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## Retired science teacher Randee Bolt-Chambers mourned

■ Bolt-Chambers, a beloved teacher at Griffiths Middle School, died at 72.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Randee Lynn Bolt-Chambers, a beloved long-time science teacher at Griffiths Middle School, passed away on Dec. 4.

Chambers was born in Long Beach on Dec. 28, 1950.

She received her Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Biology from Cal Poly Pomona in 1976, and her teaching credential in agricultural sciences for kindergarten through 12th grade with a supplement in biology.



Randee Bolt-Chambers died Dec. 4 at age 72. A celebration of life will be held next month.

She went on to earn her Master's in 1984 in Agricultural Science.

While at Cal Poly Pomona, she was one of the first women

in the Agricultural Unit.

She married her husband Craig Chambers on Sept. 15, 1990. Together, they had two daughters, Cameron and Caitee.

Chambers' teaching career spanned 35 years. She started her career in Los Angeles Unified School District, before moving on to Christian Schools and – ultimately – Griffiths Middle School in the mid-1990's.

Chambers initially taught space science before the curriculum was changed, when she then transitioned to earth science.

Chambers was best known for her elaborate classroom set up, decorated to resemble a tropical island where she and her students had been “shipwrecked.”

A compassionate and caring advocate for her pupils, Chambers opened up her classroom between classes as a safe space for students that felt bullied or alone.

She retired in 2019 following complications with her health. In total, she spent 25 years at Griffiths.

Chambers is survived by her husband Craig, and daughters Cameron Drago and Caitee Bolt-Chambers Vasquez and their spouses.

Service information has not yet been announced; however, a celebration of life will be held in January.

## Open enrollment for Downey schools opens Jan. 1

**DOWNEY** – Downey Unified School District will be conducting its annual Intra-District Open Enrollment (formerly School of Choice) starting in January for the upcoming 2024-25 school year.

Downey parents of students 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 will become available on Jan. 1, 2024 and the deadline to submit online or in person is Jan. 31. Applications can be found and submitted online at web.dusd.net or a printed copy can be picked up at any Downey Unified school or the district headquarters.

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 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 2024-25 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.



Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna swears in Mario Trujillo as Downey mayor on Dec. 14. (City of Downey photo)

## Trujillo touts unity in first address as Downey mayor

■ Mario Trujillo says Downey is united despite disagreements between council members.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Downey has a new mayor.

Councilman Mario Trujillo was sworn in as the head of the city last Thursday evening, flanked by his family and before a packed room full of residents and elected officials.

Trujillo opened his first address as mayor by commenting on the cohesiveness of the city council.

“It’s not easy being a politician. I knew when I ran for office that every vote that I take up there, there’s always somebody on the other side; there tends to be somebody who disagrees,” said Trujillo.

“But I went back and I looked at the votes of our council. The Downey City Council is a unified, cohesive

council that will vote together unanimously at least 95% of the time. Ninety-five percent of the time, this council makes decisions for the 117,000 residents of our city who rely on us primarily for protection.”

During his year at the helm, construction is anticipated to begin on the West Santa Ana Branch Metro Light Rail, currently slotted for the South Rancho Los Amigos Campus.

“Downey will now be connected to Downtown LA,” said Trujillo. “We’re going to get there in shorter time. Construction will begin in 2024, so we will be working closely to monitor what’s going on in the location where the station will be.”

In addition, the city will also be continuing its fundraising efforts for the expansion of the Columbia Memorial Space Center, as well as supporting the Downey YMCA in its pursuit of a new building.

In response to homelessness issues, which Trujillo said was “getting out of hand” in certain areas, the city will be forming a homeless outreach team, including the hiring of a Homeless Solutions Manager in February.

“We’re going to put dollars into that, form a team so that we can hopefully come up with solutions on how to get people dignified housing,” said Trujillo.

On public safety, Trujillo said that the city needed more officers.

“We’re going to strive to bring in at least 10 more officers to continue to protect our families,” said Trujillo.

In addition, Trujillo announced that the city would pursue increased code enforcement, expand the International Food Festival to highlight ceviche, and continue to pursue a second dog park in the south of the city and a community garden at Rio San Gabriel Park.

## GOODBYE PEPE’S?



Pepe's Mexican restaurant is expected to close next year although they hope to open at a new location in Downey. Located at 9020 Telegraph Rd., Pepe's has operated since 1974. The corner is slated to be redeveloped into a new Raising Cane's drive-thru restaurant.

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### ON THIS DAY

**1864:**  
General William Tecumseh Sherman captured Savannah, Georgia, during his “March to the Sea” in the American Civil War.

**1913:**  
The New York World published the first modern crossword puzzle.

**1937:**  
The classic animated movie Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs premiered, establishing Walt Disney as one of the world’s most innovative and creative moviemakers.

**1945:**  
U.S. General George Patton, known as “Old Blood-and-Guts” by his men, died following an automobile accident in Germany.

