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Ricky Galvez scholarship gala
DATE: Friday, May 4
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Rio Hondo Event Center

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Downey Street Faire
DATE: Saturday, May 5
TIME: 10 am to 3 pm
LOCATION: Brookshire Avenue

MAY 15

Open house and ribbon cutting
DATE: Tuesday, May 15
TIME: 3-6 pm
LOCATION: Downey Adult School

MAY 19

Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up
DATE: Saturday, May 19
TIME: 9 am
LOCATION: DowneyLINK transportation center

MAY 28

Memorial Day wreath-laying
DATE: Monday, May 28
TIME: 11 am
LOCATION: Downey Cemetery

MAY 30

Columbus High graduation
DATE: Wednesday, May 30
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: Downey Civic Theatre

MAY 31

Downey High graduation
DATE: Thursday, May 31
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: LBCC stadium

JUNE 1

Warren High graduation
DATE: Friday, June 1
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: LBCC stadium

Soroptimist casino night fundraiser

DATE: Friday, June 1
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Rio Hondo Event Center

JUNE 9

Downey Wheelchair Basketball Expo
DATE: Saturday, June 9
TIME: 9 am
LOCATION: Apollo Park gym

JUNE 16

Smart gardening workshop
DATE: Saturday, June 16
TIME: 9:30 am
LOCATION: Wilderness Park

JUNE 20

Downey Chamber of Commerce golf tournament
DATE: Wednesday, June 20
TIME: 10:30 am
LOCATION: Rio Hondo Golf Club

Concerts in the Park: Atlantic Crossing

DATE: Wednesday, June 20
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Furman Park

JUNE 27

Concerts in the Park: Knyght Ryder
DATE: Wednesday, June 27
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Furman Park

JULY 11

Concerts in the Park: Suave the Band
DATE: Wednesday, July 11
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Furman Park

Downey students invent innovative space suit, win national prize

► Downey High School students won the top prize at the Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge.

Students created a custom space suit that fights muscle atrophy among astronauts.

DOWNEY – The Downey Space Innovators, a team of engineering students from Downey High School, came home world champions after competing against student teams from around the globe in the Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge.

Traveling to the NASA Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, at the end of April, the Downey Space Innovators competed in the category of Aerospace and Aviation against teams from as far as Australia, Canada, China, India, Nigeria and Thailand.

This team, advised by Downey High engineering teacher Glenn Yamasaki, consists of five Vikings: Michelle Kim, Earldrene Dubongco, Akhil Sharma, Christian Echeveste and Evan Saracay.

The Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge was founded by Nancy Conrad in honor of her late husband, astronaut, innovator and entrepreneur Charles "Pete" Conrad, Jr. The Conrad Challenge is an annual, multi-phase innovation and entrepreneurial competition that challenges students in four areas: Aerospace and Aviation, Cyber Technology and Security, Energy and Environment, and Health and Nutrition.

Participants work together in teams of two to five members to develop solutions to some of the world's most complex problems in one of the four categories.



Downey High students Michelle Kim, Earldrene Dubongco, Akhil Sharma, Christian Echeveste and Evan Saracay won the national Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge in the Aerospace and Aviation category. Their teacher is Glenn Yamasaki.

The Aerospace and Aviation category area describes the human effort in science, engineering and business to fly in the Earth's atmosphere and surrounding space. Aerospace organizations research, design, manufacture, operate, or maintain aircraft and/or spacecraft. The Downey Space Innovators did just this and presented an innovative space suit design, named the ZeroMAG.

This space suit was designed and intended to help astronauts combat muscle atrophy during long missions in space. Pitching to a panel of industry experts, the team came away as world champions for their innovative design and presentation.

The Conrad Spirit of Innovation Program engages students in all 50 states and over 72 countries, reaching in excess of 100,000 students and more than 450 schools worldwide. This program supports the conceptualization of more than

350 new products and innovations. Currently, more than 20 percent of conceptualized products and innovations are in development.

"Conrad Challenge teams learn they can make a difference in their world through innovation and entrepreneurship while applying science, technology, engineering, math, leadership, collaboration, creative thinking, critical thinking and problem solving," organizers said.

"Teams compete for the opportunity to be recognized as Pete Conrad Scholars in addition to possible awards from sponsors that may include funding grants, investment opportunities, patent support, business services and scholarships to support the growth of their solutions into a real business."

Farmers market opening at Rancho hospital

► Approved by the L.A. County Board of Supervisors, the farmers market will operate Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm, starting May 17.

This will be Downey's second farmers market.

DOWNEY – The Rancho Los Amigos hospital campus in Downey will begin hosting a weekly farmers market later this month.

The L.A. County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Janice Hahn on Tuesday to allow the farmers market to operate Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The market's first day will be May 17.

"If you work or live in the area, this is a great opportunity to shop for some fresh, locally-grown produce or a fun and delicious way to spend your lunch break," said Hahn.

The farmers' market will be run by Supporting Arms, a nonprofit whose proceeds go toward helping foster youth and will be a beautiful place for patients, employees, and the greater Downey community with opportunities to purchase healthy and locally grown produce, homemade papusas, fresh juice and much more, officials said.

Eventually, the produce grown in the hospital's very own community garden will be sold at the farmer's market, giving patients who tend to this garden a chance to see their products go to market.

"We are extremely excited to offer our patients and the surrounding community healthier food choices," said Rochessa Washington, a representative for the hospital.

"It's only befitting as Rancho Los Amigos operated as an LA County Poor Farm in the 1920's. If you were homeless and destitute, you could work on the farm in exchange for

room and board. Hosting a weekly Farmer's Market is in alignment with our mission to restore health, rebuild life, and revitalize hope for persons with a life changing illness, injury or disability".

The farmers market will be Downey's second: another farmers market also operates Saturdays on Downey Avenue.

As the only rehabilitation hospital in Los Angeles County's Department of Health Services, Rancho serves a unique and vital role in patient recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration. The hospital specializes in brain, neurology, orthopedic, pediatric, spine injury, and stroke rehabilitation.

Each year, the hospital provides care to approximately 4,000 inpatients and 71,000 outpatients, making it one of the largest rehabilitation centers in the nation.

Eric Pierce, editor

Downey restaurant grades

Snack Shop
10627 Old river School Rd.
Date Inspected: 4/27/18
Grade: **A**

Tao Chinese Kitchen
12022 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/27/18
Grade: **A**

Rio Hondo Event Center
10627 old River School Rd.
Date Inspected: 4/27/18
Grade: **A**

Ono Hawaiian BBQ
12028 Lakewood Blvd
Date Inspected: 4/27/18
Grade: **A**

Old River Restaurant
7395 Stewart and Gray Rd.
Date Inspected: 4/26/18
Grade: **A**

Myra's Salvadorean Cuisine
7324 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/26/18
Grade: **A**

Sunland Donuts
7375 Stewart and Gray Rd.
Date Inspected: 4/26/18
Grade: **A**

Noodles & Company
8908 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 4/26/18
Grade: **A**

Fernando's
9484 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/26/18
Grade: **A**

Panera Bread
8900 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 4/26/18
Grade: **A**

Ta Carbon Mexican Taqueria
11219 Old River School Rd.
Date Inspected: 4/26/18
Grade: **A**

Potato Corner
407 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 4/25/18
Grade: **A**

Mariscos Choix
8104 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/25/18
Grade: **A**

Golden Bakers
9444 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 4/25/18
Grade: **A**

Arthurs
881 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/25/18
Grade: **A**

Burger City Grill
8260 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/25/18
Grade: **A**

El Atacor
9456 telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 4/25/18
Grade: **A**

Panda Express
8510 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/25/18
Grade: **A**

Q's Authentic Mexican Shaved Ice
8272 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/25/18
Grade: **A**

Chipotle Mexican Grill
8500 Firestone Blvd
Date Inspected: 4/25/18
Grade: **A**

McDonalds
8855 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/24/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 85°

Saturday 86°

Sunday 78°

THINGS TO DO



Street Faire

Saturday - Brookshire Avenue, 10 am to 4 pm

An annual tradition, the Downey Street Faire features dozens of vendors, food trucks, kids zone, petting zoo, and beer garden.



Breakfast with Mom

Saturday - Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex, 9 am

Get an early start to Mother's Day by having breakfast with mom. Ages 3-10. \$15 for adult and child, \$7 for each additional child



Freestyle Festival

Saturday - The Queen Mary, 2 to 11 pm

Performances by MC Hammer, the Village People, Lisa Lisa, Sugarhill Gang, Right Said Fred, and more. Tickets start at \$38



Guys Night Out

Friday - Bicycle Club Casino, 9 pm

Join KROQ's Kevin and Bean for a night of poker and blackjack. Plus beer tastings, go-go dancers, music, food specials, and win tickets to KROQ's Weenie Roast. Ladies welcome.



Car Cruise

Friday - Ruby's Diner in Whittier, 5 pm

Bring your pre-1979 American cars and trucks for a free car show. No motorcycles.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyTLC: The TLC Staff would like to Thank the Rotary Club of Downey for your ongoing support of our efforts. A special shout out to Nathan Mahoney & Alex Lopez for all the work you put in for a successful Rotary Masquerade fundraiser



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TV producer is guest speaker at historical society

DOWNEY -- Emmy Award nominee and Peabody Award winner Brian Tessier will be the guest speaker at the Downey Historical Society's next meeting, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

Tessier has worked as a producer and associate producer on numerous A&E Biography episodes, including profiles as diverse as Dr. Seuss, Roman Polanski, Marvin Gaye and Eva Braun.

He received a Primetime Emmy nomination for "Stardust: The Bette Davis Story" and praise from critic Tom Shales, who called the film "one of the most personal, intimate and shocking biographical documentaries ever made on a movie star."

For the Peabody-winning "Inventing LA: The Chandlers and their Times," Tessier amassed a striking collection of archival material that Variety hailed as "absolute aces."

Tessier currently oversees all budgets, schedules, contracts and clearances for PJP, including those for Johnny Carson and all 50 episodes of Carson on TCM hosted by Conan O'Brien.

Tessier's talk in Downey is free and open to the public. It will take place in the community center's John Downey Room.

Dia de los Muertos festival confirmed to return in October

DOWNEY -- Downey's Dia de los Muertos festival will return Sunday, Oct. 28, with an art festival component, organizers announced.

The festival will open at 11 a.m. outside the Downey Theatre when a troupe of 35 Aztec dancers "imbue the area with good spirits."

