

# Judge Guilty of Fatally Shooting Wife

## Faces up to 40 years in state prison

Orange County Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Ferguson was convicted on Tuesday of second degree murder in the fatal shooting of his wife, Sheryl, in 2023.

Ferguson was found guilty in Orange County Superior Court in Santa Ana by the jury of one felony count of murder and one felony enhancement of personal use of a firearm and one felony enhancement of discharge of a firearm causing great bodily injury and death. He could be sentenced to a maximum term of 40 years to life.

In August 2023 he and his wife were sitting watching television in their home in Anaheim Hills when the pistol in his hand discharged, fatally wounding her.

According to the Orange County District Attorney's office, Ferguson went outside and sent a text to his court bailiff and clerk reading, "I just lost it. I just shot my wife. I won't be in tomorrow. I will be in custody. I'm so sorry."

His defense attorney argued that the judge was seeking to place the gun on a table when he fumbled it and the weapon discharged accidentally.

Police searching the house recovered 48 weapons – rifles, shotguns and handguns, along with over 26,000 rounds of ammunition.

### Park Design: Park Elements



**ARTIST'S RENDERING** of the layout of the planned new park in Garden Grove's Civic Center Revitalization project (City of Garden Grove).

# New police facility, park already winning accolades

By Jim Tortolano  
Orange County Tribune

## ■ GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

An update on the status of the Civic Center Revitalization Project was given to the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday night to the applause of the council members.

"I could never have thought at 18 months we'd have everything there," said Councilmember Cindy Tran (District 3), regarding the progress so far.

The development will include a new three-story police building with an adjoining multi-level parking structure, as well as a new park in the area northeast of Euclid Street and Acacia Parkway.

At Tuesday's presentation the council was given a look at artist's renderings on details of the planned

new park, which will take the place of the original Civic Center Park.

The new park will include several play areas, a picnic area, fitness equipment, public art – relocated from the original park – an

event stage, and memorial grove, all surrounding an event lawn.

That lawn and stage could be the venue for a wide variety of events, including festivals, movie screenings and other activities. The new park could also include a wa-

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# Political signs targeted in HB special election

Rising temperatures over two ballot measures regarding the Huntington Beach public library system has led to some political signs being vandalized or torn down.

The Huntington Beach Police Department issued a statement this week stating that "the removal and vandalism of politi-

cal /campaign signage is a crime.

"We will continue to investigate reports of political signs being defaced, removed or destroyed throughout the city," police warned. Members of the public who see someone tampering with such signs are urged to call the

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ter element such as a reflecting pool, if finances permit.

At that event lawn, big events could host as many as 2,500 people, with 2000 for a standing concert, 500 for "movie night" and 14 food trucks.

Also on Tuesday night, the

council voted 7-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of an ordinance clearing the way for the development of a 26-unit residential townhome project on Santa Catalina Avenue in West Garden Grove on excess land at Grace Baptist Church.

# Political signs are targeted

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HBPD at (714) 960-8811.

On June 2, voters in Surf City will participate in a special election. Measure A would eliminate a children's book review board that critics call censorship, Measure B would require voter

approval of any future privatization of the libraries.

Signs reading "Protect Our Kids From Porn" and urging voters to reject A and B have been especially controversial because of the use of the term "porn."

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# News&Views

## *A sad farewell to the 'world's parish priest'*

I was saddened by the passing on Monday of Pope Francis, leader of the Roman Catholic Church. More so than any other prominent religious figure of the last decade and more, he spoke of and embodied an attitude of mercy and forgiveness.

Called affectionately by some "The Parish Priest for the Whole World," his influence extended beyond just the worldwide Catholic



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family, estimated to be about 1.4 billion people.

More so than some famous clerics, he brought a deeper meaning to the word "catholic," which means "universal." Like Pope John XXIII, Francis was more of a "modernizer" than a true progressive.

He advocated for a wider role for women, but stopped short of supporting female priests. Some exceptions were made for married priests, but not enough to make a meaningful change in the overwhelmingly male presence and leadership of the church.

