



# Mayor's Corner: My goals for 2018

By Sean Ashton  
Mayor

Hello Downey,

I hope you all had a wonderful time with your family this holiday season. 2018 is set to be a fantastic year. As I embark on my tenure as

your mayor, I wanted to let you all know how incredibly grateful I am to have the opportunity to serve my city. I don't take this position lightly and will always do what is best for Downey and its residents. That being said I will briefly share some of my goals I have for the upcoming year.

When I ran for city council, my focus was and continues to be to improve our city streets. With the city's growth and prosperity it has also brought about extra strain to our roads. A growing population and cuts to federal funding have slowed the progression to fixing our roads. Even so our city staff continues to aggressively apply for grants and other funding methods to improve our streets.

This year nearly \$5 million more from last year's budget will be invested in capital improvement projects thanks to increased funding from County Measure M, State SB 1 transportation funds and other capital improvement funding sources.

At the regional level, the voters in Los Angeles County approved an additional half-cent sales tax (Measure M) that will fund transportation projects. This spring, the state legislature and the governor passed and signed a landmark transportation funding package, SB 1, that will address longstanding state and local roadway repairs. Our goal is to improve 12 miles of our city's residential streets this year with these and other budgeted funds.

Measure S, an increase of half-cent to the transactions and use tax, was approved by 63% of Downey voters in November 2016 and went into effect on April 1, 2017. The funds received from this measure will protect and enhance the quality of services to the community.

The Police Department has already been able to use these funds to hire 10 new police officers. Maintaining a city-run Police Department and Fire Department ensures quick response times to Downey emergencies, saving lives and keeping our community safe.

The funds from Measure S will help us to update our aging fire stations. Proposed projects include updating dormitories, adding office space, modernized kitchens, dining and dayroom areas as well as accessible front offices. Replacement of HVAC systems, roof and ADA upgrades are also planned.

Our parks and local golf course continue to see a rise in usage. Our residents are used to a high quality of life and with that means we will continue to upgrade our city parks and facilities. Current improvements continue at the Rio Hondo Golf Clubhouse.

The clubhouse, Hackers restaurant, and the lobby will be closed from January 2 to January 22 for improvements. Renovations will include new flooring that consists of tile in most areas with carpet in the banquet rooms, new paint, and other improvements that will brighten up the space and bring back the beauty of the clubhouse.

We appreciate the community's patience as the much-needed enhancements are made.

This year we will again be offering the "If I Were Mayor"



Photo courtesy city of Downey

Student Contest. All students kindergarten to 12th grade who live or attend schools in the City of Downey will have the chance to submit their ideas on how to make our city a better place to live. Entries may be an essay, artwork or a photograph.

Winners will be recognized with an official city certificate by the Mayor and the City Council at a City Council meeting.

Also I would like to request nominations for the Mayor's Downey DNA Award. The Mayor's Downey DNA Award recognizes individuals and businesses which through their actions, have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and exceptional service in an effort to make our community and world a better place.

Winners will receive special

recognition at a City Council meeting. For more information please contact the council office.

As always, I am available for any questions, ideas or concerns you may have, or feel free to join me at the next Keep Downey Beautiful Clean Up on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 9 am. We will be meeting in the parking lot at Classical Graphix at 12152 Woodruff Ave.

Thank you for entrusting me as your mayor. I am looking forwarding to serving our City.

Sean Ashton  
Mayor

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## Under pressure, Tony Mendoza takes leave of absence

**SACRAMENTO** – Embattled state Sen. Tony Mendoza agreed to take a temporary leave of absence as investigators look into claims

that he sexually harassed young women in his office.

Mendoza will be on leave until Jan. 26.

"I am deeply disappointed that I was forced into this action without any due process, which is counter to the very essence of two significant pillars of our American society: fairness and justice," Mendoza said.

"It was my hope that the Senate and Senate Rules Committee would have afforded me the opportunity to clear my name and, until that opportunity arose, treated me with the same standards applied to other senators similarly accused."

Mendoza added that he would cooperate with the investigation "with the intent of clearing my name. I intend to return to again fully represent my constituents no later than Feb. 1, 2018, including my committee chairmanship and membership.

"I want to assure my constituents that in this period through Jan. 26, 2018, I will continue to provide them with the full measure of service through the District and Capitol offices and their staffs, and to advocate on their behalf through pending and future legislation.

"My goal continues to be to fight to bring state programs and

resources to my constituents to improve their overall quality of life.

Mendoza's leave of absence comes just days after a former aide filed a discrimination lawsuit against him, claiming she was retaliated against after reporting Mendoza's inappropriate behavior towards a young woman, the Sacramento Bee reported.

Adriana Ruelas, Mendoza's former legislative director, claims that she reported Mendoza's "sexually inappropriate behavior" toward a 23-year-old woman assigned to his Capitol office through a Sacramento State fellows program.

On multiple occasions Mendoza allegedly invited the woman – who was seeking a job in Mendoza's office – to his Sacramento home late at night to review her resume, the Bee reported. He also allegedly invited the fellow to a party and asked her to drive him to an overnight Latino Caucus Foundation event without proper hotel accommodations.

Stacey Brown, a scheduler for Mendoza, booked the woman a separate hotel room and was later fired, according to Ruelas.

Ruelas claims she was fired after reporting Mendoza's conduct. She detailed her allegations in a discrimination complaint she filed with the Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Meanwhile, a second woman alleged that Mendoza provided her alcohol when she was a 19-year-old intern working in his district office.

Jennifer Kwart says she attended the 2008 California Democratic Party state convention at the invitation of Mendoza's district office and arrived in San Jose to find herself along with Mendoza in his hotel suite.



Tony Mendoza announced Wednesday he is taking a leave of absence. He is under investigation after multiple women accused him of sexual harassment.

Kwart alleges that Mendoza provided her alcohol and inquired about her taste in men. She ended up leaving the convention and took an early flight home.

Mendoza has called the accusation "completely false."

A third woman, Haley Myers, said she complained to human resources in the Assembly in 2010 that Mendoza engaged in behavior that she considers sexual harassment when she worked as a legislative aide for him in Sacramento.

In light of the allegations, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon last month asked Mendoza to temporarily step down from office pending the results of an investigation. Mendoza refused.

On Tuesday, Mendoza requested an audit of the way the Legislature conducts investigations of sexual harassment, saying the current system "is not working for the accusers, or the accused."

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## In-N-Out begins selling hot cocoa

**IRVINE** – In-N-Out added its first new menu item in more than a decade.

The West Coast burger chain added hot cocoa to the menu, the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin reported on Wednesday. Locations in Huntington Beach and Orange, California began selling hot cocoa about two weeks ago, employees told the Daily Bulletin.

In-N-Out is famous for its minimalist menu, with few options

beyond burgers, fries, and shakes. Hot cocoa is the chain's first significant menu change since it added lemonade to the menu 15 years ago.

In-N-Out is famous for its "slow growth strategy," expanding in a methodical manner to maintain quality control. Colorado is set to become the seventh state to have In-N-Out restaurants, in addition to California, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and Oregon.

# Warren High wrestler Joshua Mendoza named tournament MVP

**WRESTLING:** Warren High's Joshua Mendoza (126 lbs.) finishes first in his weight division at Brea Olinda tourney.

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School wrestling team competed in the Tournament of Champions Wrestling Tournament at Cerritos College Dec. 29-30. There were over 50 schools in attendance and Warren placed 23rd overall with a total of 64 team points.

The Bears also competed in the Ed Springs Invitational at Brea-Olinda High School December 22-23. There were over 30 schools in attendance and Warren placed third overall with a total of 163 team points.

