Downey Unified School District for 15 years, retiring at age 70. She was active with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Women's Guild, the Kidney Foundation, Meals on Wheels, and the Living Help Center.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband William P. Wilson in 1990 and their treasured son Timothy in 1955.

She is survived by her sister Roberta Hawkins (Downey High School Class of 1951), children Daniel Wilson, Katie Raya, and Michael Wilson, son-in-law Andy Raya, grandchildren Lauren Aguilera, Emily Miller, and Nathan Raya, and great-grandchildren Brooklyn and Peyton Aguilera.

A funeral service was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on December 12. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to the Good Shepherd Shelter for mothers and children impacted by domestic violence (catholiccharitiesla.org/gss-donate).

## In Memory of Fernando E. Chaves

July 29, 1937 - December 4, 2022



The Reverend Fernando Esteban Chaves, 85, a 25 year resident of Downey, California, was born in Sevilla, Valle Del Cauca, Colombia, to parents Reverend Jose Nicodemos Chaves and Clara Rosa Cortés. The youngest of nine children, Fernando grew up in Cali, Colombia. He attended the Central Christian and Missionary Alliance Church-Cali, and as a teenager, was sent to villages and towns to minister to others. Fernando was the Bass voice for the Alliance Quartet that ministered in song at churches and live over the radio.

Fernando attended the prestigious expatriate school, Colegio Americano-Cali, where upon his graduation, he was hired as a science and math teacher due to his intellect and high academic achievement. A few years later, Fernando began teaching Spanish grammar and Mathematics at Colegio Bolivar-Cali, a school for expatriate students.

At the age of 23, Fernando began teaching Spanish grammar, Geography, and Mathematics at the Bible Institute of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Armenia, Colombia. There, Fernando, also a Theology student at the Bible Institute, met his future wife, 21 year old student, Ligia Carvajal. They married in June 1961 and were sent to their first Pastoral posting in Tumaco, Nariño, Colombia. From there, their next post was in Buenaventura, Colombia.

In 1963, following the death of their infant son Carlos, Fernando and Ligia, along with their daughter Fabiola, emigrated to Los Angeles, California, where Fernando enrolled at the Baptist Seminary In East Los Angeles. He pastored at the Fundamental Baptist Church on Ford Ave and also ministered to Spanish speakers in Silver Lake and Echo Park. Fernando decided to get his American high school equivalency diploma and received his GED from Lincoln High School in Lincoln Heights.

Fernando, and his family which now included daughters Ligia Edith and Catalina, moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he become a Youth Minister in Humboldt Park. Fernando served at his oldest brother, Reverend Alfonso's church, which was the first Spanish language Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Chicago. Fernando became head Pastor in 1971. With the help of his congregation, Pastor Fernando founded several Spanish speaking congregations for the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the greater Chicago area during his years there.

The family, now with a fourth daughter, Mirian, moved back to Southern California in the 1980's and Fernando continued as a minister of Spanish speaking congregations for the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Lincoln Heights, Lynwood/South Gate, Manhattan Beach and lastly, Gardena. After 61 years of ministry, Pastor Fernando retired as a Minister but continued giving Bible studies until shortly before his death.

Rev. Fernando is survived by Ligia, his beloved wife of 61 years, his four daughters, and seven grandchildren who will greatly miss him.

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# Downey open enrollment begins Jan. 1

**DOWNEY** – Downey Unified will be conducting its annual Intra-District Open Enrollment (formerly School of Choice) starting in January for the upcoming 2023-24 school year.

Downey parents who reside within the district boundaries and wish to have their student(s) attend a Downey Unified school outside of their attendance area, may apply. This does not apply for students who reside outside of the Downey Unified district boundaries and are currently on an inter-district permit.

Applications for Intra-District Open Enrollment will become available on Jan. 1, 2023 and the deadline to submit online or in person is Jan. 31, 2023. Applications can be found and submitted online through the district website, web.dusd.net or a printed copy can be picked up at any Downey Unified school or the district office located on Brookshire Avenue. These documents will be available for pick up during the schools' or district's office hours of operation.

New students (including kindergartners) entering a Downey Unified school for the first time and wishing to apply, must also register at their school of residence. This will guarantee registration within Downey Unified for the new school year.

Handwritten applications, those not submitted online, must be submitted in person to the Student Services Department at the Downey Unified School District Office by the closing deadline of Jan. 31, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Applications are not processed on a first-come basis. A random, unbiased lottery will be held to place students on an Intra-District Open Enrollment permit waiting list for the 2023-24 school year. Schools may accept students from the established waiting list according to priority, only if space is available.

For additional information and questions, please contact the Student Services Office at (562) 469-6550.

# Family searches for missing woman

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It is believed but not confirmed to be Koeppé.

Leads have so far come up empty.

"We're really reaching out to get the information out to a larger community," said Murray. "Here in Downey, it's been on our radar for the last two weeks...but we're hoping to reach the greater Southern California area to spark some more leads for us."

