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## City revokes hookah lounge's live entertainment permit

**PUBLIC NUISANCE:** Police have responded to the hookah lounge 18 times since November 2016.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer



Excessive police calls and building violations prompted the Planning Commission to alter Mosaik Hookah Lounge's conditional use permit. Photo by Alex Dominguez

**DOWNEY** – A downtown hookah lounge will have to severely adjust its operation after the Downey Planning Commission last week made several changes to its conditional use permit.

Changes at Mosaik Hookah Lounge, located at 11029 Downey Ave., include the removal of live entertainment, the exclusion of customers under the age of 21, and the prohibition of loitering outside the business, with the exception of a queue along Downey Avenue for entry.

The Planning Commission also rolled back the hookah lounge's hours of operations. It now must close by midnight when it previously stayed open as late as 4 a.m.

According to the agenda item, representatives from police, fire, planning, and the city prosecutor's office met with Adnan Saab, owner of Mosaik Hookah Lounge, in September to discuss recent incidents that have happened at or as a result of the lounge.

Saab is a distant third cousin of Downey councilmember Alex Saab.

Downey Police have been called to the hookah lounge 18 times since Nov. 13, 2016, for a variety of complaints, including arguments, yelling, fighting, theft, and drinking in public. Many of the incidents occurred after midnight.

The meeting with Adnan Saab included a new site inspection of the hookah lounge in which several violations of the business's conditional use permit were found,

including modified floor plans that had not been approved by the city, live entertainment during hours not permitted, dancing, and the lack of a security plan submitted to Downey Police.

The fire department also found numerous fire and building code violations.

Some of these violations have already been addressed and the hookah lounge has until Jan. 4 to comply with the fire department's lists of corrections, officials said.

## Downey restaurant grades

**El Rey Quick Stop**  
13000 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/20/17  
Grade: **A**

**Pizza Man**  
8720 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 12/20/17  
Grade: **A**

**Potato Corner**  
407 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 12/15/17  
Grade: **A**

**Sbarro**  
131 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 12/15/17  
Grade: **A**

**Charley's Philly Steak**  
110 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 12/15/17  
Grade: **A**

**Baby Bros Pizza**  
9641 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/14/17  
Grade: **A**

**Sunland Donuts**  
7375 Stewart & Gray Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/17  
Grade: **A**

**Red Iron Mongolian BBQ**  
251 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/17  
Grade: **A**

**El Chilito Restaurant**  
12812 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/17  
Grade: **A**

**Las Champas No. 13**  
11851 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/17  
Grade: **A**

**Tamales Guadalajara**  
9134 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/17  
Grade: **A**

**El Chymal**  
10815 Studebaker Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/17  
Grade: **A**

**Nelly's Mexican Food**  
10811 Studebaker Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/17  
Grade: **A**

**El Tequilense**  
9126 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/17  
Grade: **A**

**Carl's Jr**  
9002 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Golden Bakers**  
9444 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Anatel Liquor**  
9414 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Junction**  
9370 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Southern Calif. Gas Co.**  
9240 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Alpha Energy**  
9706 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 80° ☀

Saturday 73° ☀

Sunday 70° ☁

## THINGS TO DO



**80's New Year's Eve**  
Sunday - New Wave Bar in Bellflower, 8 pm

Ring in the New Year while dancing to the best music from the 1980s. \$10 admission sold online.



**80's vs. Spanish rock**  
Sunday - Hully Gully, 9 pm

Two rooms and two dance floors playing 80s music and Spanish rock. \$10 admission sold online.



**George Lopez**  
Saturday - Microsoft Theatre, 8 pm

The raunchy comedian performs new material intended for mature audiences only. \$39.50 and up



**NYE at the Aquarium**  
Sunday - Aquarium of the Pacific, 8 pm

Ring in 2018 with the animals at Aquarium of the Pacific. Plus live music, contortionists, acrobats, drinks and food. \$25, 18+



**The Blasters**  
Sunday - Maui Sugar Mill Saloon in Tarzana, 9 pm

Downey rock band The Blasters will welcome 2018 with a live show alongside The Rocketz. \$25

## TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@DowneyPolice: Merry Christmas from the night crew! We will be working tonight to keep the Grinch away.

@ItsEmely: Downey 2017 Year in Review magazine includes the inaugural "40 under 40." So exciting to be featured in this right alongside my best friend and so many other incredible people who are accomplishing big things in our community!

Follow us! @DowneyPatriot

**JANUARY 20**  
Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up  
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20  
TIME: 9 am  
LOCATION: 12152 Woodruff Ave.

**Downey Symphony**  
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20  
TIME: 8 pm  
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

**JANUARY 27**  
Astronaut Commemoration  
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27  
TIME: 10 am to 5 pm  
LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center

**Parks & Recreation job fair**  
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27  
TIME: 12-4:30 pm  
LOCATION: Barbara J. Riley Community Center

**Blood, Sweat & Tears ft. Bo Bice**  
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27  
TIME: 8 pm  
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

**JANUARY 28**  
The Dance Co: Planet Dance  
DATE: Sunday, Jan. 28  
TIME: 2 pm  
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

**FEBRUARY 3**  
John Tesh  
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 3  
TIME: 8 pm  
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

**FEBRUARY 24**  
Healthy Downey 5K  
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24  
TIME: 7:30 am  
LOCATION: Apollo Park

**Smart Gardening workshop**  
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24  
TIME: 9:30 am  
LOCATION: Wilderness Park

**MARCH 10**  
Era of a King: Elvis Presley tribute show  
DATE: Saturday, March 10  
TIME: 7 pm  
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

**MARCH 17**  
Arc Walk  
DATE: Saturday, March 17  
TIME: 7:30 am  
LOCATION: Stonewood Center

**MARCH 18**  
Treasure Island  
DATE: Sunday, March 18  
TIME: 6 pm  
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

**MARCH 24**  
Carnival of Champions  
DATE: Saturday, March 24  
TIME: 9 am  
LOCATION: Warren High

**Brunch with the Bunny**  
DATE: Saturday, March 24  
TIME: 9:30 am  
LOCATION: Golden Park

**MARCH 30**  
'Animaniacs live  
DATE: Friday, March 30  
TIME: 6 pm  
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

**APRIL 22**  
Sara Evans in concert  
DATE: Sunday, April 22  
TIME: 8 pm  
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

## New California laws going into effect in 2018

**2018 LAWS:** Among the new laws are greater oversight over unprocessed rape kits and tighter gun control.

**SACRAMENTO** – Several new laws are slated to go into effect Jan. 1, 2018, including several aimed at protecting drivers and employees.

Here's a look at some of the most notable pieces of legislation:

**AB 1008: Criminal history:** Prohibits employers from inquiring about or considering a job applicant's criminal record prior to a conditional offer of employment.

**AB 168: Salary history:** Prohibits employers from asking job applicants for previous salary history.

**SB 3: Minimum wage increase:** Raises minimum wage from \$10.50 to \$11/hour for employees of businesses with 26+ employees and from \$10 to \$10.50 for employees of businesses with 25 or fewer employees

**Proposition 64: Marijuana Legalization:** Under California's legalization of recreational marijuana approved by voters in 2016, adults 21 and older can buy marijuana for recreational use from a licensed dispensary starting Jan. 1, 2018. The state is now issuing commercial licenses for cannabis cultivation, manufacture, testing labs, distribution and retail sale.

**SB 65: Marijuana — Ingesting while driving:** Bans smoking or ingesting marijuana while driving or riding in a car, just like alcohol.

**SB 250: School lunch:** Requires schools to make meals available to needy kids, even if their fees have not been paid.

**AB 273: Subsidized child care:** Makes parents who are taking English as a Second Language, GED and High School Equivalency classes eligible for subsidized child care.

**AB 908: Paid family leave:** Increases the level and duration of benefits provided in the Paid Family Leave (PFL) and State

Disability (SDI) insurance programs.

**SB 63: Job-protected family leave:** Expands job-protected new parent leave to workers at businesses with 20+ employees (previously was 50+).

**AB 10: Tampons in schools:** Requires schools serving students in grades 6-12 with at least 40 percent of students living in poverty to stock bathrooms with tampons and other feminine hygiene products.

**SB 27: Livestock — Use of antimicrobial drugs:** Prohibits routine use of antibiotics on livestock in California. Livestock managers can only use antibiotics if they've got a prescription from a veterinarian.

**State Budget: Dental benefits for Medi-Cal:** The 2017-18 state budget restores full dental benefits to adult Medi-Cal patients effective January 1, 2018.

**AB 1127: Diaper changing stations:** Requires that at least one restroom diaper changing station be accessible to both women and men in newly-constructed or renovated state and local government buildings, large retail and entertainment venues, and restaurants that hold at least 60 people.

**SB 219: "LGBT Seniors Bill of Rights":** Gives legal protections to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender seniors living in long-term care facilities.