At Cerritos College, Poway finished first with a total of 338 points, St. John Bosco finished second with a total of 222 points, Desert Vista finished third with a total of 148.5 points, Monache finished fourth with a total of 142.5 points and Esperanza finished fifth with a total of 124.5 points to round out the top five finishers.

Warren's **Joshua Mendoza** (126) was the only Bear who placed in the top eight of his respective weight class. Mendoza finished seventh after he defeated Bradley Chirino of Bonita.

There were many of the top wrestlers in the state at Cerritos College last week. State and Master's Meet qualifiers were competing across all weight classes and excellent skill levels were on display for two days.

At Brea-Olinda, Aliso Viejo finished first with a total of 202.5 points, Dos Pueblos finished second with a total of 188.5 points, Sonora finished fourth with a total of 141.5 points and Rio Mesa finished fifth with a total of 124.5 points to round

out the top five finishers.

The Bears' **Carlos Vasquez** finished sixth at 106 pounds and **Joshua Mendoza** finished first at 126 pounds, respectively. With his first-place finish, Mendoza was selected as the lower weight M.V.P. of the Tournament.

San Gabriel Valley League wrestling begins in January and cross-town rival Downey will once again be the team to beat. Coach Brogden, his assistant coaches and wrestlers are all looking forward to the start of league matches and making a run in postseason competition.

**DOWNEY GIRLS BASKETBALL:**

The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 11-3 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Paramount at Downey next Wednesday night.

The Lady Vikings competed in the So Cal Holiday Prep Classic Tournament December 27-30 and finished with a record of 2-2.

The Lady Vikings defeated Mays of Atlanta, Georgia 45-39 on 12/27, were defeated by Cathedral Catholic of San Diego 70-50 on 12/28, were defeated by San Marcos 49-43 on 12/29 and defeated Mater Dei Catholic of Chula Vista 70-56 on 12/30.

Downey will host Woodbridge at Downey later Friday and will travel to La Canada-Flintridge tomorrow for their final preseason game against the Lady Spartans.

The Lady Vikings will travel to Dominguez next Wednesday to face the Lady Dons, will host Lynwood at Downey on 1/17, will travel to cross-town rival Warren on 1/19 and will travel to Gahr to face the Lady Gladiators on 1/24.

Coach Harris, his staff and players are all looking forward to the

start of league play and competing for a postseason spot. Downey and Lynwood are the preseason league favorites due to their co-league championship(s) from last season and returning players.

Things will certainly get interesting fast as the first round of league play will be over on Jan. 24.

**DOWNEY BOYS BASKETBALL:**

The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 6-7 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Paramount next Wednesday at Downey.

The Vikings competed in the So Cal Holiday Hoops Tournament December 27-29 and finished with a record of 1-2.

Downey was defeated by Temecula Valley 68-58 on 12/27, defeated Ramona 50-36 on 12/28 and was defeated by Cerritos 47-45 in double overtime on 12/29. The Vikings played Cerritos again on Tuesday at the Staples Center in Los Angeles and were defeated in overtime 55-53.

The Vikings played Marina on Wednesday and hosted Murrieta Mesa at Downey on Saturday (scores unavailable at press time). Downey will travel to Dominguez to face the Dons next Friday, will host Lynwood on 1/17, will travel to cross-town rival Warren on 1/19 and will travel to Gahr to play the Gladiators on 1/24.

The Vikings have been led this year by **Gene Cajigas'** 14.9 points per game, **Omar Makhlouf's** 10 points per game and **Demetri Mariolas'** 9.8 points per game.

Makhlouf has averaged 8.7 rebounds per game and **Max Soto** has averaged 6.8 rebounds per game. Cajigas also leads the Vikings in assists per game with an average of 4.3.

**ST. PIUS X-ST. MATTHIAS ACADEMY BOYS SOCCER:**

The SPXSMA boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 2-3 and will begin league play when they host St. Anthony's later Friday.

The Warriors compete in the Santa Fe League against Verbum Dei, Serra, St. Anthony's, St. Bernard's and Bellamine-Jefferson. The Santa Fe League competes in C.I.F. Division Seven.

The Warriors defeated Downey Calvary Chapel at SPXSMA 8-0 on 11/27, were defeated by Salesian at Salesian 9-0 on 11/29, defeated Bosco Tech at SPXSMA 8-0 on 12/4, were defeated by Ayala at Ayala 4-0 on 12/9 and were defeated by St. Genevieve at SPXSMA 3-0 on 12/13.

The Warriors finished last season with an overall record of 14-5-2 and were 7-1-2 in Santa Fe League play. SPXSMA finished second behind St. Anthony's and were eliminated in the second round of the Division Seven playoffs by eventual champion Santa Clara 2-1. The Warriors finished last season ranked 653 in California.

SPXSMA Athletic Director Christopher Morrison is excited about the future of Warrior sport's programs. Morrison mentioned that SPXSMA will be getting a new stadium with synthetic grass, a nine lane track and bleachers to host C.I.F. sanctioned sporting events.

Morrison also mentioned that other facility improvements are currently in progress to baseball, basketball and softball and SPXSMA enrollment looks to increase from 380 to 550 in the next few years.

Winning programs and nice facilities attract attention from around the area. Things are certainly moving in the right direction at SPXSMA.

## CRIME REPORT

**FRIDAY, DEC. 22**

At 2:00 p.m., officers located a stolen vehicle in the McDonald's parking lot at Lakewood Blvd. and Gallatin Rd. The driver was arrested for grand theft auto.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 23**

At 12:15 p.m., officers discovered an embezzled vehicle, from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, in the parking lot of Cinemark Movie Theater at the Promenade. The driver was arrested for grand theft auto.

A victim had previously purchased counterfeit Beats headphones from the suspect through the website letgo.com. After the victim discovered the headphones were fake, he arranged to meet with suspect to purchase a second pair. At 10 p.m., the victim was accompanied by Downey police officers during the second purchase. Officers discovered the suspect was in possession of 4 other counterfeit Beats headphones. The suspect was arrested for possession and sale of counterfeit items, a felony.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 24**

At 1:20 a.m., officers were investigating a traffic collision in the parking lot of the DB Lounge (8206 Firestone Blvd.), when they discovered one of the vehicles was stolen. The driver was arrested for grand theft auto.

At 8:30 a.m., an officer stopped a motorcycle in the Rio San Gabriel Riverbed. The officer discovered the motorcycle was stolen and arrested the driver for grand theft auto.

At 6:30 p.m., officers located 2 stolen vehicles in the Walmart parking lot at the Downey Promenade. The drivers were arrested for grand theft auto.

**MONDAY, DEC. 25**

At 12:05 a.m., officers located a stolen vehicle in the 12100 block of Old River School Road and arrested the driver for grand theft auto.

At about 12:00 p.m., officers responded to a vehicle burglary in the 11600 block of Bellflower Blvd. A short time later, the victim received text messages indicating her stolen credit cards were being used at businesses in the area of Florence Avenue and Paramount Boulevard. Officers checked the area and located the suspect making a purchase with the stolen credit cards. The suspect was in possession of several of the victim's credit cards as well as narcotics. The suspect was arrested without incident.

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# Craft brewery, entertainment venue approved for former Avenue Theatre

**DOWNTOWN:** Planning Commission approves plans for restaurants, nightlife development at Downey Avenue and 3rd Street.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – The Planning Commission on Wednesday unanimously approved plans for an adapted reuse of the Avenue Theater into three new tenants.

The theater, purchased for \$750,000 by the Downey

Restaurant Group in 2016, was originally constructed in 1925. As of 2004, it has remained closed.