DPD says that nothing – including abduction – is off the table.

Mom Rochelle Koeppé described her daughter as "resilient and full of joy...but also naive."

"She is very easily exploitable. Anybody who knows her loves her...but she is the type that will walk up to a stranger and go off with them," she said. "She has no sense of danger."

Rochelle said there have been no other incidents of Koeppé running away, adding that she is kept under constant supervision.

She pleaded with those who may have Koeppé to "please return her."

"She is an essential part of our family. She is the joy of our family," she said. "Our family is revolved around her, and we need her back."

Brother Daniel described Koeppé as "his best friend."

"All I want for Christmas is my sister home," he said.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call (562) 904-2308.





Martha Sodetani greets Carrie Redfox and Reggie Donahue at her retirement party. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

# Downey community fetes Sodetani for a job well done

■ A who's who of Downey civic leaders turned out to thank Martha Sodetani.

By Lorine Parks  
Society Editor

Not many people," said emcee Dr. John Garcia, superintendent of the Downey Unified School District, "could get together an assortment of civic and community leaders and longtime friends, like Martha."

The occasion was an affectionate celebration, a farewell gathering held at Pace Elementary School for retiring Board of Education member Martha Sodetani. All 50 white chairs were filled during the presentations, and a larger number were standing, to honor Martha for her 17 years of service. The variety and scope of the attendees' lives testified to how active Martha has been in the city's volunteer and philanthropic organizations.

Martha welcomed guests informally as she moved through the crowd. Several of her children and two grandchildren were there too. Dressed in a black skirt and jacket with a white blouse and a draped neckline, Martha wore several splendid leis, a nice reminder of her late husband Gordon's birth in Lahaina, Maui. One floral necklace was made of white orchids; another, delicately braided purple and white petals.

In attendance were past and present members of the school district, various elected officials, and her family. Martha continues to serve actively on PTA Helps Food Pantry, the Downey Coordinating Council, and the Assistance League. She figured in Gangs Out of Downey, and in 2018, was marshal of the Downey Christmas Parade.

Seen mingling before the program were former superintendent of the DUSD Dr. Ed Sussman and wife Freddie, looking fit and enjoying retirement in Orange County. Newest city council member Hector Sosa and Mayor Claudia Frometa, who was sworn in to her second term on the council on Thursday last week, were there. Claudia in black with pearls.

Stan Hanstad in between

vacations in Maui, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Roger Brossmer attended, and Mario Guerra and wife Ann. Mario is busy with his newly assigned deacon duties at St. Philip the Apostle in Pasadena. "It's not far," said Mario. "Near the Rose Bowl, where UCLA plays."

Darrell Jackson who established the 10-20 Club for the GOOD program talked with Betty Ferraro. Former school board member Betty looked sharp in a dramatic black and white and red silk outfit. Board member Nancy Swenson joined the group. Many more important people were there, too many for me to see and report here, but I do want to acknowledge them. You know who you are.

Man about town, former mayor and restaurateur Kirk Cartozian, came too. Bobbi Bruce from the Downey Historical Society and Connie Kirkwood in a red velvet print jacket. Martha's daughter Skylar went to the Kirkwood Christian Schools. Claudia Dailey, librarian at the Downey City Library, is in charge of the children's reading programs.

A finger-food buffet was served, and Steve Roberson, long time associated with the Downey Family YMCA, was holding a plate and chatting with Carol and Frank Kearns. Carol, former vice president of the Downey Symphonic Society, is president of the Downey Coordinating Council, and Frank is the publisher of the boutique Los Nietos Press.

I had a chance to talk with Anita, Martha's housekeeper for the past 17 years. Anita wore a faux leopard coat with a red blouse, and came with her daughter Gabby, who wore a rosy beige knitted pants outfit. Knowing the home front is in Anita's capable hands frees an always busy Martha.

"When someone is in need and I can connect that need with an organization or a group that offers help there," said Martha, "that's where I feel that I'm of value."

Karen, Martha's friend from the United Methodist Church, wore her grey curls in a corkscrew topknot. A sidelight on Martha's contribution to the church: long before she settled in Downey, Martha had a career as a dancer, and her upright posture and deportment show a dancer's innate sense of balance.

"I was an instructor in dance when I was 14," Martha said, "to earn money to buy my dance lessons."

Ultimately Martha danced professionally in revues in Lake Tahoe and Las Vegas. "I learned all the parts," Martha said, "so if anyone got sick I could go on." Now Martha performs liturgical dances at UM church services.

Is this gathering of Martha's friends assorted enough? Add Jim Mogan, president of DEA, the Downey Education Association for Downey's teachers; Jennifer DeKay, publisher of the Downey Patriot; and Gilbert Livas, recently retired city manager, looking spry. Jorge and Maru Montero and Ray Mesler from Downey Federal Credit Union. Jorge and Ray are members of the Rotary Club of Downey.