**SB 442: Swimming pool safety:** Requires residential swimming pools to adhere to new safety standards and additional inspections.

**Proposition 63: Guns — Ammunition sales:** Regulates ammunition sales and transfers by requiring they be conducted through a licensed ammunition vendor; bans importing ammunition bought outside California without first shipping it to a licensed vendor

**AB 7: Guns — Open carry:** Applies an existing statewide ban on openly-carrying long guns to

unincorporated areas

**AB 785: Guns — Hate crimes:** Prevents those convicted of hate crimes from owning a firearm for 10 years

**AB 424: Guns — School grounds:** Bans firearms on school grounds, removing the ability of school officials to grant exemptions

**AB 390: Pedestrian crossing signals:** Allows pedestrian to enter crosswalk after "DON'T WALK" sign begins flashing if there's a countdown timer, and if pedestrian completes crossing in time. Previously, it was a crime to even enter a crosswalk when "DON'T WALK" is flashing.

**AB 41: Rape kits — Rules for law enforcement:** Requires law enforcement agencies to count, preserve and report on the reasons for unprocessed rape kits.

**AB 1312: Rape kits — Survivors' rights:** Expands survivors' rights to notice about the location and status of their rape kits, and prevents the destruction of rape kits for at least 20 years.

**AB 295: Sky diving:** Makes it illegal to sky-dive while intoxicated.

**SB 1: Transportation funding:** The same law that raised gas and diesel taxes effective Nov. 1 also raises vehicle fees for drivers registering (or renewing registrations for) their vehicles starting Jan. 1.

**AB 1625: Meter parking:** Allows parking at inoperable parking meters. However, local jurisdictions can restrict the amount of time a vehicle can be parked at inoperable meters to four hours, so long as there are signs notifying the driver.

**SB 2: Affordable housing:** Adds a fee of \$75 to \$225 on real estate transactions. It is expected to generate up to \$300 million annually for affordable housing projects, programs that assist homeless people and long-range development planning.

## Bosco offensive coordinator leaves for Mission Viejo

**BELLFLOWER** – Chad Johnson, offensive coordinator for St. John Bosco High School's juggernaut football team, is leaving the school to become head coach at Mission Viejo High School.

Bosco principal Dr. Christian De Larkin made the announcement in a prepared statement:



"We are grateful for Chad's dedication to his students as an Offensive Coordinator, Strength and Conditioning Coordinator, and Teacher. He is a brilliant football mind and worked well with Head Football Coach Jason Negro and our entire coaching staff.

"Over the past seven years, they have worked together to revitalize our football program and earned four Trinity League championships, two CIF titles, two state championships and one national championship. Coach Johnson is now ready to grow in his career and we fully support his move.

"We thank Chad and his family for his service to Bosco, and we are confident he will be successful as Head Football Coach at Mission Viejo. Please join me in congratulating him on his new role.

"Our young and talented football team is hungry to grow and compete for a National championship in 2018, and we are excited for the opportunity to welcome a new Offensive Coordinator to work with them.

"We want our community to rest assured that Coach Negro and the St. John Bosco administration have begun the search and expect to announce the decision in early spring."

## Leonard Payne earns scholarship to play football at Fresno State

**FOOTBALL:** The defensive lineman from St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy recorded 79 tackles this season.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy football team finished their season with an overall record of 3-7 and an Academy League record of 0-3. The Warriors did not qualify for the C.I.F. Division 13 playoffs.

Leonard Payne, a 6'3 and 225-lb. defensive lineman, stood out on the field and dominated all nine games he played in for the Warriors this season.

Here are some defensive stats on Payne. He recorded 79 total tackles, 57 of which were solo and 22 assisted. He averaged 8.8 tackles per game and had a total of eight sacks on the season. Payne forced six fumbles and recovered two of them.

For his efforts, Payne received a scholarship to play football for head coach Jeff Tedford at Fresno State. Payne has only played one season for SPXSMA and has Division One talent.

In watching his highlights, Payne played as a man amongst boys. His game tapes consistently show him in the offensive backfield disrupting plays. Many of his tackles resulted in opposing players being tossed to the ground with little effort. Several tackles for losses are seen with opposing players getting up slowly due to Payne's brute strength.

One video clip showed a quarterback not even make an attempt to go after a bad snap because Payne was going after the ball too. Payne scored a touchdown on the play and the quarterback in question is seen running in a different direction.

Payne was also on the SPXSMA basketball team where he averaged 3 points and 3.8 rebounds in four games. Payne is no longer playing basketball due to his commitment to Fresno State.

Leonard Payne is certainly a special student-athlete and his future is bright.

**WARREN BOYS BASKETBALL:** The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 6-4 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Lynwood on 1/10.

The Bears recently competed in the Artesia Winter Classic 12/4-9 where they finished with a record of 3-1.

Warren was defeated by Marina 55-53 in their first game on 12/4, defeated Compton Centennial 74-64 in their second game on 12/5, defeated South Gate 63-41 in their third game on 12/7 and defeated Artesia 52-49 in their fourth and final game on 12/9.

The Bears defeated Torrance 62-52 at Torrance on 12/19 and were scheduled to play Viewpoint on Wednesday in their first game of the Holiday Hoops Classic Tournament (score unavailable at press time).

Warren played Twentynine Palms yesterday, will play Salesian later today and will play a to be determined opponent tomorrow. The Bears are scheduled to play CAMS in their final preseason game on 1/5. Coach Leflore, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play.

The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 5-5 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Lynwood at Warren on 1/10. The Lady Bears recently competed in the Nike TOC 12/19-22 where they finished with a record of 1-3.

The Lady Bears were defeated by Memorial of Texas 38-34 in their first game on 12/19, defeated Morgan of Utah 48-44 in their second game on 12/20,



Leonard Payne of St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy will attend Fresno State on a football scholarship. Courtesy photo

were defeated by St. Francis of Sacramento 51-39 in their third game on 12/21 and were defeated by Lehi of Utah 42-34 in their fourth and final game on 12/22.

Warren was defeated by Tustin 57-43 on 12/26 in their first game of the Larry Dole/Dan Wiley Holiday Tournament. The Lady Bears are scheduled to play Orange Lutheran at Warren on 1/3 and at El Rancho in their final preseason game on 1/5.

**DOWNEY WRESTLING:** The Downey High School wrestling team hosted the Downey Championship Wrestling Tournament Dec. 15-16 inside the Donna Boose Gymnasium. The Vikings placed second overall with 204.5 points and had 10 wrestlers place in the top eight of their respective weight classes.

Coachella Valley was the tournament champion and finished with 222.5 points, Long Beach Millikan finished third with 183.5 points, Beaumont finished fourth with 156 points and Golden Valley finished fifth with 144 points to round out the top five finishers. More than 20 teams wrestled in the two-day tournament and several Master's Meet and State Qualifiers competed in various weight classes.

Downey's Jonathan Prata finished first at 113 pounds and Moses Rubio finished fifth, also at 113 pounds. Dylan Ajtun finished third at 120 pounds and Isaac Medina finished sixth, also at 120 pounds. Roland Dominguez finished first at 126 pounds and Matthew Morales finished second at 132 pounds.

Angel Gonzalez finished sixth at 138 pounds and Sergio Smith finished fourth at 145 pounds. Alex Hernandez finished sixth at 160 pounds and Matthew Ruano finished sixth at 171 pounds. Adrian Guerra finished second at 220 pounds, Elias Velasco finished fifth at 285 pounds and Nykolas Andrade finished seventh, also at 285 pounds.

Coach Soto his proud of how well his wrestlers competed at the Downey Championship Wrestling

Tournament and is looking forward to the start of league competition. The Vikings will once again be the team to beat in the San Gabriel Valley League.

**DOWNEY BOYS BASKETBALL:** The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 5-4 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Paramount at Downey on 1/10.

The Vikings recently competed in the Bellflower Buc Pride Classic Tournament Dec. 11-16 where they finished with a record of 1-3.

Downey defeated South Torrance 62-46 in their first game on 12/11, was defeated by Los Altos of Hacienda Heights 66-52 in their second game on 12/13, was defeated by Bishop Amat 62-50 in their third game on 12/15 and was defeated by Long Beach Millikan 63-56 in their fourth and final game on 12/16.

Downey defeated La Serna 71-63 in overtime on 12/23 and was scheduled to play Temecula Valley in their first game of the Holiday Hoops Classic Tournament on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time). The Vikings are also scheduled to play Cerritos at Staples Center on 1/2, at Marina on 1/3 and Murrieta Mesa at Downey on 1/6 in their final preseason game. Coach Shelton, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play.

The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 9-1 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Paramount at Downey on 1/10. The Lady Vikings defeated Legacy of South Gate at Legacy 53-39 on 12/14.