Proposed plans include two restaurants and an entertainment venue with rooftop lounge. The Downey Avenue façade will also be restored to reflect the façade as it was in the 1960's.

The two restaurants are currently proposed to be called Avenue Pizza and Crawford Brewery.

According to the project applicant, the pizzeria - to be located at 11022 Downey Avenue - will serve New York style pizza and Italian food, and will include a kitchen area, counter and table seating, as well as a takeout window styled after a ticket booth facing Downey Avenue.

The tenant space is 1,954 square feet and be accessed from Downey Avenue.

The pizzeria's proposed hours of operations are from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. seven days a week, including a 24-hour delivery service.

Crawford Brewery - to be located at 8310 3rd Street - is anticipated to serve southern style barbeque and will be accessed from 3rd Street. The 3,533-square foot restaurant will consist of a 2,439-square foot first floor and a 936-square foot second floor, with a 158-square foot outdoor patio.

In addition to the restaurant, Crawford will also function as a micro-brewery and will be allowed to sell alcohol for outside consumption under the condition that it is sold in a sealed container.

Crawford will also be allowed entertainment in the form of live bands, DJ, and dancing on the first floor. Operating hours will be from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week.

The entertainment venue, likely branded as Rockwell, is 11,009 square feet with a 2,199 square-foot rooftop terrace. It will be located at 8312 3rd Street.

Due to the venue's ABC Type 48 (On-Sale General, Public Premise) license that it will be operating under, the business will be restricted to those aged 21 and older. Live entertainment will include live bands, DJs, stand-up comedy, dinner theater shows, karaoke, live shows, dancing, and public speaking events.

All live entertainment will be stopped at 1:30 a.m., including at Crawford.

Crawford and Avenue Pizza will be accessible from Rockwell; however, Rockwell will not be accessible vice-versa. The applicant voiced intent to have trained staff man the doors to

prevent any entrance to Rockwell from the other two tenants.

There was considerable push back by Commissioner Steven Dominguez on the 3 a.m. closing time for Avenue Pizza, who voiced concerns for public safety as well as keeping steadfast in his intent to stick to the precedent that had been applied to other Downtown Downey businesses that operate late into the night.

"It's a public safety issue as espoused by the Police Department," said Dominguez.

"We have to take a look at the city, the governance of the city, the people who are responsible for promoting public safety, and listen to the recommendations as to why...let's not be prejudicial and say 'oh because it's something I like, it should be granted a variance.' I don't think that's proper."

However, Dominguez's concerns went for naught as he was overruled by the majority, specifically Chairman Jim Rodriguez and Matias Flores, who voiced that there was a difference between pizza and hookah. Rodriguez commented that pizza by the slice was "different than hookah by the puff."

"I would argue that the difference between (customers) going to the hookah lounge to basically sit and smoke versus just to stand at a window and get a pizza arguably are two different concepts," said Rodriguez. "I'm more in favor of getting a bite to eat and toning down versus the dark environment of gelling out and getting high or whatever they do."



Photo courtesy DUSD

## Fourth and fifth grade girls spend holidays helping domestic violence victims

**DOWNEY** – Several students donated toys and other essential items for a good cause at Unsworth Elementary last week.

The event benefited Angels Step in Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter, which is a 30 to 45-day emergency shelter for people fleeing domestic violence relationships.

"It was really nice to see so many girls getting donations for our families at shelter," said Nancy Salazar, Program Manager of Angels Step In. "It looks like they enjoyed getting the donations as well as wrapping them. It's going to be a nice surprise for our clients."

Items donated included toiletries and toys.

The event was hosted by Girl Power, a club at the elementary school that is centered around the empowerment of fourth and fifth-grade level girls.

"We meet weekly to discuss issues and talk about things and conflict resolution," said Kelley Rush-Becker, Principal and club coordinator. "Part of the reason I also started it is because I want us to think outside of ourselves. We are a Character Counts school and a Character Counts district, and I believe it's more about our actions, not just words."

Girl Power has an average of 40 to 50 participants weekly. This is the second year the club has held a drive to benefit Angels Step in.

"Because we are a girl group, I kind of thought about what groups could we donate to," said Rush-Becker. "Thinking about women who might have self-esteem issues or have some issues in their own lives, we thought it would be important for us to reach out to them."

Rush-Becker said that she felt the event went "amazing" this year.

"We sent out letters to our parents in Girl Power several weeks ago, and the presents started coming in the very next day. And they kept coming," said Rush-Becker. "We don't have an affluent neighborhood; our area, we have a lot of families that struggle. But they still managed to find time and the money make this something of importance to them as well."

By Alex Dominguez, staff writer

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# An unfond farewell to un-statesman Orrin Hatch

By Michelle Malkin

The longest-serving Republican senator in U.S. history announced this week that he will finally, finally, finally, finally, finally, finally, finally retire.

That's seven "finallys" — one for each of the consecutive six-year terms Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, served. He began his occupancy in 1976, when all phones were dumb, the 5.25-inch floppy disk was cutting-edge, the very first Apple computer went on sale for \$666.66, the Concorde was flying high, O.J. Simpson was a hero, Blake Shelton was a newborn, the first MRI was still a blueprint, and I was a gap-toothed first-grader wearing corduroy bell-bottoms crushing on Davy Jones.

This encrusted longevity will be marketed by Hatch, 83, and his supporters as proof of his "statesmanship." Indeed, The Atlantic magazine described him this week as "an elder-statesman figure in the GOP." Newsweek likewise reported on the farewell announcement of the "elder statesman." And Hatch's own press minions have disseminated press releases quoting other entrenched politicians such as Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., hailing their boss's "reputation as a statesman."

But that word doesn't mean what Beltway barnacles think it means.

Merriam-Webster defines a "statesman" as a "wise, skillful, and respected political leader." Earning the approbation of other office-clinging politicians doesn't make you a "respected political leader." It

makes you an echo-chamber chump.

Wise? Skillful? Hatch was a Big Government business-as-usual dealmaker. His wisdom was of the wet-finger-in-the-wind variety, claiming a Reagan conservative mantle during election cycles and then throwing constitutional conservatives under the bus once comfortably back in his well-worn Senate committee seats.

Hatch joined with his old pal Teddy Kennedy to create the \$6 billion national service boondoggle and the \$8 billion-a-year CHIP health insurance entitlement.

He preached about the "rule of law," but was an original sponsor of the open-borders DREAM Act illegal alien student bailout, and, despite claiming to oppose it, he voted to fully fund the unconstitutional Obama amnesty during the lame-duck session.

He crusaded for "fiscal conservatism," yet voted for massive Wall Street bailouts, 16 debt ceiling increases totaling \$7.5 trillion, and scores of earmarks totaling hundreds of millions of dollars for porky projects. He ends his four-decade reign as the Senate's top recipient of lobbyist cash.

And for the past two years, Team Hatch allies have spearheaded a multimillion-dollar fundraising campaign, squeezing donations from corporate donors and pharma and tech lobbyists to subsidize a "Hatch Foundation" and "Hatch Center" to commemorate the Hatch legacy.

"Statesman" isn't a title earned by mere length of service. It's not a cheap status conferred like an AARP card or IHOP senior discount. A politician who notches decades of frequent flyer miles back and forth between Washington and his "home" state, enjoying the endless perks of incumbency, does not acquire statesmanship by perpetual re-election and political self-aggrandizement.