When the presentations began, it was obvious that Martha's son Gordon would need to help her carry home the plaques and scrolls she received.

Martha responded to each tribute, and remembered how one presenter had loaned Martha a scooter for an event when Martha had just had toe surgery.

A field rep from retiring congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office presented Martha with a Congressional plaque for her commitment to the School Board. Another delivered a truly splendid illuminated scroll detailing Martha's history with the Board of Education.

Mayor Claudia Frometa also presented a plaque from the City of Downey, in appreciation of Martha's 17 years of service to the School Board. Phil Davis, "retiree extraordinaire," as Dr. John described him, sang a song for Martha, with the refrain, "You are the star."

Then came personal tributes, and as Betty Ferraro said, "It's impossible in a snap shot to tell

all Martha has done." Betty said Martha had been her mentor and friend, and she noted Martha's love for children and work with foster and adopted children. Martha is Thirty-Third District Executive PTA Foster Children chairman. Martha's own family consists of six children. As she and husband Gordon liked to say, "Some are biological, some are adopted, but we can't remember which."

Donald La Plante, long time School Board member serving with Dr. John, described her as "a high energy person. I don't know where she gets it, to do all she does. She has perfect posture and a glorious smile. And she is a carefully spoken and thoughtful person."

"It was such a jump for me," said Martha, taking the mic, "to go from a foster parent and helping one child at a time, to being on the School Board and representing and helping 22,000 children. This has truly been the greatest honor in my entire life."

"I'm so thankful to be able to serve," said Martha. "Serving does not mean you have to do everything. It's just looking around and doing one thing with a happy heart."

"These are some words I live by," said Martha. "Choose happiness now. People say, 'I'll be happy when...' Choose to be happy now, enjoy the talk and laughter."

"And I like the saying 'aim for the stars. You may hit the fencepost, but it's better than aiming for the fencepost and hitting the dirt.'"

Dr. John ended the evening by presenting Martha with her very own metal nameplate, "for your desk at home," her own gavel, and "the first ever issued" retiree ID name badge for the Downey Board of Education. The overflow crowd applauded Martha for a job well done.

## After 17 years, Martha Sodetani retires

■ Longtime Downey school board member Martha Sodetani chose not to seek re-election this year.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — After 17 years of service to students, Downey Unified School District Board member Martha Sodetani has officially retired.

Family, friends, educators, elected officials, and community members gathered at the Pace Education Center on Wednesday to bid congratulations and farewell to the departing board member, whose time on the board came to a close earlier in the week.

The event included several proclamations, speakers, and a musical performance by retired DUSD CTE and Support Program Director Phil Davis.

Former school board member Betty Ferraro, who spoke at the event, said that Sodetani was "complex," adding that "her activities are so vast, and they're all focused on the condition and betterment of humanity and all living things."

"As you can see, in the community of Downey and beyond, Martha matters," said Ferraro.

"She has chosen to step away from the school board, and she needs R&R," she continued. "Not rest and relaxation, she needs more time to return to reacting

and rescuing; that is what Martha Sodetani does best and has done all her life."

Former school board and council member Donald La Plante said that Sodetani "worked hard to make sure everyone had a good outcome in our school district."

"She is one of the most carefully spoken and thoughtful people I know," said La Plante. "Whenever you saw her on the school board dais, where all of us would be winging it...she thought through carefully what she wanted to talk about, where she had been, what activities she had done, and what views she had. That was the kind of school board member she was; thoughtful, caring, and worrying about all kids."

Sodetani kept her own comments brief, saying to "choose happiness now" and "just go for it," before touting DUSD's success.

"The bottom line, the proof is in the pudding," said Sodetani. "Downey Unified School District has a 95.4% graduation rate."

After the ceremony, Superintendent Dr. John Garcia said that the district would miss Sodetani tremendously.

"Martha Sodetani is one of the most caring individuals, has got the biggest heart I think of anyone I know," said Garcia. "While we celebrate her reaching this milestone, we will feel her loss and her contribution to the district because she leads with her heart wherever she goes."

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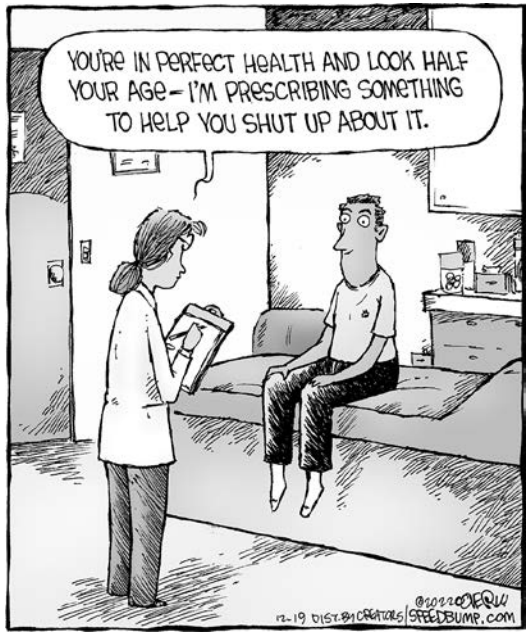
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 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.  
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.  
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

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7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Mel Sanchez 562-665-4125.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

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7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Royal Rangers Outpost 132, at Desert Reign Church, call 562-861-6011.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
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 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

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 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
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 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

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## Congress has killed immigration reform. It'll regret that.