The Lady Vikings played Mays of Atlanta, Georgia in the Holiday Hoops Classic on Wednesday, played Cathedral Classic of San Diego yesterday (scores unavailable at press time) and will play San Marcos later today. Downey is also scheduled to play Woodbridge at Downey on 1/5 and La Canada at La Canada on 1/6 in their final preseason game.

## Long Beach Poly coach resigns

**LONG BEACH** – Long Beach Poly head football coach Antonio Pierce has resigned after he was reportedly offered a college coaching job.

Herm Edwards, who became the new head coach at Arizona State three weeks ago, reportedly offered Pierce a job as linebackers coach.

"Long Beach Poly would like to thank coach Antonio Pierce for his four years of leadership, hard work and dedication to Long Beach Poly High School's football program," Poly boys Athletic Director Rob Shock wrote in a statement. "We wish coach the best of luck moving forward."

Pierce took over Poly's football program from Raul Lara, who now coaches at Warren High.

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**January 1:**  
► Nevada's ballot initiative legalizing recreational marijuana goes into effect.

**January 6:**  
► The United States Intelligence Community releases a declassified version of its investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election. The report asserts that Russia carried out a massive cyber operation on orders from President Vladimir Putin to influence the election in favor of Donald Trump in a multipronged attack consisting of hacking the Democratic National Committee and use of social media and Internet trolls to spread misinformation.  
► A gunman opens fire at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Broward County, Florida, killing five people.

**January 13:**  
► The Justice Department concludes its 13-month investigation into the Chicago Police Department and finds that the department regularly violated citizens' civil rights through the use of excessive force, particularly toward African-American and Latino individuals.

**January 17:**  
► Three days before leaving office, President Obama commutes Chelsea Manning's sentence for leaking documents to Wikileaks.

**January 19:**  
► Mexican drug kingpin El Chapo is extradited to the United States to await trial.

**January 20:**  
► Donald Trump succeeds Barack Obama as the 45th President of the United States.

**January 21:**  
► 2.9 million people attend the Women's March in opposition to the inauguration of Donald Trump, making it the single biggest protest in U.S. history.

**January 24:**  
► President Trump signs a series of presidential memorandums allowing the federal government to move forward with the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline and Keystone XL pipeline.

**January 25:**  
► President Trump signs a set of executive orders directing the US Department of Homeland Security to use existing funds to begin construction on a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

**January 27:**  
► President Trump signs an executive order banning the entry of refugees of the Syrian Civil War into the United States indefinitely, and banning the entry of all nationals, regardless of visa status, of Iran, Iraq, Syria,

Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen to the US for 90 days. The order prompts international criticism, a lawsuit from the American Civil Liberties Union, the detainment of legal Muslim travelers at several international airports, and Iran announcing a ban on entry of US citizens into the country until the ban is lifted.

**February 5:**  
► In Super Bowl LI, the New England Patriots defeat the Atlanta Falcons 34-28.

**February 7:**  
► Betsy DeVos is confirmed as the new US Secretary of Education by the United States Senate in a 51-50 vote, with Vice President Mike Pence casting the tiebreaker vote.

**February 26:**  
► "Moonlight" wins Best Picture at the 89th Academy Awards. Additionally, Damien Chazelle wins Best Director and Emma Stone wins Best Actress for "La La Land," and Casey Affleck wins Best Actor for "Manchester by the Sea."

**March 18:**  
► Rock and roll pioneer Chuck Berry dies at the age of 90.

**March 30:**  
► SpaceX conducts the world's first reflight of an orbital class rocket.

**April 9:**  
► David Dao, an Asian physician, is physically assaulted and dragged off a United Airlines flight from Chicago to Louisville by police, prompting worldwide reaction.

**April 19:**  
► Aaron Hernandez dies after hanging himself in prison.

► Television host and author Bill O'Reilly is fired from Fox News following accusations of sexual harassment.

**April 24:**  
► Workers in New Orleans began to remove four monuments

dedicated to the Confederacy era in New Orleans.

**May 9:**  
► FBI chief James Comey is fired by Trump for mishandling of the Hillary Clinton email controversy.

**May 17:**  
► Chelsea Manning is freed after serving seven years of her 35-year sentence for leaking diplomatic cables and military files to Wikileaks.

**May 18:**  
► An 18-year-old woman is killed and 22 other people injured after a car plows into pedestrians at Times Square in New York. The driver, a 26-year-old American and former U.S. Navy member, is arrested.

► A 1982 painting, Untitled, by the late Jean-Michel Basquiat, sells for \$110 million at Sotheby's, becoming the most expensive work by an American artist ever sold at an auction.

**May 21:**  
► Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus stages the final show in its 146-year history.

**May 28:**  
► Takuma Sato wins the 101st Indianapolis 500, becoming the first Japanese driver to win the event.

**June 1:**  
► President Trump announces his intentions to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord.

**June 11:**  
► The Pittsburgh Penguins defeat the Nashville Predators in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Finals to win the series 4-2

**June 12:**  
► The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds a decision blocking President Trump's revised travel ban on people from six mainly Muslim nations.

► The Golden State Warriors defeat the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 5 of the NBA Finals to win the series 4-1.

**June 14:**  
► House of Representatives Majority Whip Steve Scalise and his aides are hit by gunfire during a baseball practice in Virginia. The shooter is killed by a security detail.

► It is reported that special counsel Robert Mueller is investigating President Trump for possible obstruction of justice.

**June 19:**  
► Otto Warmbier, an American student detained in North Korea, dies after suffering from what is believed to be a cardiopulmonary event.

**July 21:**  
► White House press secretary Sean Spicer resigns in protest at the appointment of communications director Anthony Scaramucci.

**July 24:**  
► President Trump sparks controversy after giving a highly politicized speech to approximately 35,000 Boy Scouts at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree.

**July 26:**  
► The President tweets that transgender people cannot serve in "any capacity" in the US military.

► The United States men's national soccer team defeats Jamaica 2-1 in the final to win the 2017 CONCACAF Gold Cup title.

**July 27:**  
► A third attempt to repeal Obamacare fails after it is voted down by 51 votes to 49. Three Republicans – John McCain, Susan Collins and Lisa Murkowski – vote against the bill.

**August 12:**  
► A gathering of alt-right, white nationalist, neo-Nazi, and neo-Confederate groups protesting

the removal of the Robert Edward Lee Sculpture and other Confederate monuments and memorials from public spaces, is held in Charlottesville, Virginia. Violent clashes break out between attendees and counter-protesters; 32-year-old Heather Heyer is killed and many others are injured when a car ploughs into a group of people; and two Virginia State Police troopers are killed when their surveillance helicopter crashes, prompting Governor Terry McAuliffe to declare a state of emergency.

**August 18:**  
► Steve Bannon is fired from his positions as the White House Chief Strategist and Senior Counselor to the President.

**August 21:**  
► A total solar eclipse takes place. It is the first total solar eclipse of the 21st century for the United States, the first visible from the continental U.S. since February 26, 1979, and the first to span the entire continental U.S. since June 8, 1918.

**August 24:**  
► A woman from Chicopee, Massachusetts wins \$758.7 million—the largest jackpot in North American history—in the Powerball lottery.

**August 25:**  
► Hurricane Harvey, a category 4 tropical cyclone, makes landfall in Texas. The hurricane is predicted to be the worst to strike Texas in 12 years.

**August 26:**  
► Floyd Mayweather Jr defeats Conor McGregor in the 10th round at "The Money Fight" boxing match in Las Vegas.

**August 27:**  
► Katy Perry hosts the 2017 MTV Video Music Awards at The Forum in Inglewood. Rapper Kendrick Lamar is the night's biggest winner, walking away with six awards.

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# Downey's Rose Parade float enters home stretch



Photo by Alex Dominguez

**ROSE FLOAT:** Downey's entry in Monday's Rose Parade will feature 14,000 roses.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – With Jan. 1 quickly approaching at the start of next week, the Downey Rose Float

Association has entered the home stretch of float preparation.

Nestled within the Rancho Los Amigos south campus, Rose Float volunteers and community members are hard at work to put the finishing touches on next year's Rose Parade entry.

"Making a Difference" is the theme of the parade, and the theme of our float is "Working Together," said Kelley Roberts, construction chairman at DRFA.

"Working Together" will showcase two peace doves and an 11 foot 6-inch-tall, 11 foot 5-inch-wide rotating globe. The float itself spans 42 1/2 feet-long, 18 feet-wide, and 15 feet 2 inches tall.

The float will also feature Miss Downey Julie Ledesma and her royal court.

While this float is smaller in comparison to prior entries by Downey, it isn't necessarily a bad thing. DRFA Art Director Jeff Shadic, who presented the original concept for the float, says that the DRFA

"wanted to relax a bit this year."

This float also leans away from more "cartoony" features, favoring elements that DRFA is known to be good at.

"We excel at architectural elements," said Shadic. "We're playing to our strengths."

At the time of writing, Roberts says that the float is behind schedule and hopefully will be caught up within the next day and a half. Floral Director Jason Redfox isn't worried though.