Other highlights include:

A sampling of Mexican music formats on the Zocalo stage in the theater courtyard

An "urban art alley" featuring 20-ft. tall sculptures and a parade of 10-ft. tall catrinas

Variety acts on the community stage, including mariachi bands, singers and ballet folklorico

A fine art exhibit in the theater lobby

Car altars

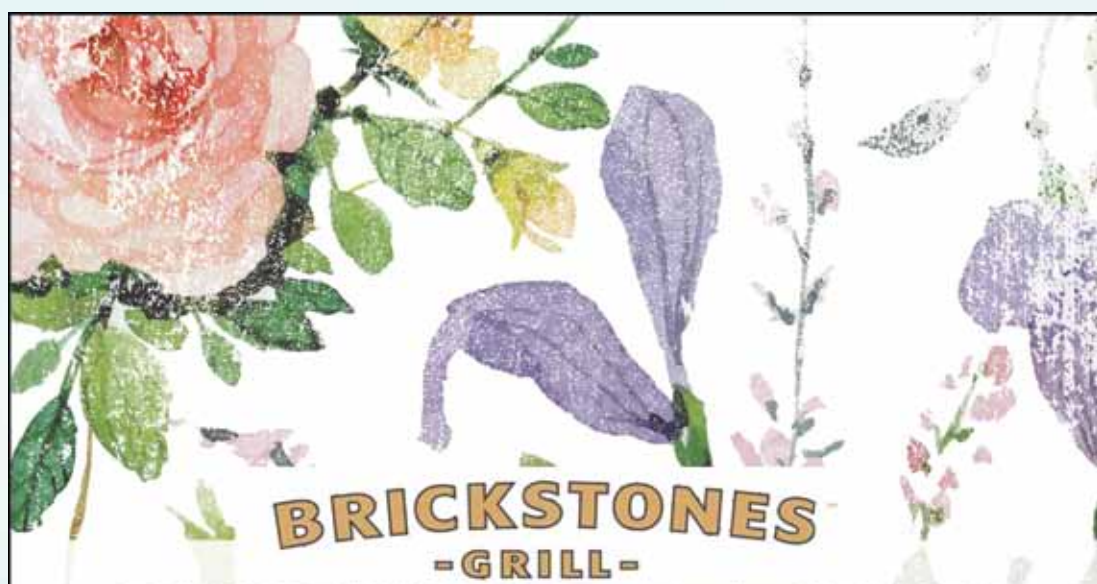
A papel picado demonstration by artist Aurora Sanchez

Calaveras decorating stations

20 booths for local merchants, stores, products and services

50 vendors selling Dia de los Muertos merchandise

Admission to the festival is free. The festival is entering its sixth year.



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How to wrestle your data from data brokers, Silicon Valley — and Cambridge Analytica

► As more Americans put their personal information online, that data is mined and collected by tech companies and political operatives.

What do they know?

By **Jeremy B. Merrill**
ProPublica

LOS ANGELES — Cambridge Analytica thinks that I'm a "Very Unlikely Republican." Another political data firm, ALC Digital, has concluded I'm a "Socially Conservative," Republican, "Boomer Voter." In fact, I'm a 27-year-old millennial with no set party allegiance.

For all the fanfare, the burgeoning field of mining our personal data remains an inexact art.

One thing is certain: My personal data, and likely yours, is in more hands than ever. Tech firms, data brokers and political consultants build profiles of what they know — or think they can reasonably guess — about your purchasing habits, personality, hobbies and even what political issues you care about.

You can find out what those companies know about you but be prepared to be stubborn. Very stubborn. To demonstrate how this works, we've chosen a couple of representative companies from three major categories: data brokers, big tech firms and political data consultants.

Few of them make it easy. Some will show you on their websites, others will make you ask for your digital profile via the U.S. mail. And then there's Cambridge Analytica, the controversial Trump campaign vendor that has come under intense fire in light of a report in the British newspaper *The Observer* and in *The New York Times* that the company used improperly obtained data from Facebook to help build voter profiles.

To find out what the chaps at the British data firm have on you, you're going to need both stamps and a "cheque."

Once you see your data, you'll have a much better understanding of how this shadowy corner of the new economy works. You'll see what seemingly personal information they know about you ... and you'll probably have some hypotheses about where this data is coming from. You'll also probably see some predictions about who you are that are hilariously wrong.

And if you do obtain your data from any of these companies, please let us know your thoughts at politicaldata@propublica.org. We won't share or publish what you say (unless you tell us that's it's OK).

Cambridge Analytica and Other Political Consultants

Making statistically informed guesses about Americans' political beliefs and pet issues is a common business these days, with dozens of firms selling data to candidates and issue groups about the purported leanings of individual American voters.

Few of these firms have to give your data. But Cambridge Analytica is required to do so by an obscure European rule.

Cambridge Analytica:

Around the time of the 2016 election, Paul-Olivier Dehaye, a Belgian mathematician and founder of a website that helps people exercise their data protection rights called PersonalData.IO, approached me with an idea for a story. He flagged some of Cambridge Analytica's claims about the power of its "psychographic" targeting capabilities and suggested that I demand my data from them.

So I sent off a request, following Dehaye's coaching, and citing the UK Data Protection Act 1998, the British implementation of a little-known European Union data-protection

law that grants individuals (even Americans) the rights to see the data European companies compile about individuals.

It worked. I got back a spreadsheet of data about me. But it took months, cost ten pounds — and I had to give them a photo ID and two utility bills. Presumably they didn't want my personal data falling into the wrong hands.

How You Can Request Your Data From Cambridge Analytica:

Visit Cambridge Analytica's website and fill out their web form.

After you submit the form, the page will immediately request that you email to data.compliance@cambridgeanalytica.org a photo ID and two copies of your utility bills or bank statements, to prove your identity. This page will also include the company's bank account details.

Find a way to send them 10 GBP. You can try wiring this from your bank, though it may cost you an additional \$25 or so — or ask a friend in the UK to go to their bank and get a cashier's check. Your American bank probably won't let you write a GBP-denominated check. Two services I tried, Xoom and TransferWise, weren't able to do it.

Eventually, Cambridge Analytica will email you a small Excel spreadsheet of information and a letter. You might have to wait a few weeks. Celeste LeCompte, ProPublica's vice president of business development, requested her data on March 27 and still hasn't received it.

Because the company is based in the United Kingdom, it had no choice but to fulfill my request. In recent weeks, the firm has come under intense fire after *The New York Times* and the British paper *The Observer* disclosed that it had used improperly obtained data from Facebook to build profiles

of American voters. Facebook told me that data about me was likely transmitted to Cambridge Analytica because a person with whom I am "friends" on the social network had taken the now-infamous "This Is Your Digital Life" quiz. For what it's worth, my data shows no sign of anything derived from Facebook.

What You Might Get Back From Cambridge Analytica:

Cambridge Analytica had generated 13 data points about my views: 10 political issues, ranked by importance; two guesses at my partisan leanings (one blank); and a guess at whether I would turn out in the 2016 general election.

They told me that the lower the rank, the higher the predicted importance of the issue to me.

Alongside that data labeled "models" were two other types of data that are run-of-the-mill and widely used by political consultants. One sheet of "core data" — that is, personal info, sliced and diced a few different ways, perhaps to be used more easily as parameters for a statistical model. It included my address, my electoral district, the census tract I live in and my date of birth.

The spreadsheet included a few rows of "election returns" — previous elections in New York State in which I had voted. (Intriguingly, Cambridge Analytica missed that I had voted in 2015's snoozefest of a vote-for-five-of-these-five judicial election. It also didn't know about elections in which I had voted in North Carolina, where I lived before


I lived in New York.)

ALC Digital

ALC Digital is another data broker, which says that its info is "audiences are built from multi-sourced, verified information about an individual." Their data is distributed via Oracle Data Cloud, a service that lets advertisers target specific audience of people — like, perhaps, people who are Boomer Voters and also Republicans.

The firm brags in an Oracle document posted online about how hard it is to avoid their data collection efforts, saying, "It has no cookies to erase and can't be 'cleared.' ALC Real World Data is rooted in reality, and doesn't rely on inferences or faulty models."

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Downey boys finish regular season undefeated to claim league championship

► Vikings finish volleyball's regular season a perfect 10-0 and will host an unknown opponent in the first round of CIF playoffs.

**By Mark Fetter
Contributor**

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 21-4-1 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 10-0. The Vikings are the 2018 S.G.V.L. champions.

Downey defeated Warren at Downey last Thursday 3-1 (25-17, 25-18, 24-26 and 25-18) and defeated Gahr at Downey on Tuesday 3-0 (25-19, 25-14 and 25-13).

Coach McCarthy, his staff and players will now wait to see who they host in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. The Vikings are currently ranked 5th in C.I.F. Division 3 and 80th in California.

DOWNEY BOYS BASEBALL: The Downey High School boys' baseball team currently has an overall record of 15-11 and are 7-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

Downey defeated Warren at Warren on Tuesday 1-0 and will host the Bears at Downey later today to complete the away and home series.

The Vikings will conclude S.G.V.L. play when they travel to Gahr on Tuesday and when they host Gahr next Thursday. The league title will certainly be on the line next week when these two teams play each other.

Coach Gonzalez, his staff and players are looking forward to winning a league championship, qualifying for postseason play and making a deep run in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

DOWNEY SOFTBALL: The Downey High School softball team currently has an overall record of 20-6 and is 6-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Lady Vikings defeated Dominguez at Downey, 19-0, on Tuesday and traveled to Lynwood yesterday (score unavailable at press time). The Lady Vikings will host cross-town rival Warren at Downey on Monday and will host Gahr at Downey next Wednesday in their league and regular season finale.

The S.G.V.L. championship will certainly be on the line next week. Downey is currently ranked 37th in California and first in C.I.F. Division 4. Coach Ed Garcia has done an outstanding job in his first season as the varsity head coach.

WARREN BASEBALL: The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 18-7 and is 5-2 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Bears were defeated by cross-town rival Downey at Warren on Tuesday 1-0 and will travel to Downey later today for their highly anticipated rematch.

Warren will travel to Dominguez next Monday and will host the Dons on Wednesday in their league and regular season finale. Coach Pearson, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play strong and making a run in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

WARREN BOYS VOLLEYBALL: The Warren High School boys' volleyball team finished their regular season with an overall record 16-5 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 8-2. The Bears defeated Dominguez at Warren 3-0 on Tuesday in their league and season finale.

Warren finished second in league play behind cross-town rival Downey (10-0). Coach Scott Lane, his staff and players are all looking forward to making a run in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

WARREN SOFTBALL: The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 16-10 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 5-2. As of Wednesday, the Bears are currently in third place behind Gahr (7-0) and Downey (6-1), respectively.

Warren hosted Gahr at Warren on Thursday (score unavailable at press time), will travel to cross-town rival Downey on Monday and will conclude their league and regular season finale against Dominguez at Warren next Wednesday.

Coach Starksen, her staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play strong and making a run in the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs.