By Roberto Suro

When Congress adjourns this week without repairing our dysfunctional immigration system, a generation-long quest for a bipartisan grand bargain will die, and we will enter an era of mounting chaos, economic losses and tragedy. What we now see at the southern border is just a foretaste.

During the past two years, a multitude of options were available — some sweeping, some specific. Immigration is not in search of unknown cures. Yet nothing was done about the major maladies. That's a bad outcome in ordinary times; it is a disaster when an immigration system, in crisis for more than a decade, is now imploding.

Don't look to the future for hope. When Republicans take control of the House in a few weeks, a handful of hard-liners who countenance nothing but walls and deportations will control the agenda.

What happened during the two years that Democrats controlled Congress and the White House? Several sad tales with many authors.

Republicans told a simple story. No matter what kind of enforcement they touted or whatever legalization program they decried as "amnesty," Republicans consistently fashioned rhetorical links to the "invasion" at the border. That framing drew jet fuel from the constant imagery of migrants at the Rio Grande and news of shattered Border Patrol records. It didn't matter that U.S. law grants outsiders the right to seek asylum or that the same disorder prevailed under the Trump administration before the pandemic.

Proponents of expansive immigration policies never found a coherent narrative for the border. Faced with surges since he took office, President Biden has grasped Trump-era tools to block crossings, the advocacy groups cry betrayal and immigrant rights lawyers take him to court. Although Biden made important fixes in the asylum system, his big-picture pronouncements were often about distant, long-term matters such as root causes and regional cooperation. Meanwhile, the imagery transmitted urgency.

The advocates largely sidestepped the urgent need for asylum reform and instead concentrated their efforts on winning legalization for unauthorized immigrants already here. Biden, initially, and the advocates demanded a legalization process that would cover the entire unauthorized population of 11 million people. Then, messaging and strategy fractured.

A subset of the larger population, the "dreamers" — migrants who arrived as children, about 2 million total — were

simultaneously protagonists in a more tangible and compelling narrative than the amorphous 11 million. Sen. Richard J. Durbin (D-Ill.), a potent champion for generous policies, focused relentlessly on dreamers, taking to the floor repeatedly to tell their stories, each innocent and accomplished and portrayed in a poster-sized photo.

The dreamers might have served as emblems for a broad legalization except that popular, long-standing bills proposed legalizing them alone. Still, other measures and messages sought legalization for a subset of dreamers, the 600,000 beneficiaries of a 2012 executive action known as DACA.

The immigration cause fragmented further by this past spring with stand-alone bills that would address labor needs in agriculture and high tech or were aimed at solving backlogs for green cards. When the chances for a big deal failed, it became every group for itself.

This was precisely the outcome advocates of legalization had long fought to avoid.

The 20-year-old strategy behind comprehensive immigration reform always assumed a bipartisan bargain in which extensive legalization is balanced by boosted enforcement with fixes to visa channels negotiated on the side. No one piece could be resolved separately, or the deal would fall apart. For years, proponents opposed stand-alone measures for dreamers because they were a high-value bargaining chip.

In 2013, a bipartisan majority of the Senate passed a massive, multipart reform. When House Speaker John A. Boehner proposed breaking the bill into pieces to get it through the Republican controlled house, Democrats said all or nothing, fearing enforcement would pass and legalization wouldn't. That deal was set aside.

In 2014, the tea party rebels grabbed immigration as cudgel on the GOP establishment. That summer, the first big surge of Central American asylum seekers hit the border, flummoxing the Obama administration. Donald Trump learned the mantra "build the wall," and here we are.

As this Congress ends, some will say immigration was too polarizing, too complex for slight Democratic majorities and recalcitrant Republicans in Congress — much less a White House preoccupied with the pandemic. Polls, however, showed consensus



around legalization, a functioning asylum system and an orderly process at the border. In Washington, bipartisan majorities made new laws on climate, guns, marriage and passed big spending bills contrary to both MAGA and old Republican orthodoxies.

In each case, issue advocates and their Democratic allies narrowed their ambitions to get something done. Immigration advocates take note.

Now, the costs of paralysis will escalate. A border infrastructure meant to deter Mexican labor migrants and an asylum system designed for Soviet-era defectors puts the United States at risk. Competing for brains, the United States will present bureaucratic barriers while other nations recruit. Food producers will need to rely on unauthorized workers. And some of the millions in the green card backlog will die waiting in queue.

When Washington gets back to immigration, the challenges of 2022 will look easy.