The idea of amassing \$4 million to \$6 million campaign war chests, as Hatch did the past two election cycles, is antithetical to the ideal of statesmanship. In the days of Cincinnatus and George Washington, self-sacrifice and civic virtue marked true statesmen. Affability, which Hatch is credited with possessing by his backroom Democrat chums, was no substitute for the humility exhibited by statesmen who volunteered to relinquish power at the very height of it — not in its waning twilight.

So: Call Hatch a clock-puncher. Time-bider. Log-roller. Deal-cutter. Back-slapper. Call him most anything else now that he's finally, finally, finally, finally, finally, finally, finally called it a day.

Just please don't call him "statesman."

**Michelle Malkin is host of "Michelle Malkin Investigates" on CRTV.com.**

# When companies deny climate science, their workers pay

By Carla Santos Skandier

After decades spreading misinformation about greenhouse gas emissions' role as a driver of climate change, the deceptive tactics of the fossil fuel industry are slowly beginning to backfire.

In December, for instance, General Electric announced major cuts to its fossil-fuel-heavy power department — and the pain of this unplanned transition is already being felt by the people least responsible for the company's decisions: its workers.

In the last two years, many stories have surfaced on the knowledge major fossil fuel companies like Exxon-Mobil had about the climate impacts of their activities, and the many tactics these same companies employed to deceive the public about these impacts. But they may have also managed to deceive themselves.

Cheered on by a president who's gone above and beyond to prop up the fossil fuel industry — from announcing his intent to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris climate agreement to pushing for approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline — dirty energy companies are deluding themselves that business as usual is a possible path forward.

This self-delusion may be beginning to reach its limits. The latest sign arrived on December 7 at General Electric — a global player in electricity for the past 125 years — with the announcement of an 18 percent cut to

the power department, the biggest and one of the oldest departments of the company.

CEO Russell Stokes pulled no punches explaining the cuts: The decision aims to right-size the business amid a decline in fossil fuel usage — particularly coal and natural gas. The announcement came a mere two years after GE's decision to double its fleet of large coal turbines — a clear misjudgment.

This would be good news if not for one detail: jobs. GE's decision alone will cost 12,000 jobs worldwide.

If companies continue to resist transitioning from fossil fuels to renewables, these massive job losses will be just the beginning.

The Department of Labor estimates that roughly 200,000 people are currently employed in the oil and gas extraction and coal mining sectors. But the number could be in the millions if supportive work, construction, and indirect services of fossil fuel dependent communities are also considered.

Fortunately, the renewable industry is booming. The Department of Energy recently reported that almost twice as many people were employed in solar energy last year than coal, gas, and oil electricity combined.

But matching displaced fossil fuel workers to new jobs won't be simple. It matters where those jobs are being created, and someone will have to

make sure fossil fuel workers get a chance to qualify for new positions.

As if this weren't hard enough, companies' continuous denial and misrepresentation makes things worse. Their decision to "right-size" usually comes as last minute massive lay-offs, without giving workers a chance to plan ahead.

In the last few weeks alone, major institutions like Johns Hopkins University, ING bank, and the French insurance giant AXA have pulled their investments from coal, and the World Bank has announced it will no longer invest in any fossil fuel projects. The writing is on the wall, and the decline of fossil fuel production is both necessary and increasingly inevitable.

This is all good news for the climate. But we also need a plan to support those employees on the front lines of the energy sector. We need to stop letting workers' lives be collateral damage of misguided corporate decisions.

**Carla Santos Skandier is a Research Associate at The Next System Project.**

# Taking stock as we begin a new year

By Lee H. Hamilton

This may seem odd, but as I look ahead to a year we all know will be momentous, you want to know what I feel most strongly? Gratitude.

I'll tell you in a moment how much work we have ahead of us to strengthen our country. But I'm mindful of just how strong we already are. A resilient economy has been performing well for several years now, avoiding both rampant inflation and recession. Despite its flaws, we have a remarkable education system that has allowed more people to enroll in college, make dramatic gains in lifelong learning and — especially in the case of racial minorities — get an education that a generation ago would have been much harder to secure.

We have a more diverse, educated workforce than ever before, and we're making progress on issues from climate change to social equality. We remain wealthy, powerful, and blessed with perhaps the strongest governing institutions of any country in the world — despite the challenges of the moment.

We possess an immense, deep pool of talented people, who have made us a leading example of unity out of diversity, or as our motto has it, "out of many, one."

However, we have to work to retain and buttress our strengths. And as I suggested, we have our work cut out for us.

For one thing, we've always been an open country, welcoming a great diversity of people and remaining open to their aspirations and ideas. But we've been losing this. Immigration has been cut back sharply. A large and vocal group of Americans want to "take back America" to some more homogenous ideal that never actually existed.

At the same time, too many Americans also feel excluded and alienated from economic opportunity and what should be shared institutions. There are fewer places where different classes of people can mix and where our institutions can become more heterogeneous. We tend to associate with our own, which is natural and not to be criticized, but it carries costs in reinforcing our own biases.

And as economic inequality rises, smaller and smaller groups of people corner an ever larger share of wealth, political power, and communal influence.

All of this has been straining our politics. We are more polarized and politically divided than I've seen in my lifetime. Excessive partisanship, the permanent political campaign that marks policy-making at the federal level, the strength of narrow interest groups, the outsized role of money in politics, the decline in the quality of public debate — all are cause for great concern.

I hope 2018 sees a turn toward addressing the defects in our political institutions and political culture — a shift in political life toward seeking the common good and focusing on the national interest.

This would allow us to re-focus on one of the defining features of our country's history: that what we're about as a nation is providing opportunity for all. That everyone has a role to play in contributing positively to a better neighborhood, a better community, a better state and nation, a better world. That as Americans, we devote ourselves to something larger than ourselves.

This sense of beckoning opportunity has been waning. We're not investing in our future as we used to, in basic infrastructure like roads and

bridges, in social infrastructure like schools, health clinics and libraries, or in the research and development that are crucial to a next-generation economy. Our optimism as a country — so characteristic of our past — seems hard to locate these days. Americans are troubled, uneasy, and alarmed by everything from the quality of presidential leadership to Russian meddling to the rise of income inequality to the decline of traditional families.

Yet here's the thing. While I understand our problems, I utterly reject the idea that we can give into them. From its start, this nation has been about resolving problems. We did so by embracing our simple, core virtues: humility, hard work, a welcoming attitude, inclusivity, neighborliness, consensus-building, and above all, a recognition that freedom has been given to us and we have an obligation to lead constructive lives.

That's what we're about as a country. Not decline, or division, or insurmountable obstacles. Let's remember that in 2018.

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# America's far left remains in the grip of insanity

By Ben Shapiro

President Trump is unpopular. He's unpopular because he's boorish, crude and silly; he's unpopular because he has a unique capacity to turn winning news cycles into referenda on his use of Twitter.

But the United States under President Trump hasn't seen any serious anti-liberty revanchism. In fact, under Trump, regulations have dropped precipitously; the economy continues its pattern of growth; and press freedoms have actually been strengthened.

Despite popular opinion, women aren't on the verge of enslavement into Vice President Mike Pence's "Handmaid's Tale," nor are black Americans in danger of resegregation or political disenfranchisement.

Yet while Iranians protest against a regime that reportedly hangs homosexuals from cranes, members of the hard left in the United States insist that protesters against the Trump administration demonstrate bravery similar to that of Iranians risking death by an Islamist regime.

Huffington Post political commentator Alex Mohajer tweeted: "The #IranianProtests, the #Resistance, and @WomensMarch are all the same. Across the world, people are fighting autocracies and oppressive regimes. @realDonaldTrump is NO DIFFERENT than the oppressive Ayatollahs in Iran."