"Most likely by [Thursday] afternoon we will be full-on decorating this float," said Redfox. "That being said, we feel that this float is going to decorate pretty quick. We're hoping that even though right now it looks like we're not done, a couple of days from now we're going to be in good shape."

That decorating process will include 14,000 roses and a "couple thousand orchids," according to Redfox.

"I would say 80 percent of the flowers used on this float are roses," said Redfox. "To put it in perspective, last year with a larger float... we had about 7,000 roses. We're doubling the roses, but this year's float is 13 feet shorter and 10 feet not as tall."

Tying into the parade and float theme, the DRFA Relay for Life Team is selling \$1 pink ribbons for every pink rose on the float. Part of those proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life.

Downey's float will roll down Colorado Boulevard and onto television screens when the 129th Tournament Roses Parade airs Monday at 8 a.m.

The float will return to Downey on Jan. 2 and remain on display in front of the Embassy Suites until Jan 4.

## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I recently addressed a class of 6th graders on the topics of germs and hygiene. As you can imagine, we spent much of the time discussing the importance of hand washing, which in turn led to the subjects of soap, water, and antibacterial cleaners. What's new in the scientific literature?



Hygiene plays a significant role in how frequently we get sick. The data is rather depressing regarding hand washing after using a public toilet.

Studies show that women are better at it than are men: roughly 62% of women wash after using the bathroom, while only 40% of men do. Even worse, only 5% of all people wash correctly. I'll get back to that.

A recent study out of the University of Maryland looked at hand sanitizers vs. soap and water. The hands of participants were deliberately exposed to E. coli. Then, one of the following was used for cleansing: alcohol-based hand sanitizer, non-alcohol based hand sanitizer, plain bar soap, or liquid antibacterial soap. Twenty seconds were counted out for each washing (note that most people spend five seconds with their hands underwater – if they wash at all).

The results? Alcohol-based hand sanitizers worked better than those without alcohol. Antibacterial soap worked only slightly better than regular soap. Washing with soap and water is the first choice, however, especially if the dirt on your hands is visible.

Sanitizers do not actually remove the dirt. However, hand sanitizers are indeed more effective than soap and water in eliminating germs.

The bottom line is that technique is actually more important than which product is used.

Just to make it more complex, however, note that the "overuse" of hand sanitizers and antibacterial soap is not a good thing, as not all germs are bad - many are protective. The overuse of antibacterial products can encourage bacterial resistance, making it more difficult to fight the harmful germs when we really need to.

To properly wash hands with soap and water:

- Wet the hands with running water (the temperature makes little difference), and add soap.
- Rub the hands together, making a soapy lather. Wash the fronts and backs of the hands, between the fingers, under the nails, and around the wrists \*for at least 20 seconds (the "ABC" song, or two rounds of "Happy Birthday").
- Rinse the hands well under running water.
- Dry the hands thoroughly with a clean towel or air dryer.
- Turn off the water with a clean paper towel or an elbow.

Soap and water are not always available or convenient. To properly use hand sanitizers:

- Apply the hand sanitizer to the palm of one hand
- Rub the hands together, spreading it over all surfaces of the hands and fingers until dry.

Always wash hands before preparing food or eating, treating wounds, dispensing medicine, caring for a sick person, inserting contact lenses, or touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Wash your hands after using the toilet, preparing food (particularly raw meats), changing a diaper, touching an animal, blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing into your hands, treating wounds or caring for the sick, handling garbage, household or garden chemicals, handling dirty towels, or shaking hands with others.

My talk to the 6th grade class was a good reminder to me and to the parents in attendance, as well as to my target audience. Germs are all around us. Some of the germs can cause illness. Please pay attention to your cleansing routine.

Until your hands are truly clean, keep them away from your eyes, nose and mouth...and from everyone else.

**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.**

## Shared Stories: For Display Only

Yolanda Adele's short story packs a punch. She shares a hard lesson learned about items on display at Christmas time. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns.

As soon as we got off the streetcar I felt and smelled the fresh mist in the air mingled with the scent of cinnamon churros, my favorite fried sweet bread sticks, coming from a vender's cart. I didn't dare ask Mama to buy one for me. I was going to try to be on my best behavior for Mama, and that meant being seen, but not heard.

The multi-color Christmas lights from the decorated street lamps reflected in the small puddles of rain water in front of the store. It looked utterly magical to me.

We walked in and passed the main lobby where the sound of Jingle Bells played loudly and where Santa was sitting waiting

for me! I was filled with the kind of excitement that must come when you are in the first car of a roller-coaster about to plunge at bullet speed towards the ground.

We were at the mundane alliance department for what seemed eons. I grew impatient. I made several trips to the drinking fountain. Eventually, I had to go "potty."

Mama was so enveloped by the prospect of owning a new wringer washing machine that she turned a deaf ear to my pleas to "go". I was afraid to have an "accident" and have my Mama take me home without seeing Santa.

Just when I thought I found a solution, an irate salesman approached my mother and asked in a loud voice, "Is that your child on the floor model commode?" He didn't give

Mama a chance to answer.

"If so," he continued, "remove her at once and explain to her that that latrine is for display, ONLY! We have sanitation laws you know!"

With that said, he handed my red-faced mother a box of tissues. She cleaned me and the commode the best she could. In a hurry! We fled out of the store and across the street to the Piggy-Wiggly Café to use their bathroom and get cleaned up.

Mama let it be known to anyone within shouting distance that I was not going to see Santa anytime soon. On that day I learned what "Display Only" is NOT for.

I finally got to see Santa in person - on my eighth Christmas.

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# Help for struggling millionaires is on the way

By Chuck Collins

It isn't easy being a millionaire these days, especially if you've got less than \$20 million. Fortunately, Congress is watching out for you.

Yes, the Republican tax cut bonanza targets lower end millionaires for special relief. Now those struggling to scrape by with \$15 million or \$20 million can breathe more easily. And even lowly billionaires will be able to keep more of their wealth.

Why? Because Congress just increased the amount of wealth exempted by the estate tax, our nation's only levy on inherited wealth.

In the bad old days, a family had to have \$11 million in wealth before they were subject to the tax. This exempted the 99.8 percent of undisciplined taxpayers who, in the words of Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley, had squandered their wealth on "booze, women, and movies."

Now no family with less than \$22 million will pay it (or individuals with less than \$10.9 million). This gift to "grateful heirs" will cost \$83 billion over the next decade.

Gutting the estate tax is a bad idea — it raises substantial revenue from those with the greatest capacity to pay. Even in a weakened state, it would have raised over \$260 billion over the next decade.

The estate tax was established a century ago during the first Gilded Age, a period of grotesque inequality. Champions of establishing a tax on inherited wealth included President Theodore Roosevelt and industrialist Andrew Carnegie, who viewed it as a brake on the concentration of wealth and power.

Modern Republicans, however, paint the tyrannical "death tax" as an unfair penalty on small businesses and family farmers. But that's a myth.

The most vocal champion of estate tax repeal is Rep. Kristi Noem, a South Dakota Republican who became the GOP poster child for farmers touched by the estate tax. House Speaker Paul Ryan appointed her on the tax conference committee to advocate for estate tax repeal because of her compelling story.

Noem says her family was subject to the tax after her father died in a farm accident in 1994, a story she repeats constantly.

The only problem, as journalists recently discovered, is that her family paid the tax only because of a fluke in South Dakota law that was changed in 1995. Her experience has little to do with the federal estate tax, which has been substantially scaled down in recent decades.

And while Noem was complaining about government taxes, the family ranch has collected over \$3.7 million in taxpayer funded farm subsidies since 1995.

Noem attacked the reporting as "fake news," even though it was based on legal documents she filed herself.

The reality is that the small number of estate tax beneficiaries aren't farmers at all. They're mostly wealthy city dwellers.

Still, the fact that the estate tax lives on creates an opportunity to make it better.

Lawmakers should institute a graduated rate structure, so that billionaires pay a higher estate tax rate than families with a "mere" \$22 million. And loopholes should be closed so they can't pay wealth managers to hide their wealth in complicated trusts and offshore tax havens.

Estate tax revenue could be dedicated to something that clearly expands opportunity for everyone else.

Bill Gates Sr. argues that the estate tax should fund "a GI bill for the next generation." In exchange for military and community service, young adults should be able to get substantial tuition assistance for higher education or vocational training, paid for by a progressive estate tax.

If Congress were concerned about the middle class, that's the kind of proposal that would become the law of the land.

**Chuck Collins directs the Program on Inequality and the Common Good at the Institute for Policy Studies. He's the author of the recent book "Born on Third Base."**

# Legislative changes make sex dangerous

By Jerome Horton

Having sex with a person with the specific intent of infecting them with the HIV/AIDS virus is a felony punishable by imprisonment for 3, 5, or 8 years.