DOWNEY SOCCER: The Downey High School boys' soccer program will be conducting a free soccer clinic tomorrow, May 5, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The clinic is designed for boys and girls ages 6-14 and will be held on the football field at Downey High School. Head soccer coach Marvin Mires is planning five free soccer clinics like this one this year.

The clinic will focus on soccer fundamentals, specifically on body positioning when receiving a ball. Other clinic features will include passing, individual skill drills, scrimmages and games. The clinic will feature at least two coaches from the L.A. Galaxy Academy. Andrew May will be featured from the Galaxy Academy as will Ruben Messina. May is the U-15 head coach and Messina is the goalkeepers coach. The two coaches will be at the clinic to work with young student-athletes.

The Downey High School soccer team is the 2018 S.G.V.L. champion and three players from that team are being looked at by four-year universities. **David Aguilera** has been shown interest by Marymount University, **Sebastian Perez** has been shown interest by U.C. Irvine and **Nicholas Campbell** has been shown interest by U.C. Davis. The future is

quickly approaching for these young men.

Marvin Mires can be contacted at 310-993-4342 or at mmires@dusd.net. Mires may also be contacted at DowneySoccer.com, on Twitter: @Downey_Soccer or on Instagram: @DowneySoccer.

Coach Mires and his staff hope to see you at Downey High School tomorrow morning at 9 am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD: The middle school track and field season began last Thursday afternoon when Griffiths and Sussman traveled to Warren and Doty and Stauffer traveled to Downey.

At Warren, the Sussman 8th grade boy track and field team defeated Griffiths 58-28, the Griffiths 7th grade boy track and field team defeated Sussman 70-16 and the Griffiths 6th grade boy track and field team defeated Sussman 52-34.

The Sussman 8th grade girl track and field team defeated Griffiths 51-35, the Griffiths 7th grade girl track and field team defeated Sussman 54-32 and the Sussman 6th grade girl track and field team defeated Griffiths 69-17.

At Downey, the Doty 8th grade boy track and field team defeated Stauffer 74.5-11.5, the Doty 7th grade boy track and field team defeated Stauffer 72-14 and the Doty 6th grade boy track and field team defeated Stauffer 73-13.

The Doty 8th grade girl track and field team defeated Stauffer 60-26, the Doty 7th grade girl track and field team defeated Stauffer 76-10 and the Doty 6th grade girl track and field team defeated Stauffer 77-9.

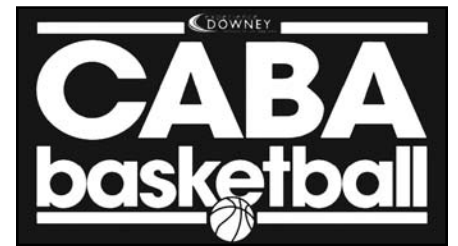
The second week of dual meet competition took place yesterday as Doty and Griffiths traveled to Warren and Stauffer and Sussman traveled to Downey (results unavailable at press time).

The third and final week of dual meet competition will take place next Thursday when Griffiths and Stauffer travel to Warren and Doty and Sussman travel to Downey. The all-city track meet will be held at Downey High School on Friday, May 18.

CABA, an adult recreation basketball league, is now forming teams for its spring and summer season.

The league is open to adults ages 21 and older, and features both advanced and intermediate divisions.

Each season is about three months long with games on Monday and/or Thursday nights.



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The GOP's hostile language

By Mark Shields

It's an established American tradition to call people what they wish to be called. That's why after he converted religions, nearly everyone — except a few die-hard bigots — called the heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali instead of Cassius Clay. Marion Morrison chose to become John Wayne. Ilyena Lydia Vasilievna Mironov would later become Dame Helen Mirren, and Caryn Johnson would achieve fame and fortune as Whoopi Goldberg.

But some Republicans, included among them the current GOP president, regularly choose to ignore this national custom by refusing to address or refer to their political adversaries as belonging to — what it has been almost universally called since 1828 — the Democratic Party. Instead, by deliberately dropping the last two letters and ungrammatically substituting an adjective for a noun, some partisans seek to disparage the party of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson.

Recently, Marc Short, the presidential assistant with the challenging responsibility of managing this White House's relations with the House and the Senate, was interviewed one-on-one on PBS NewsHour by Amna Nawaz. Facing an election year in which the Republican congressional

majority is clearly threatened, Short insisted on referring to the presidencies of Bill Clinton and Barack Obama as "Democrat administrations."

President Trump had tweeted late last year about getting "no Democrat votes" in the Senate for his budget plan and the "Wacky Congresswoman" who was "killing the "Democrat Party" — a term which is harsher to the ear than the more melodic "Democratic" and supposedly robs the Democrats of all popular identification with the appealing virtues of social equality and anti-snobbishness.

Ever since Wisconsin's red baiting — and, eventually, censured — Joseph R. McCarthy popularized the epithet "Democrat Party," conservative partisans have mostly employed it publicly as a sort of secret verbal handshake to prove one's GOP credentials while disparaging the other guys.

There have been happy exceptions. In 2008, the year Republicans nominated Arizona Sen. and maverick John McCain, the Party platform committee voted down a proposal to call the opposition the "Democrat Party" in the platform. Then-Mississippi Gov. and committee Chairman Haley Barbour explained, "We probably should use what the actual name

is," a position endorsed by one Indiana committee member who argued, "We should afford them the respect they are entitled and call them by their legal name."

Just as most Irish-Americans reject being called "micks," and Catholics don't like to be referred to as adherents of the "Church of Rome" any more than Jewish Americans appreciate being told they are "of the Hebrew persuasion," members of the Democratic Party do not like to be told they belong to the "Democrat Party."

If the Republicans are sincerely interested in winning in 2020, for what would be only the second time having a majority of the national vote in the last eight presidential elections, they — and their leader, President Donald J. Trump — could begin by calling their fellow Americans across the aisle members of the Democratic Party. Sometimes it's not just how you say it; it really is what you say.

Mark Shields is a political columnist and commentator. Since 1988, he has provided weekly political analysis and commentary for the PBS NewsHour.

Fear of the left: The most powerful force in America today

By Dennis Prager

The dominant force in America and many other Western countries today is fear of the left.

This is a result of the fact that the most dynamic religion of the past 100 years has been neither Christianity nor Islam. It has been leftism. Whoever does not recognize this does not understand the contemporary world.

Leftism — in its incarnations, such as Marxism, communism and socialism; expressed through egalitarianism, environmentalism and feminism; in its denigration of capitalism and Western civilization, especially America and Israel; in its supplanting of Christianity and Judaism; through its influence on Christianity and Judaism; in its celebration of race; and in its replacing of reason with romanticism — has almost completely taken over the news and entertainment media and institutions of education.

There is a largely (though not entirely) nonviolent reign of ideological terror in America. In almost every area of life, people fear antagonizing the left.

Last week, before my speech at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a man employed by the university (I will not say in what department) walked over to me, looked around to see whether anyone was watching and whispered in my ear, "I'm a conservative."

This happens just about everywhere I speak. People whisper — yes, whisper — that they are conservative or they support Trump. The last time I experienced people looking around to check whether they were seen speaking to me was with dissidents in the Soviet Union.

People call my radio show from all over the country to say that their fellow musicians, nurses, teachers or employees do not know that they are conservative, let alone that they support the president.

I have called contemporary conservatives in America Marranos, the name given during the 15th-century Spanish Inquisition to Jews who hid their Judaism while appearing to be Catholics, lest they be persecuted. I do not compare the consequences: Losing one's friends or employment is not the same as losing one's home or one's life. But otherwise, the label

is apt.

Because of my widely covered conducting of the Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra at the Walt Disney Concert Hall last summer, members of some of the most prestigious orchestras in America have opened up to me, telling me they are conservative but would never reveal this fact to their fellow musicians. They fear either losing their position or, more likely, being socially ostracized.

Why are so many Democrats shocked when a Republican is elected president? Because, as they themselves say, they "don't know anyone" who voted for the Republican. The primary reason for this is the people in their life who voted for Donald Trump — professional colleagues, and even friends and relatives — are afraid to tell them.

There are two reasons the left labels most conservatives and all Trump supporters "white supremacists," "neo-Nazis" and "racists." One is to defeat conservatives without having to defeat conservative ideas. The other is to instill fear: Speak out and you will suffer the consequences.

Parents call my radio show and ask what they should tell their children at college when they ask whether they should risk receiving a lower grade for divulging their conservative politics in a paper or on an exam.

It is becoming more and more common for leftist mobs to gather in front of a conservative's home, scream epithets at the conservative's family members and vandalize the home. Just last week, the Associated Press reported: "Protesters are targeting the northern Virginia home of the National Rifle Association's top lobbyist ... Chris Cox ... as well as his wife's nearby decorating business. ... Libby Locke, a lawyer for the Cox family, said the vandalism included spraying fake blood and defacing the home with stickers."

Left-wing student mobs routinely take over the offices of university deans, professors and even presidents. The few non-left-wing professors on any campus understand their lives will be made miserable if they speak out. The widely reported case of liberal biology professor Bret Weinstein at Evergreen State College in Washington is directly on point.

In May 2017, professor Weinstein was surrounded by about 50 left-

wing students, who screamed curses at him outside of his classroom for refusing to participate in an event during which white people were asked to leave the campus for a day.

On May 24, 2017, Weinstein tweeted: "the police told me I am not safe on campus. They can not protect me."

Within a few months, left-wing students and the left-wing Evergreen administration made life so miserable for the lifelong liberal professor he left the university.

Since the left began spreading the lie that a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, shot a black youth because he, like most police officers, is a racist, police officers in many cities have feared taking proactive measures to prevent violent crime in black neighborhoods. They fear the left-wing mob known as the news media will ruin their reputation and end their career.

In the recent case of a Philadelphia Starbucks manager who asked two black men to purchase something before giving them the code to the restroom, Starbucks immediately appeased the left-wing mob. The company didn't wait until any facts came out; it simply abandoned the manager and announced it would close every U.S. store one day in May to educate all Starbucks employees about "unconscious bias."

These are only a few examples of the left-wing intimidation that dominates much of American life.

It does so in large measure because liberals are either too afraid to confront the left or they don't understand that the American left, not the American right, is the mortal enemy of liberalism.

Dennis Prager is a nationally syndicated radio talk-show host and columnist. His latest book, published by Regnery in April 2018, is "The Rational Bible," a commentary on the book of Exodus.

Stopping drivers without a legal justification is unconstitutional, even in the name of young love

By Jacob Sullum

After a police officer pulls over a teenage girl without any legal justification and frightens her to the verge of tears, the local press portrays the incident as charming rather than alarming. You know what that means: Prom season is upon us.