Oddly, that movement of solidarity hasn't prompted those who walked in the Women's March on Washington to say a single word in support of the Iranian protesters to this point.

This idiocy doesn't merely spring from hatred for Trump but from a deep-seated need to justify the Obama administration's feckless Iran policy. Thomas Erdbrink of The New York Times reported that violence broke out in Iran after the demonstrators ignored "pleas for calm from President Hassan Rouhani" and termed Rouhani — a tool of the mullahs — a "moderate." Meanwhile, one CNN anchor fretted that Trump might put a "finger on the scale" against the Iranian regime.

Members of the Obama administration took to Twitter to tell Trump to be quiet (Susan Rice, former national security adviser), chide Trump for failing to take in Iranian refugees (Samantha Power, former U.N. ambassador) and suggest that American policy has nothing to do with Iran's protests (Ben Rhodes, former national security adviser and architect of the Iran nuclear deal narrative).

All of these administration members did nothing as President Obama watched dissidents die in the streets in 2009, and all of them actively abetted the maximization of Iran's regional power.

Herein lies the insanity of the left. Only nutcases on the right believed that Barack Obama's governance was morally equivalent to the Iranian government. In the main, conservatives thought that Obama pursued bad policies domestically and horribly immoral foreign policies. But many on the left seem to believe that Trump is merely steps removed from the ayatollahs.

The ayatollahs agree, and they use that nuttury for public-relations leverage: No wonder Ayatollah Khamenei tweeted: "The U.S. gov. commits oppression inside the U.S., too. U.S. police murder black women, men, & children for no justifiable reason, and the murderers are acquitted in U.S. courts. This is their judicial system! And they slam other countries' and our country's judicial system. #BLM."

Trump isn't Khamenei. And the only recent administration to help build Iran's power is the Obama administration. Comparing the Trump administration to Iran's regime isn't just delusional; it's insulting and counterproductive. And the only people it helps are America's enemies.

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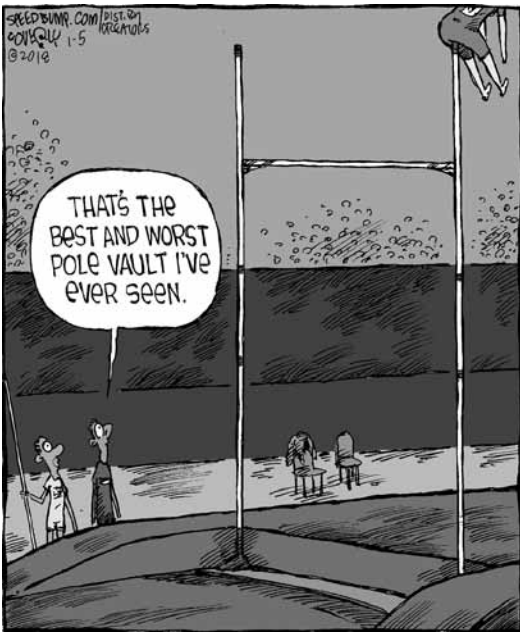
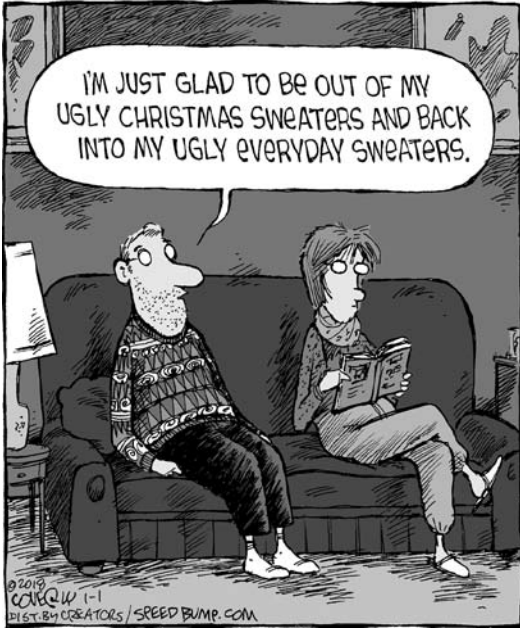
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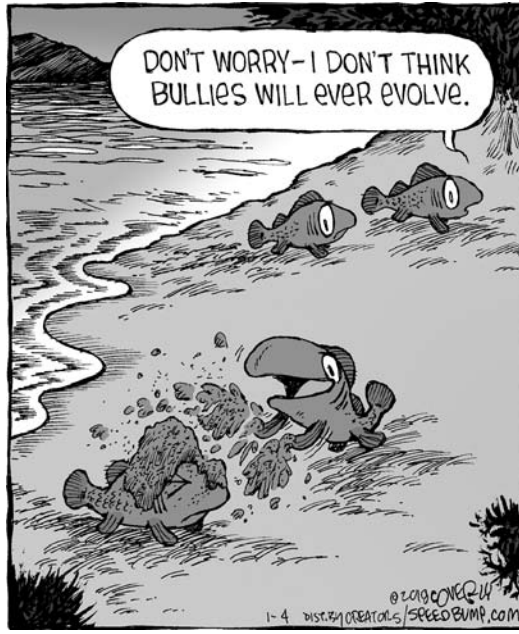
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## Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.  
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.  
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.  
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Barbara 869-1044.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call 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. & Sat., 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...

- Jan. 4, 1974:** President Richard Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.  
**1995:** The 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era; Newt Gingrich was elected speaker of the House.  
**1999:** Former professional wrestler Jesse Ventura was sworn in as governor of Minnesota.  
**2007:** Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., became the first female speaker of the House.

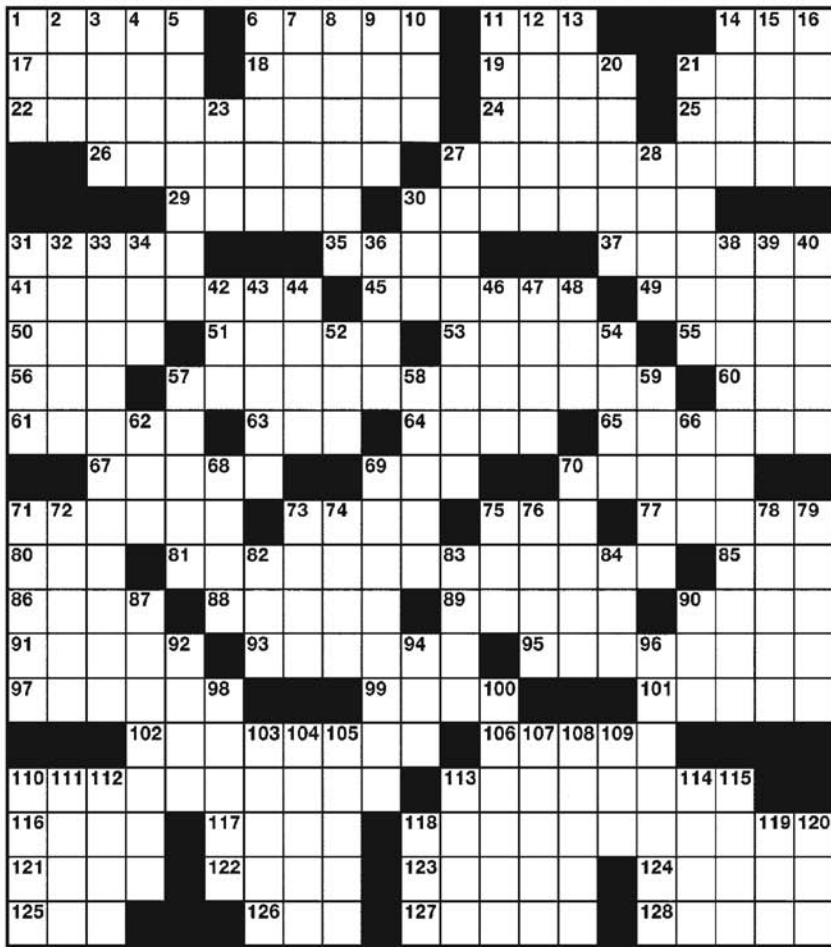
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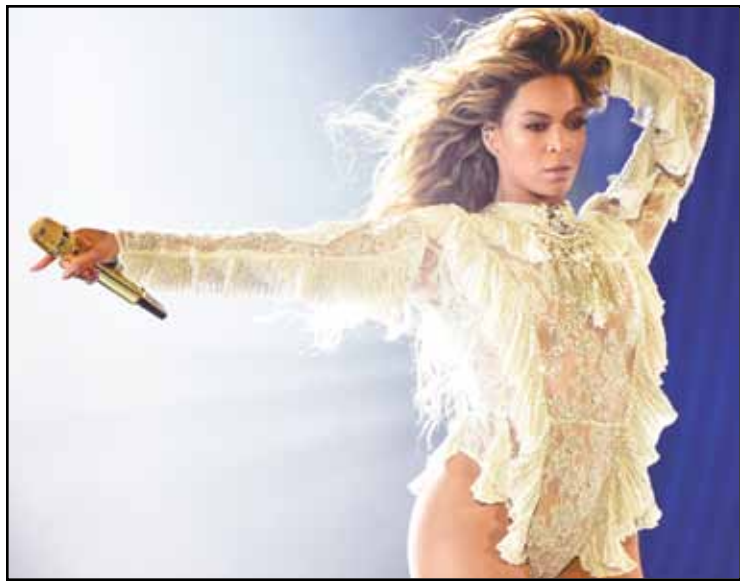
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## Beyonce to headline Coachella music festival