At least that was the case until this year, when the California legislature reduced the penalty for intentionally exposing someone to HIV without telling them, or for deliberately donating blood contaminated with the HIV/AIDS virus, from a felony to a misdemeanor punishable by county jail time of not more than 6 months.

However, under California Penal Code Section 502(c) a person can be fined up to \$10,000 and/or sentenced to state prison for up to three years for intentionally contaminating a computer with a virus. Go figure!

As recently as 2015, California was 2nd in the U.S. in annual HIV infections, according to the California Department of Public Health. Thankfully, California is making progress in its fight against HIV and AIDS and the number of new infections is declining.

Equally significant, every drop of blood donated in the United States (U.S.) since 1985 has been tested for HIV, according to the American Red Cross. The last known case of someone contracting HIV from a blood transfusion in the U.S. was in 2008, according to the Center for Disease and Control Prevention.

Studies show that decriminalizing the act of intentionally donating HIV-infected blood may actually increase the occurrence. According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the success in reducing the incidence of donated blood being infected with HIV is attributable in part to the ban on collecting blood from certain people.

Further, according to FDA, there would be greater risk involved with relying solely on the testing system to prevent transmission, suggesting that without the donor ban an additional 31 units of HIV infected blood would slip past the screening annually, potentially exposing as many as

54 people.

Supporters of the legislation have argued the opposite: that criminalizing the act of intentionally, deliberately, and purposefully donating infected blood would increase the risk of the infection through donated blood. The primary concern about HIV-positive blood entering the donor system is the lag between when a person becomes infected and when the infection is detectable, which is what scientists refer to as the "window period."

Proponents of the legislation also suggest that as of 2017, laws that criminalize infecting someone with HIV are not based on modern scientific data, as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that those persons who are treating the virus with medication decrease their chance of transmitting the virus by over 95%.

According to the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the U.S. has a concentrated HIV epidemic, primarily among men who have sex with men (MSM) and injection drug users, and it has greatly affected the economically disadvantaged in many urban areas. Equally impactful, the cost of HIV/AIDS medication can range from \$2,000 to \$5,000, which is especially challenging for poor to middle-income Californians.

Thus, the reason many argue that this legislation is inherently discriminatory is because if a person intentionally, purposely, and deliberately infects a low- to middle-income person who cannot afford the cost of the medicine, the victim will effectively get a death sentence while the perpetrator of the crime only gets up to six months in jail without required restitution.

This article is dedicated to my surrogate brother, Tony, who died from the AIDS virus.

**Jerome Horton is a member of the California State Board of Equalization representing District 3, which encompasses Downey.**

# Tips should go to workers, not their bosses

By Negin Owliaei

Thea Bryan is a single mother putting herself through graduate school. She spends her days at an unpaid internship for her social work program. At nights, she bartends for tips.

Sometimes, the pay is lucrative. But around October, her work — and money — started to lag. "When business is slow, as it has been for me lately, I don't get paid. The managers get paid, the kitchen staff gets paid, the dishwasher gets paid. I don't," Bryan said.

The Department of Labor could make things much worse for Bryan. Under a proposed new rule, she might have to hand her tips over to her bosses.

The new rule would let minimum wage employers take over the tips that customers leave for their servers. That's right: If you serve, your boss would get your tips.

Bryan shared her story at a press briefing put on by Restaurant Opportunities Centers (ROC) United on December 12. "Why is there such an effort to keep people from making decent wages?" Bryan asked. "First they don't want to pay a decent hourly wage if you get tips. Now they want to take your tips if you make a decent hourly wage!"

The National Restaurant Association, also known as "the other NRA," frames the proposed rule as a way to allow for tip pooling, to end pay disparities between the front and back of the house.

But ROC United and other groups point out that there's no provision to ensure that tips stay in the hands of workers and not their bosses.

In fact, the language in proposal suggests that employers could allocate tips to make capital improvements or lower menu prices — or they could just pocket the tips themselves.

That transfer of money from workers up to their bosses is no small change. If the rule is enacted, the Economic Policy Institute says that employers would take \$5.8 billion in tips from workers, an estimate they call conservative.

The restaurant industry is already rife with wage theft.

Employers of tipped workers are among the worst offenders in minimum wage violations, especially due to the sub-minimum tipped wage. Employers can pay tipped workers as little as \$2.13 an hour as long as their tips bring them up to the full minimum wage.

But enforcement is lax. Bryan says she's gone two weeks without getting paid a minimum wage, and hasn't been able to get her employer to make up the difference.

Some employers already steal tips, as ROC United co-director Saru Jayaraman pointed out. ROC United has surveyed nearly 10,000 restaurant workers, Jayaraman said, and one in five reported that employers have taken a portion of their tips, even though that's currently not legal.

The Department of Labor is already feeling the pressure. Jayaraman said tens of thousands of people submitted comments against the rule in the first three days alone.

The battle over tips is only adding to Bryan's stress over wages. "My son is 11 years old," she said. "I would like to know how much money I will be making any given month so I can enroll him in after school activities and maybe take him to the movies every once in a while, or pay my rent."

That's why Bryan's not limiting her advocacy to the fight over owning tips. She says she'd like to see all people in the service industry get a livable minimum wage, just like any other worker would expect. "I'm a restaurant professional," she declared, "and I deserve a professional wage."

**Negin Owliaei is a researcher at the Institute for Policy Studies.**

# Make new fire stations a priority in Downey

Dear Editor:

I'm pleased that our Measure S revenue appears to be well spent so far with the onboarding of new police officers, park rangers, firefighters and other safety personnel.

While public safety is certainly our top priority, Measure S also calls for increased spending on infrastructure, including of course, repaving of residential streets, repair of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, which are the kinds of improvements most sought by those who voted for Measure S. We also need to invest in our fire stations.

An architect has been engaged by the City to develop plans for modernization of our fire stations, which in some cases haven't been upgraded since they were constructed. The Fire Station improvement project is certainly an appropriate use of Measure S funds, but I think two of the stations need more than upgrading to support the present day mission of the fire service.

Station 2 on Imperial and Station 3 on Paramount are too small to accommodate the larger fire apparatus now in use, or the support facilities within each station for the health, safety and welfare of the personnel who work and live in them.

Instead of upgrading Station 2 and Station 3, I think Measure S revenue would be better spent on construction of new stations to replace them.

Station 3 especially needs to be replaced. This station was built in the 1950's on a lot with water department pumping facilities which take up half of the lot. The fire station is too small for the fire apparatus which have to be backed in from traffic lanes on Paramount Boulevard, causing a safety hazard for motorists and firefighters. Modern fire stations are much larger and are designed for fire apparatus to be driven through instead of backed in.

The lot Station 3 is constructed on is not large enough to accommodate an apparatus "drive through" design. Station 3 should be relocated to a larger lot. Coincidentally, there are larger lots just south of the auto parts store on Paramount which are underutilized that would be ideal to construct a new state of the art fire station to replace the existing, obsolete facility.

I recommend that the architect developing the fire station modernization plans be directed to include options for construction of new replacement facilities, in addition to upgrade of existing.

It may be more cost effective to demolish and build new facilities instead of upgrading existing.

Now that the voters have decided to continue to keep our fire services local rather than contracting with the County, let's invest Measure S funds in building the best facilities we can for the Downey Fire Department.

**Brian Heyman Downey**

(The author is a retired fire marshal and serves on Downey's Building Appeals Board.)

# Tony Mendoza deserves due process

Dear Editor:

As someone who has lived and been civically engaged in Downey for a long time, I am particularly disturbed by the unfair treatment of State Sen. Tony Mendoza by some politicians in Sacramento.

Given the current climate of workplace environments, it's particularly critical that we afford anyone who has been accused of discretions the opportunity to present the facts via a thorough and complete investigation. Everyone is entitled to due process, and the ability present his/her side of the story, even an elected official.

The allegations against Senator Mendoza occurred years ago. However, none of the accusations involved any form of touching. In fact, none of the accusers have suggested any form of bodily contact.

At most he has been accused of making someone feel uncomfortable. That makes me very suspicious, but that aside, we should not be quick to judge without allowing both sides to be heard.

I am really interested in the truth to these allegations as are many of my neighbors. However, it would be wrong for us to rush to judgment or come to a conclusion without the benefit of the facts. To do so would be the ultimate wrong and speak ill of us as a society raised on the concept of truth and fairness (innocent until proven guilty).

Sen. Mendoza has always been there for our community and has always been a dedicated family man. I have always considered Senator Mendoza a man of honor and has represented our majority Democratic district well.

Let's ensure due process for Sen. Mendoza and afford him the fairness that any of us would demand if we were in his position.