The cop-assisted promposal, in which police help a teenager carry out a prank that ends with an invitation to the big dance, has become a familiar springtime ritual, documented in online videos and feel-good newspaper stories. But beneath the warm and fuzzy images of adolescent couples lurks a disturbing willingness to tolerate abuses of power by police officers as long as their motives are pure.

When a cop makes a traffic stop, he is using his special powers as an armed agent of the state to forcibly detain someone. Under the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits "unreasonable searches and seizures," he needs a good reason to use those powers — typically, "reasonable suspicion" of a crime or traffic violation.

There is no promposal exception to the Fourth Amendment. Yet police officers across the country are happy to make traffic stops in the name of young love.

Last month, for instance, Isaac Nusbaum, a student at White Knoll High School in Lexington, South Carolina, enlisted the help of South Congaree

Officer Eddie Stone to arrange a "fake traffic stop" for his girlfriend, Candice Derrick. Nusbaum was hiding in Stone's police truck with flowers and a sign that said, "Will you be my partner N crime and go to prom with me?"

The State, a newspaper based in Columbia, South Carolina's capital, covered the incident as a heartwarming human interest story, although it conceded that getting pulled over by the cops "can be a startling experience" and noted that the prank "might have been too realistic" for the object of Nusbaum's affections. "I may have went just a little too far with it when I almost made her cry," Stone admitted on the South Congaree Police Department's Facebook page.

But the important thing, Stone wrote, is that "she said YES" to Nusbaum's "very sweet" invitation. "Thank you," he wrote to the couple, "for letting the Town of South Congaree and myself be part of this special moment for you two."

In another "special" moment last January, police in Oxford, Mississippi, pulled over a teenager who was on a date with his girlfriend and pretended to arrest him on an outstanding warrant. The boy revealed the trick by holding up a sign that said, "I'm locked up so I can lock you down for prom."

"I'm about to start crying," the girl says in the promposal video after seeing the sign. "This is not funny. You scared me."

A teenage Kansas couple was so enamored of the false-arrest theme

that the pair carried it over to the prom itself. After a Greenwood County sheriff's deputy pulled Alexis Berndt over so her boyfriend, Daniel Huber, could surprise her with a promposal sign ("Can I cop you into going to prom"), she turned the tables by arranging for him to be handcuffed while the couple rode to the prom in a police car.

My friend Lauren Krisai, a policy analyst at the Justice Action Network, picked that last example as "this year's most outrageous promposal." Despite the positive press coverage such stunts receive, she says, they "are neither cute nor legal."

Though the cuteness of these prom pranks is in the eye of the beholder, their legality is not. Stopping drivers without a legal justification is unconstitutional, and overlooking that point for the sake of something as frivolous as a prom invitation invites cops to cut corners when the stakes are more serious.

Police are supposed to abide by the Constitution even when doing so makes it harder to convict someone they're convinced is guilty. They should not be taking their cues from people who think it's not just OK but positively delightful to violate the Fourth Amendment so that Dan can ask Lexi to the prom.

Jacob Sullum is a senior editor at Reason magazine. Follow him on Twitter: @jacobsullum.

No more Tony Mendoza

Dear Editor:

Once again this is the time when we begin receiving the onslaught of political flyers and robocall phone messages seeking our support for candidates running for office. This week, I received many of those flyers, one of which was from Tony Mendoza for State Senate.

Many of us in the public are aware that Mr. Mendoza recently resigned his seat while under investigation for sexual harassment, prior to the conclusion of the investigation -- an interesting move for someone who vociferously proclaimed his innocence.

His resignation was soon followed by a leave of absence from our Assemblymember, Cristina Garcia, who is also facing similar charges. This left residents like me with no elected representation in Sacramento.

Mr. Mendoza's flyer asks that I "re-elect" him. Well, he is not my senator; right now I have no senator, and I choose not to vote for him.

I have been a Democrat since I first voted in 1970 but I would rather vote for a Republican than see him return to office. I truly hope that voters in in 32nd Senate District will elect a candidate that won't embarrass and abandon us.

Bruce McDaniel Downey

City Council's lack of action

Dear Editor:

When I spoke April 24 at the Downey City Council meeting to urge the council to speak up and oppose Kaiser Permanente's plans to eliminate 61 jobs in Downey, I expected the council to support us.

Instead, no councilmember said anything. In fact, I didn't know how any of them felt until reading Councilmember Fernando Vasquez's quote in the paper ("Healthcare Workers Bring Kaiser Protest to City Hall," 4/26/18) when he described the layoffs as "a private matter" that he "hoped both parties could work it out."

Talk about a failure of leadership. There's all kinds of things the City Council can do to protect these jobs. They can speak out, they can hold hearings and they can pass a resolution putting the city on record against outsourcing.

The City Council claims it wants to attract jobs to the city but then acts like there's nothing they can do when jobs are threatened. It doesn't make sense.

Gabriel Montoya Downey

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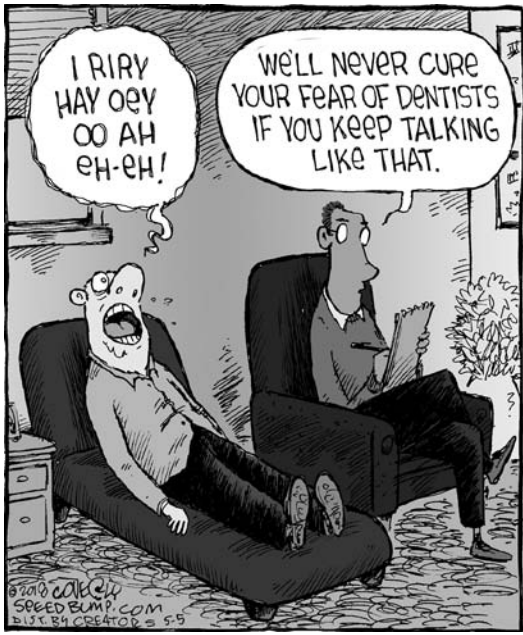
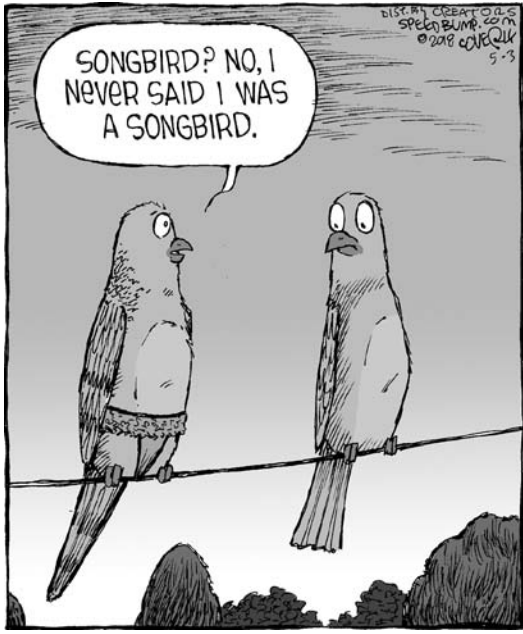
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Downey Community Calendar

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 Rick 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.

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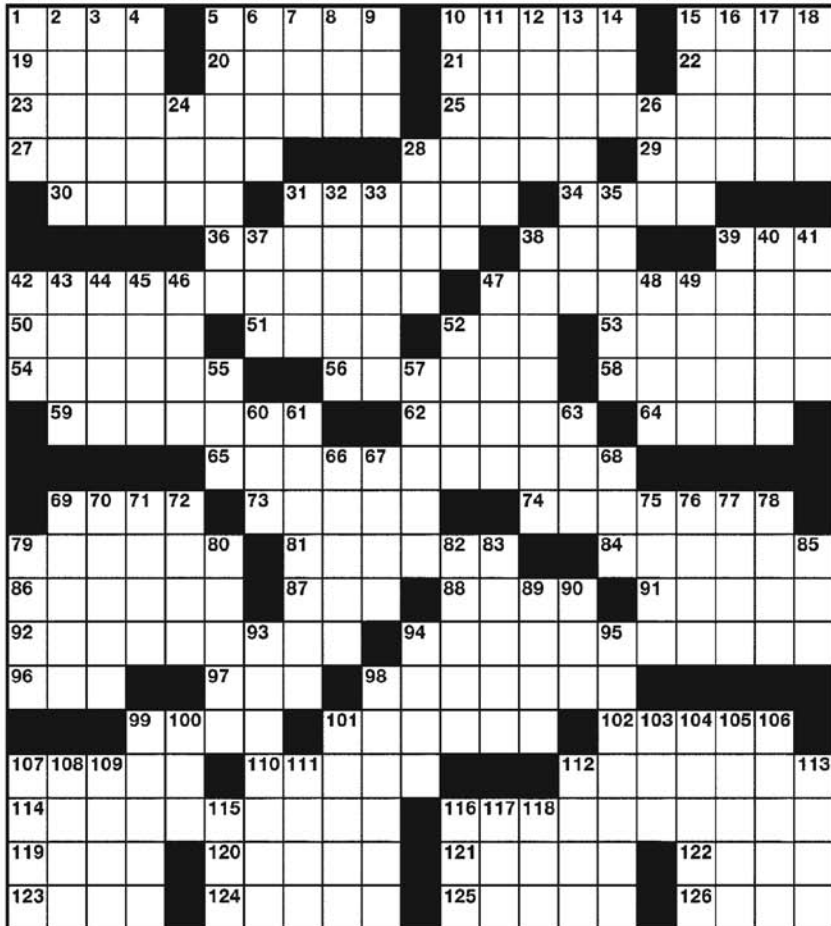
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- 1937:** Margaret Mitchell won a Pulitzer Prize for "Gone With The Wind."
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She said yes!

Gabriel Parra and Becky Mugica became engaged March 31.



The city of Downey planted a tree at Dennis the Menace Park last month in memory of Ken Thompson, a World War II and longtime Downey resident who died earlier this year at age 101.

Dozens of residents and city officials attended the tree planting, along with members of Thompson's family.

Photo courtesy city of Downey.



Allen Collier, Mary Kitchener, Sherri Collier, Cheryl Kleinsmith and Jana Knowles took the Downey Patriot on a trip to the Panama Canal.