**1968:**  
Apollo 8 was launched from Cape Kennedy (Cape Canaveral) and eventually completed 10 lunar orbits.

**1988:**  
Pan Am flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, because of a terrorist bombing; in 2003 the government of Libya accepted responsibility for the explosion and in 2004 agreed to compensate the families of the victims.

**2012:**  
The music video for South Korean singer PSY’s pop song “Gangnam Style” became the first video on YouTube to garner one billion views.

**2013:**  
“The Monster” by Eminem featuring Rihanna hit #1 in America; it’s the first hit co-written by Bebe Rexha, who later emerged as an artist.

**2019:**  
Mariah Carey’s “All I Want For Christmas Is You” reached #1 in America for the first time, 25 years after it was first released in 1994.



### BIRTHDAYS

Iconic actress **JANE FONDA** (86), prolific actor **SAMUEL L. JACKSON** (75), tennis hall of famer **CHRIS EVERT** (69), comedian **RAY ROMANO** (66) and actor **KIEFER SUTHERLAND** (57).



Charles and Melody Gregorio with Dan Powell.



Board Chair Mauricio Nunez and his wife Liz with Dan Powell.



Capital campaign chair Steve Roberson and his wife Darlene with Dan Powell.

# Downey YMCA honors its volunteers

**DOWNEY** – The YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles recently recognized volunteers from the association’s 27 branches throughout Southern California at an award ceremony at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel, LAX. Each year the YMCA-LA honors their most dedicated volunteers and steadfast supporters.

This year, three volunteers from the Downey Family YMCA were recognized at the awards ceremony. Dan Powell, Interim Executive Director/SVP of Operations, presented each of them with their award with family and friends joining in the celebration.

Mauricio Nunez, Downey Family YMCA Board Chair, received the Community Well-being Award for displaying extraordinary dedication to the overall wellness of others and the community through his service leading the development of programs to achieve the objectives of the Downey Y.

Charles Gregorio received the Youth Service Award for his dedication to the Y’s programs that support the physical, social-emotional, and educational development of our youth.

Steve Roberson received the Annual Campaign Award for his passion and commitment to the fundraising efforts of the Downey Family YMCA.

The Downey Family YMCA continues to serve youth in their summer day camp and before- and after-school childcare programs, while the all-volunteer Board of Managers works on the Capital Campaign to build a new facility.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, with support from the Downey Kiwanis Club, hosted its annual JCPenney shopping spree last week.

Fifty-four Downey Unified School District special education students from Downey and Warren high schools were provided \$100 gift cards to purchase gifts for themselves or their family.

Pictured is Kiwanis president and Mayor Pro Tem Hector Sosa distributing gift cards.



The Kiwanis Club of Downey collected toys at its Christmas party and donated them to the TLC Family Resource Center for distribution to local families in need. Pictured from left: TLC coordinator Luz Perez, Kiwanis past president Doug Hall and current president Jason Cierpiszewski.



Soroptimist International of Downey hosted its annual Christmas party last week at the home of Raul and Arlene Lopez.



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# All immigrants in California may soon qualify for Medicaid regardless of legal status

■ More than 700,000 people are expected to newly qualify for health insurance in California.

By Bernard J. Wolfson  
KFF Health News

**M**ilagro, a Peruvian immigrant in Riverside County, California, has had spotty access to health care in the two decades she's been in this country.

The 48-year-old, who works as the office manager at a nonprofit, can get emergency care through a narrow set of benefits the state makes available to immigrants without legal residency. And she has been able to get mammograms, X-rays, and blood tests at clinics that charge according to income. But it can take a long time to get such appointments, and they are often far from home.

"It's very frustrating, because you have to have the time to go, and you can't just lose a day of work," says Milagro, who asked that her last name be withheld due to fear of immigration authorities.

Milagro and her husband are among the more than 700,000 immigrants ages 26-49 expected to newly qualify for full health insurance come Jan. 1. That's when California takes the final step in opening up Medi-Cal, the state's health care program for low-income residents, to everyone who meets eligibility requirements, regardless of their immigration status.

Getting quality care through Medi-Cal can be a challenge. But this population — often household breadwinners who can't afford to get sick — stand to gain far better access to services such as primary



California's Medicaid program will be expanded next year to include more people without legal residency documentation. (Getty Images)

and specialty care, routine dental checkups, prescription medications, inpatient hospital care, lab tests, scans, and mental health services.

New enrollees will join more than 655,000 children, young adults through age 25, and adults 50 or over who have already signed up for Medi-Cal through previous expansions to residents lacking legal authorization, according to the most recent data from the state Department of Health Care Services.

Advocates for immigrants note that people without health insurance are generally sicker and die younger. "This is life-changing for people to now be able to go get regular checkups, get labs drawn, see if they might be diabetic or have high blood pressure," says Sarah Dar, policy director in the Los Angeles office of the California Immigrant Policy Center.

Milagro says she is excited about what is coming. "I never had regular checkups when I was younger," she says. "Now, I am more

conscious of the fact that I need to take care of my health."

Extending full Medi-Cal coverage to eligible individuals in the 26-49 age range regardless of immigration status is projected to cost the state \$1.4 billion in the first six months and \$3.4 billion a year upon full implementation.

