

THE FIRST STEP



IT'S ONLY SYMBOLIC but the City of Garden Grove has already set in motion plans to make real the "Civic Center Revitalization" project that will mean the construction of a new three-story police facility adjacent four-story parking structure and a new park. The police building will be located at the corner of Euclid Street and Acacia Parkway. Above, city council members get their hands dirty (Orange County Tribune photo).

Dogged efforts save a trapped G. Grove canine

Firefighters are legendary for getting cats out of trees, but a team from the Orange County Fire Authority showed they also know how to rescue a dog from inside a wall.

On Sunday, a Garden Grove family called on the OCFA to help get their 2-year-old dog Faye out from inside the wall of their house where the pooch had gone exploring and got stuck.

Station 81, based in Garden Grove, responded and found that Fay had entered the innards of the home through a small utility door and become stuck under a bathtub.

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FAYE EMERGES from inside the wall of a Garden Grove home after being trapped inside for several hours, and was finally rescued by firefighters (OCFA photo)

■ GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Canine Training Facility Deal Is Approved 7-0

Pioneer Park will be home of unique school

A proposal to establish a regional canine training facility in a Garden Grove park is off and running – you might say off the leash – after it received approval of the city council on Tuesday night.

The council voted 7-0 in favor of a memorandum with the Garden Grove Unified School District for the use of land on the Warren Elementary School campus on Chapman Avenue (east of Harbor Boulevard), a part of which is used as Pioneer Park.

The GGUSD board approved the memorandum at its May 7 meeting. The agreement calls for the establishment of the facility to train both "apprehension" K-9s and "support" dogs to help people who are traumatized from accidents, violence and other mishaps.

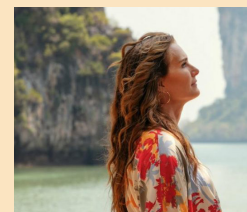
Under the deal, the facility would be operated during a pilot period of 24 months, perhaps to be succeeded by a permanent replacement.

Such an operation could eventually serve not just Garden Grove, but any law enforcement facility in all of Orange County.

Also on Tuesday, the council heard a presenta-

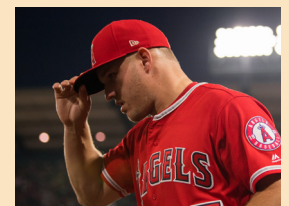
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tion on improvements to city facilities and parks, including expansions and upgrades at Woodbury and West Haven Parks.

Two city-owned swimming pools at park sites will undergo rehabilitation as well.

The next meeting of the Gar-

den Grove City Council will be on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers at 11331 Stanford Ave.

The rescue of the dog Faye on Mom's Day

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Treats and entreaties didn't work, but the efforts of the OCFA did. Using the thermal imaging, the dog's precise location was discovered.

A hammer broke open the dry wall and eventually Faye was able to walk into the light, unharmed.

"That's the beauty of this job," said firefighter Hector Jimenez. "Every day it's something different and we come together as a team, come up with a plan and get the job done."



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News & Views

Here's financial wisdom worth what it cost

So the majority on the Huntington Beach City Council last week turned back an effort to place proposed privatization of its city library system on the ballot for voters to decide.

The council minority wanted the public vote as a way of heading off the majority's plans to "outsource" the system as a way of saving money for a city that's facing some significant financial headwinds.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

But, you know, if it makes sense to get rid of public employees for private folks in the library, why stop there? I mean, the library system is only about 2 percent of the city budget, while public safety (police and fire) is about two-thirds.

The obvious next step would be to replace the HBPD with Orange County Sheriff's Department as Stanton did about 40 years ago, and close down the HBFD in place of the Orange County Fire Authority, which Garden Grove did a few years ago.

But that won't be enough, and may actually turn out to be more expensive. So we budget-hawks need to take another step.

But where to find those warm bodies to be the outsource? I was in Target the other day and they had two "asset protection" people in green vests. They looked like they had some law enforcement experience.

And I seem to remember a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) in town in which members learned – among other things – how to operate a hand-held fire ex-

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Fatal Car Crash into Home

Riverside motorist arrested; cause is still investigated

A hit-and-run accident in which a vehicle crashed into a house in Garden Grove early Sunday morning took the life of a woman living in the house.

According to GCPD Traffic Investigator John Yergler, the incident took place around 1:55 a.m. in the 11800 block of Magnolia

Street (north of Chapman Avenue).