Downey Library's May auction items

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent-bid auctions to raise money for library programs. The book auction items this month include:

“**Jacqueline Kennedy-Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy**” (an account of her experiences and impressions as the wife and confidant of John F. Kennedy...includes book and 8 CD set);

“**Double Helix-Annotated and Illustrated**” (new insight into the discovery of the structure of DNA and the start of molecular biology...well written for the lay person);

“**Over the Edge of the World**” (a look at one of the most historic voyages of all time, Magellan's voyage with five ships and over 200 men that ended after two years with one ship, less than 10 men and no Magellan);

“**I Will Never Forget You**” (a fresh perspective on the life and work of Frida Kahlo with many unpublished photographs);

“**The World Encyclopedia of Locomotives**” (the definitive history of locomotive technology from the 1830's to the present day with photographs and illustrations);

“**Artful Words-Mary Engelbreit and the Illustrated Quote**” (more than 150 inspirational quotes combined with the art of Englebreit);

“**Metropolitan Flowers**” (a dazzling selection of the museum's

collection including flowers in medieval tapestries, historic reproductions and religious paintings);

“**Black Music History Collection**” (Album Cover Art-the ultimate collection; Black Music-Leroi Jones paperback; Miles Davis CD-Porgy and Bess; A Love Supreme-the story of John Coltrane's signature album);

“**Atlas Obscura-An Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders**” (celebrates more than 600 of the most curious and unusual destinations around the globe);

“**The Glory of Their Times**” (the story of baseball in its earlier days when it was tougher, rawer and more intimate with lots of pictures and firsthand accounts);

“**The Brown Derby Restaurant**” (lots of stories, some nice recipes and all the stars who frequented a restaurant that was the place to go, be seen, and have a good meal);

“**Flappers-Six Women of a Dangerous Generation**” (six women share their time in the 1920's-a time for women to shorten their skirts, shingle their hair and have a drink in public);

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Downey Teachers of the Year for 2017-18 revealed

► Yolanda Rodriguez-Nelson, Anne Russell, Dina Carter and Christina Carlson chosen to receive Masonic Teacher of the Year honors.

DOWNEY – Four teachers from across Downey Unified were recognized by the Downey United Masonic Lodge 220 at the Board of Education’s monthly meeting held Tuesday, April 17.

This annual award, which first began in 1964, is presented to a teacher from each level in the Downey Unified School District.

This year’s Masonic Teacher of the Year recipients are Yolanda Rodriguez-Nelson, Anne Russell, Dina Carter and Christina Carlson.

Beginning at the elementary level, **Yolanda Rodriguez-Nelson**, a second-grade teacher at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School, was selected for her unwavering dedication and superior service to students.

Beginning her teaching career in Downey Unified nearly 25 years ago, Rodriguez-Nelson has been a champion for her students

since they day she stepped into the classroom.

“Yolanda embraces the belief of connecting with students and practices it daily in her interactions within the classroom,” proudly expressed Rio San Gabriel Elementary School principal, David Cid.

“She is deliberate in building meaningful and positive relationships, knowing that each student is unique. By doing this, her students are motivated to learn because of her tireless efforts of relationship building.”

The second teacher to be selected as one of this year’s Masonic Teacher of the Year award recipients at the elementary level, was Imperial Elementary School’s **Anne Russell**. Russell, also a second-grade teacher, has been teaching in Downey Unified for 15 years.

She has a model blended classroom at Imperial which incorporates 21st Century technology, provides her students with confidence to take

risks and continues to expand their learning.

Imperial Elementary principal, Peggy Meehan, had nothing but admiration for Mrs. Russell as she spoke, “Anne invests herself in each of her students. She walks into her classroom each day with one main goal – to be the teacher she wants her very own children to have – and for that, I am very proud that she has been selected as one of this year’s Masonic Teachers of the Year.”

Dina Carter, an English teacher at Stauffer Middle School, was chosen as the third Masonic Teacher of the Year. Teaching English and also being the Title I Coordinator, Carter discovered her love for teaching at very early age.

She credits her passion to an English teacher she had when she attended Downey High School, “It was that day in Ms. Brady’s class when we read To Kill A Mocking Bird that I knew I wanted to be an English teacher,” said Carter.

“There are so many reasons

why Dina Carter has been selected for this award,” stated Alyda Mir, principal of Stauffer Middle School. “She puts her students first, always. She dreams big and has truly made our school the best it can be!”

Selected from the high school level, English teacher **Christina Carlson** from Downey High School, was the final Downey Unified teacher to be honored. Carlson began working for Downey Unified nearly 26 years ago, finding her home at Downey High School where she has been since day one.

Carlson has taught English at eight different levels, including being an AP (Advanced Placement) teacher. Aside from teaching, Carlson has assisted with Downey High’s WASC accreditation, and has been both a club advisor and coach of various sports teams.

“Christina has all the qualities that make a great teacher,” began Downey High’s principal, Tom Houts. “She cares about her students, knowing each on an individual level, she sets high expectation for each of her students and she makes learning

fun by engaging them each day. For all these reasons I am so proud to call her our Masonic Teacher of the Year.”

“All four of the Downey Unified teachers that were awarded the Masonic Teacher of the Year exhibit qualities that direct students down a path that leads them to be citizens of strong character and globally competitive, while providing them with the appropriate tools to be both college and career ready,” Downey Unified said in a statement.



Mary R. Stauffer Foundation held its second annual volunteer luncheon at the Rio Hondo Event Center on April 18.

Volunteers pictured are, left to right: Jennifer Toledo, Wendy McKinsey, Connie Caddell, John Kennedy, Dr. Mary R. Stauffer, Janet Suzuki, Phil Davis, Iliana Cordova, Devon France, and Nancy Swenson

Bottom: Martha Sodetani, Cynthia Foley, Shirley Wilson, Bobbie Samperi, Wendy Doty.

Volunteers not in attendance: Tina Carlson, Xochitl Ortiz, Kim Sodetani, Reggie Donahue, Cheyenne Swenson, Jerilyn Fierro, Misty Rios and Christine Yoon.

The Mary R. Stauffer Foundation provides over 900 awards, scholarships, and grants to students and teachers in the Downey Unified School District. In addition to administering these awards some volunteers additionally review and score resumes and essay included in applications.

On behalf of the students of Downey Unified, the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation wishes to thank all the volunteers for their support throughout the 2017-18 school year. Without these volunteers the Foundation could not fulfill its mission to inspire students to achieve their potential. See you all again in 2018-19.



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REVIEW: The stakes have never been higher for the Avengers in 'Infinity War'

► The blockbuster juggles an array of Marvel Comics superheroes and manages to advance a storyline 10 years in the making.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

Ten years. Nineteen movies. Six stones.

We may not have initially known it when we sat down in theaters and were introduced to Tony Stark / Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.) back in 2008, but this is the moment that we've been slowly building to over the last decade: The Infinity War.

This movie isn't for those who have never seen a Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) movie before (and if you haven't, what rock have you been under?). The film isn't built for epic story progression or character development – all of that can be found between Iron Man (2008) and Black Panther (2017).

No, instead Infinity War thrusts you immediately into the chaos that is left in the wake of Thanos (Josh Brolin) and his quest for the Infinity Stones.

Actually, let's talk about Thanos for a minute.

Thanos is Tony Stark's worst nightmare come true. It's beings like "The Mad Titan" that caused the

formation of The Avengers. They didn't know it at the time, but he's the reason Tony and Bruce Banner / The Hulk (Mark Ruffalo) created Ultron (even if that didn't go particularly well) back in Avengers Age of Ultron (2015).

Thanos is a madman; he's practically "space-Hitler" (and no, that's not just me trying to be funny).

The end game for Thanos surrounds the completion of the Infinity Gauntlet, an all-powerful weapon that he needs to carry out his plan for humanity.

The worst part of it all: the movie almost makes you feel for Thanos at certain points. He actually has some humanity within him.

He's not just some cookie-cutter villain who wants to rule the world; that's not it at all. Instead, Thanos sees a problem in the world and he aims to fix it. His ultimate goal is barbaric in every sense of the word; however, it is a cause that he believes in fully. Thanos truly believes he is doing the right thing for the world.

So, who's going to try and stop this seemingly unstoppable bad guy? Literally everyone.

Infinity War had all the makings to be a giant cluster you-know-what with its stacked, star studded

cast. Thankfully, it's not.

Save for a couple exceptions, if a character was in an MCU movie before and wasn't killed off, then they're likely in this film. While this may seem like it would be overwhelming, Infinity War balances its cast extremely well – instead breaking up several characters into unique little units that follow their own sub-plots.

There are pretty much three story arcs that occur within the film, and for the most part they all happen simultaneously to one another. The awesome part is that each arc and its band of characters tend to weave in and out of one another almost flawlessly.

This leads to several hero team-ups that you never expected you'd see. Frankly, you won't know you wanted some of these team ups until they happen, and then when they do you'll be glad they did.

But what about the elephant in the room?

More than anything else, it seems as though the big question on everybody's mind leading up to the film has been who's going to bite the dust: Captain America (Chris Evans) or Iron Man.

Anyone who's asking that is asking the wrong question.



Infinity War quickly makes it clear that everyone has a whole lot to lose should Thanos succeed. Without giving much away, let me just say this - no one leaves this movie unscathed.

Infinity War is probably not going to sweep the movie award shows, and it shouldn't by any means. This isn't a film for the academy, it's a film for the fans.

It was in my second viewing of the film (yes, I've already seen it twice) that I realized the brilliance of what Marvel Studios has done.

For 10 years we've been invested in these characters. We've watched the characters fight, grow, grieve, and love.

The arrival of Thanos has raised the stakes not only for the

Avengers, for the Guardians, for Spider-Man and for Dr. Strange; it has also raised the stakes for audiences as well.

Avengers: Infinity War is rated PG-13 and runs for 149 minutes.

Spongebob, Mean Girls lead Tony Award nominations

The Tony Awards nominations were led by "Mean Girls" and "SpongeBob SquarePants," garnering 12 nods each. Revivals of "Angels in America" and "Carousel," as well as the new musical "The Band's Visit," received 11 nominations apiece.

Written by Tina Fey, "Mean Girls" is an adaptation of the 2004 film about the perils of high school cliques.

"SpongeBob Squarepants" is based on the animated series. The stage version features music by powerhouse artists, including John Legend, Steven Tyler and Cindi Lauper.

