

'BARBIE' COMES TO EASTGATE



Eastgate Park in West Garden Grove was transformed into an outdoor cinema last Friday for a free screening of the popular film, "Barbie." Attendees brought their lawn chairs and blankets for the showing sponsored by the City of Garden Grove. The next free outdoor movie will be on Friday, Aug. 9 on Main Street with "Grease." The first free outdoor concert will be the Smokin' Cobras on Main Street on Thursday, June 27 at 6 p.m. (Tribune photo).

HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

'Privatization' of Libraries Is On the Shelf

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

Just before the Huntington Beach City Council was poised to decide on whether to have management of the city library system taken over by a private firm, the proposal was ... put on the shelf.

The agenda on Tuesday called for consideration of a proposal by LS&S to provide "managed library services" for the city's five-library system in response to a request for

proposal on such a program.

But LS&S, represented by former Mayor Mike Posey, withdrew its proposal on Monday.

"We dodged a bullet today," said one speaker.

Nevertheless, the issue dominated the public comments segment of the meeting. Of the 16 who spoke on the library outsourcing issue, 15 were pleased by the dropping of the LS&S proposal.

Representatives of the

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Anaheim police arrest woman on murder rap

A Santa Ana woman is in jail and an Anaheim man is dead after what police describe as a "gang-related" shooting.

Jannett Cureno, 24, was booked into the Anaheim Detention Center and is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Jose Andres Abrego, 30, suffered at least one gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the hospital.

The incident took place on Saturday around 2:30 a.m. in the 800 block of

W. Cottonwood Circle.

Police were called in response to a report of a shooting. Responding officers found not only a gunshot victim, but also another adult male who was stabbed at least once, but not fatally.

The suspect fled the scene but was located and arrested in the 300 block of Newhope Street in Santa Ana around 1 p.m.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the APD Homicide Detail at (714) 321-3669.

In The Trib

Giovanna is a bright star in 'Evita' at GG's Gem



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Garden Grove grew fast in area, population

Editor's note: Having been founded in 1874, the year 2024 is the 150th anniversary of Garden Grove's birth. In keeping with that, The Tribune is publishing excerpts from Jim Tortolano's book "Garden Grove: The History of the Big Strawberry."

This installment traces the early growth of the city in its early years starting with incorporation in 1956. A second part of "The Silver Age" will be published in Saturday's edition.

If the town era of the Thirties and Forties was Garden Grove's Golden Age, then perhaps one might label the late Fifties and Sixties the Silver Age. Like the previous era, it was a precious time in which many of the institutions of the community were established and had their greatest influence.

During the period from 1956 to 1970, Garden Grove got its major shopping district, unified its three school systems into

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How Garden Grove grew in size and population

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one, stretched itself west and east and rose to become the third-largest (now fifth) city in Orange County. Garden Grove saw one of its own shot into space, saw another win Olympic glory and even incubated its own movie star, the comic actor and writer Steve Martin.

Municipally, Garden Grove's new city council moved quickly to not only establish a police force and absorb the existing Fire Protection District into a fire department, but also pulled thousands of residents within city limits by annexing outlying areas. The original Garden Grove was a square city incorporating just the original town and recent subdivisions; before long the new entity had extended fingers west and south to add new territory, growing from 11.5 square miles to 18 miles square miles today.

The most significant addition was the West Garden Grove area, which was once the eastern part of the Long Beach-based Bixby Ranch. Two developments, East-

gate and Garden Park, filled up much of the western wing of the city, joined to the rest of the community by a thin sliver of roadway along Garden Grove Boulevard. A large military installation that featured a Nike anti-missile site comprised a third section, but that was declared surplus and developed as a light industrial manufacturing center east of Knott Street and west of the Union Pacific railway.

West Garden Grove emerged as the community's most affluent section, with many active youth sports groups. Pacifica High School, located at Lampson Avenue and Knott Street, serves as a sort of unofficial community center and common denominator for the westsiders. A bustling commercial strip running from the Garden Grove (22) Freeway north past Chapman Avenue along Valley View Street is the central business district for that portion of the city.

By 1960, the population of the growing city was 84,417, nearly double that of just four years before. It was touted as "America's Fastest-Growing City," and it was. Residents poured in at a rate of 46 a day, 1,428 a month.

In 1958, the city adopted its municipal seal, a green and orange design superimposed with

a rendering of city hall with the slogan "Absit Invidia", which means "without division or divisiveness." Later in 1960, in deference to the demographics of the community – 46 percent

of the population was under 19 years of age – the city motto became "The City of Youth and Ambition."