Some "progressives" will say he didn't modernize enough; some traditionalists that he went too far.

Well, a 2,000-year-old entity doesn't change easily, and even the man at the top can only do so much. His legacy is probably more with the way he spoke up for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Immigrants, refugees, sexual minorities, agnostics and atheists, and women were among those he found kind words for. A man who was once a bouncer at a bar in his youth, he often

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**THE DERRINGER-STYLE** handgun seized by Westminster police during a traffic stop in Saturday (WPD photo).

## Westminster police grab suspect and a modern-day derringer

It wasn't a Saturday Night Special, but it was a famous handgun, or one that looked like it.

On Saturday night Westminster Police Department detectives and Orange County Probation Department officers were conducting proactive enforcement when they spotted a known probationer and documented gang member driving in the area of Sigler Park.

Officers made a traffic stop and they found a loaded firearm in the vehicle.

It was a small, easily concealable gun similar to the "derringer" of the kind used by John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln in 1865.

The weapon was found to have been reported stolen.

The subject was booked into Orange County Jail for probation violation, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm and ammunition and possession of a firearm by a gang member.

## 'Black April' event is set for April 30 at Sid Goldstein

A Black April Remembrance Ceremony will be held by the City of Westminster on Wednesday, April 30 at 10 a.m. at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park, 14180 All American Way.

The public is invited to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon to invading Communist forces at the annual ceremony to honor the lives lost during the Vietnam War.

The program will include remarks from elected officials, a wreath ceremony and more.

Events of April 1975 brought to a conclusion a conflict between the communist North Vietnam and anti-communist South Vietnam that raged from 1959 to 1975.

The U.S. sent aid to South Vietnam along with combat

## Round up those pills for the drug take-back

Local police departments will take part in National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Garden Grove Police Department will participate and pills can be disposed of at the Garden Grove Police Department, located at 11301 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove 92842.

The Huntington Beach Police Department will have similar hours and operation at the HBPD offices at 2000 Main St., outside the lobby.

The event — coordinated nationally by the federal government's Drug Enforcement Administration — allows the public to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles, or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous with no questions asked.

In October 2024, Americans turned in 314 tons (over 629,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,000 sites operated by the DEA and its state and local law enforcement agencies.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies have shown that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medi-

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## NewsUpdate

# Musk To Shift Gears Back to Tesla

**‘Major work’  
with DOGE  
is done, he says**

Elon Musk made his fortune – in part – by creating a wildly successful stable of electric cars. But as his political involvements have put a dent in the economic performance of Tesla, he will be cutting back on his involvement in Washington.

According to the Associated Press, Musk on Tuesday said in a conference call with stock analysts that “now that the major work of establishing Department of Government Efficiency is done” he will be spending more time devoted to Tesla and cutting his time with DOGE to “a day or two per week.”



**ELON MUSK** says he will now focus on Tesla. (Shutterstock).

Musk’s aggressive work at cutting government staff has been controversial, and it’s been re-

flected in the sales of the Tesla vehicles, which have declined 71 percent in profits in the first

quarter of 2025 and an overall drop in company profits of 9 percent.

### Great Thoughts

“Freedom of the press is guaranteed to those who own one.”

– A.J. Liebling

“I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice! And let me remind you also that moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue!”

– Barry Goldwater, politician and U.S. Senator.

## Pope’s funeral scheduled for Saturday in Rome

The dean of the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church – Giovanni Battista – will preside over the funeral Saturday of the late Pope Francis.

According to United Press International, the pontiff’s body will be lying in state for three days preceding the funeral mass. Among the world leaders con-

firmed to attend are President Donald Trump, along with his wife Melania Trump.

After the interment, there will be a period of nine days of mourning.

Fifteen to 20 days later, the College of Cardinals will convene to begin the selection of a new pope.

## Cuts are coming to the State Department: Rubio

A plan to make big cuts in the U.S. Department of State was announced Tuesday by Secretary Marco Rubio

He termed the department, which is responsible for America’s relations with other countries “bloated, bureaucratic” as well as “ beholden to radical political ideology,” reports The New York Times.