**Betty Monroy Downey**

# Roy Moore was victim of smear campaign

Dear Editor:

Martha Burk stated in her opinion piece, "That also tells us something about the Grand Old Pedophile Party (no need to say more)." Yes, Martha Burk, something more needs to be said. ("Rejecting Roy Moore was Only the Start," 12/21/17)

The allegations against Roy Moore have never been proven and have all the appearance of a politically motivated attack. Lyndon Johnson was famous for accusing one of his opponents of having relations with barnyard animals. He gleefully said he wanted to hear his opponent deny the charge,

As proof, Gloria Allred showed an inscription in a yearbook, also allegedly doctored to show a relationship. In my yearbook, somebody drew a flying saucer. According to the fractured logic shown by Allred's allegation, that would mean there are aliens walking among us, or at least within orbit of the planet.

Finally, with regards to the point of the quotation I started with, at the time of Roy Moore's alleged molestations, he was a registered Democrat, active in party politics.

**Thomas Smith Downey**

# Wilderness Park bridge

Dear Editor:

I thoroughly enjoyed the Downey Patriot's year-in-review special insert, particularly the feature that highlighted Downey's inspiring youth. They are our future.

I would like to echo Eric Pierce's introductory comments that called for the return of the bridge that spanned the north lake at Wilderness Park. The bridge was a fixture at that park for several years and it is sorely missed.

**Jody Fetter Downey**

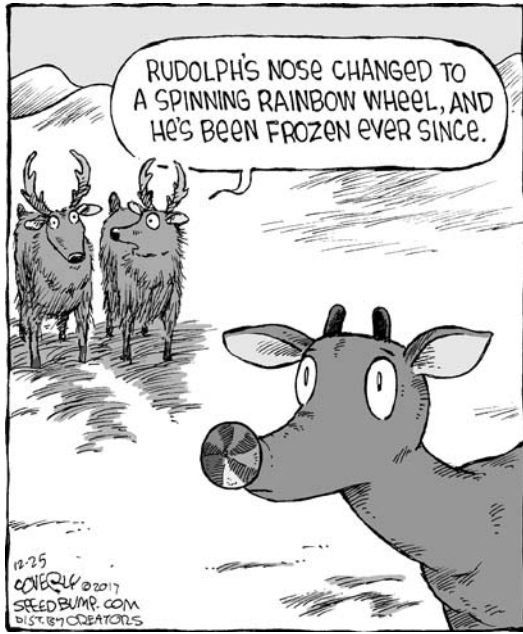
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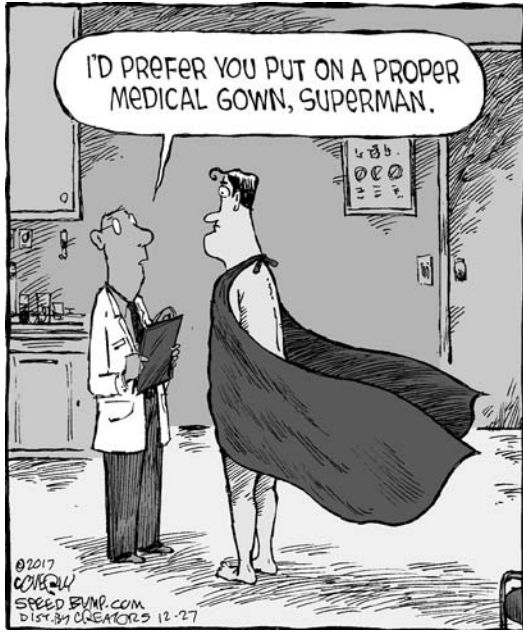
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 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.  
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9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene 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 Alex Lopez 441-7947.  
 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: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.  
 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 and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 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., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 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.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Helen 864-7319.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
 3rd Wed., Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Paula Mayfield, (562) 923-3518.  
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.  
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.  
 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

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.  
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.  
 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

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.  
 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

#### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.  
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

### On This Day...

**Dec. 28, 1832:** John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Andrew Jackson.

**1945:** Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1982:** A black man was mortally wounded by a police officer in a Miami video arcade, setting off three days of race-related disturbances that left another man dead.

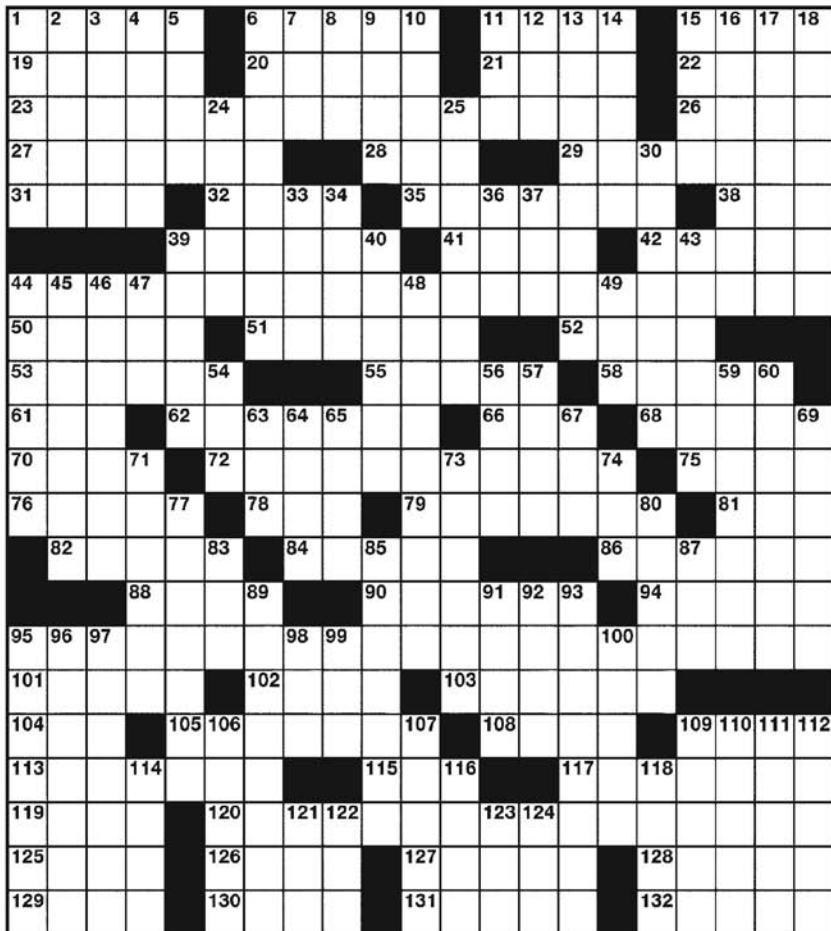
**2008:** The Detroit Lions completed an 0-16 season, the NFL's worst ever.

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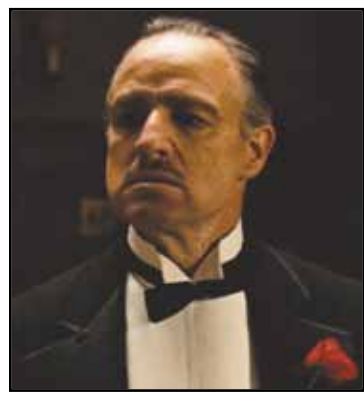
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## NEW ON NETFLIX: What's coming to Netflix in January



All three installments of "The Godfather" will begin streaming on Netflix starting Monday.

- JANUARY 1**  
10,000 B.C.  
30 Days of Night  
Age of Shadows  
AlphaGo  
America's Sweethearts  
Apollo 13  
Batman  
Batman & Robin  
Batman Begins  
Batman Forever  
Batman Returns  
Breakfast at Tiffany's  
Bring It On  
Bring It On Again  
Bring It On: All or Nothing  
Bring It On: Fight to the Finish  
Bring It On: In It to Win It

- Caddyshack  
Chef & My Fridge: 2017  
Defiance  
Definitely, Maybe  
Eastsiders: Season 3  
Fury Vengeance  
Glacé: Season 1  
How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days  
Justin Bieber: Never Say Never  
King Kong  
Lethal Weapon  
Lethal Weapon 2  
Lethal Weapon 3  
Lethal Weapon 4  
License to Wed  
Like Water for Chocolate  
Lovesick: Season 3  
Maddman: The Steve Madden Story  
Marie Antoinette  
Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World  
Midnight in Paris  
Monsters vs. Aliens  
National Treasure  
Sharknado 5: Global Swarming  
Stardust  
Strictly Ballroom  
The Dukes of Hazzard  
The Exorcism of Emily Rose  
The First Time  
The Godfather  
The Godfather: Part II  
The Godfather: Part III  
The Shawshank Redemption  
The Truman Show

- The Vault  
Training Day  
Treasures From The Wreck Of The Unbelievable  
Troy  
Wedding Crashers  
Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory
- JANUARY 2**  
Mustang Island  
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales  
Rent
- JANUARY 5**  
Before I Wake  
Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee  
Devilman Crybaby: Season 1  
Rotten
- JANUARY 6**  
Episodes: Seasons 1-5
- JANUARY 8**  
The Conjuring
- JANUARY 10**  
47 Meters Down  
Alejandro Riaño Especial de stand up  
Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie  
In The Deep
- JANUARY 12**

