

Suspect in Murder Try is Arrested

Guevara, 38, is held for March shooting incident

By **Jim Tortolano**
Orange County Tribune

A fugitive suspect in a shooting in a March 2025 incident in Huntington Beach was arrested Thursday in Huntington Beach. According to the HBPD, taken into custody was Sergio Mario Guevara, 38, of Huntington Beach.

He was booked into the city jail for attempted murder.

The original incident took place on March 16 at around 8:50 p.m. in the area of the 7000 block of Mandrell Drive, near Oak View Elementary School.

Arriving officers found

two victims suffering from gunshot wounds which were not life-threatening. The suspect had fled before police were on the scene.

The shooter was identified as Guevara and the incident is believed to have been gang-related.

He was arrested without incident near Beach Boulevard and Warner Avenue. The HBPD SWAT team served a search warrant at a home in the 7800 block of Slater Ave.

Anyone with information related to the case is encouraged to contact Detective Isai Rodriguez at (714) 536-5970.

STANTON CITY COUNCIL

3.5% raise considered for the city manager

A 3.5 percent pay raise for City Manager Hannah Shin-Heydorn will go before the Stanton City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

If approved, her annual salary will be \$285,136 ef-

fective on July 1, 2025.

That 3.5 increase is the same provided this year for all city employees.

Also on Tuesday night, the council will take up continuance of a procla-

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MUSIC ON MAIN STREET



With a theme of "Legacy of Bravery," law enforcement and military music and vehicles were featured on Main Street in Huntington Beach for the 121st annual 4th of July Parade. Above, a bagpipe group – the Association of County Sheriffs – plays patriotic tunes for large crowds on a sunny Friday morning along a stretch of the thoroughfare. Events continue through Sunday.

Diligent police seek suspect in theft at S. Ana supermarket

It's been more than a month, but the Santa Ana Police Department doesn't give up easily.

SAPD is seeking the public's help in locating a suspect who went "shopping" for – and stole – about \$1,500 worth of merchandise from a Stater Bros. supermarket and left in a pickup truck.

The incident took place on Wednesday, June 2 at the market at 2630 W. Edinger Ave. The suspect entered with a shopping cart with a tool hidden under

his clothing.

He then went to multiple aisles and used the tool to unlock several cabinets containing expensive liquor. The alcohol, a cooler and food was grabbed before leaving the store without paying.

According to police, the suspect left the scene in a white Ford-150 pickup truck..

He is described as a male Hispanic about 25-35 years old with brown eyes and a black beard. He had a medium build and



SUSPECT SOUGHT
(SAPD image).

was wearing a brown T-shirt, light blue jeans and a black Chicago White Sox baseball cap.

Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to contact Detective R. Wilson at (714) 245-8551 or rashadwilson@santa-ana.org.

Stanton City manager may get raise

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mation of a local emergency caused by the homelessness crisis.

In an accompanying staff report, it's stated that from 2019 to

2024, the "point in time" count of homeless persons in Stanton increased by 138 percent. By contrast, Garden Grove has seen a 38 percent decrease over that period.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall at 7800 Katella Ave.

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News & Views

The flavor of doing things the right way

Nicely Done Dept.: If you're like me (or us) you are always on the lookout for an outstanding new restaurant in our West Orange County cities. Just opened (a kind of "soft opening") is the Thirsty Cow Korean BBQ in the Eastgate Plaza at

Chapman Avenue and Valley View Street in West Garden Grove.

It's been months in the making but well worth the wait. The interior is elegant and comfortable and the food is outstanding. If you're not familiar with Korean barbecue, you should know that's there's a brazier built into your table and you quite literally cook your own food.

The choice of meats and side dishes are remarkably tasty and after a (short) while you have earned your chef's title.

It's not cheap, but it's well worth it. They're open weekdays at 4 p.m. and weekends for lunch and dinner. And chopsticks aren't that hard to master.

Nicely Done Dept. Part 2: My Angels' and Dodgers' caps off to the students, teachers and coaches in the Garden Grove Unified School District – as reported in the Anaheim paper – collecting food items to bring to families fearful of going out in public because of the immigration crackdown.

I'm hopeful that even immigration hawks don't want children to go hungry because of the administration's policies toward folks (and their families) who may not be here illegally.

We owe our fellow humans a minimum amount of kindness and empathy, regardless of our politics.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano



HOUSE FIRE on Monroe Street in Garden Grove (above). Photo below shows damage to out-building (OCFA photos).