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News & Views

Hey, Disneyland is now located in Garden Grove

We're back with our e-paper after a week of semi-relaxation. Here are two items that caught our attention.

Did you know that – contrary to popular belief – Disneyland is actually located in Garden Grove and not Anaheim? According to Microsoft Bing/Travel,

“Garden Grove, California, is most famous for housing the most magical place on earth, Disneyland. Guests will love the park as it



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is known for featuring popular Disney cartoon characters. The park also features exciting rides and attractions that kids and kids at heart will enjoy. Lastly, it is also a perfect place to take quirky pictures, so head to the park when you visit the city.”

Now, that is good news! All we have to do now is get all the tax revenue that's incorrectly gone to Anaheim since the mid-50s and into our city coffers.

Let the good times roll! In Westminster last week, the city council voted to move toward censure of Councilmember Amy Phan West for a wide variety of violations of the city council code of conduct that amount to being a big pain in the aspect.

Two especially interesting developments about this emerged. First, West tried to fight back and refute the accusations against her, but then, she just gave in and admitted to her misconduct, hoping to be forgiven and promising to be better.

But Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen wasn't having it. “I don't know that I can trust you,” he said, casting the deciding vote



MICROSOFT'S BING SEARCH engine places Disneyland in Garden Grove instead of Anaheim (File photo).

Summer movies, concert schedule for Westminster

Free movies and concerts are being offered this summer in the Westminster Civic Center Sunken Gardens, starting in July.

Free movie nights are scheduled on July 11, 18 and 25 with activities at 6:30 p.m. and the film at dusk.

Free concerts are scheduled on Aug. 1, 8, 15 and 22. Activities will start at 5:30 p.m. with the concerts at 6 p.m.

Attendees are invited to bring their lawn chairs for these Thursday night events. In addition to activities and entertainment, there will be food (including dessert) and drink choices to purchase.

Here's the schedule.

Movie Nights

- July 11: “Trolls: Band Together.”
- July 18: “Lilo & Stitch.”
- July 25: “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem.”

Summer Concerts

- Aug. 1: Pulp Vixen (90s to now top hits)
- Aug. 8: Redneck Rodeo (country music)
- Aug. 15: The C Band (Latin “vibes”)
- Aug. 22: The New Originals (70s and 80s dance band).

The Sunken Gardens are located at 8200 Westminster Blvd, east of Beach Boulevard. Call the City of Westminster's Community Services & Recreation Department at (714) 895-2860.



“TROLLS: BAND TOGETHER” will start the movie series.

Obituary

Longtime GG resident, 100, passes away

Rowena Leonora Yorba Earnest
1/13/1923 - 5/11/2024

The world lost a gentle soul last month after over a 100-year run.

She passed peacefully in her sleep at the assisted living home she had been in for three years.

Rowena and her husband Harold “Bud” moved into a new house in Garden Grove in 1955. They raised three sons and a daughter in their home on Daniel Avenue with a neighborhood-teaming with playmates.

Rowena was an active member of the PTA, a scout leader and very involved in her church at St. Callistus. After the kids were all in school, she started selling World Book Encyclopedias and Childcraft.

Her earliest memories included reading Nancy Drew books up in a walnut tree.

She was always encouraging her kids to read; they were told to look it up on a regular basis. She loved to garden and always maintained a yard full of flowers.

She was an excellent seamstress and made most of her and her daughter's clothes. She was also fond of needlework. Her favorite activity was getting the family together.

After retiring from sales, she became a docent at the Bowers Museum. Learning and sharing fulfilled a lifelong dream to teach. She also volunteered for the Santa Ana Canyon Historical society at the Peralta adobe and Yorba Cemetery in Yorba Linda.

She was very proud of being a fifth generation Californian from a very large family.

Her husband Bud passed in 1997 after a 50-year marriage; she lost her youngest son Tom to cancer in 2012. She is survived by Joel, Jim and Mary Ann, her grandchildren Laura, Taylor,

NewsUpdate

Summer Wildfire Season is Underway

California's wildfire season has begun, as the Post Fire in northern Los Angeles county has burned over 15,000 acres.

The terrain near Pyramid Lake includes steep hills which are

difficult for firefighters to access.