- Colony: Season 2  
Disjointed: Part 2  
Somebody Feed Phil  
The Man Who Would Be Polka King  
The Polka King  
Tom Segura: Disgraceful
- JANUARY 14**  
Wild Hogs
- JANUARY 15**  
2018 Olympic Winter Games  
Preview: Meet Team USA & Go for the Gold  
Rehenes  
Unrest
- JANUARY 16**  
Dallas Buyers Club  
Katt Williams: Great America  
Rita: Season 4
- JANUARY 17**  
Arango y Sanint: Riase El Show  
Friday Night Tykes: Season 4
- JANUARY 18**  
Bad Day for the Cut  
Tiempos de guerra: Season 1
- JANUARY 19**  
Drug Lords: Season 1  
Grace and Frankie: Season 4  
The Open House  
Trolls: The Beat Goes On!: Season 1

- JANUARY 23**  
Todd Glass: Act Happy
- JANUARY 24**  
Ricardo Quevedo: Hay gente así
- JANUARY 25**  
Acts of Vengeance
- JANUARY 26**  
A Futile and Stupid Gesture  
Dirty Money  
Kavin Jay: Everybody Calm Down!  
Llama Llama: Season 1  
One Day at a Time: Season 2  
Sebastián Marcelo Wainraich  
The Adventures of Puss in Boots: Season 6  
Mau Nieto: Viviendo sobrio... desde el bar
- JANUARY 28**  
El Ministerio del Tiempo: Seasons 1-3
- JANUARY 29**  
The Force
- JANUARY 30**  
Babylon Berlin: Seasons 1-2  
Death Race: Beyond Anarchy  
Retribution: Season 1
- JANUARY 31**  
Cars 3

### POETRY MATTERS

#### Lines for Winter for Ros Krauss

Tell yourself as it gets cold and gray falls from the air that you will go on walking, hearing the same tune no matter where you find yourself—inside the dome of dark or under the cracking white of the moon's gaze in a valley of snow. Tonight as it gets cold tell yourself what you know which is nothing but the tune your bones play as you keep going. And you will be able for once to lie down under the small fire of winter stars. And if it happens that you cannot go on or turn back and you find yourself where you will be at the end, tell yourself in that final flowing of cold through your limbs that you love what you are.

-Mark Strand from Selected Poems. Copyright © 1979

## NEW ON HULU: What's coming to Hulu in January

- JANUARY 1**  
10 to Midnight  
A League of Their Own  
All Is Lost  
American Ninja  
American Pickers: Season 14  
Ancient Impossible: Season 1  
Anger Management  
Art of the Prank  
Assassination  
Avenging Force  
Babel  
Baby Mama's Club  
Barefoot Contessa: Back to Basics: Seasons 8 & 9  
Beat Bobby Flay: Seasons 1 & 2  
Best of Man v. Food: Season 1  
Beyond the Sea  
Big Driver  
Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure  
Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey  
Black Rain  
Bloodsport  
Bolero  
Breaking Borders: Season 1  
Brothers  
Brother vs. Brother: Seasons 1 & 2  
Burning Blue  
But I'm A Cheerleader  
Capote  
Cold Case Files (Reboot): Season 1  
Cold Mountain  
Coming Soon  
Container Homes: Season 1  
Cool World  
Counting Cars: Season 6  
Cross Bronx  
Cube  
Cube 2: Hypercube  
Cube Zero  
Cupcake Wars: Season 8  
Cutthroat Kitchen: Season 7  
Daddy Day Care  
Dangerous Curves  
Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives: Season 22  
Down in the Delta

- Drop Dead Sexy  
Duck Dynasty: Seasons 10 & 11  
Evolution  
Excess Baggage  
Flawless  
Flea Market Flip: Season 3  
Flip or Flop: Season 5  
Food Network Star: Season 12  
Frailty  
Freedom Writers  
Ghost Adventures: Season 11  
Ghoules 3: Ghoules Go to College  
Great Food Truck Race: Season 7  
Green Street Hooligans  
Underground  
Grizzly Man  
Hamlet  
Hercules in New York  
Highway  
Horsemen  
Hot Rod  
Hustle & Flow  
I Spy  
Invaders from Mars  
Invasion U.S.A.  
Ironweed  
Kill the Irishman  
Liz & Dick  
Look Who's Talking  
Look Who's Talking Now  
Look Who's Talking Too  
Love & Death  
Love Story  
Missing in Action II: The Beginning  
Mona Lisa Smile  
Mountain Men: Seasons 1-6  
Murphy's Law  
My Boss's Daughter  
Night of the Living Dead 3D  
Night of the Living Dead: Resurrection  
Ninja III: The Domination  
P2  
Paper Heart  
Platoon Leader  
Pretty Bird

- Primitive  
Punch Drunk Love  
Requiem for a Dream  
Reservoir Dogs  
Revenge of the Ninja  
Revolutionary Road  
Richard the Lionheart  
Saturday Night Fever  
Secretary  
Shirley Valentine  
Show of Force  
Six Degrees of Separation  
Sliding Doors  
Songcatcher  
Spaceballs  
Step into Liquid  
Street Smart  
Subspecies (2-5)  
Sunshine Cleaning  
The Parent Trap (1961)  
The Parent Trap  
The Fourth War  
The Future  
The Karate Kid  
The Karate Kid: Part II  
The Karate Kid III  
The Next Karate Kid  
The Phantom of the Opera  
The Pom Pom Girls  
The Presidio  
The Wraith  
Thelma & Louise  
Total Recall  
Two Family House  
Uncommon Valor  
War  
Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan: Seasons 1 & 2  
Witless Protection  
Words and Pictures  
Zodiac
- JAN. 2**  
The Bachelor: Season 22  
Better Late Than Never: Season 2  
Cruel and Unusual

- The Wall: Season 2
- JAN. 3**  
Chicago Med: Season 3  
The Game Changer  
LA to Vegas: series premiere  
Lethal Weapon: Season 2  
The Mick: Season 2
- JAN. 4**  
9-1-1: series premiere  
Chicago P.D.: Season 5  
Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: Season 19 midseason premiere  
Match Game: Season 3  
The X-Files: Season 11
- JAN. 5**  
Chicago Fire: Season 6  
The Detectors: Season 2  
The Devil's Double  
The Four: series premiere  
The Good Place: Season 2  
Great News: Season 2  
Nashville: Season 6  
Superstore: Season 3  
Will & Grace: Season 9
- JAN. 6**  
Child Support: series premiere  
Julian Schnabel: A Private Portrait
- JAN. 7**  
Yakuza Apocalypse
- JAN. 8**  
Bob's Burgers: Season 8  
Family Guy: Season 15  
Frank  
Ghosted: Season 1  
The Last Man on Earth: Season 4  
The Simpsons: Season 29
- JAN. 9**  
The Brave: Season 1
- JAN. 10**

- This Is Us: Season 2
- JAN. 11**  
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Season 5  
These Final Hours
- JAN. 12**  
Blindspot: Season 3  
False Flag: Season 1  
Homeland: Season 5
- JAN. 13**  
Taken: Season 2 premiere  
XXX: The Return of Xander Xue
- JAN. 15**  
12 O'Clock Boys  
The Alchemist Cookbook  
Are We Done Yet?  
Are We There Yet?  
Advanced Style  
Afterimage  
Bending Steel  
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas  
Coherence  
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly  
Dogs on the Inside  
Meek's Cutoff  
Polina  
Polytechnique  
The Queen  
Sex Guaranteed  
Soul on a String  
We Need to Talk About Kevin  
Wendy & Lucy
- JAN. 17**  
The Path: Season 3
- JAN. 18**  
Barista
- JAN. 19**  
Grey's Anatomy: Season 14

The weather is stripping down. Winter began on December 21. Strand hums a minimalist's song, the tune his bones play, of a lifetime of experiences. The poem's opening phrase is repeated three times, and on each time the speaker's meaning is altered. The tune is love. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

How to Get Away with Murder: Season 4  
Scandal: Season 7  
My Best Friend

**JAN. 21**  
School Life

**JAN. 22**  
Espionage Tonight  
Ingrid Goes West  
The Resident: series premiere

**JAN. 24**  
Detroit

**JAN. 25**  
Sword of Vengeance

**JAN. 27**  
Crash Pad

**JAN. 29**  
Beside Bowie  
Halloween Pussy Trap Kill Kill

**JAN. 30**  
Fear the Walking Dead: Season 3  
Uncle Grandpa: Season 5

**JAN. 31**  
All Dogs Go To Heaven  
All Dogs Go To Heaven 2

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**September 5:**

► The Trump administration announces that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) immigration policy, which was set by the Obama administration in 2012, will be scrapped.

**September 10:**

► Millions of homes are left without power as the center of Hurricane Irma hits mainland Florida, just south of Naples.