her own fragrance, Heat, in 2010. Throughout her career, Beyoncé has served as a spokesperson and model for several other brands, including L'Oreal and Tommy Hilfiger.

At the 2010 Grammy Awards, Beyoncé walked away with six honors—the most wins in a single night by a female artist. Her record was matched two years later by pop/soul artist Adele. In 2010, she also tied the record for most No. 1 hits on Billboard's Pop Songs chart, which is based on radio airplay. In 2011, she made the Forbes Top 10 list of entertainment's highest-earning women. By 2013, Beyoncé had won 16 Grammys.

Coachella, the two-weekend Californian event that traditionally kicks off the summer's festival season, has announced the lineup for its 2018 edition.

Beyoncé will headline on April 14 and 21, in her first live shows since her Formation world tour in 2016. The R&B star took 2017 off from live performance after giving birth to her twins Rumi and Sir, and the Coachella announcement will further fuel rumours she is gearing up to release new material.

The other two headliners are Eminem, performing in the wake of his comeback album Revival reaching No 1 in both the US and UK, and the Weeknd, who may also have new material incoming following his successful 2016 album Starboy.

Chart-dominating rappers such as Cardi B, Migos and Post Malone will also appear at Coachella, as will buzz bands Portugal. The Man, Haim and the War on Drugs; electronic acts include Odesza, Kygo and Jamiroquai. The lineup skews towards hipster-friendly contemporary artists, but there are some heritage acts in the form of David Byrne, Chic and Jean-Michel Jarre.

**Beyoncé:** Singer and actress Beyoncé Giselle Knowles was born on September 4, 1981, in Houston, Texas. She started singing at an early age, competing in local talent shows and winning many of these events by impressing audiences with her singing and dancing abilities.

Teaming up with her cousin, Kelly Rowland, and two classmates, Beyoncé formed an all-female singing group. Her father, Matthew Knowles, served as the band's manager. The group went through some name and line-up changes before landing a record deal in 1997 with Columbia Records. Destiny's Child soon became one of the most popular R&B acts, with the release of their first, self-titled album. Gaining momentum, the group scored its first No. 1 single on the pop charts with "Bills, Bills, Bills," off their second album. The recording also featured another

smash hit, "Say My Name."

While enjoying her group's success, Beyoncé began exploring other projects. She made her acting debut in 2001 with a starring role in MTV's Carmen: A Hip Hopera. She then co-starred with Mike Myers in the Austin Powers spy parody Goldmember the following year. On the musical front, Beyoncé took center stage as a solo artist, releasing her first album, Dangerously in Love, in 2003. The recording became a huge success for her both commercially and critically. It sold millions of copies and won five Grammy Awards. On the album, Beyoncé worked with a number of different artists, including Missy Elliott, Sean Paul and Jay-Z. She was rumored to be dating Jay-Z around this time, but the couple did not publicly acknowledge their relationship.

Destiny's Child released their last studio album, Destiny Fulfilled, in 2004, and officially broke up the following year.

On her own, Beyoncé continued to enjoy great success. Her second studio album, 2006's B'Day featured such hits as "Irreplaceable" and "Deja Vu." On the big screen, she starred opposite Jennifer Hudson, Jaime Foxx and Eddie Murphy in Dreamgirls. The film was adapted from the hit Broadway musical of the same name.

In 2008, Beyoncé married rapper and music mogul Jay-Z in a small, private ceremony in New York City. The newlywed continued to work as hard as ever, promoting her latest effort, I am ... Sasha Fierce (2008). Beyoncé scored two big hits off the album—"Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)" and "If I Were a Boy."

She also returned to the big screen that year, starring as R&B legend Etta James in Cadillac Records. The following January, Beyoncé sang James' trademark song, "At Last," for President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama at his inaugural ball.

In addition to acting and performing, Beyoncé ran a clothing line called House of Dereon with her mother. She also launched

Beyoncé broke records once again on December 13, 2013, with her fifth studio album, self-titled Beyoncé. The album surprised fans and critics alike, as no promotion for the album had been announced prior to its release. The record, which Beyoncé called a "visual album," was released exclusively on iTunes, with physical discs available for purchase after December 18. The record-breaking album sold more than 800,000 copies throughout the weekend it was released alone. The collection—which was the fastest-

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selling album ever distributed by iTunes—also marked Beyoncé's fifth studio album to debut at No. 1, making her the first woman to reach No. 1 on the Billboard 200 with her first five albums. She released the Platinum Edition of the album in 2014, and the following year won three additional Grammys, including a Best R&B Performance award for "Drunk in Love."

In April 2016, HBO aired an hourlong Beyoncé conceptual film, Lemonade, which presented tracks from the album of the same name released immediately afterward.

Musical contributors to the project, which quickly garnered acclaim, included Jack White, The Weeknd, James Blake and Kendrick Lamar. Lemonade debuted at No. 1, making Beyoncé the only artist in history to have all of her first six studio albums reach the top of Billboard's album charts.

Known as "Queen Bey," the famed singer took on the role of a different queen with the November 2017 announcement that she was on board for the remake of Disney's The Lion King. Scheduled for a 2019 release, the live action reboot of

the 1994 animated hit will feature Beyoncé as Nala, the budding love interest of the titular character, to be played by Donald Glover.

According to Forbes, Beyoncé snagged \$105 million in pretax income June 2016 through June 2017, a number that easily outpaced the earnings of fellow divas Adele (\$69 million) and Taylor Swift (\$44 million). Forbes attributed the windfall to the success of Lemonade and the singer's Formation World Tour, which grossed approximately \$250 million.

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## Maywood councilman resigns

**MAYWOOD** – The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has settled a civil lawsuit against former Maywood Councilman Sergio Calderon that alleged he held two public offices at the same time which violated state law.