Responding officers found that the vehicle – a silver 2019 Toyota Camry – had collided with the house. Bystanders directed officers to the driver, who was fleeing on foot.

That motorist – Jadir Salazar Montano, 35, a resident of Riverside – was found in a nearby neighborhood and arrested.

At the scene of the crash, officers discovered that a woman in the house had been struck and

was trapped by the vehicle.

Personnel from the Orange County Fire Authority responded but the woman, 40-year-old Janet Carillo, a Garden Grove resident, was dead at the scene.

Alcohol and/or drugs are believed to be a factor in the collision, which remains under investigation.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or who has video footage of the crash is asked to contact Yergler at (714) 741-5772 or by e-mail at johny@gcpd.org.



FIREFIGHTERS rescue injured man trapped 25 feet high in a tree in Garden Grove on Saturday (OCFA photo).

Stuck in a tree? No problem for OCFA

It's not just cats that get stuck in trees.

A man working in a tall tree in the 10600 block of Archcraft Avenue (northeast of Nutwood Street and Allen Drive, near Evans Elementary School) was injured Saturday and the Orange County Fire Authority was summoned at 12:03 p.m.

The Engine 82 crew found the

man about 25 feet up. The crew used their ground ladders to reach the man and began care in the tree.

With the help of Anaheim Fire and Rescue, firefighters were able to lower the patient, who was further treated and escorted to the hospital by OCFA Truck 81's firefighter paramedics.

Ocean View High awarded national honor

Ocean View High School in Huntington Beach has been honored as a 2023 "School of Excellence" for its success in increasing the number of first-generation college students and students from low-income families seeking a college degree or other higher education credential.

The American College Application Campaign is associated with ACT – originally American College Testing – in an effort to boost the number of non-traditional students in post-secondary education.

OVHS was involved in California's FutureReady CA campaign. Ocean View is part of the Huntington Beach Union High School District.

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NewsUpdate

Johnson Calls Court System ‘Corrupt’

Speaker of the House calls trial of Trump ‘about politics’

Speaker of the House Mike Johnson called the American court system “corrupt” at a press conference Tuesday across the street from the New York City courthouse where former president Donald Trump is on trial for allegedly falsifying financial documents.

“This is not about justice,” he said. “It’s about politics.”

Johnson was involved in efforts to discredit re-

sults of the 2020 presidential election won by Joe Biden, and has called Trump’s trial “a borderline criminal conspiracy.”

Speaker Johnson – first in line for the presidency for succession after Vice President Kamala Harris – was able to keep his position after most Democrats joined Republicans in voting to table a motion by Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene to oust him.



MIKE JOHNSON is the Speaker of the House (Shutterstock).

No delay in the trial of Hunter Biden

A requested delay in the trial of Hunter Biden – son of President Joe Biden – on federal gun charges was rejected by a judge on Tuesday.

Judge Maryellen Noreika would not allow the motion by Biden’s attorney to postpone the trial until September on the grounds that more time was needed to examine

evidence and arrange for witnesses.

Federal prosecutors are accusing Biden of lying about his drug use while buying a gun in 2018. It’s illegal for a felon to possess a firearm.

Biden’s attorney claimed the prosecutors were politically motivated by a desire to embarrass President Biden.



HUNTER BIDEN (Wikipedia).

Biden to hit Chinese cars with high tariffs

Big increases in tariffs on Chinese imports – especially automobiles – were announced Tuesday by President Joe Biden.

Also being targeted are Chinese cells, semiconductors and advanced batteries. Among the targets of the tariffs is the new BYD Seagull, a \$12,000

electric car subsidized by the Chinese government that observers claim would create havoc in the U.S automotive industry.

Lower labor costs and less expensive batteries give Chinese products an edge over American cars when competing on cost.

Wholesale prices rise; hopes of an interest rate cut by Fed slip

Wholesale prices in the U.S. rose by a half-percent in April, as measured by the Labor Department’s Producer Price Index.

The increase reported on Tuesday was 2.2 percent more than the previous month and is the biggest one-month increase in 2024.

Federal Reserve Chair

Jerome Powell said Tuesday “that it may take longer than expected” to slow inflation enough to cut interest rates.

He urged consumers and producers to “be patient and let restrictive policy due its work.”

Inflation has figured in the presidential race between incumbent President Joe Biden and like-

ly Republican nominee former president Donald Trump.

While unemployment remains low and the stock market is strong, the cost of products and services paid by consumers are stubbornly high and polls show voters giving Biden low marks on his managing of the economy.