The state's estimate of just over 700,000 new enrollees is based on the number of people in the age group who are already signed up for a narrower set of benefits, known as "restricted scope" Medi-Cal, including Milagro. They will be automatically switched over to full Medi-Cal on Jan. 1. The state has begun mailing notices informing them of expanded benefits and directing them to choose a Medi-Cal health plan unless they live in a county with only one plan.

The remaining residents in the 26-49 age range covered by this expansion will be harder to reach because the state does not know who, where, or how numerous

they are. Patient advocates, community groups, and county welfare offices face a number of obstacles: language barriers, wariness of governmental agencies, and fear that signing up for public benefits could jeopardize the chances for legal residency.

One challenge is to convince immigrants that being on Medi-Cal is unlikely to affect their future immigration status under the so-called public charge rule. Advocates point out that California doesn't share enrollees' information with federal immigration authorities anyway.

But the fierce anti-immigrant sentiment that was so prevalent during the Trump administration and lingers as the nation gears up for the 2024 elections "sent a message to these communities that they should live in the shadows and are not deserving of benefits," says Dar.

Even those already in the restricted version of Medi-Cal will be a challenge to reach if their contact information

is not up to date. And they could be unaware that they were part of Medi-Cal at all. If, for example, they had a health crisis, were taken to the emergency room, and were simply asked by hospital staff to sign some paperwork to cover their treatment, they might not understand what a mailing from Medi-Cal means.

And some may fear any contact by the government. Lena Silver, director of policy and administrative advocacy at Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County, says she conducted a training session where a woman who works with day laborers said many of them were afraid to open the envelopes they'd received.

The Department of Health Care Services is spearheading an outreach campaign in 19 languages that includes ads on radio, TV, and social media.

Potentially complicating matters is the fact that the expansion of health benefits to this last — and largest — group of immigrants coincides with the so-called Medi-Cal unwinding, in which over 900,000 beneficiaries and counting have been disenrolled, mostly due to incomplete paperwork, as pandemic-era exemptions expire.

Immigrants with restricted Medi-Cal must also demonstrate their continued income eligibility in the unwinding, which can be confusing when such a request is piled on top of notices informing them

of their newly expanded benefits.

If you, a friend, or a loved one is an immigrant without legal residency, resources are available to help navigate the Medi-Cal enrollment process. A page on the Department of Health Care Services website (dhcs.ca.gov) explains the expansion and contains an FAQ in multiple languages detailing the new benefits that come with it.

If you need help enrolling in a Medi-Cal plan or filling out forms to demonstrate your eligibility, try the Health Consumer Alliance (healthconsumer.org, or 1-888-804-3536). Community clinics are also good sources, as are county offices that administer Medi-Cal.

Brenda, a 33-year-old Los Angeles County resident who also asked to withhold her last name because she lacks legal immigration status, says it will be "a big old blessing" to get full Medi-Cal benefits. She arrived from Mexico as a child and has had to pay for most health care needs out of her own pocket. She rarely goes to the doctor, she hasn't seen a dentist in three years despite toothaches, and her glasses are five years old.

Come January, she plans to be screened for breast cancer and diabetes, which runs in her family. And, she says, "I definitely want to fix my teeth. I always wanted a Colgate smile."

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# County advances Southeast LA Cultural Center project

■ The cultural arts center will be located on county-owned land in South Gate.

By City News Service

**SOUTH GATE** — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Tuesday approved a motion directing staffers to develop a work plan for the creation of an arts campus in the South Gate area.

Supervisors voted unanimously to instruct

the county CEO and representatives of the Departments of Public Works, Arts and Culture, and Parks and Recreation, along with any other relevant departments, to draft a work plan outlining steps to move ahead with the development and operation of the center.

The report is due back to the board within 90 days.

The Southeast Los Angeles Cultural Center, proposed on county-owned land near the

Los Angeles River and the Rio Hondo, is envisioned as a campus of multiple buildings “designed to allow for artistic creations and performances,” according to the motion.

Supervisor Janice Hahn, who introduced the motion alongside Supervisor Hilda Solis, said she believed it would be the “new jewel” in the county.

“For too long this part of LA County has been underserved in terms of access to arts and culture,” Hahn said prior to the vote. “The residents of Southeast LA deserve the same access to arts that other

areas of the county have.”

While the region does not have a facility like Ford Theater, Disney Concert Hall or the County Museum of Art, she added that “the talent and love” for the arts is present in the community.

“Southeast LA has no shortage of creativity and culture, but what it does lack is the same access to world-class cultural institutions and investments that other communities have,” Hahn said in a statement. “This center is going to showcase and incubate more of the great artistic and cultural assets here in SELA.”

Hahn represents the Southeast Los Angeles area. Solis represented the area prior to redistricting and was among the original



proponents of the project, which has already received more than \$124 million in state funding, along with local financial support.