Trial was set for Jan. 25 but Calderon agreed to resign from the Maywood City Council in exchange for a dismissal of the lawsuit against him.

Calderon also agreed that he would not be a Maywood

councilmember, or hold public office in any capacity in Maywood, while concurrently sitting on the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) board.

Calderon resigned from the Maywood City Council on Dec. 13 and the lawsuit was dismissed at the request of the District Attorney's Office on Dec. 26.

In November 2016, the District Attorney's Office filed the lawsuit, alleging that holding both offices at the same time is a conflict of

interest and violates state law.

The two positions are incompatible under state law because "the WRD and the City of Maywood have overlapping territory, duties and responsibilities, and a clash of duties is likely to arise in the exercise of both offices simultaneously," according to the lawsuit.

Calderon's water board division includes Maywood.

Calderon also had a similar conflict in 2008, which resulted

in a civil lawsuit by the District Attorney's Office to remove him from the Maywood City Council, but he resigned from his council post before the matter went to trial.

The state Attorney General's Office previously issued an opinion allowing Los Angeles prosecutors to sue in civil court to have Calderon removed from his elected WRD office.

## Library group launches membership drive

**DOWNEY** – The Friends of the Downey City Library is hosting its annual membership drive this month.

Membership is \$5 for students, \$15 for an individual, \$25 for a family, \$75 for a business or

organization, or \$500 for lifetime membership.

Anyone who purchases or renews a membership before Jan. 20 will be entered into a drawing for a tote bag and Visa gift card.

A membership table will be

setup at the library Jan. 16-20. The drawing will take place Jan. 20 at 3 p.m.

Pina Pizza will host a fundraiser Wednesday, Jan. 17, to fundraise for the Friends of the Downey City Library.

The restaurant will donate a portion of sales to the Friends in support of library programs.

Customers should advise their server they are supporting the Friends of the Library.

**POETRY MATTERS**

*from The Seafarer*  
translated from the Anglo-Saxon by Harold Massingham

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All thrill my conviction to voyage...  
I imagine already the lunging whales,  
Sea-distances surge through my dissatisfaction,  
Already the gannet screams to itself  
Over forlorn water, kingdom of roaming whales,  
All, all irresistible to this sea-yearning.

Written over a thousand years ago in a language we would not recognize today, this poem celebrates the ageless premise of the promise of new beginnings. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

# LEGALS

### FAMILY LAW

Superior Court of Washington, County of Lewis. In re the Guardianship of: Angelina Sue VanReenen, a Minor. Case No.: 17-4-00312-21. Notice of Guardianship Petition (RCW 11.88.030) (NT). To: Patrick Dean VanReenen and Amanda Sue Hall, biological parents of the minor. **IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.** A petition to have the guardianship of your child transferred to Washington State has been filed in the Lewis county superior court by Faye Leon. **UNDER THE LAW, YOU HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS.** You have the right to be represented by a lawyer of your own choosing. The court will appoint a lawyer to represent you if you are unable to pay or payment would result in a substantial hardship to you.

You have the right to be present in court and testify when the hearing is held to decide whether or not the guardianship of your child should be transferred to Washington State. You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 14th day of December, 2017, and defend the above entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the petition, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for petitioner, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. Dated: December 12, 2017. Daniel W Crowe, WSBA #32722. /s/. 302 E Yelm Ave, Yelm, WA 98597. 360.810.8006.

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### FICT. BUS NAME

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2017350664

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LA POTRANCA BAR, 7401 CAMPTON AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90001, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EMMA V GARCIA, 3162 ILLINOIS APT C, SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) PEDRO GARCIA VALENCIA, 3162 ILLINOIS C, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: 11/2007

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ EMMA V GARCIA, PARTNER

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2017350664

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HARLEY BURGER (2) AZZ GOURMET BURGER, INC, 9301 IMPA AVE, NORTHRIDGE CA 91324, LA COUNTY, 9122 OWARI LANE, RIVERSIDE CA 92508

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S/ AZZ GOURMET BURGER, INC, VICE PRESIDENT, MOUHANED KHOURY

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S/ JAMES E. TURNBOUGH, PARTNER

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MONDO INDIE FILMS, 9041 LUBEC ST, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

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S/ ROSALINA AVITIA, PARTNER

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# REVIEW: 'The Greatest Showman' is a feel-good spectacle

**FILMS:** The big-budget musical production delivers with memorable tunes and solid casting.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

I need to apologize.

Much like many of the characters that made up PT Barnum's circus, my viewing experience with "The Greatest Showman" (starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Zendaya, and Michelle Williams) was a bit of an anomaly.

Maybe it was the soft spot I have for musicals, but I had wanted to see this film since I first viewed the trailer. From what the trailer could tell me, the film seemed to be a spectacle and the music sensational. The subject matter was appealing.

And then something strange happened. I entered the theater and sat down, and as the lights dimmed, I unexpectedly decided I was going to hate what I was about to see.

Before the show's opening number, I had assumed the music was going to be too cheesy. The

content, too flashy. This would be just another "Mickey Mouse musical" (I am aware that Disney had nothing to do with the Greatest Showman, but with names like Efron and Zendaya attached, can you really blame me?).

Let me just go on record here and say this: I was dead wrong in my last-minute, change-of-heart opinion.

First of all, the music. My goodness, the music.

"The Greatest Showman" opens with the song "The Greatest Show," and doesn't take many musical breaks until the film's final curtain.

While musicals can sometimes be overwhelming, in this case, the music is a fantastic blend of performance and story progression with nothing that really feels like filler. It was entertaining enough for me to warrant buying the soundtrack, which I did.

Showman features 11 musical numbers, to which I can admit I was fully invested in 10 ("Tightrope," sung by Williams's Charity Barnum, was a little too sappy for my taste).

Out of those 11, the show's absolute, without-a-doubt

showstopper is "This is Me," fronted by Keala Settle who plays bearded lady Lettie Lutz.

"The Greatest Showman" also did something for me that a movie hasn't done in a long time: I found myself fully invested, pulling for characters, celebrating their victories and agonizing in their defeats.

While a more sophisticated and experienced movie critic (I am, at my core, a journalist and by no means a serious critic) might say that any potential positive message was lost in the extreme panache, I couldn't disagree more.

The film is a story of acceptance, whether that be through Barnum's rags to riches narrative, the blooming star-crossed lovers, or the "freaks" that flank the show's front man.

Don't get me wrong, Jackman gives a very entertaining and engaging performance in his portrayal of Barnum. He is a very strong center to the already star-stacked cast.

But I'll take this opportunity to apologize for immediately looping Zendaya and Efron back into their Disney Channel fame.



Efron and Zendaya provide the love angle for the film, and their chemistry is undeniable. As I previously admitted, I was convinced that these two former Disney stars would ham up the show and be the movie's weak link.

Instead, they provided one of my favorite sequences in the entire 105 minutes. Much to my surprise (and a little to my chagrin), they stole the show for me.

And my darling "freaks." The oddballs.

There are several of these characters, though only a few get any kind of true development, and even that is minimal. While this could be perceived as a bad thing, instead I almost see it as a strength.

Instead of several characters with fleshed out backstories and growth, the oddities of Barnum's show feel more like a singular unit. This keeps a story with three arcs already from becoming too cluttered. It also gives a strong banner to stand behind

for those of us moviegoers who have ever felt misplaced, odd, or underappreciated.

Please forgive me for attempting to be an old curmudgeon movie critic. "The Greatest Showman" is a spectacle in its own right, featuring a lovable cast and extraordinary music. It's a feel-good movie worthy of a round of applause.

