

A LIVELY DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



THE SPANISH DEPARTMENT at Huntington Beach High School held its Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration last week. Students from Spanish Advanced Placement and Latino Literature classes showcased their ofrendas (offerings to deceased loved ones) and displays. There was food, music, face-painting, crafts and a sneak preview of the Academy of Performing Arts's version of "Romeo and Juliet" (HBUHSD photo).

Judge strikes down HB voter ID

Huntington Beach's ordinance requiring that voters provide identification at the polls in local elections starting in 2026 has been struck down by a California appeals court. On Monday, the Fourth District Court of Appeals

in Santa Ana issued a ruling declaring that the requirement conflicts with state election law. The State of California and the city have been battling in courts since the requirement was approved in 2024. The

measure also required the city to increase in-person voting locations and to "monitor" drop boxes.

Opponents of the voter ID requirement contend that it works to discourage the poor, elderly, dis-

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More bike safety help coming

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

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Coast Highway. Among those projects noted at Tuesday's meeting of the city council was an upcoming CalTrans

project along PCH from Bolsa Chica Avenue to Beach Boulevard. It will "formalize" the bike lanes and add a buffer zone between the bike lanes and

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Landslide For Prop. 50's Redistricting

Californians approve plan to redo maps



By a staff writer

Californians – including those in Orange County – overwhelmingly on Tuesday approved Proposition 50, which will redraw Congressional districts to create five more "winnable" seats in the House of Representatives for Democratic candidates.

According to the California Secretary of State, the measure has garnered 63.8 percent of the vote (5,088,745) in favor to 36.2 percent (2,885,639)

Proposition 50

Statewide results

Yes 64.5%
No 35.5%

Countywide results

Yes 57.10%
No 42.90%

As of 7 a.m. Wednesday

opposed as of Wednesday morning.

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Proposition 50 wins in state, county

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Every coastal county – save tiny Del Norte at the Oregon border – voted in favor of Prop. 50.

In Orange County, voters went 54.64 percent (406,629) in favor with 45.36 percent (337,612)

against.

Proposition 50 was created in response to action by the Texas state legislature to redraw its districts to create more Republican-friendly seats. Since then, several states in both parties have considered following the example of California and Texas.

Republicans have a narrow six-vote edge in the House, with three vacancies. Mid-term elec-

tions, coming next in 2026, have traditionally resulted in seats lost by the party that controls the White House.

Prop. 50's new maps will be in effect until 2030, when they will return to the ones created by a non-partisan commission.

Voter ID rule

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abled and others from voting

Earlier this week, a federal judge permanently blocked an executive order by President Donald Trump to require voter identification and ban mail-in voting in federal elections.

Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly ruled that the order violated the separation of powers on the grounds that the executive branch of government has no authority over the election process.

Bicycle safety

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the travel lanes from the Santa Ana River to Beach Boulevard. In a recent high-profile incident, a Garden Grove pastor was killed and two others riding bicycles were seriously injured when struck by an alleged drunk driver along PCH in Huntington Beach.

The council voted unanimously to direct the city manager to explore pedestrian and safety projects and funding to work with CalTrans and local legislators to support, identify funding and prioritize pedestrian and bike safety projects.

Council members were also told of efforts by the HBPD to educate students about safety regulations.

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News & Views

How could this bad stuff have happened to us?

If you are upset about living in a “blue” state ...

If you are upset about living with a Congress, Supreme Court and White House that are “red” ...

You – that is, “we” – have only to look in the mirror to find the cause.

California used to be a swing state that – more often than not – voted Republican in presidential elections.



Retorts

Jim Tortolano

Governors – unless their last name was Brown – were of the Grand Old Party.

What happened was that the traditionally moderate Republican Party of California began to embrace dicey cultural issues such as a ballot measure to ban gay teachers from public school classrooms and raise alarms about the growing Hispanic populations, legal or not.

What’s happened to the traditionally moderately liberal Democratic Party of California is that it be began to embrace dicey cultural issues such as transgender bathroom access and “sanctuary cities” that appeared to defy federal immigration policy.

The balance of power, in this state and this nation, has long been in the middle. Politically lukewarm voters are most interested in “what have you done for me lately?”

Polling shows that Republicans are still backing Mr. Trump by wide margins and Democrats feel the opposite. But independents are feeling grumpier and grumpier with each passing unprecedented policy and “emergency” order

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LOOKING LIKE CHRISTMAS



THAT’S NOT one of Santa’s Elves up there. That’s Scott Weimer putting up fresh American flags (donated by Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952) on Main Street in downtown Garden Grove, along with holiday banners donated by the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association (Orange County Tribune).

‘The Holiday Gem’ opens the season

“The Holiday Gem,” an annual musical event at the Gem Theater on Main Street in Garden Grove, will return to the stage on Nov. 20 and continue through Dec. 21.

The Holiday Gem is a “fun for the whole family,” original holiday musical. Backed by live mu-

sicians, stunning costumes, and a whimsical set, Santa Claus, his tap-dancing elves, and a cast of talented performers kick off the season in true holiday fashion.