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## 400 million aren't going to just go away. In San Jose, we're trying something new.

By Sam Liccardo

Recent mass shootings have spurred renewed calls from President Biden for a national assault weapons ban. Sensibly so. But for even the most ardent gun control advocates, it's hard not to ask whether, in a nation with an estimated 400 million firearms, restrictions on new gun purchases accomplish too little without something more.

Amid the rising tide of firearms, reducing gun deaths and injuries requires new solutions. In San Jose, Calif., where I am mayor, we've embarked on two approaches untried in any other city or state: We're imposing an annual fee on gun-owning residents and investing the revenues in violence prevention efforts. And on Jan. 1, the city will begin requiring gun owners to carry liability insurance to compensate victims harmed by the negligent or reckless use of a firearm.

These initiatives reflect the recognition that we can't make 400 million guns go away, but we can make gun ownership safer. The recent surge in pandemic-era gun sales, the influx of "ghost guns" — privately made and untraceable — and the Supreme Court's decision in June striking down a New York law that had placed strict limits on carrying a gun outside the home have exacerbated the challenges to keep guns out of dangerous hands.

We can make some of those hands less dangerous, though. In San Jose, the nation's 10th-largest city, more than 200 people are killed or injured by gunfire every year. Not all of that harm results from the actions of criminals. Over a recent six-year period, 42 percent of San Jose's gun deaths and injuries resulted from unintentional shootings or shootings whose circumstances were unknown, while suicide attempts accounted for another 15 percent. Suicide exacts an even more lethal toll nationally, accounting for 54 percent of all gun fatalities. So much of that suffering is preventable.

Many studies have shown that the mere presence of a gun in a

home makes a host of perilous circumstances much more lethal. A domestic violence victim faces five times the risk of dying if the abuser has access to a gun, for example, while access to a firearm in the home increases the odds of suicide more than threefold. Interventions such as mental health counseling, suicide and domestic violence prevention, and gun safety classes can prevent some of those harms. We should focus those services where we can have the greatest impact in reducing gun-related harm: on those living in households with guns.

This is why, beginning next year, San Jose will require gun owners to pay an annual fee — the amount is still to be determined — which a nonprofit foundation will invest in evidence-based violence prevention programs directed at gun-owning families. This policy won't magically halt mass shootings or suicides, but it will provide a better chance to get help to troubled adults and teenagers before they pick up their guns.

Our gun insurance mandate will address an often overlooked aspect of gun harm: unintentional shootings, which kill nearly 500 Americans annually and send about 26,000 others to emergency rooms, many of them children. Insurance companies can use premiums to encourage safer behavior by providing gun-owning policyholders with financial incentives to take gun-safety classes, store their firearms in a gun safe and install a chamber-load indicator or trigger lock. These steps could save many lives in a nation where 4.6 million children live in a home where a gun is kept loaded and unlocked.

Most gun-owning residents can comply with the insurance mandate with little or no additional cost under standard homeowners' and renters' policies. As more jurisdictions adopt an insurance requirement — legislators in New Jersey and California have recently proposed them — we expect that the insurance industry will become increasingly invested in reducing gun-related harm. Premiums will reflect the risks of gun ownership and will adjust accordingly, in the same way that auto insurers offer "good driver" discounts or how they incentivized the installation of anti-lock brakes and airbags in the past.

Of course, in the realm of gun regulation, no good deed goes unlitigated. Three groups sued San Jose after the ordinance imposing the fee and insurance requirement passed. A Federal District Court declined their pleas for an injunction to stop the ordinance from taking effect, finding no unconstitutional burden on Second Amendment rights where "there are no means by which a San Jose gun owner may be deprived of his or her firearm."

That's the point. Until Congress and the courts arrive at a politically and constitutionally viable approach to sensibly restricting gun ownership, we must make gun ownership safer. There is no inevitability to gun-related death, injury and suffering — unless, through our inaction, we allow there to be so.

Sam Liccardo, a Democrat, has been the mayor of San Jose since 2015. He is a former federal and local prosecutor.

## Teach kids it's OK to decline hugs

By Bonnie Jean Feldkamp

Understanding consent starts at home, and the holiday season is a good time to visit the fundamentals and practice personal boundaries. We tell kids, "Keep your hands to yourself." But we also need to teach kids that affection is not mandatory. They don't have to hug that relative they only see during the holidays. They can and should say no when they don't want to.

There's an old nursery rhyme that's perfect for talking to young kids about consent.

"Georgie Porgie, pudding and pie / Kissed the girls and made them cry / When the boys came out to play / Georgie Porgie ran away."

I ask my son questions about Georgie. We talk through what happened in this story. Why did the girls cry? Because Georgie didn't ask for those kisses first. Why did Georgie run away? Because he was embarrassed or told to leave. I started this conversation with my son when he was 3 years old using the nursery rhyme to guide us.