“I’m happy to say that this is something that needs to be done because it’s really about equity, inclusion and

diversity,” Solis said prior to the vote. “It’s also making sure that the county takes some responsibility here as well because for so many years SELA has been neglected, and it’s time we put them on the map.”

During public comment, more than 20 people spoke in support of the motion, including Former Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, D-Lakewood, who represented the 62nd Assembly District and Southeast LA County.

“I can tell you with absolute certainty that no district is more deserving or more in need of a cultural arts center than this one,” said Rendon, who played a significant role in acquiring state funding.

He added, “This is an issue of artistic inequity. Southeast LA has a stunning array of local artistic talent, but none of the cultural institutions or resources of other areas of LA.”

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## John R. Lemucchi

We are saddened to announce the passing of John R. Lemucchi. John passed away at the age of 85 with his family at his side. John was born on May 29, 1938, to John and Dorothy Lemucchi in Bakersfield, CA. He attended East Bakersfield High School. He married his wife, Norma, at age 19. John and Norma went on to have two children Johnny and Lori Lemucchi.

John is preceded in death by his parents John and Dorothy Lemucchi, his eldest sister Margurite Parham, and his baby sister Rose Wiggs.

John is survived by his beloved, wife, Norma Lemucchi, his son Johnny Lemucchi, and daughter-in-law Caroline Lemucchi, his daughter Lori Santillana and son-in-law Martin Santillana; his grandchildren, Johnny Lemucchi Jr., Brandon Lemucchi, and fiance Jackie, David Lemucchi, Deanna Santillana, Marcus Santillana and wife Nora Santillana; his great-grandchildren Norma Lemucchi and Harper Santillana and nieces and nephews.

John was a loving, thoughtful, inspiring, and caring man dedicated to his family. He was an amazing man who always put others before himself. He was always supportive, understanding, and motivated in life. John was one of a kind. We could always count on him to be on the sidelines or in the audience.

John was raised in Bakersfield. He grew up in a close-knit Italian family and learned the importance of family, friends, and food. In his late teens, he raised calves and sold them at the auction. Then he entered the meat industry as a butcher and became superintendent. John finished his career as a general manager of a processing plant. He was married to his wife Norma for 66 years. He played in a men's baseball league as a young man and was involved in the Knights of Columbus. He moved to South Gate, CA in his late 20's. John has lived in South Gate and Downey, CA for more than 60 years. He enjoyed time outdoors in his yard, talking to friends, camping, going on cruises with family and friends, dinners with family, and watching his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids at their events. He looked forward to his daily calls from his family and friends. He started coaching youth football, baseball, and basketball when he was 24 years old. John has touched many lives and has made many friends over the years. John enjoyed going to Bass Lake with his family for many years as his children grew up. He looked forward to his yearly Buena Vista Lake trips with his family and his many trips to Mountain Lakes with family and friends. He enjoyed meeting with his McDonald's group in the mornings for coffee and gossip sessions. John valued his family the most out of anything. Everything he did had some sort of family connection. John was admired and loved by all and will be greatly missed.

A viewing and Rosary will be held on January 3, 2024, from 4 pm to 8 pm at Miller Mies Mortuary in Downey, followed by a Mass on January 4, 2024, at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Downey. A graveside service will be on January 6, 2024, at 12:00 pm at Hillcrest Cemetery in Bakersfield where he will be laid to rest.

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Infants ages 0-3 years old: Downey-Montebello SELPA at (562) 469-6793 or <https://web.dusd.net/selpa/>

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## How immigration can fix labor shortages — without hurting U.S. workers

Politics aside, the U.S. needs workers in key industries and foreign labor can help.

**By Lindsay Milliken, Jeremy Neufeld and Greg Wright**

*Lindsay Milliken and Jeremy Neufeld are fellows at the Institute for Progress. Greg Wright is a professor of economics at University of California–Merced and a nonresident fellow at the Brookings Institution.*

The U.S. economy needs to put up the “Help Wanted” sign. With job openings at near-record highs and unemployment at near-record lows, labor shortages threaten to slow growth and raise prices.

Fortunately, the Labor Department has a little-known tool that could prioritize immigration in occupations for which there are insufficient numbers of U.S. workers to fill jobs. This could be a game changer — so long as the Biden administration is willing to let data, and not interest groups, lead the way.

The Labor Department’s tool, known as the Schedule A shortage occupation list, allows the government to streamline immigration for international workers who might fill open positions. The problem is that the Schedule A list has not been touched since 1991, leaving it disconnected from the needs of today’s labor market. The Biden administration seems to agree and has solicited public input about which occupations have an insufficient number of U.S. workers.

Previous administrations have failed to do this in a transparent or evidence-based way, allowing employer lobbyists to influence changes to the list. But we believe there are objective and empirical methods to avert this

problem.

In a report, we describe a new data-driven method — the Help Wanted Index — to modernize Schedule A. We look at the labor market conditions for about 400 occupations across the country by measuring 10 key economic indicators for each one. This includes metrics such as the unemployment rate; the increase in median pay over time (larger pay increases indicate shortages, since it suggests companies are looking for workers); the increase in jobs (rapid job growth indicates rising demand for workers); and the income premium (how much more workers are paid compared to workers of similar backgrounds).