## DJ DIARIES: New year, new me...seriously!

**NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS:** The key to a successful New Year's resolution is to not be too hard on yourself.

By Amber Cavazos  
Famous DJ Agency

Happy new year!! I hope that you have the best year ever and that this is the year that you keep all of your resolutions.

Having some trouble keeping your resolutions? I have no room to judge as I already started off on the wrong foot with some of them. So, be honest and let's get back on track together.

How many resolutions did you come up with? If you have more than about five, you might have too many. Take things slow and focus on one goal at a time. It'd be great if we could work on everything at once, but then you won't be doing any one of your goals wholeheartedly.

What's the point of doing something if you aren't going to give it your all? Try prioritizing your goals and work on the one that's the most important to you.

While you're figuring out which should take the #1 spot,

try to make your goals long-term. Life isn't a quick sprint race, so go for the long haul.

If it seems like it's going to be too long of a stretch, find a way to continuously motivate yourself. If your goal was to lose weight, maybe buy yourself an outfit in the size you are aiming for and keep it out. That way it will stay in your mind and hopefully deter you from mindless snacking throughout the day.

You could also change your phone's lock screen to some motivational quote or, better yet,

that outfit you bought (whatever works for you, right?).

Your phone could also be a powerful tool to help you keep you on the road to success. There's tons of apps that can do most of the record keeping for you.

Trying to lose weight? Download workout apps that give you tips and workout guides. Want to eat healthier? Download a food tracker so that you're more conscious of what you're eating. It's really weird, but guilt will overshadow you as you input all the unhealthy things that you ate.

You can also use your phone to set reminders and alarms for yourself. The clock app on iPhones has some great features. It can even track your sleep! Android users, I'm sure there's something similar for you.

If personal reminders aren't going to work out for you, get your friends to join in! Friends that work on resolutions together stay together.

If you're trying to put in more time at the gym, get a friend to join you. You could also step it up a notch and go on a morning hike



or run. Not only will you be on track to reach your goal, you'll be spending some quality time with loved ones.

If you mess up again, that's okay. Stay positive and try it again!



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# Shared Stories: Butterscotch sundaes

Many people remember the excitement of a visit from a favorite relative when they were little. Sharon Smith's "Uncle Jimmy" was a dynamic and generous figure in their family. (FYI – the "hawsepipe" mentioned in her story is the pipe that the anchor chain passes through near the bow of a ship.) 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

By Sharon Benson Smith

We kids called him "Uncle Jimmy," although he was actually Mom's first cousin. His young good looks reminded me of Clark Gable. His wife, "Aunt Tedodie" (short for Theodora), reminded me of the actress Gene Tierney. He called ALL the ladies, young and old alike, "Sugar" in his inimitable Southern drawl.

He was a Merchant Marine and would often be at sea for as long as two or three years at a time. Whenever he docked in the Los Angeles or San Pedro harbor, he spent time in our home.

He always took Mom and kids out to eat at the nearby Stan's Drive Inn and told us to order whatever our little hearts desired. And, oh boy, did we! That was a real treat for us as we didn't get "treated" like that very often.

I must have been all of nine or ten years old. I ordered a hamburger, French fries, and a coke. For dessert I ordered a butterscotch sundae. My siblings went "hog wild" with their ordering also.

Anyway, after we downed all that food plus a butterscotch sundae, he asked if we would like anything else. I immediately said, "I would like another butterscotch sundae," and VOILA, he ordered it.

Then, about half way into that second butterscotch sundae, I started feeling queasy and had to make a mad dash to the restroom. I wonder why! Do you think maybe my eyes were bigger than my stomach? Wouldn't you think that very incident would have cured me of my love for butterscotch – well, not so. It's my favorite to this day --not caramel, but butterscotch!

After our Stan's Drive Inn visits, we would go home; the adults would gather around the kitchen table and question Uncle Jimmy about all his travels to faraway places. They'd ask about where he had been, what the people were like, what were the different traditions, what about the food, etc. Seems my family always wanted to know about the food!

I recall being frightened at the adult conversation about what was going on in the world, and I also recall his words that, "China is the one to look out for." Considering our world today and what's going on around the globe, he was right on the mark even way back then.

He was such a wonderful and loving positive in our young lives. He bought me my first bike. It was a boy's bike, and it was not brand new, but I sure got a lot of pleasure out of it for quite some time.

I even rode it over that crazy, yet exciting, curved and bumpy entrance to the corner beer joint. I enjoyed a lot of freedom riding that bike through our neighborhood. It was a good time to be a kid. It was a time when kids felt safe just being a kid and doing kid-like things.

Uncle Jimmy started going to sea as an ordinary seaman at the very young age of fifteen. His home was in Houston where he became known as "Blackie Merrell," and he was assigned to the S.S. Liberty Bell. He later played a major role in the formation and the building of the National Maritime Union.

In 1939, Uncle Jimmy was elected Chairman of the Gulf District. It is written in "The Hawsepipe" (the newsletter of the Marine Workers Historical Association) that under his leadership the union in the Gulf was cleaned up and the goon squads ceased their activities.

Even more years down the road, he went on to be elected as one of the Trustees of the Pension & Welfare Fund and served in that non-paying capacity after he retired from the sea.

To this day, when I hear the words "Marine" or "butterscotch," I am reminded of our favorite Marine, our beloved "Uncle Jimmy," and the result of the night of two butterscotch sundaes.



PIH Health Hospital - Downey welcomed its first baby of the New Year on Monday, January 1, 2018 at 6:50 a.m. Baby boy Jacob J. Hernandez, weighed in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 and 1/2 inches.

Family Birth Center staff from PIH Health presented parents Luigi Hernandez and Paulina Martinez with a PIH Health welcome baby basket. This is their fourth child.

Individuals, who plan to have a baby or have one on the way, can call 1.877.815.2211 for a referral to a doctor affiliated with PIH Health Hospital - Downey or visit [www.PIHHealth.org](http://www.PIHHealth.org) to find a doctor.



Paula and Eduardo Mejia, along with their children Jackie and Edward, took the Downey Patriot and the year-in-review magazine to Hotel Del Coronado last week.

The trip was to celebrate Paula and Eduardo's 31st wedding anniversary, along with Jackie's inclusion in the Patriot's "40 Under 40" feature and Edward's new job at Pepperdine University.

## Ponytail, NWDLL sign-ups Saturday

**DOWNEY** - Sign-ups begin this weekend for Downey Ponytail's spring 2018 softball season.

The league is open to girls ages 5-18 (as of Jan. 1). Registration is \$140 for girls ages 6 and under, and \$180 for ages 7 and up, with a \$20 discount for sisters.

Registration is at Independence Park is at 8 a.m. for 14u, 9:30 am for 8u, 12:30 pm for 10u, and 3 pm for 12 u.

Registration continues Jan. 13 at 8 am for 14u, 9:30 am for 12u, 12:30 pm for 10u, and 3 pm for 8u.

Northwest Downey Little League sign-ups also begin Saturday at Furman Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

New players should bring two proofs of mail and a birth certificate.

Online registration is accepted but the \$25 late fee will only be waived if registration is done in-person.

For questions, contact Jeffrey Carrasco at (323) 352-6739 or email [nwdllmedia@gmail.com](mailto:nwdllmedia@gmail.com)

Teams are now forming for the CABA winter basketball season. CABA is a year-round adult basketball league for men ages 25 and older.

For details, email [cababasketball@gmail.com](mailto:cababasketball@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook under CABA Basketball League.

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**Joanna Martinez**  
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