Weather: Slowly warming

Conditions in our West Orange County area will warm slowly toward the weekend. Wednesday-through Thursday will see morning clouds followed by afternoon sun with daytime highs of 68 to 69 with overnight lows of 58. Partly cloudy skies will move in on Saturday with a high of 70 (57).

Great Thoughts

“I give the password primeval. I give the sign of democracy. By God, I will not accept nothing that all cannot have on an equal basis.”

– Walt Whitman

Arts & Living

'Mother of the Bride' Is Predictable

Brooke Shields stars in this weak rom-com movie

By Lindsay Bahr
AP Film Writer

Romantic comedies are in a destination wedding rut. Perhaps it's a collective post-COVID wanderlust kicking in, or, more cynically, some combination of tax credits and a place producers want to spend time.

But between "Ticket to Paradise," "Anyone But You," "Shotgun Wedding" and now Netflix's "Mother of the Bride," the conceit is starting to curdle.

The problem is bigger than the setting, of course. There's only so much heavy lifting a picturesque location, photogenic bodies and enviable resort outfits can do to make up for a lame story.

Also, the appeal of an out-of-reach travelogue is limited in this age of influencers living wildly extravagant lifestyles around the clock on Instagram and TikTok (not to mention the sharp ways "White Lotus" has skewered and luxuriated in those worlds).

"Mother of the Bride," now streaming on Netflix, wonders what might happen if you find out a few days before the wedding that your kid (Miranda Cosgrove) is marrying the offspring of the guy who broke your heart.

That's what happens to Brooke Shields' Lana. She arrives in Phuket, Thailand, for her daughter's wedding, meets the groom (Sean Teale), turns around and sees that his father is her college ex, Will (Benjamin Bratt). Barely a minute passes before they both fall into a pond.

Later, she'll walk in on him emerging from the shower, hit him in a sensitive spot playing pickleball and, after they've



BROOKE SHIELDS and Benjamin Bratt star in "Mother of the Bride" (Netflix).

Movie Review

made some progress, overhear the wrong conversation at the wrong time. This is a movie that is adhering to some kind of romantic comedy checklist, but whose ingredients add up to very little in the end.

Our tolerance for a silly set-up in a romantic comedy is usually pretty generous if we're given a clever, charming script and authentic emotions. Just think of how ridiculous so many of the greats sound on paper, from "Sabrina" to "Sleepless in Seattle"? Is it fair to compare "Mother of the Bride" to Nora Ephron and Billy Wilder?

Maybe not, but it never hurts to be aware of a North Star, which veterans like screenwriter Robin Bernheim Burger and director Mark Waters no doubt are. Just look at the title. This movie even has a romantic foil in a younger doctor (Chad Michael Mur-

ray) who is smitten with Lana, which can't help but remind of Keanu Reeves in Nancy Meyers' "Something's Gotta Give."

But this is so wildly contrived from the start that you never get to that moment where you're enjoying it enough to stop asking questions, like did Lana never google Will in the 20 years they've been apart and find out that he's a wildly rich and successful businessman? Or why would a major corporation offer an intern who has a barely maintained lifestyle Instagram that she started freshman year of college "six figures" to help promote their luxury hotels?

Why are we supposed to root for these young people with seemingly infinite resources (one of their wedding presents in a multimillion Tribeca loft) who agree to get married in a month because a brand asks them to? Maybe more fundamentally, did the kids and a wedding have to be involved in this story at all?

Fair: ★ ★

Does it make the idea of Will and Lana getting back together too weird to be fun? Couldn't they have simply run into one another at a resort?

I won't go so far as to say that "Mother of the Bride" feels like an AI creation but it does feel at least a little stitched together from pieces of other romantic comedies of varying quality.

Why cast a capable comedian like Rachel Harris as the best friend only to have her say lines like "Is he on the menu"? Or give Wilson Cruz so little to do as Will's brother?

And it's a shame, too, because Shields and Bratt came ready to play, to fall in the pond and be minimally clothed for comedy's sake. There must be a new generation of romantic comedy writers and directors who grew

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TheSportsPages

Six very early questions on NFL 2024

We were in Oggi's at Chapman and Harbor on Monday for lunch and one of the 500 (slight exaggeration) or so TV screens announced that it was 115 more days until opening day of the 2024 NFL season.