Our team found 28 occupations that could be included in a modernized Schedule A, including health-care occupations, such as surgeons and nurses, as well as STEM occupations, such as physicists and electronics engineers.

For some occupations, this could be transformative. Expanding health-care occupations on Schedule A would help expand Americans’ access to quality and affordable care, which is especially critical as the U.S. population ages. The Census Bureau estimates that 21 percent of Americans will be 65 or older by 2030, putting an enormous burden on our already strained health-care workforce. One study published by the Mayo Clinic found that 1 in 5 doctors plan to quit their jobs because of burnout. The National Center for Health Workforce Analysis predicts a gap of more than 14,500 surgeons and about 60,000 psychologists by 2036. Updating Schedule A could help tremendously.

By the same token, modernizing Schedule A could help efforts to onshore semiconductor production in the United States, which are already running into a talent crunch. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that adding electrical/electronics engineers and architectural/engineering managers to Schedule A would cover 13 percent of the semiconductor industry’s workforce.

It could also boost the United States’ international competitiveness by helping retain talent in other critical and emerging technology areas. This is why the House Select Committee on China, in a report released Tuesday,

urged the Biden administration to update the shortage occupation list.

The purpose here isn’t to undercut tight labor markets. Instead, it is to allocate our fixed pot of immigration slots toward the markets in which immigrants are most needed and least likely to adversely affect native-born workers.

If the government adopts a data-driven method to regularly track shortages, the implications could extend far beyond immigration. Workforce training and education programs have long struggled to identify which occupations to target. A revamped Schedule A could be an excellent tool to help focus these programs, and Congress would benefit from an indicator to inform how to best invest in skills development.

A data-driven index could also identify labor shortages that are unlikely to persist, despite loud protests from employers. Many employer associations — such as those in the restaurant and construction industries — have been extremely outspoken about labor shortages, yet these occupations are noticeably absent from our list. This indicates that employer testimony is at best unreliable and at worst intentionally misleading.

For example, servers might have high rates of switching jobs within their occupation (the “transition rate”), but they have seen pay cuts and relatively high unemployment in recent years. Construction workers — from laborers to skilled craftspersons such as welders, pipe layers and electricians — also score high on job transitions but face high unemployment and are paid less than similar workers in other occupations. In these occupations, employers should try raising wages and improving working conditions before turning to the federal government for help.

The U.S. labor market is booming, which is a great thing. To ensure this momentum translates into higher economic growth and not higher prices, we should embrace an all-hands-on-deck approach from a talent perspective. The Schedule A list can be an effective tool for steering immigrants toward high-demand occupations while maintaining the health of the labor market; we just need to use it alongside objective data.

## Bill Gates: Why I’m optimistic about the future of AI

Artificial intelligence is changing the world, mostly for the better.

**By Bill Gates**

*Bill Gates is co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and founder of Breakthrough Energy.*

This year marked the first time I used artificial intelligence for work and not just as a novelty. I suspect the same is true for a lot of people. We are at the beginning of a huge technology transition right now. This is an exciting and confusing time, full of uncertainty about how AI will shape the years ahead — but it’s still clearer than ever how AI can be used to improve productivity and expand access to education, mental health care and more.

My work has always been rooted in a core idea:

Innovation is the key to progress. It’s why I started Microsoft. It’s why Melinda and I started the Gates Foundation more than two decades ago. And it’s why lives around the world have improved so much over the last century.

Since 2000, the world has nearly cut in half the number of children who die before the age of five — and innovation is a big reason why. Scientists came up with new ways to make vaccines that were faster and cheaper but just as safe. They developed new delivery mechanisms that worked in the world’s most remote places, which made it possible to reach more kids, and created new vaccines that protect children from deadly diseases like rotavirus.

In a world with limited resources, you have to find ways to maximize impact. Innovation is the key to getting the most out of every dollar spent. And AI is about to accelerate the rate of new discoveries at a pace we’ve never seen before.

One of the biggest impacts so far is on creating new medicines. AI tools can speed up the process of drug discovery significantly, and some companies are already working on cancer drugs developed this way. A key priority of the Gates Foundation in AI is ensuring these tools are also used to address health issues like AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria that disproportionately affect the world’s poorest.

I believe there is huge potential to use AI to improve lives in low- and middle-income countries. I recently met with several innovators from developing countries during a trip to Senegal. They’re doing amazing AI research with the intention that it will one day benefit people in their own communities. Much of their work is still in the earliest stages of development, but it is setting the stage for a massive technology boom later this decade.

It’s impressive to see how much creativity is being brought to the table. The teams I met are researching how AI could combat antibiotic-resistant pathogens, help people better assess their risk for HIV, make medical information more accessible to health workers and more. I’m blown away by how innovators from developing countries are trying to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing their own communities.