Below are some of this year's Tony Award nominations:

Best Musical: "The Band's Visit," "Frozen," "Mean Girls," "SpongeBob SquarePants: The Broadway Musical"

Best Play: "The Children," "Farinelli and the King," "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," "Junk," "Latin History for Morons"

Best Revival of a Musical: "Carousel," "My Fair Lady," "Once on This Island"

Best Revival of a Play: "Angels in America," "Lobby Hero," "Three Tall Women," "The Iceman Cometh," "Travesties"

Best Book of a Musical: "The Band's Visit," Itamar Moses; "Frozen," Jennifer Lee; "Mean Girls," Tina Fey; "SpongeBob SquarePants," Kyle Jarrow

Best Original Score: "Angels in America," Adrian Sutton; "The Band's Visit," Music and Lyrics: David Yazbek; "Frozen," Music and Lyrics: Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez; "Mean Girls," Music: Jeff Richmond; Lyrics: Nell Benjamin; "SpongeBob SquarePants," Various contributors

Best Leading Actor in a Play: Andrew Garfield, "Angels in America"; Tom Hollander, "Travesties"; Jamie Parker, "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child"; Mark Rylance, "Farinelli and the King"; Denzel Washington, "The Iceman Cometh"

Best Leading Actress in a Play: Glenda Jackson, "Three Tall Women"; Condola Rashad, "Saint Joan"; Lauren Ridloff, "Children of a Lesser God"; Amy Schumer, "Meteor Shower"

Best Leading Actor in a Musical: Harry Hadden-Paton, "My Fair Lady"; Joshua Henry, "Carousel"; Ethan Slater, "SpongeBob SquarePants"; Tony Shalhoub, "The Band's Visit"

Best Leading Actress in a Musical: Lauren Ambrose, "My Fair Lady"; Hailey Kilgore, "Once on This Island"; LaChanze, "Summer: The Donna Summer Musical"; Katrina Lenk, "The Band's Visit"; Taylor Louderman, "Mean Girls"; Jessie Mueller, "Carousel"



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Andrew Daniel Montoya, of Downey, has been sworn in as a California Highway Patrol officer after completing the CHP's 28-week cadet training course.

He has been assigned to duty at the CHP's South Los Angeles Area office.

Montoya graduated from Warren High School in 2015. He earned an Associate of Arts degree in administration of justice from Long Beach City College.

Prior to joining the CHP, he worked as a transportation security officer for the Transportation Security Administration in Los Angeles.



Political newcomer Karla Salazar joins race for state Assembly

► Karla Salazar has lived in Downey since 2002. This is her first attempt at running for public office.

**By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer**

DOWNEY – Another Downey resident has announced that she will be running for State Assembly.

Public service is deeply rooted in the background of 58th State Assembly District candidate Karla Salazar, however this current election will be her first.

"This is something that's been on the backburner," said Salazar, "I have a master's in public policy, I got my bachelor's in political science."

Up until recently, the 48-year-old Democrat's priorities have surrounded her family and her son. However, with her son now older, she says it's time to set an example and "stand up for what values and what we feel is the right representation in our region."

"I felt I needed to step up," said Salazar. "I'm not a career politician; this is my first time...For me in terms of what has defined me as a person, as an immigrant myself coming to this country as a child, I have really benefitted from the opportunities that this country afforded to me and my family."

"To me, I have a huge commitment of always wanting to dedicate myself to being in roles where I could be of service to others. Whether it was in the private sector or in the public sector, I always make sure that I was giving back because I feel that I've been given a lot and I feel I need to return for all the opportunities I've been given in this country."

Salazar has resided in Downey since 2002 and grew up and lived within the region since the late seventies.

She received her college education from UCLA.

Currently, Downey and several other cities within the region have been left without representation, as both State Senator Tony Mendoza and Assembly Member Cristina Garcia have stepped down following allegations of sexual misconduct.

As such, the pool of potential candidates vying for the 58th Assembly seat has swelled with seven Democrats and a sole Republican.

Salazar says her over 20 years of



experience in the public and private sector sets her apart from other candidates.

"How I define my mission is that I want to have the most impact and be able to empower and influence change," said Salazar. "What I like about my background is that I have management experience in working very complex organizations. Since we're managing the sixth largest economy in California, I want to make sure our representatives are at that level of understanding not only complex budgets and organizations but managing diverse staff."

Still, Salazar says she would like to see some sort of public forum to take place before election day. Regardless of result, she says she would even be willing to help set up such an event.

"I've been unpleasantly surprised I'm not really seeing that there's accountability for candidates," said Salazar. "The public needs the opportunity to ask the tough questions; I want to be asked the tough questions. Ask me. Show me that you're going to be transparent, that you have integrity and you're going to represent the region well...to me that's important."

The primary election will take place in June.

Closure of Long Beach hospital would hurt community, report concludes

LONG BEACH – A report by Los Angeles County's Emergency Medical Services Agency confirms concerns long expressed by Supervisor Janice Hahn and members of the Long Beach and Signal Hill communities that closing Community Medical Center Long Beach would negatively impact local residents' access to emergency medical and psychiatric services, officials announced.

The Impact Evaluation Report was written based on information gathered at a community hearing requested by Supervisor Hahn and held in Long Beach on April 11 on the proposed hospital closure. MemorialCare announced recently that they plan to close the hospital a full year earlier than previously planned by July 3, 2018.

"This report confirms what we have been worried about since the beginning," said Hahn. "Closing Community Medical Center will hurt Long Beach and Signal Hill residents' access to medical care in emergencies and put a strain on the entire county's emergency services system."


The report details impacts of closing Community Medical Center Long Beach including:

- Longer travel times to reach emergency services
 - Longer out-of-service times for EMS personnel engaged in patient transports to more distant hospitals resulting in possible delays in emergency services.
 - Loss of geographic availability of basic emergency department services for residents of east Long Beach, Signal Hill, and northwest Seal Beach.
 - Longer wait times for patients experiencing non-life-threatening illness or injury in emergency departments of surrounding hospitals.
 - Loss of 30 critical care beds.
 - Loss of 28 psychiatric beds.
 - Relocation of only Sexual Assault Response Team in Long Beach which currently operates out of Community Medical Center Long Beach.
- Hahn has backed a proposal by Assemblyman Patrick O'Donnell to extend the state deadline for seismic retrofitting of the hospital and give the City of Long Beach more time to find a new operator for the hospital.



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Shared Stories: One breath, one step

One fall morning in 2004 was marked by a life-changing event for Mary Nieraeth – she lost consciousness while driving. 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 Mary Nieraeth

“Don, what happened!?” I screamed. I am in my van alone. Don is at work. It is mid-morning on Friday September 10, 2004. My van is sitting off the main street, partly on the sidewalk and lawn right outside my medical group.

My left arm and shoulder are pinned into the smashed-in driver’s side door. I have no clue about what just happened. My body is aching all over and I cannot move without feeling pain.

I look down at my left shin and see a big gash. Blood is running down my lower leg and staining my white sock. What’s going on? Why are my coupons scattered all over the carpet? Why is milk all over the front seat? When is someone going to help me? All I want to do is drive my van home but I am stuck on the lawn.

I look out the front van window, positioned on an angle towards my medical group office. I see many people staring out the window down at my car. Then, I hear a tapping on my driver’s side window and see a police officer, which startles

me. He tries to open the door but it is stuck.

He asks me, “Are you all right? Do you know what happened?”

I mumble, “No.” I am still not sure why he is there or asking me questions.

“Mam, you have been in an accident. I need to ask you some questions.” I do not believe him! I remember driving to my children’s school to drop off items for the festival that starts tonight.

How did I miss the turn into the school? I have been there hundreds of times and could do this in my sleep. I am feeling stressed about taking care of many tasks before the festival. I just want to get this situation over so I can continue with my day as I had planned it.

The officer takes out his clipboard with an Accident Report form attached. He asks me one question after another which feels like a long interrogation. I feel so drained and tired.

I ask him, “Why can’t I drive my van home?” Little did I know the dire condition of my van and the dangerous proximity to the busy intersection and traffic signal just 20 feet ahead in the direction I was heading.

The officer asks me to sign the Accident Report form. He tells me he will submit the form to the DMV because I had loss of consciousness while driving.

Suddenly, a wave of alarming energy moves through my body as I realize that my driver’s license will be confiscated! Thoughts of gloom and doom are rushing through my mind. I just want to escape and drive my van home, hoping I have woken up to a nightmare that will vanish.

The paramedics arrive, pry open my van door, transfer me to a stretcher and into the ambulance. They drive less than one block to the Emergency Room. This day is the beginning of a long and winding medical journey in search of treatment options for seizures.

I learn how to take one breath and one step at a time.

POETRY MATTERS

Cinco de Mayo

What’s that mob in the playground where I meant to sit in sunshine read my book what’s that uproar
P.S. 371 annual party a line for food
a dozen miniature soccer games around the pool no rules
backpacks of every hue parked on benches does nobody fear
theirs will be stolen? Are we really in the city or am I
dreaming
three pretty mariachis singing Cielito Lindo and making
the children and their mamacitas, brown and beige,
sing along, everybody knows the words, indeed it is
New York City Upper West Side Cinco de Mayo, querida
they teach the children to dance La Cucaracha, kick and
shake
and shriek, for it is Mexican Independence Day
let the city employee hugging clipboard shake her hair
loose
and if two days ago I was shopping for ant traps
and if three days ago I was fighting rush hour traffic, let
there be
traffic traffic in another world for here it is spring
if we are ants crazy ants as I sometimes think
see we are musical ants we are dancing ants

- Alicia Ostriker, “Culture” May 2016

Born in Brooklyn and winner of the William Carlos Williams Prize, Ostriker has been called “America’s most fiercely honest poet.” “I try to stretch my own envelope,” she says. “When I write a poem, I am crawling into the dark. Or else I am an aperture. Something needs to be put into language, and it chooses me.” Poetry Matters, curated by Lorine Parks, points out that while Cinco de Mayo celebrates winning the Battle of Pueblo, Mexican Independence Day is Sept. 16.

Bell Gardens native serving aboard future warship

A 1989 Bell Gardens High School graduate and Bell Gardens, California, native is serving aboard the future USS Portland, an amphibious warship to be homeported in San Diego.

Petty Officer 1st Class Carlos Escalera is a culinary specialist responsible for meal preparation and service.



“The best part of my job is the smile on people’s faces while eating and after cooking a great meal,” said Escalera.

Portland is a San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship that embarks, transports, and land elements of a landing force for a variety of expeditionary warfare missions. These ships provide the Navy and Marine Corps with modern sea-based platforms.

Amphibious transport dock ships support amphibious assault; special operations or expeditionary warfare missions, and can serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious ready groups. Because of their inherent capabilities, these ships have been and will continue to be called upon to support humanitarian and other contingency missions on short notice as well.

Escalera has carried lessons learned from his hometown into his military service.

“My hometown taught me hard work ethic and commitment,” said Escalera.

Sailors’ jobs are highly varied aboard Portland. More than 400 men and women make up the ship’s crew, which keeps all parts of the ship running smoothly, from handling weaponry

to maintaining the engines. An additional 700 Marines can be embarked. Portland is capable of transporting the Marines and landing them where they are needed via helicopters, vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and landing craft.

Escalera has military ties with family members who have previously served and is honored to carry on the family tradition.

“Both my nephew and I serve in the military,” said Escalera. “My proudest accomplishment was achieving the rank of first class petty officer. It’s the highest rank I wanted to accomplish.”

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy’s high-tech amphibious assault ships, Escalera and other Portland sailors are proud to be part of a warfighting team.