Fast action stops spread of house fire in G. Grove

An aggressive attack by firefighters quickly contained a house fire in Garden Grove on Tuesday.

According to the Orange County Fire Authority, which provides fire and paramedic service to Garden Grove (as well as Stanton and Westminster), the call came in at 3:01 p.m. regarding

a blaze in the 13000 block of Monroe Street, between Beach Boulevard and Newland Street.

Firefighters were able to confine the fire to the home of origin and kept it from spreading to nearby houses.

There were no reported injuries and the cause of the fire is under investigation.



SUGAR BEETS

History Minute

Sweet times down in Westminster

The P.E. right-of-way for the Red Cars wasn't the only rail line key to the area. A Southern Pacific line ran from Huntington Beach to farmlands in Westminster that grew sugar beets. It was known as the Sugar Line. McFadden Ave, was called Sugar Road.

Morris to return as HB High principal

Daniel Morris has been announced as the new principal of Huntington Beach High School, returning to the Oiler campus after serving as principal of Edison High School.

A long-time member of the Huntington Beach Union High School District staff, Morris served as principal of HBHS for eight years from 2015 to 2023.

During that time, he has been praised for fostering a strong sense of school spirit, promoted a positive campus culture, and supported students, staff and families. He carried these key principles with him to EHS, where Morris played an integral role it is said.

Prior to his time as a principal, Morris served as an assistant principal across multiple HBUHSD campuses at Edison High School, Huntington Beach Adult School, Coast High School, and Marina High School, totaling over 17 years as a leader within HBUHSD.

When asked about his return to HBHS, Morris said, "Huntington Beach High School has always held a special place in my heart. I'm honored and excited to rejoin the Oiler community. We've got an incredible staff, outstanding students, and a proud legacy, and I can't wait to get to work, side by side, to take HB to the next level."



DANIEL MORRIS (HBUHSD)

NewsUpdate

Trump Signs ‘Big Beautiful Bill’

Tax cuts, money for defense and deportations

The controversy and far-reaching “Big Beautiful Bill” that barely squeezed through both houses of Congress was signed into law Friday by President Donald Trump.

It contains tax breaks and reductions in some social safety programs and more funding for military defense and the deportation of migrants living illegally in the United States.

According to the Associated Press the bill includes \$4.5 trillion in tax cuts and adds temporary new tax deductions on tips, overtime wages and automobile loans.



PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP signed the “Big Beautiful Budget Bill” (Shutterstock)

Among the tax cuts is a provision allowing businesses to immediately write off the cost of equipment and research.

The AP reports that – in general – the wealthiest households would get a \$12,000 boost from the bill, while the poorest would

lose \$1,600 annually, as measured by reductions in Medicaid and food aid.

Flash floods have taken at least 24 lives in Texas

Heavy flooding along the Guadalupe River in central Texas has claimed the lives of at least 24 people and another two dozen are reported missing.

The New York Times is reporting that emergency workers had rescued 230 people but a flood at Camp Mystic left up to 25 girls missing.

The area affected is generally between Ft. Worth on the north

and Austin, the state capital, on the south.

Flash flooding warnings were issued around 4 a.m. Friday urging people to “SEEK HIGHER GROUND NOW! Life-threatening flash flooding along the river is expected.”

The flooding alert, given as a result of heavy rain, was in effect until 7 p.m. Friday.

Warming trend coming on

It’s mid- to-low 80s for us in our West Orange County cities heading into the new week. The forecast for Saturday is for a daytime high of 84 with an overnight low of 61. Sunday and Monday will be a bit cooler at 81 (62) and then Tuesday will heat up to 85 (66). Partly cloudy skies will be in place through Monday, giving way to mostly sunny skies on Tuesday,

Record drone attack by Russia launched at Kyiv; one killed, 26 wounded

What’s described as a record number of drones were launched by Russia at the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv on Friday.

According to United Press International, one person died and 26 were wounded in the air strikes.

The aerial attacks lasted eight hours, sending many into shelters such as subways and underground parking lots.

The war – termed a “Special Military Operation” by Russia, has been raging since February 2022 when Russian troops invaded.

U.S. President Donald Trump reported there has been “no progress” in a plans for a cease-fire after speaking with Russian President Vladimir Putin by phone.

Great Thoughts

“Life must be understood backward. But it must be lived forward.”