Consider this horrifying statistic: A woman dies in childbirth or during pregnancy every two minutes. A team from India hopes to use artificial intelligence to improve the odds. ARMMAN’s large language model will one day act as a copilot for health workers treating high-risk pregnancies. It can be used in both English and Telugu,

and the coolest part is that it automatically adjusts to the experience level of the person using it — whether you’re a brand new nurse or a midwife with decades of experience.

There is a long road ahead for projects like these. Significant hurdles remain, such as how to scale up projects without sacrificing quality and how to provide adequate backend access to ensure they remain functional over time.

In order to maximize their benefit, we need to tackle some of the broad risks associated with AI, including how to prevent bias and hallucinations. Hallucinations refer to times when an AI system confidently makes some claim that simply is not true, which could be disastrous in a medical context. Although some researchers think hallucinations are a problem inherent to AI technology, I don’t agree. I’m optimistic that, over time, AI models can be taught to distinguish fact from fiction. OpenAI, for example, is doing promising work on this front. (Full disclosure: Microsoft is a major investor and partner in OpenAI.)

We must also make sure AI products are tailored to the people who will use them. For example, I’m excited about an AI-based education tutor called Somanasi. The AI education tools being piloted today are mind-blowing because they are tailored to each individual learner, and Somanasi — which means “learn together” in Swahili — will bring those benefits to students in Kenya. It has been designed to align with local curriculum, as well as with cultural context in mind so it feels familiar to the students who use it.

I’m inspired to see so many researchers already thinking about how we deploy new technologies in low- and middle-income countries. If we make smart investments now, AI can make the world a more equitable place. It can reduce or even eliminate the lag time between when the rich world gets an innovation and when the poor world does. In high-income countries like the United States, I believe we are 18–24 months away from significant levels of AI use by the general population. In African countries, I expect to see a comparable level of use in three years or so. That’s still a gap, but it’s much shorter than the lag times we’ve seen with other innovations.

Reducing this gap is key to reducing inequities around the world. Even during challenging times, I can’t help but feel optimistic about the future when I think about how AI can be used to get game-changing technologies out to the people who need them faster than ever before.

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# Crime Report

On 11/21/2023 at 3:55 am, officers responded to the area of 8500 Ravilier Dr. regarding reports of gunfire. The victim stated his vehicle was shot while being followed home. The possible suspect fled the scene in a vehicle. No injuries were sustained by the victim. Detectives are investigating.

On 11/22/2023 at 1:20 am, officers were searching the area of Mitla and Adwen for a reported stolen vehicle. Officers located the vehicle and it accelerated directly at one of the officers who was able to avoid a collision with the suspect's vehicle. Officers pursued the vehicle and later arrested the suspect for assault with a deadly weapon.

On 11/23/2023 at 5:50 am, officers responded to the area of 8600 Imperial Hwy. regarding a burglary in progress. The victim had responded to an alarm at his business and detained one of two suspects stealing from the business. Officers arrived and took the suspect into custody. Detectives are investigating.

On 11/26/2023 at 12:20 pm, officers were patrolling the Downtown Downey area and observed a vehicle street racing. Officers stopped the vehicle, arrested the driver and impounded their vehicle for 30 days.

On 11/27/2023 at 4 pm, officers responded to the area of 8000 Firestone Blvd. regarding a male brandishing a gun. Officers determined the suspect entered a business in the area and brandished a handgun at the employees. Detectives are investigating.

On 11/27/2023 at 9:30 pm, officers responded to the area of the Downey Promenade regarding a robbery. Officers determined the suspects entered a store, selected several televisions and attempted to steal them. While exiting the store, they were confronted and one of the suspects deployed a stun gun on the victim. No injuries were sustained by the employee and detectives are investigating.

On 11/29/2023 at 11:15 pm, officers responded to Apollo Park regarding a large fight. Officers determined one suspect had pointed a handgun at two victims and three other suspects had punched the victims. One suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and the three other suspects were arrested for battery.

On 12/3/2023 at 5:35 pm, officers responded to the area of Telegraph Rd. and Serapis Ave. regarding a major traffic collision between a vehicle and pedestrian. Upon arrival, officers determined the pedestrian had succumbed to their injuries and passed away. The street was closed while officers conducted the collision investigation.

On 12/5/2023 at 10:10 pm, officers responded to the area of 11900 Paramount Blvd. regarding a robbery. The suspect was confronted while shoplifting by an employee and became combative. The suspect was located nearby and arrested for robbery.

On 12/6/2023 at 9:15 pm, officers on patrol observed a dirt bike being operated on a city street. The rider of the dirt bike fled from officers and

was later arrested. A records check of the dirt bike showed it was stolen.

On 12/9/2023 at 2:30 am, officers responded to the area of 9400 Gallatin Rd. regarding a carjacking. The suspect began arguing with the victim and fired a gun into the air. The suspect entered the victim's vehicle and fled in it. The vehicle was later located in Los Angeles. Detectives are investigating.

On 12/9/2023 at 10:20 pm, officers responded to the area of the Rancho Los Amigos grounds regarding theft of property. Officers responded and located a suspect in the act of stealing items from the old Rancho grounds. The suspect was arrested.