Alerted to that impending moment of significance, I awakened some of the questions about the pro football season since Patrick Mahomes last made an insurance commercial.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Question 1: Will Aaron Rodgers again put his foot awkwardly on the first drive on the New York Jets season and have to sit out the season, or will he put his foot (cleats and all) into his mouth again about COVID, his use of drugs, his doubts about 9/11. He's won four MVP honors as Most Valuable Player. Is this the year he wins a different kind of MVP: Most Vapid Person?

Question 2: Assuming that Matthew Stafford stays healthy for the Rams this season, will the real competition between back-up quarterbacks Jimmy Garoppolo and Stetson Bennett be for playing time, or who is better-looking?

Question 3: How long before the biggest new musical act of 2024 is Travis and Taylor (you fill in the last names).

Question 4: At what point do Detroit Lion fans stop pointing at L.A. and saying, "We told you so!"

Question 5: Can Tom Brady be content to sit in the broadcaster's booth or will he pull a "Roy Kent" from "Ted Lasso" and rip off his microphone and offer to play for whichever team is willing to pay him the

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Surgery Before The DH

Trout decides he'd rather go under the knife

By Joe Reedy
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM (AP) — Mike Trout decided that having surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee was a better alternative than postponing the procedure and being a designated hitter the rest of the season.

"It was an option they put out there. It would have been just maintaining the pain level of it," the Los Angeles Angels slugger said before last Thursday's game against the Kansas City Royals. "The day I got the MRI and it showed that I was in a lot of pain. It would have been a tough road for the rest of the year to bear that."

Trout has also struggled whenever he has been a designated hitter. In 1,518 career games, he has been the DH only 81 times and has a .214 batting average.

Trout — who is sidelined with a major injury for the fourth straight season — still doesn't know when the latest one occurred. The knee soreness worsened during an April 29 game against the Philadelphia Phillies,



MIKE TROUT has decided he'd rather have the knee surgery than be designated hitter-only, where he has not prospered in recent seasons (Angels photo).

and an MRI exam the next day revealed the tear. He underwent surgery last Friday, when the Angels began a six-game road trip.

"It wasn't one particular play that did it. I felt a little ache and woke up the next day and couldn't walk," he said.

Baseball players who have had a similar injury and operation have an average recovery time of four to eight weeks, but Trout

hasn't had one set, as of yet. He said the only things he has been able to do post surgery is stretching and trying to strengthen the quadricep muscle and the area around it.

The three-time AL MVP led the majors with 10 home runs at the time of the injury. He also was batting .220 with 14 RBIs and six stolen bases.

"It's tough because I felt real

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The Angels sink while the Dodgers continue to soar

Close, the ancient wisdom says, only counts in horse shoes and hand grenades. On Tuesday night the Los Angeles Angels rallied and came close, losing 7-6 to the St. Louis Cardinals, and indeed, it only counted as a loss, their fifth loss in six games and their 16th home defeat against five wins.

After falling behind 5-0 early, the Halos rallied to tie the game

at 5-5, the biggest hit being a three-run home run by catcher Logan O'Hoppe in the fourth.

A throwing error, a wild pitch and a failed bunt attempt contributed to the loss.

The Angels will face the Cardinals again today (Wednesday) in Anaheim in a 6:07 p.m. contest.

In San Francisco, the Los An-

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AL West Standings

| | W-L | Pct. | GB | L10 |
|---------|-------|------|-----|-----|
| Seattle | 23-20 | .531 | — | 5-5 |
| Texas | 22-22 | .500 | 1.5 | 4-6 |
| Oakland | 19-25 | .432 | 4.5 | 2-8 |
| Houston | 17-25 | .405 | 5.5 | 5-5 |
| ANGELS | 15-28 | .349 | 8 | 3-7 |

NL West Standings

| | W-L | Pct. | GB | L10 |
|-----------|-------|------|-----|-----|
| DODGERS | 29-15 | .659 | — | 8-2 |
| San Diego | 22-23 | .489 | 7.5 | 5-5 |
| Arizona | 20-23 | .465 | 8.5 | 6-4 |
| San. Fran | 19-25 | .432 | 10 | 4-6 |
| Colorado | 14-28 | .333 | 14 | 6-4 |

Angels and Dodgers move in different directions

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geles Dodgers scored early and late in beating the Giants 10-2 and extended their lead in the National League West race. If you can call it that.

Shohei Ohtani had three hits, including a 446-foot home run, his 12th of the season, which ties him for the National League lead.