One major change would be the elimination of the office of

undersecretary for civilian security, democracy and human rights. That office has been characterized as a center of liberal activism.

So far, Rubio is planning on reducing the department’s bureaus by roughly 18 percent, which would eliminate about 700 jobs. Overall, The Times wrote that plans would be unveiled soon to reduce the number of employees based in the U.S. by 15 percent.

## Weather: Still living in the 60s

Pleasantly cool temperatures will continue for our West Orange County cities right through the weekend. Wednesday will have a daytime high of 66 with an overnight low of 55. There will be clouds in the morning and sun in the afternoon. Thursday will warm slightly to 67 (51) under partly cloudy skies. Friday will begin a modest cooling trend to 64 (52) and Saturday at 63 (52), both days having partly cloudy skies.

# Arts&Living

## Jordan Times Two in 'Sinners'

Music, race  
and magic in  
Jim Crow South

By Jocelyn Noveck  
AP National Writer

It's gotta be something in the water. How else to explain the plethora of A-list twins on Hollywood screens lately?

In the last few months alone, we've had Robert Pattinson, Theo James and the great Robert De Niro playing opposite each other on screen. But now we have by far the most creatively ambitious, culturally layered, artistically bold twin-led cinematic outing yet — if this sentence feels like a lot, get ready for the movie! — with Michael B. Jordan on double duty in "Sinners."

And while the Jordan-Jordan pairing is front and center and full of charisma, Jordan himself would probably agree the most important pairing here is the one between him and Ryan Coogler. The supremely talented writer-director turns once again to Jordan — star of all four of his previous films — for his first completely original movie. Both men are firing on all cylinders.

So what exactly is "Sinners," shot on large-format film (including IMAX 65 mm and Ultra Panavision 70) befitting the size of its vision, about? Depends which layer you're looking at.

The outer layer is a story of two brothers coming home to Mississippi in 1932 to launch a juke joint after spending time on the German front in World War I and then learning from Al Capone in gangland Chicago. Peel away, and it's a story about music, especially the transporting power of the blues. It's also about love: love that's lost, love that's found, love that's impossible. And it's about the tenuousness of life in the Jim Crow South.

And then ... it turns into a full-



**SUPERNATURAL HORROR** "Sinners," starring Michael B. Jordan (Warner Bros. pictures).

### Movie Review

on, gore-spewing, guts-spilling vampire film, one of the scarier ones you'll see in a very long time.

It's soon clear the only thing small about this film is the timeline — one day, unless you want to count the afterlife, which is fair. How Coogler pulls everything off at once — and makes it cohere, mostly — is a sight to see.

And even more, to feel. With a crowd you don't know, as Coogler intends it. At my screening there was frequent laughter, both joyous and nervous, some screams and not a few jumps, including one where I felt my own self leaving my seat, pens and notepad tumbling. Coogler grew up loving the jumpy moments in movies like "Jurassic Park," and wanted to recreate the feeling.

We begin our 24 hours in Clarksdale, Mississippi, with skinny Preacher Boy, aka Sammie (exciting 19-year-old newcomer Miles Caton), bloody and barely alive, staggering into a church. His father, the pastor,

urges him to drop the twisted vestige of a guitar he carries. We see lightning-quick flashbacks to scenes of horror — way too quick to settle in our brains. Coogler will take his time. You got somewhere you need to be? We then rewind, to one day earlier.

Twin brothers Smoke and Stack — Jordan and Jordan, who frequently share the screen, seamlessly — have arrived with a truckful of Irish beer from Chicago. Handing wads of cash to a white owner for an old mill and its land, the brothers tell the man they'll "kill any of your Klan buddies" if they come around. "The Klan don't exist no more," the oily character replies.

The plan is to open that same night. The brothers separate to rally staff, supplies and food. They also need music. Young cousin Sammie turns out to have a soulful voice and prodigious talent on the blues guitar. They pick up a harmonica and piano player (the wonderful Delroy Lindo) by promising all the Irish beer he wants.