On 12/12/2023 at 5:55 pm, officers were patrolling the area of the Stonewood Mall when they observed a stolen vehicle being driven. Officers detained the driver and arrested him.

On 12/12/2023 at 11:30 pm, officers responded to the front desk of the police department regarding a child abuse. Officers determined

the suspect had punched and scratched two of their children in the face over the last several months. The suspect was located and arrested for causing an intentional injury to a child.

On 12/16/2023 at 11:20 pm, officers responded to the area of 7300 Firestone Blvd. regarding an attempted carjacking. While stopped at a gas station, the suspect approached the victim, pointed a gun at him and demanded his car keys. The victim fled in his own vehicle and was involved in a collision. Detectives are investigating.

On 12/17/2023 at 7:25 am, officers were patrolling the area of the Stonewood Mall when they observed a vehicle doing donuts in the parking lot. Officers stopped the vehicle, seized the driver's license and impounded the vehicle for 30 days.



Dozens of children and families visited the Downey City Library earlier this week for a special visit from Santa Claus.

"Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated the holiday season with us," library staff posted on Instagram. "Remember to believe in the magic of Christmas, believe in the power of books, and believe that anything is possible when you step into the library!"

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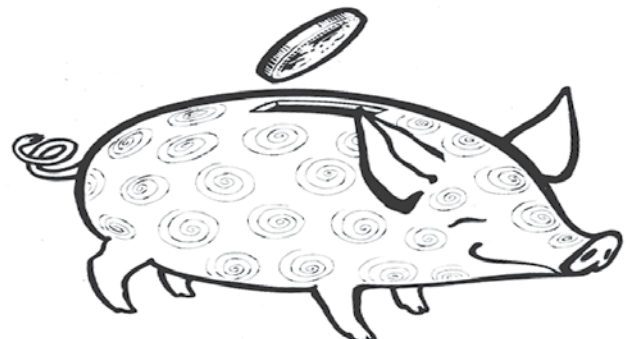
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The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsible Bidder based on: The base bid amount only.

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**NOTICES**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

**CASE NUMBER: 23CMCP00216**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANGELINA LAURA SANTOS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ANGELINA LAURA SANTOS to Proposed name (1) JELAI ANGELINALAURA CALCULBA ABAO SANTOS

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 15, 2024, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: A, Room: 904**

The address of the court is 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON CA 90220

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 7, 2023

MICHAEL SHULTZ, JUDGE

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**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DENIA PAULINE MANDT aka DENIA P. MANDT aka DENIA MANDT, DENIA PAULINE EHRIG, DENIA P. EHRIG, DENIA EHRIG**

**Case No. 23STPB13422**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DENIA PAULINE MANDT aka DENIA P. MANDT aka DENIA MANDT, DENIA PAULINE EHRIG, DENIA P. EHRIG, DENIA EHRIG.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Ernest Theodore Ehrig III in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Ernest Theodore Ehrig III 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 9, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 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.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VERN EBERHARD**

**Case No. 22STPB09369**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VERN EBERHARD

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Elvira Eberhard in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Elvira Eberhard be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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.

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**TRUSTEE SALES**

Title Order No. : 95527867 Trustee Sale No. : 86615 Loan No. : 399440745 APN : 6367-018-011 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/27/2023 . UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/3/2024 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 2/1/2023 as Instrument No. 20230065526 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: VIVIAN G. LEE AND LINH H. TRAN, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor VANNESSA AREAPACOCACHAGA, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a

check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: LOT 19 OF TRACT NO. 16653, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 390, PAGES 11 AND 12 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8618 PARROT AVENUE IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CA 90240. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$89,530.46 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 12/5/2023 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. \*NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid on a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest

bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of the outstanding lien that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 86615. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 86615 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

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12/14/23, 12/21/23, 12/28/23



Dear Downey Patriot Valued Reader,

On behalf of The Downey Patriot, I am thrilled to announce the establishment of the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism, a non-profit foundation launched by the Downey Patriot newspaper. As a cherished member of our community, I wanted to share this exciting news and invite you to be part of our journey.

For several years, the Downey Patriot has been dedicated to providing reliable and unbiased news coverage, championing the principles of journalism, and serving as a beacon of truth in our community. We strongly believe that independent journalism is a cornerstone of a thriving democracy, and it is with this conviction that we have founded the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism.

The Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to ensure the sustainability and integrity of local news reporting, fostering an informed and engaged citizenry. Our mission is threefold: to support the training and professional development of journalists, to promote investigative journalism, and to enhance access to reliable local news for all residents of our community.

To achieve these goals, we are seeking tax-deductible donations from generous individuals like yourself who share our commitment to independent journalism. Your support will play a crucial role in empowering local journalists, enabling them to cover important stories, hold those in power accountable, and provide unbiased information to our community.

With your contribution, we will establish scholarships and training programs for aspiring journalists, ensuring that the next generation is well-equipped to uphold the principles of ethical and accurate reporting. We will also dedicate resources to support investigative journalism projects, fostering in-depth reporting that uncovers truths, reveals corruption, and sheds light on critical issues affecting our community.