“Serving in the military means I can serve for those who can’t serve themselves,” said Escalera.

Portland, the third Navy ship named to honor both the Oregon seaport and Maine’s largest city, will be commissioned on April 21 in its Oregon namesake city. During a commissioning ceremony the warship will be officially placed into active service. The ceremony includes “bringing the ship to life” and other orders rooted in centuries old naval tradition.

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How to find out what data brokers know about you

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How You Can Request Your Data From ALC Digital:

Here's how to find the predictions about your political beliefs data in Oracle Data Cloud:

Visit <http://www.bluekai.com/registry/>. If you use an ad blocker, there may not be much to see here.

Click on the Partner Segments tab.

Scroll on through until you find ALC Digital.

You may have to scroll for a while before you find it.

And not everyone appears to have data from ALC Digital, so don't be shocked if you can't find it. If you don't, there may be other fascinating companies with data about who you are in your Oracle file.

What You Might Get Back From ALC Digital:

When I downloaded the data last year, it said I was "Socially Conservative," "Boomer Voter" — as well as a female voter and a tax reform supporter.

Recently, when I checked my data, those categories had disappeared entirely from my data. I had nothing from ALC Digital.

ALC Digital is not required to release this data. It is disclosed via the Oracle Data Cloud. Fran Green, the company's president, said that Aristotle, a longtime political data company, "provides us with consumer data that populates these audiences." She also said that "we do not claim to know people's 'beliefs.'"

Big Tech

Big tech firms like Google and Facebook tend to make their money by selling ads, so they build extensive profiles of their users' interests and activities. They also depend on their users' goodwill to keep us voluntarily giving them our locations, our browsing histories and plain ol' lists of our friends and interests. (So far, these popular companies have not faced much regulation.) All three make it easy to download the data that they keep on you.

Firms like Google and Facebook firms don't sell your data — because it's their competitive advantage. Google's privacy page screams in 72 point type: "We do not sell your personal information to anyone." As websites that we visit frequently, they sell access to our attention, so companies that want to reach you in particular can do so with these companies' sites or other sites that feature their ads.

How You Can Request Your Data From Facebook:

You of course have to have a Facebook account and be logged in:

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/settings> on your computer.

Click the "Download a copy of your Facebook data" link.

On the next page, click "Start My Archive."

Enter your password, then click "Start My Archive" again.

You'll get an email immediately, and another one saying "Your Facebook download is ready" when your data is ready to be downloaded. You'll get a notification on Facebook, too. Mine took just a few minutes.

Once you get that email, click the link, then click Download Archive. Then reenter your password, which will start a zip file downloading.

Unzip the folder; depending on your computer's operating system, this might be called uncompressing or "expanding." You'll get a folder called something like "facebook-jeremybmerrill," but, of course, with your username instead of mine.

Open the folder and double-click "index.htm" to open it in your web browser.

What You Might Get Back From Facebook

Facebook designed its archive to first show you your profile information. That's all information you typed into Facebook and that you probably intended to be shared with your friends. It's no surprise that Facebook knows what city I live in or what my AIM screen name was — I told Facebook those things so that my friends would know.

But it's a bit of a surprise that they decided to feature a list of my ex-girlfriends — what they blandly termed "Previous Relationships" — so prominently.

As you dig deeper in your archive, you'll find more information that you gave Facebook, but that you might not have expected the social network to keep hold of for years: if you're me, that's the Nickelback concert I apparently RSVPed to, posts about switching high schools and instant messages from my freshman year in college.

But finally, you'll find the creepier information: what Facebook knows about you that you didn't tell it, on the "Ads" page. You'll find "Ads Topics" that Facebook decided you were interested in, like Housing, ESPN or the town of Ellijay, Georgia. And, you'll find a list of advertisers who have obtained your contact information and uploaded it to Facebook, as part of a so-called Custom Audience of specific people to whom they want to show their ads.

You'll find more of that creepy information on your Ads Preferences page. Despite Mark Zuckerberg telling Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Calif., in a hearing earlier this month that "all of your information is included in your 'download your information,'" my archive didn't include that list of ad categories that can be used to target ads to me. (Some other types of information aren't included in the download, like other people's posts you've liked. Those are listed here, along with where to find them — which, for most, is in your Activity Log.)

This area may include Facebook's guesses about who you are, boiled down from some of your activities. Most Americans' will have a guess about their politics — Facebook says I'm a "moderate" about US Politics — and some will have a guess about so-called "multicultural affinity," which Facebook insists is not a guess about your ethnicity, but rather what sorts of content "you are interested in or will respond well to." For instance, Facebook recently added that I have a "Multicultural Affinity: African American." (I'm white — though, because Facebook's definition of "multicultural affinity" is so strange, it's hard to tell if this is an error on Facebook's part.)

Facebook also doesn't include your browsing history — the subject of back-and-forths between Mark Zuckerberg and several

members of Congress — it says it keeps that just long enough to boil it down into those "Ad Topics."

For people without Facebook accounts, Facebook says to email datarequests@support.facebook.com or fill out an online form to download what Facebook knows about you. One puzzle here is how Facebook gathers data on people whose identities it may not know. It may know that a person using a phone from Atlanta, Georgia, has accessed a Facebook site and that the same person was last week in Austin, Texas, and before that Cincinnati, but it may not know that that person is me. It's in principle difficult for the company to give the data it collects about logged-out users if it doesn't know exactly who they are.

Google

Like Facebook, Google will give you a zip archive of your data. Google's can be much bigger, because you might have stored gigabytes of files in Google Drive or years of emails in Gmail.

But like Facebook, Google does not provide its guesses about your interests, which it uses to target ads. Those guesses are available elsewhere.

How You Can Request Your Data From Google:

Visit <https://takeout.google.com/settings/takeout/> to use Google's cutely named Takeout service.

You'll have to pick which data you want to download and examine. You should definitely select My Activity, Location History and Searches. You may not want to download gigabytes of emails, if you use Gmail, since that uses a lot of space and may take a while. (That's also information you shouldn't be surprised that Google keeps — you left it with Gmail so that you could use Google's search expertise to hold on to your emails.)

Google will present you with a few options for how to get your archive. The defaults are fine.

Within a few hours, you should get an email with the subject "Your Google data archive is ready." Click Download Archive and log in again. That should start the download of a file named something like "takeout-20180412T193535.zip."

Unzip the folder; depending on your computer's operating system, this might be called uncompressing or "expanding."

You'll get a folder called Takeout. Open the file inside it called "index.html" in your web browser to explore your archive.

What You Might Get Back From Google:

Once you open the index.html file, you'll see icons for the data you chose in step 2. Try exploring "Ads" under "My Activity" — you'll see a list of times you saw Google Ads, including on apps on your phone.

Google also includes your search history, under "Searches" — in my case, going back to 2013. Google knows what I had forgotten: I Googled a bunch of dinosaurs around Valentine's Day that year ... And it's not just web searches: the Sound Search history reminded me that at some point, I used that service to identify Natalie Imbruglia's song "Torn."

Android phone users might want to check the "Android" folder: Google keeps a list of each app you've used on your phone.

Most of the data contained here are records of ways you've directly interacted with Google — and the company really does use those to improve how their services work for me. I'm glad to see my searches auto-completed, for instance.

But the company also creates data about you: Visit the company's Ads Settings page to see some of the "topics" Google guesses you're interested in, and which it uses to personalize the ads you see. Those topics are fairly general — it knows I'm interested in "Politics" — but the company says it has more granular classifications that it doesn't include on the list. Those more granular, hidden classifications are on various topics, from sports to vacations to politics, where Google does generate a guess whether some people are politically "left-leaning" or "right-leaning."

Data Brokers

Here's who really does sell your data. Data brokers like the credit reporting agency Experian and a firm named Epsilon.

These sometimes-shady firms are middlemen who buy your data from tracking firms, survey marketers and retailers, slice and dice the data into "segments," then sell those on to advertisers.

Experian

Experian is best known as a credit reporting firm, but your credit cards aren't all they keep track of. They told me that they "firmly believe people should be made aware of how their data is being used" — so if you print and mail them a form, they'll tell you what data they have on you.

"Educated consumers," they said, "are better equipped to be effective, successful participants in a world that increasingly relies on the exchange of information to efficiently deliver the products and services consumers demand."

How You Can Request Your Data From Experian:

Visit Experian's Marketing Data Request site and print the Marketing Data Report Request form.

Print a copy of your ID and proof of address.

Mail it all to Experian at

Experian Marketing Services

PO Box 40

Allen, TX 75013

Wait for them to mail you something back.

What You Might Get Back From Experian:

Expect to wait a while. I've been waiting almost a month.

They also come up with a guess about your political views that's integrated with Facebook — our Facebook Political Ad Collector project has found that many political candidates use Experian's data to target their Facebook ads to likely supporters.

You should hope to find a guess about your political views that'd be useful to those candidates — as well as categories derived from your purchasing data.

Experian told me they generate the data they have about you from a long list of sources, including public records and "historical catalog purchase information" — as well as calculating it from predictive models.

How You Can Request Your Data From Epsilon:

Visit Epsilon's Marketing Data Summary Request form.

After entering your name and address, Epsilon will answer some of those identity-verification questions that quiz you about your old addresses and cars. If your identity can't be verified with those, Epsilon will ask you to mail in a form.

Wait for Epsilon to mail you your data; it took about a week for me.

What You Might Get Back From Epsilon:

Epsilon has information on "demographics" and "lifestyle interests" — at the household level. It also includes a list of "household purchases."

It also has data that political candidates use to target their Facebook ads, including Randy Bryce, a Wisconsin Democrat who's seeking his party's nomination to run for retiring Speaker Paul Ryan's seat, and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii.

In my case, Epsilon knows I buy clothes, books and home office supplies, among other things — but isn't any more specific. They didn't tell me what political beliefs they believe I hold. The company didn't respond to a request for comment.

Oracle

Oracle's Data Cloud aggregates data about you from Oracle, but also so-called third party data from other companies.

How You Can Request Your Data From Oracle:

Visit <http://www.bluekai.com/registry/>. If you use an ad blocker, there may not be much to see here.

Explore each tab, from "Basic Info" to "Hobbies & Interests" and "Partner Segments."

Not fun scrolling through all those pages? I have 84 pages of four pieces of data each.

You can't search. All the text is actually images of text. Oracle declined to say why it chose to make their site so hard to use.

What You Might Get Back From Oracle:

My Oracle profile includes nearly 1500 data points, covering all aspects of my life, from my age to my car to how old my children are to whether I buy eggs. These profiles can even say if you're likely to dress your pet in a costume for Halloween. But many of them are off-base or contradictory.