We also meet the love interests. Stack is the slicker of the two brothers, much quicker

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to smile, if not happier, with a red brimmed hat and a few gold-rimmed teeth. He's soon approached by his ex, Mary (Hailee Steinfeld, poignant), the young white woman he loved and left. She's angry. It won't be 'til later that we learn he was only trying to keep her safe.

As for Smoke, more somber in a blue cap, he reunites with a soulful medicine woman, with whom he's shared past grief. He convinces Annie — played by Wunmi Mosaku with a serene grace — to come cook at the joint.

The place opens. The beer's flowing and the dance floor hopping. Sammie and Pearlina (Jayme Lawson), a married woman who's caught his fancy, hook up. It's the best night of his young life.

And then come the vampires. Remmick (Jack O'Connell), a spindly and scruffy villain, first shows up at a farm couple's home, their Klan hood visible in the back. A red-eyed group now numbering three, the vampires

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# TheSportsPages

## Cooper's flag is waving for the long green

Don't do it ... don't do it ...  
awwww ... shucks.

That's my reaction to Cooper Flagg's decision to be another of those one-and-done basketball stars to drop all pretense of collegiate loyalty and declare for the NBA Draft, i.e., the Big Money.

Cooper Flagg – what a great sports name! – has already made millions playing basketball for Duke University.

With the NIL (Name Image Likeness) situation, he's clearly a professional



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employee of Duke who's chosen to move on to another "job."

In his announcement on social media, the 2025 Men's Player of the Year, Flagg gushed, "Duke fans, my teammates, the brotherhood ... I have so much gratitude and I feel so blessed for all the opportunities that I was given ..."

Ok, sure. But let's be clear. The "brotherhood" wasn't nearly as important as the bank account. The step up to the big leagues. And the even-better endorsement money that comes from playing in the big markets in the NBA.

Watching him play, there's no doubt that he's as good as any in big-time college hoops. But he could build on excellence and perhaps achieve greatness by giving good 'ol Duke a little more of his wonderfulness by getting a college degree and only earning a few million bucks instead of a jillion dollars.

I'm old-fashioned, I know. Loyalty means something more than a slogan. But I guess the slogan that really rules big-time college sports isn't "be true to your school," but "show me the money."

## Rams' Draft of Dreams

*Team is poised to improve on a strong contender*

By Greg Beacham  
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A few seasons after Los Angeles Rams general manager Les Snead famously used his draft picks as trade capital for veterans who won a Super Bowl, he has spent the past two years rebuilding his roster primarily by using those picks the old-fashioned way.

If he gets it right again in the upcoming draft, he might already have another championship contender.

The Rams enter the three-day extravaganza later this month with only a handful of clear needs, but a vital opportunity to upgrade their depth. In the past two drafts, Snead found some of the NFL's top young players — Puka Nacua, Jared Verse, Braden Fiske, Byron Young and Steve Avila — while adding contributors across the roster. He even acquired a standout punter and a solid kicker.

After winning the NFC West



**RAMS HEAD COACH SEAN McVAY** and General Manager Les Snead are masters of finding overlooked talent from college ranks (Rams photo).

and getting within a couple of frozen-fingered Philadelphia fumbles of the NFC championship game last season, Los Angeles has eight picks in this draft, albeit just one in the first two rounds.

The 26th overall selection is high enough to land a top defensive back, the position where the Rams appear to have the greatest need — but it also must be tempting to Snead to use it

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## Dodgers, Angels lose

It wasn't a terrific Tuesday for either the Los Angeles Angels or the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The **Angels** opened a series with the Pittsburgh Pirates in Anaheim with a 9-3 loss to the visitors. They managed only five hits in the contest and their record fell to 11-11, good for fourth place in the tight American League West race.

Taylor Ward's third-inning solo home run was the biggest hit for the Halos.

The two teams will meet again on Saturday with Ty Anderson (2-0) making the start for the home team.

The **Dodgers** were the victims of a stirring late rally and lost 11-10 to the Chicago Cubs in the Windy City. Trailing 10-7, the Cubs tied the game in the bottom of the ninth and won on a walk-off 10th-inning run-scoring single by Ian Happ.