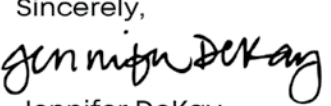
Additionally, the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to address the challenge of access to local news in underserved areas. We will explore innovative approaches, such as expanding our digital presence, partnering with community organizations, and launching initiatives to bridge the information gap for those who face barriers to accessing reliable news sources.

We kindly invite you to contribute to the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism and become a vital part of our mission. Your tax-deductible donation, no matter the size, will make a difference in supporting local journalism and nurturing a vibrant democracy.

Thank you for considering our request and for your commitment to the ideals of independent journalism. Together, we can make a lasting impact and ensure that our community remains well-informed, engaged, and empowered. I am happy to answer any questions you may have or provide further information on how your contribution will be utilized. Please contact our office at (562) 904-3668 or jennifer@thedowneypatriot.com.

We look forward to your support and the possibilities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer DeKay  
Chief Executive Officer  
Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism

**Donations can be mailed to:**  
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**10927 Downey Avenue, Suite C**  
**Downey, California 90241**

## ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNEY HOLIDAY PARTY



# Downey Unified earns Golden Bell Award

**DOWNEY** – On Thursday, Nov. 30, Downey Unified School District received a prestigious statewide recognition for their achievements in co-teaching practices during the annual Golden Bell Awards, hosted by the California School Boards Association (CSBA). The Golden Bell Award promotes excellence in education and school board governance by recognizing outstanding programs, and superior practices in school districts throughout California.

Since 2017, co-teaching in Downey Unified has created a culture of collaboration and a more level playing field for special education students to access rigorous classes as well as meet higher graduation standards. Co-teaching was one of several programs implemented to achieve the Board of Education's goal of having all district graduates meet admission requirements for the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems, also known as "a-g" subject requirements, by 2027.

Board President, Giovanna Perez-Saab, praised the district's efforts by stating, "This award proves our co-teaching program has become the pinnacle of equitable instructional practices in our secondary schools, has shown very positive results for all our students, and is helping to close the achievement gap."

Over the past six years, the co-teaching model has been expanded across Downey Unified's four middle schools and both comprehensive high school campuses, serving students from the sixth to 12th grade. The co-teaching team includes over 100 teachers who have participated in regular professional development training as well as observation and coaching sessions to improve the district's co-teaching strategies over time.

"In our co-teaching classrooms, the general and special education teachers plan and deliver instruction together for all students. This makes for a richer experience for all learners because both teachers are using their expertise," shared Secondary Education Director, Dr. Rani Bertsch.

In the data presented to CSBA, it was shown that the program increased the "a-g" completion rate by 11.5% among students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and/or those in Special Education.

"With co-teaching sections in English, Math, and Science, we are excited for the expanded possibilities of our students after graduation," commented Special Education Director, Dr. Rebekah Ruswick. "Co-teaching not only opened new possibilities for our students with exceptional needs but has also promoted diversity, equity and inclusion in our classrooms in a real way. Our students are encouraged to accept, empathize and appreciate individuality among their peers. It's an effort we are all proud to be a part of and grow for the years to come."

The California School Boards Association is a non-profit education association representing the elected officials who govern public school districts. With a membership of nearly 1,000 educational agencies statewide, CSBA brings together school district governing boards to advocate for effective policies that advance the education and well-being of the state's more than 6 million school-age children.

The Golden Bell Award program honors exemplary organizations in 21 major categories that highlight the best practices to support effective governance, teaching and student learning. Educational experts from school districts and county offices of education comprise the 54-member judging panel that reviews all written award entries. On-site visitations are also utilized to validate and assess the nominated programs to determine the winners.

## POET'S CORNER

### "It was beginning winter" Part V of "The Lost Son"

It was beginning winter,  
An in-between time,  
The landscape still partly brown:  
The bones of weeds kept swinging in the wind,  
Above the blue snow.

It was beginning winter,  
The light moved slowly over the frozen field,  
Over the dry seed crowns,  
The beautiful surviving bones  
Swinging in the wind.

Light traveled over the wide field;  
Stayed.  
The weeds stopped swinging.  
The mind moved, not alone,  
Through the clear air, in the silence.

Was it light?  
Was it light within?  
Was it light within light?  
Stillness becoming alive,  
Yet still?


A lively understandable spirit  
Once entertained you.  
It will come again.  
Be still.  
Wait.

Theodore Roethke, Collected Poems, Doubleday 1966

"You will have no trouble," said Roethke, "if you approach these poems as a child would, naively, with your whole being awake, your faculties loose and alert." *The Lost Son is part of a slow spiritual progress. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*



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## DOWNEY COLLECTIVE CALENDAR

**March 23rd**

**STONEWOOD MALL**  
**DOWNEY, CA**  
**11AM-3PM**



**April 13th**

**FRONT STREET**  
**NORWALK, CA**  
**2PM-7PM**



**May 4th**

**BROOKSHIRE AVE.**  
**DOWNEY, CA**  
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