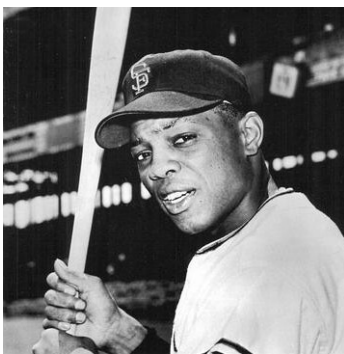
Heavy smoke from the Post Fire might make visibility a challenge on Interstate 5 (Golden State Freeway) in the areas of Santa Clarita and Gorman.

Rising temperatures, accompanied by low humidity, could make the situation more dangerous as expected high winds of up to 55 miles an hour.

The potential for expansion of the blaze is considered possible

for an area from northern Sacramento Valley to the Antelope Valley.

Motorists are cautioned to check with authorities on routes which may be endangered by new and spreading wildfires



WILLIE MAYS, 1961 (Wikipedia)

Willie Mays, 93; one of baseball's greatest ever

Willie Mays, one of the greatest baseball players in the sport's history, has died at the age of 93. Playing for the New York-San Francisco Giants and New York Mets, he was in the major leagues from 1951 to 1973 with a two-year gap devoted to Army service.

Over that time, he was selected to the All-Stars 24 times and led the National League in home runs four times. He hit .300 and drove in 100 or more runs 10 times.

Warming up

Our West Orange County area is going to get warmer and hotter toward the weekend. Wednesday will see a daytime high of 75 with an overnight low of 61. Thursday will rise to 79 (61) and Friday will climb to 80 (63) and Saturday go even higher to 83 (67). One thing will be the same: partly cloudy conditions, especially in the mornings.



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Arts & Living

Giovanna Is Charismatic As 'Evita'

Through July 14
at Gem Theater
in Garden Grove

By Thom deMartino
Orange County Tribune

"When the legend becomes fact, print the legend" ... isn't that how the saying goes?

The Gem Theater and One More Productions troupe in Garden Grove takes on the daunting legend of the larger-than-life first lady of Argentina, Eva Perón, in their newest Damien Lorton-helmed production, "Evita."

Giovanna Martinez stars as the charismatic Eva – once, Eva Duarte – climbing the social ladder as she leaves a trail of ex-partners behind her, beginning with the flamboyant singer Agustin Magaldi (Jack Janowicz) who she persuaded to take her away to Buenos Aires when she was only 15.

After some success as a model, actress and radio star, it's not long before Eva drifts into the social circles that include the ambitious political figure Colonel Juan Perón (Edvan Galván): though the upper-class aristocracy of the city still look down upon her, and her meager beginnings.

Helping the audience navigate between the fact and fiction of the tale is Che (Aaron Gibbs), a cynical Argentinian everyman who stands alongside the tale, countering the "official" narrative with a more sober, realistic view of what she really accomplished, rather than being swept up in the populist love and devotion for her.

After both a right-wing military coup and an earthquake that devastates the city of San Juan, Eva and Colonel Perón cross paths at a charity fundraiser for the town, and recognize in each other the same yearning not just for fame, but for power – the power to reshape Argentina to their whims.



GIOVANNA MARTINEZ and ensemble in "Evita" at the Gem Theater (Ron Lyons photo)

Stage Review

When they suddenly strike up a relationship (with Eva coldly evicting the Colonel's former mistress, played by Isadora Salekford, with a terse "hello, goodbye, I've just unemployed you"), the pair become an unstoppable political force in the nation – for better or worse.

Did they in fact truly work to serve the lowly, the voiceless and forgotten of Argentina, as they professed to? Or was it a fantasy, a Cinderella story with corruption and graft, a shell game for their own ends... or egos?

Or is the truth truly woven in somewhere between the two?

While the backgrounds may be sparse upon the "Evita" stage, the visuals are not: the show features spirited dance numbers (choreographed by Angela Mattern, Erik Diaz, Edvin Galván and Julia Iacopetti) and executed by many of OMP's veteran best, as well as a slew of new faces to the Gem stage.

New additions to the ensemble include Talia Doyle, Bryan Fan, Harmony Ishikawa, Sabina Martin, Yessenia Buezo Muñoz, Isadora Salekford, Bruno Saltilino, Samantha Selaya, Zorro

Sengupta, Lindsey VanGerpen and Myles Williamson; while returning members include Kara Dillard, Alexa Kushner, Allie Kyte, Cristina McAllister, Nate Nolen, Max Seigel and the ubiquitous Mr. Rangel (Matthew to his friends.)