With the loss, the Dodgers are 16-8 and remain in second place, a game behind the first-place San Diego Padres in the National League West.

The Blue Crew got three home runs: Tom Edman (his eighth), Andy Pages (his third) and Will Smith (his third).

They'll play again on Saturday.

## Lakers even the series with Wolves

The Los Angeles Lakers evened their NBA Western Conference playoff series with the Minnesota Timberwolves on Tuesday with a 94-85 victory at crypto.com Arena.

Luka Doncic scored 31 points and nine assists for the home team. LeBron James had 21 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists. Austin Reaves added 16 points, five rebounds and five assists.

The third game of the series will be Friday in Minnesota.

# Aztecs win a wild 'Battle of Westminster'

La Quinta High School and Westminster High School are in different school districts, but they're located in the same city, so clashes between the Aztecs and Lions on athletic fields and courts often have a little extra excitement.

For example, on Monday a softball game was filled with lots of scoring and a stirring comeback win for La Quinta.

The Aztecs jumped out to a big lead with seven runs in the first inning, but the Lions rallied and tied the game at 8-8 in the top of the seventh.

Bella Ballesteros tripled for La Quinta with one out in the bottom of the seventh and Juliany Castanon drove in the winning run with a base hit through the drawn-in infield. She was also the winning pitcher in the 9-8 victory for LQ in this "Battle of Westminster."

(P.S. Rallie Faatuga had three hits for the Aztecs).

## TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES

The fallout from sanctions against the Segerstrom High baseball program continued this week. The CIF-SS punished the Jaguars for violations including "undue influence" by requiring the forfeiting of all wins this season and being banned from the playoffs this year.

The Jags had been in first place in the Golden West League. Additionally, the school district removed the



**GARDEN GROVE** beat El Modena in a recent boys' volleyball match (GGUSD photo).

principal and baseball coach from their posts.

In their first game after the sanctions were announced, the team traveled to Garden Grove High on Monday, where the Argonauts were on a nine-game home winning streak.

The home team led 4-0 going into the seventh inning, when the visitors rallied for six runs and a 6-4 win, their "first" official win of the season.

## Prep Sport Spotlight

### Baseball, Softball Scores

#### Monday baseball

Segerstrom 6, Garden Grove 4

#### Monday softball

La Quinta 9, Westminster 8  
Century 24, Bolsa Grande 14

#### Tuesday baseball

La Quinta 13, Western 1  
Ocean View 5, Tustin 0  
Estancia 7, Westminster 6  
Villa Park 5, Pacifica  
Fountain Valley 3, Marina 0  
Century 3, Orange 1  
Hunt Beach 4, Newport Bch. 2  
Loara 11, Magnolia 2  
Edison 4, Corona del Mar 2  
Bolsa Grande 12, Santiago 11  
Rancho Al., 2, Los Amigos 1

#### Tuesday softball

Rancho Al. 17, Saddleback 5  
Pacifica 3, Canyon 0  
Edison 11, Corona del Mar 1  
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# Rams could good fortune from NFL draft

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as trade capital for a proven veteran who can push his team toward the league's top level.

## Need

The secondary isn't nearly as impressive as the Rams' defensive line, and a cornerback who can play right away would be a welcome addition to a defense that got by last season with Darious Williams and Cobie Durant.

They're also looking for a swing tackle and/or eventual successor to right tackle Rob Havenstein, their longest-tenured player.

## Don't need

Nacua's prominence, Davante Adams' heralded arrival, Tutu Atwell's \$10 million free-agent deal and promising second-year pro Jordan Whittington probably won't allow much playing time for a rookie receiver. The offensive line appears set, although depth is always necessary.

And while the Rams don't have a standout interior linebacker, that's normal for this team.



**PUKA NACUA** was a fifth round pick for the Los Angeles Rams and is now a star wide receiver (Rams photo).

## Mad skills

McVay always welcomes more skill, and tight end is an obvious area to address after Tyler Higbee got injured last season and his backups didn't contribute much. Los Angeles has chosen

only two tight ends in the previous seven drafts: Davis Allen and Brycen Hopkins, who have a combined 29 career NFL receptions.