– Soren Kierkegaard.

“Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars and see yourself running with them.”

– Marcus Aurelius

“Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what is right.”

– Isaac Asimov

Arts & Living

Uma, Charlize Share 'Old Guard 2'

Cliffhanger might benefit from a different ending

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

About 80 minutes into "The Old Guard 2," I found myself wondering how the filmmakers were going to wrap things up. There were a lot of threads dangling with Charlize Theron's gang of immortal warriors, split up and facing extinction, and she still had yet to face off with the new villain, Discord (apparently the first immortal), played by Uma Thurman.

The promise of a showdown between The Bride and Furiosa may not justify the existence of this sequel, now streaming on Netflix, but it was something to look forward to nonetheless. And while they do fight, for a little, something even crazier happens not too long after: The movie ends or, rather, stops mid-climax. An ending was never part of the plan.

This might be an attempt at a cheeky nod to the life of an immortal — what is an ending after all, I guess? But unlike the first film, which merely left the door open for the possibility of a sequel, "The Old Guard 2" cuts off mid-movie. Not only is there no option to "continue watching," there's no promise we'll even get an "Old Guard 3."

Moviegoers endure a lot of partial stories in these days of franchise filmmaking, ever desperate for a built-in audience. With some, you know a resolution is coming at a later date, as with "Mission: Impossible" or "Wicked." With others, like "Dune," a part two or three might have been a question mark, but the intention was unambiguously there. There's nothing fun or enjoyable about being surprised that you've been watching a "part one" the whole time, especially on a service that has helped train us to click next episode.

Perhaps that also has to do with



HENRY Golding, Luca Marinelli, Marwan Kenzari, Charlize Theron and KiKi Layne in a scene from "The Old Guard 2." (Netflix)

Movie Review

the quality of "The Old Guard 2," which feels like a step down from the first movie, which provided much-needed escapism in the summer of 2020 as we met Theron's Andromache the Scythian (Andy, for short) and welcomed KiKi Layne's new immortal Nile.

It ended with Booker (Matthias Schoenaerts) being exiled for a betrayal and the tease that Andy's old companion Quynh (Vân Veronica Ngô), was still alive. Quynh is, understandably, not thrilled that she was left at the bottom of the ocean for centuries.

She wants to punish Andy the most — the movie heavily implies that they were more than sisters in arms, but never quite goes so far as to confirm that their love was romantic, which is especially strange given that it doesn't shy away from letting Nicky (Luca Marinelli) and Joe (Marwan Kenzari) be an out gay couple.

One of the most significant behind-the-scenes changes is that Gina Prince-Bythewood ("The Woman King," "Love & Basket-

ball") ceded directing duties to Victoria Mahoney, who has directed episodes of "Queen Sugar" and "You" and served as second unit director on "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker." Working off Greg Rucka and Sarah L. Walker's screenplay, the movie opens with a lively action sequence in which the immortals attempt to nab an arms dealer. Nicky and Joe are the distractors, getting their own James Bond-esque car chase, while Nile, Andy and Copley (Chiwetel Ejiofor) get more hand-to-hand combat on the property. It sets a fun tone and allows for some

Fair: ★ ★

(mostly) welcome exposition — "remember, you're not immortal anymore" — for those who might not have the best memory of something they watched at the height of the pandemic.

But the film never recaptures that energy again and devolves into an increasingly tedious meditation on time, death and the science of why Andy lost her immortality power (which is approaching "Face/Off" levels of

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Get in Tone on Sunday in HB

Huntington Beach offers more than just fireworks and parades downtown this weekend.

As part of the Sunday Summer in the Park Concert series in the Central Park (Talbert Avenue and Goldenwest Street) The Tone Bros. Band will be performing from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at The Thomas Ridley Bandstand.

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TheSportsPages

There's just no tying in baseball never has been

Baseball, America's oldest pastime, if not its most favorite, is nevertheless the one with the most with the most myths, traditions and superstitions.

Yesterday was July 4, and – as the spooky would have it – the teams in Major League Baseball that will win their divisions will be the Dodgers (of course),

Cubs (probably), Phillies (maybe), Astros (likely), Blue Jays (don't bet on it) and Tigers (bet on it).

The mechanism in play is the tradition that whichever team is "first

on the 4th" finishes first. Provably untrue, but nice to hear.

Another myth is you may have even repeated is "tie goes to the runner."