Everyone has witnessed the relative who wants a hug or a kiss, but the young child shrinks away to avoid unwanted affection. We've also all seen the manipulative relative who pretends to cry when this happens. But affection is not something that should be given in the name of being polite or in order to spare someone's feelings of rejection.

Hugs and kisses are intimate and warm. It's OK for children to know that affection is special and that they get to decide who receives their hugs and kisses. And just because a child is adorable doesn't mean that child owes anyone anything.

Doesn't this all sound familiar?

It should. Just because a teen is cute or a grown woman is strikingly beautiful doesn't mean they owe anyone a date or a kiss

or anything else. Kids should learn bodily autonomy early, and sometimes it starts with the pushy grandma who thinks she's entitled to a kiss on Christmas Eve.

No. No, she's not.

Help your kids develop a way out. When Uncle Bill wants a hug and your kids start squirming because they don't want to give Uncle Bill a hug, offer an alternative that also helps your child set boundaries. Suggest a high-five, a handshake or a wave "hello" instead. I don't care if your child just gave their favorite uncle Jessie or Cousin Sarah a ginormous, enthusiastic hug; they don't owe anyone else the same. Affection is given when a person wants to offer it — not on demand, not because it's Christmas, not because someone asked and certainly not to spare someone's feelings.

If a relative puts on the fake waterworks or starts with the "pretty please?" routine, help your kids find the words to set boundaries. They can simply say, "I don't want to" or "I'm not comfortable with that." And parents, don't let that embarrass you. We've all seen the kid who was forced to hug or kiss a relative and we all know it's forced.

Talk to your kids ahead of time. Develop respectful options for saying "hello" and "goodbye" as well as ways for saying no to requests for unwanted physical affection.

Consent starts at home. You're allowed to say no, regardless of how old you are and who is making the request. Empower kids to choose who receives their affection. Give them the tools to do so respectfully and effectively. It will equip them for when a not-so-innocent affection request is made by a Harvey Weinstein type down the road.

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DECEMBER 19, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner RIAN MARIE STOUT-RYDER  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00468  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ISRAEL RUIZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ISRAEL RUIZ to Proposed name (1) ISRAEL RAMIREZ  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

The address of the court is 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA 91760  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NOVEMBER 29, 2022  
Peter A. Hernandez, Judge  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner RYAN KUKLINSKI  
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WEST COVINA, CA 91773  
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successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOTS INC. DECEMBER 13, 2022  
Mark C. Kim  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner W A R N A K U L A S U R I Y A E M M A N U E L CHRISTIE JASON FERNANDO  
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section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for petitioner: Stephanie Basurto  
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Bgstephanie03@gmail.com

If ordered by a judge to use this form, complete items 1 and 2 only.  
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1. Person asking for protection: La persona que solicita protección HOLLY SMITH
2. NOTICE TO (name of person to be restrained): AVISO A (nombre de la persona a ser restringida): HECTOR MEZA

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The court will complete the rest of this form El tribunal llenará el resto de este formulario

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00425  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ALBERTO MEJIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ALBERTO MEJIA to Proposed name (1) ALBERT DIGAT  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: JANUARY 27, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 1, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ISRAEL RUIZ  
11434 MAZA ST  
NORWALK, CA 90650  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22GDPC00191  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner FRANCISCA ALATASI URIMA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) FRANCISCA ALATASI URIMA to Proposed name (1) FRANCISCA ALATASI STEFANZ  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERTO HERNANDEZ**  
Case No. 21STPB01162  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERTO HERNANDEZ A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Henry Aguila Sr. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Henry Thee Aguila be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. Copies of the lost will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

**You have a court date**  
Tiene una audiencia en la corte  
Date Fecha: JANUARY 4, 2023  
Time Hora: 8:30am  
Dept. Depto: S  
Room Sala: 417  
Name and address of court, if different from above: Nombre y dirección de la corte si no es la misma de arriba: PASADENA COURTHOUSE, 30 E. WALNUT STREET, PASADENA, CA 91101

**What if I don't go to my court date?**  
If you don't go to your court date, the judge can grant a restraining order that limits your contact with the person in 1. Having a restraining order against you may impact your life in other ways, including preventing you from having guns and ammunition. If you do not go to your court date, the judge could grant everything that the person in 1 asked the judge to order.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 2, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, 8301 E. FLORENCE AVE #100, DOWNEY, CA 90240  
DECEMBER 21, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ALBERTO MEJIA  
10933 CORBY AVE  
NORWALK, CA 90650  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00494  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MICHAEL JOSHUA MENDOZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MICHAEL JOSHUA MENDOZA to Proposed name (1) MICHAEL JOSHUA MENDOZA VELASCO  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00472  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SARAH KRISTINE CHICARELLI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SARAH KRISTINE CHICARELLI to Proposed name (1) SARAH KRISTINE CHICARELLI  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: JANUARY 18, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: D, Room: N/A  
The address of the court is Glendale Superior Court North Central District, 600 East Broadway Glendale, California 91206  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT NOVEMBER 30, 2022  
Robin Miller Sloan, Judge  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner FRANCISCA ALATASI URIMA  
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SOLJEL MONTE, CA 91733  
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authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 4, 2023 at 9:30AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**¿Qué pasa si no voy a mi cita en la audiencia?**  
Si no va a la audiencia, el juez puede dictar una orden de restricción que limita su contacto con la persona en 1. Una orden de restricción en su contra puede tener otras consecuencias, como prohibirle tener armas de fuego y municiones. Si no va a la audiencia, el juez ordenará todo lo que pide la persona en 1.