**September 13:**

► The International Olympic Committee awards Los Angeles, California, the rights to host for the 2028 Summer Olympics.

**September 18:**

► Toys "R" Us files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

**September 20:**

► Hurricane Maria makes landfall in the US territory of Puerto Rico with maximum sustained winds of 155 mph. Millions of people are left without power.

**October 1:**

► O.J. Simpson is freed on parole after serving nine years of a 33-year sentence for armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and 10 other charges.

► American terrorist Stephen Paddock opens fire on a crowd at the Route 91 Harvest Festival adjacent to the Mandalay Bay resort and casino at the Las Vegas Strip. 59 people were killed and 546 were injured, making it the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

**October 5:**

► An exposé is published in The New York Times accusing film producer Harvey Weinstein of sexual harassment spanning three decades.

**October 6:**

► The Trump administration issues a ruling that allows employers to opt out of providing free birth control to their employees.

**October 8:**

► The deadliest week of wildfires in California's history occurs, killing at least 35 people and leaving devastation across hundreds of thousands of acres.

**October 26:**

► Nearly 3,000 files related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy are released.

**October 30:**

► Actor Kevin Spacey issues an apology over an alleged sexual advance made towards a child actor 30 years ago.

**October 31:**

► A flatbed pickup truck is driven into pedestrians along West Street in Lower Manhattan, New York City, causing at least eight deaths and multiple injuries.

**November 2:**

► News websites DNews, Gothamist and LAist are shut down by owner Joe Ricketts one week after the publications' employees voted to unionize.

**November 3:**

► The latest National Climate Assessment, a 477-page report by 13 federal agencies, concludes that global warming is "extremely likely" (with 95 to 100% certainty) to be human-caused, mostly from the burning of fossil fuels.

**November 5:**

A gunman kills 26 people in a Baptist church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.

**November 7:**

► In Virginia, Danica Roem becomes the first openly transgender person to win an election to a state legislature and serve her term, beating Republican Bob Marshall.

**November 15:**

► The Trump administration announces that it will reverse a ban on elephant trophies from Africa, enacted by Barack Obama in 2014.

**November 17:**

► The former President George HW Bush is accused by multiple women of groping them in the past.

**November 19:**

► Charles Manson dies aged 83, after 46 years in prison.

**November 21:**

► CBS fires talk show host Charlie Rose after eight women accuse him of inappropriate behavior.

**November 27:**

► Matt Lauer, longtime host of "The Today Show," is fired by NBC over an allegation of sexual misconduct.

**December 2:**

► By a vote of 51 to 49, the Senate passes the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the most sweeping overhaul of the US tax code since the Reagan era. The bill is criticized for adding \$1 trillion to the budget deficit and for disproportionately benefiting the wealthy and big corporations.

**December 6:**

► In a speech at the White House, President Trump announces that the US now recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

**December 8:**

► A state of emergency is declared in California as the worst wildfires on record devastate homes and businesses in the region, forcing the evacuation of 200,000 people.

**December 12:**

► Democrat Doug Jones defeats Republican candidate Roy Moore to take the Senate seat for Alabama, the first time a Democrat has won the state since 1992.

**December 14:**

► Walt Disney announces that it will buy 21st Century Fox's entertainment assets for \$52.4 billion, adding properties including X-Men, Avatar, The Simpsons, FX Networks and National Geographic to its portfolio.

► The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) votes by 3-2 to repeal net neutrality.

**December 15:**

► The Washington Post reports that staff at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have been forbidden by the Trump administration from using the words "vulnerable," "entitlement,"

"diversity," "transgender," "fetus," "evidence-based" and "science-based" in any official documents being prepared for next year's budget

**December 18:**

► An Amtrak train derailed and crashes onto Interstate 5 near DuPont, Washington, causing a number of fatalities.

► John Skipper announces his resignation as president of ESPN to deal with his substance addiction.

**2018:**  
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May the coming year be a glorious one that rewards all your future endeavors with success. We would like to share our resolutions with the Downey Community.  
**At 24 Hour Real Estate, Our New Year's Resolutions Are...**



**Mel & Rita Berdelis**  
**Broker/Owners**  
To spend more quality time with each other, eat healthier, become more active, travel more, fly more, laugh more, less drama, less stress, sleep more, love more, and read more. In a nutshell...stop sweating the small stuff and just enjoy life and each other more!



**Michael Berdelis**  
Sell 100 homes, perform at 6 open mic events, visit 2 more ballparks, and keep exercising 3 times a week.



**Rafael & Jami**  
Maintain our sanity while finding a balance between our growing family & careers.



**Angelo & Marie**  
Spend more quality time with our amazing, growing family.



**Ben & Stephanie**  
To eat more fruits and veggies and walk more.



**Carrie Uva**  
Spend more time improving the community.



**Frank Moreno**  
To live my life to the fullest by enjoying every single moment.



**Maria Nicolaou**  
Spend more time with family, keep up a healthy lifestyle and to continue working.



**Mario Persico**  
I will try every day to be better than yesterday in every way.



**Pat McCallum**  
Say nice things to others.



**Vicki Spearman**  
To continue giving my clients the expertise and knowledge they expect from me.



**Christina Davilas**  
Walk at least three times a week, do more open houses and get organized.



**Jimmy Spathos**  
Enjoy life to the fullest; don't take your loved ones for granted.



**Helen Lancaster**  
I resolve to the spirit of Christmas throughout the year: kindness, forgiveness and understanding.



**Maria Elena Serrano**  
Help more families achieve their dream of buying a new home; My wish for everyone in 2018 is for good health and peace.



**Zeke Pinaya**  
Enjoy life to the fullest.



**Eric Pinaya**  
Be more awesome than last year.



**Penny Watson**  
Get organized!  
Go sky diving!  
It costs around \$200 or less.



**Sonia Banuelos**  
Honesty, hard work, sincerely and integrity are what I provide and will continue to do so to all my clients. You must add something that cannot be bought or measured.



**Pam Lee**  
Choose to be happy.



**Gabriel Reyes**  
Take advantage of every opportunity to do something kind for someone else.



**Richard Reyes**  
Is to turn off my phone during dinner.



**Louie Gutierrez**  
Is to stay healthy, work harder and smarter and to make 2018 the best year in my career.



**Julio Garcia**  
Step outside your normal routine.



**Jessica Vasquez**  
Don't forget to breathe; pay attention to magical moments.



**Ekber Djokovic**  
Spend more time with my beautiful wife and my three amazing children.



**Elisa Mazon**  
I want to be focused, pure and positive to inspire someone new everyday in 2018.



**Susan Martene**  
Remember your goals and the big picture.



**Armando & Maria**  
Spend more time w/ family & friends, meet new people and enjoy life to its fullest.



**Mazen Nabulsi**  
Pay it forward; take time for self care; do something nice for yourself.



**Edith Stine-Woods**  
Help families to become home owners in 2018 by providing sound real estate advice to my friends and community.



**Andi Grant**  
My New Year's resolution is to help the home sellers and buyers that had challenges in 2017, overcome them in 2018.



**Maria Guillen**  
Ask for help when you need it.



**Ana Silahua**  
To focus on my health, my family and to continue building my strong relationships w/ my clients.



**Rosie Soto**  
To learn one new habit a month for an entire year that will help me be more successful.



**Carmen Jimenez**  
Learn something new; enjoy my family to the fullest and to take more pictures of my family.



**Armando Martinez**  
Continue my training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and to work tirelessly to reach 100 sales with Michael.



**Joanna Martinez**  
I plan to stop making resolutions and enjoy the present with the people I love most.



**Lloyd Guillen**  
Talk less, listen more.



**Maria Mokay**  
Remain conscious and connected in heart for it is the space from which I can truly bless humanity.



**Jerilyn Fierro**  
Continued health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year!



**Angie St. Jean**  
To focus on gratitude and attitude.



**Ralph Aranda**  
To reorganize my garage and continue to excel as a realtor.



**Christos Meletis**  
Complete one money saving challenge; Turn on music instead of the TV.



**Ricardo Carrera**  
That may everyone have peace, love and good health on earth.



**Olga Demchesen**  
Conquer inner fears and take more risks.



**Timmy Nicolaou**  
To be a kinder and a more understanding person.



**Felipe Aragon**  
Have company but don't waste time; Double the time you spend outside.



**Brandon Gharghoury**  
Creating better and healthier lifestyle habits.



**Martha Winkler**  
See the good in others and count your blessings.



**Steve Sedano**  
To sell 21 properties and read one book a month.



**Andres Baires**  
Do a little act of kindness daily; pay for the person behind you in the drive-thru; pick up a piece of trash from the ground.



**Johanna Soto**  
Read more, worry less, and to take my son on his first trip and first airplane experience.



**James Juarez**  
Learn to slow down, make healthier lifestyle choices, and travel to places that I've never been to before.



**Claudia Soto**  
Learn something new, do good deeds for others; go back to school, save money and do better at work.

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