## QB question

Although Matthew Stafford and Jimmy Garoppolo are back, McVay's interest in the upcoming quarterback class is an annual topic of speculation. This year's group has compelling names, and many observers have linked LA to USC/Ole Miss passer Jaxon Dart, who likely would require a first-round pick. Will the Rams try again for their quarterback of the future, two years after using a fourth-rounder on third-stringer Stetson Bennett? Sixth-round stuff

The Rams have two third-round picks, a fourth-round pick and four selections in the sixth round.

That's been a solid round for the Rams, who found Whittington and starting center Beaux Limmer last year and do-it-all safety Quentin Lake two years earlier — and Nacua was the final pick of the fifth round, of course.



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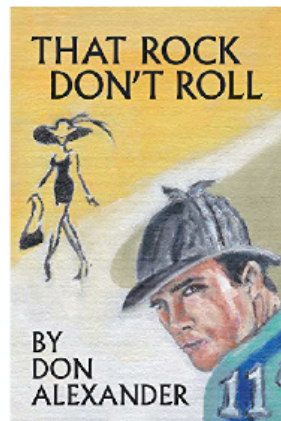
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head to the juke joint for the bloody final act.

It's a doozy, and the less said the better. Well — we WILL say that perhaps only Coogler would think of a lusty group of vampires singing old Irish folk songs. In any case, the climactic confrontation is what we're waiting for, and pays off.

But please don't leave once the credits start rolling; Coogler has more gifts up his sleeve. His very long, ever-growing sleeve.

"Sinners," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, has been rated R by the Motion Picture Association "for strong bloody violence, sexual content and language."

# Retorts: Pope Francis, 'parish priest'

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used down-to-earth terms.

Speaking of birth control, he said, "Some think .. that in order to be good Catholics, we have to be like rabbits. No."

On women's rights, he said, "God did not create and then give him a lapdog to play with."

Referring to the excesses of his church, he said, "Oh, how I would like a poor Church and for the poor."

The work he began is — as with all worthy men and women — always incomplete. But his open mind and warm heart has already won him a place in the hall of people we would all benefit from imitating.

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# G. Grove college grads are sought for recognition

Garden Grove residents graduating from a college or university this year are invited to submit their information for the annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception on Tuesday, June 10.

All attending graduates will be entered into opportunity drawings for cash prizes. The deadline to submit information online for the free event is Tuesday, May 27 at [www.ggcity.org/grads](http://www.ggcity.org/grads).

Hosted by the Garden Grove City Council, the private event recognizes residents for their outstanding achievement in higher education. Graduates will receive local, state, and federal certificates of recognition, City giveaways, and the chance

to win cash prizes provided by event sponsors. Graduates will also have the opportunity to network with key businesses and organizations in the community.

The event would not be possible without the generous support of event sponsors, including Em-

bassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim South, Shield Litigation Injury Lawyers, Thirsty Cow Korean BBQ, Garden Grove Shell #1, Garden Grove Police Association, and the Garden Grove Unified School District.

To view photos from previous

receptions, visit the City's Facebook @GardenGroveCityHall or search for #GardenGroveGrads on Instagram.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at [communityrelations@ggcity.org](mailto:communityrelations@ggcity.org) or (714) 741-5280

## 'Black April' event on April 30

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forces.

Popular opposition to American involvement in the war led to a gradual withdrawal and a peace agreement in January 1973. Over 58,000 Americans died in the conflict.

However, the communists

violated the accord and without a spring offensive by the North Vietnamese Army in 1975 broke through the defenses of the Army of Republic of (South) Vietnam, capturing Saigon (now officially Ho Chi Minh City) and ending

the war.

Estimates of the number of people killed in the war on all sides range to up to over 3 million.

For more information, call (714) 895-2860 or go to [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov).

## Drug take-back on April 26

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cines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 26 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event, visit [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com).

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