Gibbs has an exceptional, energetic, and appropriately subversive turn as the narrator Che, with his biting commentary about the reality of the Perón regime: speaking of which, Galván's brilliantly rigorous performance as Eva's military paramour is remarkable (such as his work with the number "The Art of the Possible".)

Together with the deft musical work behind the scenes (conducted by Nick Bravo), the troupe have created a moving, mesmerizing, and textured montage: a complex portrait of a woman who moved a nation with her determination and vision -- making it that much more compelling that she be portrayed by the dynamic and scintillating Ms. Martinez.

Ever since her introduction in the stellar "A Chorus Line" at the Gem in 2021, "Gio" has made the leap from ingénue to headliner so quickly as to give you whiplash: but it is, without ques-

Great: ★★★★★

tion, incredibly well-deserved, and her commanding portrayal here demonstrates exactly why.

With poise, passion and presence, she serenades the audience with such numbers as "I'd Be Surprisingly Good For You" and the much-beloved, classic "Don't Cry For Me Argentina": but it's the moving, powerful depth of her performance, as well as her incredible vocal range that illustrates why this young woman's star has only just begun its ascension.

Truly the next masterpiece of the Gem stage, "Evita" is a feast for the eyes and ears, and might even compel you to return for another performance (or even Ms. Martinez's featured turn at the Gem's "Bobbie's Lounge" on June 30): there are truly great things to come, for both the theater and its rising star.

"Evita", Giovanna Martinez, Aaron Gibbs and Edvan Galván star in this remarkable rendering of the Andrew Lloyd Webber classic. Playing through July 14 at The Gem Theater 12852 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA, 92840. Call 714-741-9550 x22.

TheSportsPages

New backstop is backbone of the Angels

There's not a lot to love about the Los Angeles Angels first three months of the 2024 season, but there's at least one player who stands head and shoulders – and knees and helmet – above the others.

Logan O'Hoppe, the Angels' new starting catcher, not only has the team's coolest name, he's also the best hitter (.281 as of this writing on Monday) with nine home runs and 31 runs batted in).



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He's even stolen a base, an accomplishment akin to a point guard doing a slam dunk.

Over a seven-game stretch, he's batted .480 with two homers and five RBIs, and even had that that unlikely swipe of second.

I have a special place in my heart – and right hand and skull – for catchers. They're are the hardest working player on the team and get hit the hardest. Catchers get hit by foul balls,

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LOGAN O'HOPPE
New Angel catcher

New Playbook, Same QB



Justin Herbert adjusting to a new head coach

By Joe Reedy
AP Football WRiter

COSTA MESA, Calif. (AP) — Justin Herbert having to learn a new playbook and working with a different offensive coordinator in college and the NFL has become a familiar routine.

Herbert, along with many Los Angeles Chargers fans, are hoping that the new regime of coach Jim Harbaugh and offensive coordinator Greg Roman will be around for awhile.

As the Chargers wrapped up their offseason program on Thursday, Herbert was pleased with what he was able to accomplish in the past couple of months.

"Greg has done a great job of installing it and demonstrating exactly what he sees from the offense," Herbert said. "It's definitely a complex, difficult offense to learn, but we've done

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JUSTIN HEBERT throwing in the mini-camp last week in Cosra Mesa. He's adjusting to a new head coach and a new playbook for 2024 season (Chargers photo)

Dodgers were wow! Angels oww!

It was a matter of wow! for one team and ow! for the other.

For the Los Angeles Dodgers, Tuesday's game had a dramatic seven-run rally in the ninth inning that lifted them to an 11-9 win over the Pirates in Pittsburgh.

The key hit was a two-out, two runners on in the top of the ninth.

Trailing 9-8, they got a three-run home run from Teo Martinez, his 18th blast of the season.

That followed a grand slam by Jayson Hayward earlier in the inning.

Solo home runs by Andy Pages

and Shohei Ohtani (20th) came earlier in the game.

The Dodgers are now 46-29 and remain in first place in the NL West.

On the other hand, it was painful Tuesday for the Angels, losing 6-3 at home to the Milwaukee Brewers.

Trailing 6-0 going into the bottom of ninth, the Orange County team rallied for three runs.

With two out and runners on first and second Taylor Ward flied out to center to end the game for the Halos, now 29-44 and fourth place in the American League West.