**How do I find out what the person in 1 is asking for?**  
To find out what the person in 1 is asking the judge to order, go to the courthouse listed at the top of the page 1. Ask the court clerk to let you see your case file. You will need to give the court clerk your case number, which is listed above and on page 1. The request for restraining order will be on form CH-100, Request for Civil Harassment Restraining Order.

**¿Cómo puedo entender lo que pide la persona en 1?**  
Para entender lo que pide la persona en 1, vaya al tribunal en la dirección indicada en la parte superior de la página 1. Pida al secretario de la corte permiso para ver el expediente de su caso. Tendrá que darle al secretario el número de su caso, que aparece arriba y en la página 1. La solicitud de una orden de restricción se hace en el formulario CH-100, Solicitud de orden de restricción de acoso civil.

**Where can I get help?**  
Free legal information is available at your local court's self-help center. Go to www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp to find your local center.

**¿Dónde puedo obtener ayuda?**  
Puede obtener información legal gratis en el centro de ayuda de su corte. Vea https://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp.htm?rdeLocaleAttr=espara encontrar tu centro local

**Do I need a lawyer?**  
You are not required to have a lawyer, but you may want legal advice before your court hearing. For help finding a lawyer, you can visit www.lawhelpca.org or contact your local bar association.

**¿Necesito un abogado?**  
No es obligatorio tener un abogado, pero es posible que quiera consejos legales antes de la audiencia en la corte. Para ayuda a encontrar un abogado, visite www.lawhelpca.org/es/homepage o contacte al Colegio de Abogados local.  
DATED: NOVEMBER 16, 2022  
SHERRI R. CARTER, EXECUTIVE OFFICER/CLERK, BY WALTER ACUNA, DEPUTY

**ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00467  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SANDRA JIAHUI CHEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SANDRA JIAHUI CHEN to Proposed name (1) JIAHUI YIN  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 19, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MICHAEL JOSHUA MENDOZA  
819 GUINEA DR WHITTIER CA 90601  
(626) 364-2057

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22LBCP00460  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner W A R N A K U L A S U R I Y A E M M A N U E L CHRISTIE JASON FERNANDO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) W A R N A K U L A S U R I Y A E M M A N U E L CHRISTIE JASON FERNANDO to Proposed name (1) CHRISTIE FERNANDO  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOE GOMEZ BASURTO**  
Case No. 22STPB11594  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOE GOMEZ BASURTO A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: STEPHANIE BASURTO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEPHANIE BASURTO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on JANUARY 13, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 4 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under

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**SUMMONS**

**SUMMONS (Civil Harassment Restraining Order)**  
CITACION (ORDEN DE RESTRICCIÓN POR ACOSO CIVIL)  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF CORTE SUPERIOR DE CALIFORNIA, CONDADO DE LOS ANGELES PASADENA COURTHOUSE 300 E. WALNUT ST. PASADENA, CA 91101  
CASE NUMBER: 22PDRO01319

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: JANUARY 25, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., Norwalk, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 1, 2022  
Margaret M. Bernal, Judge  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner SANDRA JIAHUI CHEN  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22PSCP00574  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RYAN KENNETH KUKLINSKI filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) RYAN KENNETH KUKLINSKI to Proposed name (1) RYAN KENNETH ARGUINZONI KUKLINSKI  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: JANUARY 23, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 1, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner SARAH KRISTINE CHICARELLI  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 9, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: O, Room: N/A  
The address of the court is 275 MAGNOLIA AVE LONG BEACH, CA, 90802  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00493  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KADY ANN STOUT-RYDER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) KADY ANN STOUT-RYDER to Proposed name (1) KADY ANN RYDER  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT AND NORWALK PATRIOT DECEMBER 19, 2022  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner KADY ANN STOUT-RYDER  
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LAKEWOOD, CA 90713  
(562) 588-5997  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 9, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: O, Room: N/A  
The address of the court is 275 MAGNOLIA AVE LONG BEACH, CA, 90802  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

**Christmas Cares Baseball Camp, 9 am.** The first annual Christmas Cares Baseball Camp is presented by former professional baseball player Darrick Hale and Northwest Downey Little League. There are three sessions: ages 6-8 from 9-10:30 am, ages 9-10 from 11 am to 12:30 pm and ages 11-12 from 12:45-2 pm. Register by contacting Darrick Hale at (562) 644-0893 or darrickhale@icloud.com. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

**Ladies Night with Taylor Dayne & Sheena Easton, 8 pm.** Taylor Dayne is an American pop icon with a career spanning three decades. Sheena Easton was the first, and still the only, artist to have top five records on five major Billboard charts. Her recording career has included Gold and Platinum albums in the United States, Europe and Asia. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am.** Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. Meet at Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.

**Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm.** Titled "With a Song in My Heart," the concert features Concerto in G major "alla rustica" for strings, RV 151 by Vivaldi; "Irish Tune from County Derry" and "Molly on the Shore" by Grainger; Serenade for Strings in C Major, Op. 48 by Tchaikovsky; and a clarinet solo by Kelli O'Connor. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

**An Evening with Greg Boyle, 7 pm.** Fr. Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries is the keynote speaker at this meeting hosted by the Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. The topic is "When the wave knows it's the

ocean: Apostolic wholeness and the kinship of God." A free will offering is requested to benefit Homeboy Industries. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10727 Downey Ave.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

**Astronaut Commemoration, 10 am to 5 pm.** Join the Columbia Memorial Space Center as it remembers the astronauts of the final Columbia Shuttle, Challenger and Apollo 1 missions. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm.** Enjoy coffee and conversation with Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia. Stauffer Middle School, 11985 Old River School Rd.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**Mariachi Rock Revolution, 8 pm.** Mariachi Rock Revolution is a metal-fueled, Mariachi-infused spectacle of sight and sound paying homage to the tradition of Mariachi through an unprecedented fusion with modern rock and electronica. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**Father-Con, 9 am to 3:30 pm.** Speakers, workshops, more than 40 resource organizations, and a keynote address by Fr. Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries. The Heart of the Father Award will be presented by Nolveris Frometa. \$20 admission includes lunch. Register at father-con.org. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am.** Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. Meet at Firestone Complete Auto Care at Stonewood Center

**Recruitment Expo, 10 am.** Looking for a year-round job? Visit the City of Downey's Recruitment Expo to learn about job opportunities. 10 am to 4:30 for pre-registered participants, 1-3:30 pm for walk-ins. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**TLC 5K, 7 am.** The TLC 5K run/walk returns with proceeds benefiting the TLC Family Resource Center. For details, email tlc@dusd.net or call (562) 904-3577. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am.** Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. Meet at OnStage Dance Center, 11711 Woodruff Ave.

**Downey Street Faire, 10 am to 4 pm.** Come shop, eat and enjoy with us. Located on Brookshire from Firestone to 5th Street. Presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce and The Downey Patriot. Email events@thedowneypatriot.com to be a vendor or sponsor.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 1

**Brunch with the Bunny, 9:30 am to 1 pm.** Save the date: Brunch with the Bunny returns to Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 4

**Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm.** Enjoy coffee and conversation with Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia. Price Elementary, 9525 Tweedy Lane

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8

**Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm.** Titled "¡Danzón!", the concert features Ritual Fire Dance from El Amor Brujo by De Falla; Marichitlán by Juan Pablo Contreras; Danzón No.2 by Arturo Marquez; "Fanfare

for Earth" (world premiere) by Giovanni Santos; Capriccio espagnol, Op. 34 by Rimsky-Korsakov; and a solo by baritone Anthony Moreno. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 15

**Free Shredding, 8-11 am.** Bring your sensitive documents for free, on-site paper shredding. Limit 3 banker boxes per resident (no bags). City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

**Downey Coordinating Council Awards Banquet.** Downey service clubs and non-profits recognize their volunteers of the year. Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd.

## SATURDAY, MAY 13

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am.** Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. Meet at Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 10

**Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am.** Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. Meet at Lakewood Park & Ride, 9004 Lakewood Blvd.

# POET'S CORNER

## December

A little girl is singing for the faithful to come ye  
Joyful and triumphant, a song she loves,  
And also the partridge in a pear tree  
And the golden rings and the turtle doves.  
In the dark streets, red lights and green and blue  
Where the faithful live, some joyful, some troubled,  
Enduring the cold and also the flu,  
Taking the garbage out and keeping the sidewalk shoveled.  
Not much triumph going on here — and yet  
There is much we do not understand.  
And my hopes and fears are met  
In this small singer holding onto my hand.  
Onward we go, faithfully, into the dark  
And are there angels hovering overhead? Hark.

Gary Johnson, Writer's Almanac Dec. 22, 2011

The poem starts on a jaunty secular note but then turns traditional, transitioning from one familiar carol into another. Johnson was selected as one of 2013's New American Poets. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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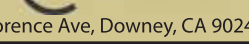
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January 21st- 8:00pm

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With a Song in My Heart**

January 22nd- 2:00pm

**The Dance Co. presents:  
Stars Greatest Hits 2023**

February 10th- 8:00pm

**The Downey Theatre presents:  
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