That was never a rule and with today's computer metrics and replays, it seems silly, but over the years many backyard, sandlot and even a few big league games have been settled that way.

Either the runner beat the ball to the base or he didn't.

We have to face it: just like Tom Hanks said, "there's no tying in baseball."

Something I've followed religiously – along with millions of other diamond minions at all levels – is you don't step on a foul line when coming onto or off from the field. It somehow offends the Baseball Gods.

Step on the chalk and before you know it, you're pulling a hamstring muscle running to first, or losing a fly ball in the sun (or a bright moon).

Can't find your car in the parking lot afterwards? Look on the soles of your shoes and you may find the evidence there.

Talking to a pitcher on your team who's throwing a no-hitter? Get out of town ... literally.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

His 3000th Strikeout

Kershaw isn't as fast, but maybe he's a bit craftier

By Beth Harris
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Clayton Kershaw was laboring in pursuit of his 3,000th strikeout. His pitch count soaring, he was down to the last batter he would face, needing one more swing and miss to become the 20th pitcher to reach the milestone.

"It's a little bit harder when you're actually trying to strike people out," he said, smiling. "I never really had to do that before."

Kershaw accomplished the feat when Vinny Capra of the Chicago White Sox took a slider for a called third strike for the final out of the sixth inning on Wednesday night.

"I made it interesting. Made it take too long," Kershaw said. "Honestly, I didn't pitch that great tonight. The slider was so bad."



CLAYTON KERSHAW struck out his 3,000th batter on Thursday in a Dodger victory (File photo)

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Astros hammer Dodgers; Angels lose it on a bunt

In a battle of division leaders and potential World Series opponents, the Houston Astros on Friday proved they were not overawed by the defending champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Astros brought their A game to Chavez Ravine and smashed the Blue Crew 18-1. The visitors hammered out 20 hits – to the Dodgers' six – and scored 10 runs in the sixth inning to turn the showdown into what used to be called a "laugher."

Powered by five home runs, the visitors never trailed and their pitching limited the home team to one extra-base hit, a second

THE ROUNDUP

inning home run by Will Smith.

In Toronto, the Blue Jays got a walkoff bunt in the 10th inning to defeat the Los Angeles Angels 4-3 and again tip them off their .500 status at 43-44.

Ernie Clement's bunt combined with a wild throw to first brought in the winning run and gave the home team their sixth win in a row.

As for the Angels, trailing 3-0 after six innings, Jo Adell knotted it all up with a three-run home run in the top of the seventh. It was his 19th homer of

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	53-35	.602	—	8-2
Seattle	46-42	.523	7	5-5
ANGELS	43-44	.494	9.5	6-4
Texas	43-45	.489	10	5-5
Athletics	37-53	.411	17	5-5

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	55-33	.629	—	8-2
San Diego	47-40	.540	8	5-5
San Fran.	47-42	.528	9	3-7
Arizona	43-45	.489	12.5	3-7
Colorado	20-68	.227	35.5	2-8

the season.

The loss didn't cost the Halos third place in the AL West, as the Texas Rangers lost 3-2 to the San Diego Padres.

Clayton Kershaw's 3000th strikeout

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In his 18th season in Los Angeles, Kershaw joined Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators and Bob Gibson of the St. Louis Cardinals as the only pitchers with 3,000 or more strikeouts all for one team.

Freddie Freeman capped a three-run ninth by singling in Shohei Ohtani, giving the Dodgers a 5-4 win. Kershaw didn't get a decision.

The sellout crowd of 53,536 was on its feet roaring as the 37-year-old left-hander walked off the mound to end the sixth. Kershaw paused and doffed his cap, with teammates briefly holding off hugging him to allow him to soak in the cheers.

Kershaw waved to his wife Ellen and four children in the stands and then patted his chest and mouthed, "Thank you."

"I feel bad for Ellen. I know she was nervous," he said. "I made her last six innings out there just

stressed out that I wasn't going to get it and have to go to Milwaukee to do it."

Kershaw shared a clubhouse toast with his teammates, coaches, training staff and front office executives.

"Just super thankful for tonight, super thankful for my teammates," he said. "I told my teammates individual awards are great, but if you don't have anybody to celebrate with it doesn't matter."

The game was delayed for nearly 6 minutes between pitches, a gap that included a tribute video.

Kershaw joined Justin Verlander of San Francisco (3,468) and Max Scherzer of Toronto (3,412) as the only active pitchers with that many. Kershaw is just the fourth left-hander in the club.