Gavin Stone (4-1) pitched six strong innings, yielding just five hits and one earned run. He struck out two batters and walked three.

With the win, the Dodgers are 29-15, which gives them a 7.5-game lead in the National League West over the San Diego Padres.

The series continues in Oracle Park on Wednesday and then the Dodgers come home to start a series with the Reds that will run through Sunday.

Trout will take the surgery

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good (to begin the season), but things just happen. I'm doing everything I can to get back on the field," Trout said. "I want to go as fast as I can, but I don't want to push it."

Manager Ron Washington was glad to see Trout still in an upbeat mood, but was more

pleased to see him in the hitter's meeting before the Angels took batting practice.

"No one is asking Mike to be in those meetings. Mike is at the ballpark because Mike wants to be around his teammates," Washington said. "Any tidbits that he can give to them while he's here, we welcome."

It's question time

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league minimum ... plus a percentage of ticket sales?

Question 6: LeBron James may be nearing the end of his NBA career .. but would he consider being a tight end in the NFL? Can you imagine trying to defend him in the end zone?



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M's in softball finals against Orange Lutheran

Pacifica will face Lancers for the CIF-SS D-1 crown

There are so many CIF-SS softball championships painted on the back of the dugout at Pacifica High School in Garden Grove that you might imagine that it's become routine.

Or perhaps each new group of Mariner athletes is anxious to continue a tradition that goes back more than a quarter of a century and will be tested on Saturday when the Mariners (26-2) take on Orange Lutheran (21-3) at Deanna Manning Stadium in Irvine.

This contest is for the Division 1 title, but also for state and national prestige. The Mariners are rated second in California. The

Oilers lose 3-1 in baseball semis

The Huntington Beach High baseball team finished an outstanding season with disappointment on Tuesday, losing a CIF-SS Division 1 semifinal game 3-1 to Corona.

Corona took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fourth, but Huntington Beach tied it in the top of the sixth. The Panthers went ahead for good with a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth and went on for the win.

Sophomore C.J. Weinstein had the best day for the Oilers. He batted two for three and drove in a run. Tyler Bellerose pitched well in a losing cause. He worked five innings, giving up three hits and one run. He struck out five batters and walked one. HBHS finished the season with a 23-9 record overall and won the Sunset-Surf League title.

Corona (29-3) will take on the winner of the other semifinal game of Orange Lutheran vs. Harvard-Westlake on Friday or Saturday.

Lancers are ranked first in the Golden State.

Pacifica, which was at the top in MaxPrep's ladder earlier in

the season, are 11th in California and Orange Lutheran is sixth.

Tony Arduino's M's are loaded with talent. Kaniya Bragg has slammed seven home runs and 26 RBIs. Delaina Mae is batting .540 and has an on-base percentage of .633.

The top pitcher is Brynne Nally with a 1.12 earned run average, and don't hit the ball back to her she's got a 1.000



ZACH LEWIS of Pacifica High has won CIF-SS titles in discus and shot put events. He threw 178 feet, 1 inch with the discus and 59 feet 1.5 inches for shot put. These are only the second and third CIF-SS track and field titles for PHS in school history. (GGUSD photo).

Retorts: Let's outsource more!

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tinguisher. They seem dedicated and the beauty of the thing is that they're all unpaid folks, like the Minutemen at Lexington or the volunteer fire departments of a century ago.

If that's too drastic, maybe they could hire some unemployed library people to make arrests and put out fires. See? It's not that complicated. I guess this proves I'm just as wise financially as the Big Four on the city council.

PREP SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

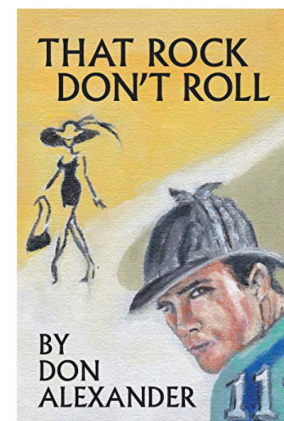
fielding percentage.

The Lancers will be worthy opponents. Kai Minor has four home runs and a batting average of .426, one of three Lancers hitting .400 or better.

Brianne Weiss is the ace of the pitching staff with a 0.75 ERA. Those teams have met twice this season. On March 1 the Mariners prevailed 3-0 and Orange Lutheran won 5-1 on March 29. That was the last time the M's lost, having won 11 in a row since. Number Twelve would be the best win of a glorious season.

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