Many companies in Oracle's data, besides ALC Digital, offer guesses about my political views: Data from one company uploaded by AcquireWeb says that my political affiliations are as a Democrat and an Independent ... but also that I'm a "Mild Republican." Another company, an Oracle subsidiary called AddThis, says that I'm a "Liberal." Cuebiq, which calls itself a "location intelligence" company, says I'm in a subset of "Democrats" called "Liberal Professions."

If an advertiser wants to show an ad to Spring Break Enthusiasts, Oracle can enable that. I'm apparently a Spring Break Enthusiast. Do I buy eggs? I sure do. Data on Oracle's site associated with AcquireWeb says I'm a cat owner ...

But it also "knows" I'm a dog owner, which I'm not.

Al Gadbut, the CEO of AcquireWeb, explained that the guesses associated with his company weren't based on my personal data, but rather the tendencies of people in my geographical area — hence the seemingly contradictory political guesses. He said his firm doesn't generate the data, but rather uploaded it on behalf of other companies. Cuebiq's guess was a "probabilistic inference" they drew from location data submitted to them by some app on my phone. Valentina Marastoni-Bieser, Cuebiq's senior vice president of marketing, wouldn't tell me which app it was, though.

Data for sale here includes a long list what TV shows I — supposedly — watch.

But it's not all wrong. AddThis can tell that I'm "Young & Hip."

Takeaways:

The above list is just a sampling of the firms that collect your data and try to draw conclusions about who you are — not just sites you visit like Facebook and controversial firms like Cambridge Analytica.

You can make some guesses as to where this data comes from — especially the more granular consumer data from Oracle. For each data point, it's worth considering: Who'd be in a position to sell a list of what TV shows I watch, or, at least, a list of what TV shows people demographically like me watch? Who'd be in a position to sell a list of what groceries I, or people similar to me in my area, buy? Some of those companies — companies who you're likely paying, and for whom the internet data adage that "if you're not paying, you're the product" doesn't hold — are likely selling data about you without your knowledge. Other data points, like the location data used by Cuebiq, can come from any number of apps or websites, so it may be difficult to figure out exactly which one has passed it on.

Companies like Google and Facebook often say that they'll let you "correct" the data that they hold on you — tacitly acknowledgingly that they sometimes get it wrong. But if receiving relevant ads is not important to you, they'll let you opt-out entirely — or, presumably, "correct" your data to something false.

An upcoming European Union rule called the General Data Protection Regulation portends a dramatic change to how data is collected and used on the web — if only for Europeans. No such law seems likely to be passed in the U.S. in the near future.

For Norwalk's Miguel Rivera, taking the easy road was never an option

► A decision to drive drunk left Miguel Rivera a quadriplegic but today he's working to regain his life.

By William Odis Martin
Contributor

NORWALK – Miguel Rivera could have easily died the night of August 15, 2009, but there was too much life left to live, too much work to be done, and hope to be spread, for him to take the easy route.

Miguel was only 18 years old, just graduated Norwalk High School and just a few days away from beginning his next chapter at UC Santa Barbara when he became a C6 quadriplegic.

Miguel had everything going for him before that fateful Friday night. He was popular, athletic, and had good grades, but one inebriated decision nearly took that all away in an instant.

Miguel made the life altering decision to get behind the wheel while intoxicated and wound up driving off the 605 freeway. His car flipped and crashed into a ditch separating the north and southbound freeways near the Firestone exit.

Luckily no one else was seriously injured, but Miguel remembers being told by doctors that he would never walk again.

He could have easily gave up hope in the hospital as his new reality started to sink in. The simple tasks of bathing himself, getting in and out bed, going to the restroom were suddenly not easy for him anymore.

Nothing was easy anymore for the former high school quarterback who had it all.

"There were two or three years

immediately following the accident that I was in a deep depression. I didn't want to be seen. I didn't want to go out. I didn't want to be alive, really," explains Miguel.

He was used to being social and active, but his injuries tarnished his spirit and left him immobile and alone.

Miguel credits the love of his family, the team of Paralysis Specialists at A Perfect Step, and the uplifting words of a neighbor, comedian Eric Blake, that inspired him to turn his curse into a blessing by reframing his state of mind.

"When I started going to my rehab and seeing the community of people with similar injuries all working towards recovery I began to feel empowered. Slowly, I started feeling my confident and I wasn't ashamed to be seen," explains Miguel. "I wanted to do as much as I could do, however I could do it."

He realized he was going to have to work, just like everybody else. Wake up and grind every day out just like the rest of us.

He understood his new circumstances and obstacles.

There was no time to feel sorry for himself. Now he would have to work a little harder, a little different, but with greater purpose.

Miguel began taking his physical therapy more seriously and enrolled in Cerritos College in hopes of picking up where he left off.

Soon he found himself more determined and driven than ever before. He was given a second chance at life and he didn't want to waste the precious opportunity of redemption.

"My injury has not only strengthened me as a person,

but it's also given me the second chance to do something positive with my life such as reaching out to adolescents throughout the community and raising awareness on various obstacles one may encounter in life" says Miguel on his website.

With his renewed will to live, he felt anything was possible, Miguel eventually transferred to Cal State Dominguez Hills before graduating with high honors.

Miguel launched a nonprofit organization called The Dream Big Project, intended to bring hope and unity back into the community of Norwalk and its surrounding cities.

"We want to change the culture. We want to normalize positive growth in the community," says Miguel.

Last week, Miguel was invited to share his story with the students at John Glenn High School in Norwalk in efforts to bring awareness to the legitimate dangers of drinking and driving, but most importantly, to remind the future to never give up and to always dream big.

The organization has raised thousands of dollars through fundraisers and private donations. Miguel and his organization has given hundreds of school supplies, including backpacks, to Norwalk's underserved and underprivileged youth.

On July 27 the organization will be hosting its first annual scholarship awards ceremony at the Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex.

Visit the Dream Big Project's website at www.dreambigproject.org to follow Miguel's steps toward walking again, volunteer for community outreach, and keep in touch with the cause.



Photos by William Odis Martin



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Can I buy a house with bad credit?

If you have bad credit and fear you'll face a loan denial when applying for a mortgage, don't worry. You may still be able to get a mortgage with a low credit score. Of course it will depend on a few factors, so your best bet to see if you'll qualify for a loan is to talk to a lender. Many lenders will have a conversation with you about your eligibility with no obligation to apply for a loan.

First, let's take a look at the credit score ranges from FICO:

- Exceptional credit = 800 and above
- Very good credit = 740 to 800
- Good credit = 670 to 740
- Fair credit = 580 to 670
- Poor credit = under 580

Even if you have low credit, there are still options for buying a home. Among other qualification requirements, mortgages will have credit score requirements. The minimum credit score you'll need depends on the loan type. For example, the minimum require score for conventional loans is 620. But the FHA loan program allows for credit scores of 580. So if low credit continues to dog you, an FHA loan might be your best bet. But remember, lenders may also have different requirements based on other factors such as your down payment amount or income.

Another option that prospective homeowners with bad credit can take is purchasing a home with a co-borrower.

Having bad credit is not the end of the world. It still may be possible for lenders to give you a loan, provided your credit score is not too low. But be aware that you may pay a higher interest rate and more fees since you are more likely to default (fail to pay the loan back). So it's in your best interest to improve your credit score in order to get a lower interest rate, which can save you thousands in the long run.

Mortgage lenders look at the "age," dollar amount, and payment history of your different credit lines. That means opening accounts frequently, running up your balances, and paying on time or not at all can impact your credit score negatively. Just changing one of these components of your spending behavior can positively affect your credit score.

There are ways you can improve your credit score,

such as paying down your debts, paying your bills on time, and disputing possible errors on your credit report. But on the flip side, there are ways you can also hurt your score, so remember:

DON'T close an account to remove it from your report (it doesn't work).

DON'T open too many credit accounts in a short period of time.

DON'T take too long to shop around for interest rates. Lenders must pull your credit report every time you apply for credit. If you are shopping around with different lenders for a lower interest rate, there is generally a grace period of about 30 days before your score is affected.

Even if you have reversed the downward spiral of your credit history, you might need to tell a prospective lender that there may be some signs of bad credit in your report. This will save you time, since he or she will look at different loans than he might otherwise.

If you are still having trouble getting a loan, ask your lender why. Bad credit is just one of many reasons you may be denied a loan. Other reasons you may be denied a home loan include:

Overextended credit cards: If you miss payments or exceed your limit, that's a red flag to lenders.

Failure to pay a previous or existing loan: If you have defaulted on other loans, a lender will think twice.

Bankruptcy: Filed for bankruptcy in the past seven years? You might have trouble getting a loan.

Overdue taxes: Lenders check your tax payment record.

Legal judgments: If you have a judgment against you for such things as delinquent child support payments, it could harm your credit.

Collection agencies: Lenders will know if collection agencies are after you.

Overreaching: You might be seeking a loan outside what you can reasonably afford.

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Before choosing an agent, get pre-approved

If you're like many home shoppers, you likely want to do anything possible to make sure you get the home you want — especially if you're in a competitive market. There are plenty of tips to follow, but one many prospective buyers overlook is getting pre-approved before talking to a real estate agent.

Getting pre-approved won't just help increase your chances of winning the home or make the process easier for you as you go through the home buying journey, but if you plan on involving an agent they will almost certainly require that you get pre-approved before they even start showing you homes. It's often the first step an agent will ask you to take if you are serious about buying. If you've already done it before you pick up the phone to call the agent, you're one step ahead of the game.

According to the Zillow Group Consumer Housing Trends Report 2017, 92 percent of buyers who finance their home with a mortgage get pre-approved first. Buyers who use an agent are more likely to obtain pre-approval than those who don't work with an agent (83 percent, compared with 67 percent), indicating that pre-

approval is either a prerequisite to securing an agent or highly recommended by their agent.

Getting pre-approved early serves many purposes, but one particularly important aspect is that it helps you understand how much you can actually afford as you begin your home search.

"What you see online and what you see in open houses might be great but what if that doesn't match up with what you can afford?" said Brendon Densmore, a real estate expert. "You want to iron everything out in advance. You want to make sure you have your financial ducks in a row and the best way to do that is through the preapproval process."

This process can also let you know if you have any issues with your credit, as a lender will pull your credit report, check your finances and verify your income and assets.

"You have to make sure there are no issues with your credit. There may be something on your credit report you don't know about and these things can affect your score and therefore, your ability to get a mortgage," Densmore said. "If you don't do it [get pre-

approved] and all of a sudden you get into the process and want to make an offer on a house and you find out you can't, you just waste your time and your brokers time."

Depending on which market you're looking to buy in, being pre-approved can mean winning the house or not even being considered. In some particularly "hot" markets, homes can receive multiple offers and without having a pre-approval letter to go along with your offer, it's going to be much harder to be competitive.



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