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Inside Desert Politics: Mark your calendars

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Happy Friday, Dec. 21, 2018! Welcome to this week's edition of Inside Desert Politics, your guide to the happenings in Coachella Valley, California and national politics. I'm Marie McCain, your host.

Mark your calendars, 2019 will bring some well-known names from the world of politics and political activism to the Coachella Valley via the speakers circuit.

They include:

Jerry Brown

Outgoing California Gov. Jerry Brown, who'll be the former governor by Jan. 31 when he is scheduled to appear at the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival at the Rancho Mirage Public Library, will be interviewed before an audience by New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd.

Festival founder Jamie Kabler told Sam Metz, the Desert Sun's politics reporter, that Brown and Dowd have a great affinity and respect for one another, which promises to make their appearance quite interesting.



Philanthropist Harold Matzner, left, was among those able to secure a rare --and tight -- seat at the over-sold Rancho Mirage Writer's Festival. *Lani Garfield/Special To The Desert Sun*



Barbara & Stewart Boxer & Executive Producer Debbie Green *Lani Garfield/Special To The Desert Sun*

“He’s a big fan of Maureen Dowd and said he’d love to do a conversation with her. So I called Maureen Dowd and she said, I quote, ‘I love Jerry Brown and, in fact, I’ll try to get him to announce he’s running for president at the writers festival,’” Kabler said.

Tickets for Brown's and Dowd's appearance are sold out, but there is a wait list, should any tickets become available. To find out more about the Rancho Mirage Writers Festival go to its website, www.rmwritersfest.org.