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Seattle	44-31	.587	—	8-2
Houston	33-40	.452	10	5-5
Texas	33-40	.452	10	3-7
ANGELS	29-43	.403	13.5	5-5
Oakland	27-48	.360	17	1-9

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	46-29	.613	—	6-4
Arizona	36-37	.493	9	6-4
San Fran.	36-38	.486	9.5	5-5
San Diego	37-40	.481	10	4-6
Colorado	25-48	.342	20	3-7

Justin Hebert's new look at quarterback

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our best to pick it up. A lot has been thrown at us, but with the way we've picked it up and attacked it, I'm looking forward to running it."

Roman is the fourth offensive coordinator Herbert has worked with since he was the sixth overall pick in the 2020 draft. He also had three offensive co-

ordinators during his four seasons at Oregon.

Harbaugh is the sixth head coach Herbert has had in college and the pros.

While some quarterbacks would get unnerved over the constant changes, Herbert has tried to take the opposite approach.

"I would say that it's a good opportunity to learn more football. Because I think at the end of the day, a lot of the concepts are similar. They're just called something else," he said. "The identity of the offense vary with the coordinator, but understanding the concepts and if it's still Cover 3, these are the beaters and if it's Cover 2, these are the beaters, that part of football doesn't change."

Roman said Herbert's ability in picking up different systems has been pretty remarkable.

"I mean, as deep as he dives into things, every offense he has been in has been a deep dive. To be in June right now and have him where he is with us and what we're doing speaks volumes," Roman said. "We've

tried to overload him a couple times, and it just wasn't happening."

Herbert said they went through three full installations of the offense during the offseason program, and that there is a good base for things to continue to evolve going into training camp when it begins next month.

Installing a new offensive scheme wasn't the only significant change for Herbert. Four of his top five playmakers from his first four seasons in the league are no longer on the roster.

The two biggest departures were wide receivers Keenan Allen (traded to Chicago) and Mike Williams (released) while running back Austin Ekeler and tight end Gerald Everett signed elsewhere during free agency.

Herbert also will have two new running backs in Gus Edwards and J.K. Dobbins as well as two new offensive linemen (center Bradley Bozeman and rookie right tackle Joe Alt).

"It's tough to replace guys like that just because there's not many like them," Herbert said.

"You could guess that it would be difficult (with younger, inexperienced receivers) but it hasn't been."



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in favor of censure.

However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel for her. Action on the formal resolution of censure won't come to the council for final action until Sept. 11, giving West a chance to "act right" as the homies say in the movies.

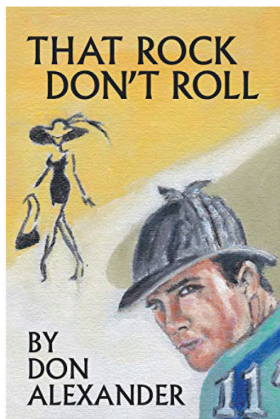
So the question becomes, will she be able to mend her ways for the next three months, and – if so – what happens if she makes it past Sept. 11 and then resumes the same conduct?

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Logan O'Hoppe: Backstop is Angels' backbone

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by errant pitches and by runners charging in from third hoping to knock the ball loose, even if it involves knocking you out.

I've been hit in the head with a thrown bat, broken a finger and been mowed down by a base-runner about twice my size in the days behind the plate. I literally bounced.

But at the highest levels of diamond action, a catcher has

to endure all that, call pitches, become an in-game therapist for a struggling pitcher and try to subtly "work" the plate umpire for a favorable decision on strikes and balls.

While bearing that load, this 24-year-old former Phillie is a polite, thoughtful young man, using his head for more than supporting a helmet.

He keeps one notebook for game-planning with pitchers and another for keeping centered in life. "It's tough to stay in a consistent headspace day to day," he told David Laurila of Fan Graphs earlier this season. Good to hear from the player

in the center of the action, and central to the Angels' hopes for a better season.

Obituary

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Matthew, Kyle, Logan, Kevin, Kelly, Keaton, Erik and Jonathan and great grandchildren Paige, Ambrose, Reese, Decker, Kohen and Ester. She will be missed by networks of friends, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rowena's service will be Saturday June 29, 2024 at 10 a.m. Christ Cathedral's Chapel in the Sky 13280 Chapman Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840.

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ProtectHB group promised that solicitation of signatures to prevent the library system from being "privatized" or "outsourced" would continue.

Mayor Gracey Van Der Mark pronounced the matter finished. "It's done," she said.

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