"It's an incredible list," he said. "It's special to finally be

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Clayton Kershaw crosses that 3000 strikeout line

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in that group.”

Capra, hitting ninth, was retired on four pitches, with plate umpire Jim Wolf calling the third strike on a slider, Kershaw’s season-high 100th pitch of the night. Wolf is the brother of retired pitcher Randy Wolf, once a teammate of Kershaw’s.

“I wanted it to come easy,” Kershaw said. “I would much rather have got it done in the first.”

Manager Dave Roberts had

said before the game that he would manage the three-time Cy Young Award winner differently with the milestone within reach. That was apparent when Kershaw jogged out for the sixth to an ovation, having already tossed a season-high 92 pitches with just two strikeouts. He came into the game needing three to make history.

“I was going to give him every opportunity to do it at home,” Roberts said. “You could see the emotion he had trying to get that third strike. It just happened the way it was supposed to happen.” Kershaw retired Lenyn Sosa on three pitches for No. 2,999 in the fifth. Sosa fouled off Kershaw’s first two pitches before ending

the inning by striking out on a 72 mph curveball.

In the third, Miguel Vargas took called strikes on his first two pitches before he swung and missed on another 72 mph curveball from his former Dodgers teammate.

Chicago swung aggressively against Kershaw, who gave up a two-run homer to Austin Slater and two more runs as the White Sox led 4-2 after six innings.

“You could just feel it. They wanted it for me so bad,” he said of the crowd. “You could feel the tension. They were trying to will me to do it.”

Kershaw made history one batter after Dodgers third baseman Max Muncy was injured in tagging out Michael A. Taylor on a steal attempt. Muncy had to be helped off the field, barely able to put any weight on his left leg.

Kershaw has provided much-needed stability for the Dodgers’ pitching staff, which has been decimated by injuries.

“It’s just again a reminder for me, for anyone, to never bet against that guy,” Roberts said before the game. “It doesn’t matter — health, stuff — he’s going to will himself to do whatever the team needs.”

Kershaw allowed five runs over four innings in his first start after returning from knee and foot surgeries last offseason. Since then, he has held opposing batters to a .222 average.

“The first three months of the

season, we’ve needed some length from the starter,” Roberts said. “Once he kind of got his footing after the first few, he’s done everything and more that we’ve needed. That doesn’t go unnoticed.”

In his prime from 2010-15, Kershaw led the National League in ERA five times, in strikeouts three times and wins twice.

Kershaw had one of the best seasons ever in 2014, when he finished with a 21-3 record, 1.77 ERA and 233 strikeouts to win both the Cy Young and Most Valuable Player in the National League.

Age and less dominant stuff has changed the way Kershaw does his job. He knows his consistency isn’t the same but with the depth of the team’s staff, he doesn’t need to be perfect every outing.

Kershaw no longer overpowers hitters the way he did during the height of his career, but he remains stubbornly determined and possesses a craftiness honed over two decades as well as a slider that still can fool.

“I’ve seen him grow more than any player,” Roberts said. “Hasn’t lost the compete, but I think that the world is not as black and white as he used to see it. I think that his edges are softer, I think that fatherhood, Father Time, does that to a person.”



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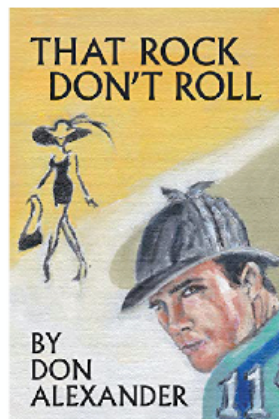
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Uma and Charlize star in ‘Old Guard 2’ movie

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insanity). Thurman has a mighty good scowl as the “bad immortal” who long ago decided she didn’t have any desire to help the humans who persecuted her kind, but the movie seems to be saving her big moment for later.

Overall “The Old Guard 2” is fine, a bit of a background movie that’s probably easy enough to tune in and out of (though Schoenaerts, a standout, gives it some real pathos).

Its greatest sin is the non-ending, which might have moviegoers

engaging in their own rants about wasted time. Cliffhangers are a gamble — when the movie is satisfying on its own, it can leave them wanting more.

In this case, it might just leave them angry. Audiences in 2025 deserve better.

“*The Old Guard 2*,” a Netflix release now streaming, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for “sequences of graphic violence and some language.” Running time: 105 minutes.