The celebration begins with a journey into the magical world of Christmas Fantasy Land, where audience members dis-

cover that anything is possible if you believe. Featuring well-known standards and contemporary holiday classics that can fill you with the spirit of the season. Enjoy favorites such as “Winter Wonderland,” “Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas,” “Baby It’s Cold Outside: and “Sleigh Ride” in a unique style.

The cast features Nicole Cassezzo as Cicely Frost, Adriana Sanchez as Mrs. Claus and Damien Lorton as Santa Claus.

In addition to Direction/musical direction by Damien Lorton, the creative team for OMP’s production of “The “Holiday Gem” includes choreography by Ryan Perry Marks, scenic design by Mitchell Dabrowski and Chris Magallanes, sound design by Shannon Callahan, lighting design by Aria Roach and costume design by Corbyjane Troya.

History Minute

And there’s another Garden Grove

There’s a Town of Garden Grove located in Iowa. It was founded in 1846 by Mormons as a way-station for members of their faith on the way to Utah. Some remained and settled. At its peak the town had about 600 residents. The most recent census put it at 174, living in a town of about 7/10ths of a mile.



NewsUpdate

Ex-VP Dick Cheney Dead at 84

Served 2 terms under President George W. Bush

At the same time on Friday, two federal judges ruled that the Trump administration must keep paying for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the largest food aid program in the nation.

SNAP – once known as “food stamps” but currently conducted with the use of debit cards, served about one out of seven Americans, according to the Associated Press.

Due to the government shutdown, the program was planned for a freeze on SNAP as of Nov.1, but the judges – one



VICE PRESIDENT DICK CHENEY addressing troops in Iraq in 2008 (Wikipedia).

in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island – ordered the program to be funded on emergency reserve funds through the

end of November.

The program costs about \$8 billion a month, says the AP.

Regardless of the rulings, pay-

ments will be delayed because the process of loading the cards can take a week or more, it was reported.

Abigail Spanberger is Virginia’s 1st female gov.

The first female governor in Virginia’s history has been elected, the Associated Press is reporting. Abigail Spanberger, a Democrat, defeated the Republican nominee, Lt. Gen. Winsome Earle-Sears. It reflected a flipping of the governor’s mansion from red to blue. The Associated Press “called the race” for Spanberger – a former Congresswoman – with her leading by 55.1 percent to 44.8 percent with 63 percent of the votes counted.

The race for lieutenant governor was won by Democratic state senator Ghazaka Hashmi.

Great Thoughts

“I cook with wine. Sometimes I even add it to food.”

– W.C. Fields

“Good food and a warm kitchen are what makes a house a home.”

– Rachel Ray

“Eating is so intimate. It’s very intimate. It’s sensual. When you invite someone to sit at your table and you want to cook for them, you’re inviting a person into your life.”

– Maya Angelou.

Summer-like in the 70’s

The West Orange County cities can expect some summer-like temperatures and conditions toward the weekend. Wednesday is expected to have a daytime high of 70 with an overnight low of 57.

There will be fog in the morning and sun in the afternoon. Thursday will warm to 72 (55) with partly cloudy conditions. Friday will be similar at 75 (56) with mostly sunny skies. Saturday should bring full sunshine with a high of 74 and a low of 56.

N.J. voters elect woman as governor: Mandani will be New York mayor

Mikie Sherill, a Democrat, has been called as the next governor of New Jersey.

The New York Times reports that that she is leading with 52.1 percent, over Republican nominee Jack Ciattarelli with 47.6 percent with about 60.70 percent of the vote counted.

In New York City, Democratic Socialist Zohran Mamdani, 34, is the apparent winner in a three-way race for mayor.

Mamdani is polling with 50.3 percent of the vote, with Andrew Cuomo (independent) with 41.6 percent and Curtis Sliwa (Republican) with 7.2 percent.

Arts & Living

'Hallow' Lets Your Mind Run Wild

Minimalist thriller from Babak Anvari

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

There are scary movies where everything is fleshed out, where filmmakers and craftspeople show a nightmare in all its horrifying detail. In those kind of films, jump scares and reveals can even be a relief, allowing the tension and anticipation to deescalate so you can move on to the next thrill.

Filmmaker Babak Anvari's "Hallow Road," in theaters Friday, is the opposite. Written by William Gillies, "Hallow Road" is the kind of minimalistic thriller that knows that sometimes all you need to do is establish the right mood and your audience's imagination will take it from there. It is all ambiguity and escalation, and relief is not in the cards.

The film begins at 2 a.m., panning across a leafy forest floor to a bloodied sneaker on the ground before cutting to a long, eerie shot inside a family home, where dinner has been left out on the table, and glass has been broken and only partially cleaned up. Then the frame goes back to the woods again with fragmented shots of lights in the trees.

It's nearly six minutes of this scene-setting (or, possibly, a sprinkling of clues) before we meet any characters or are given any information about what's going on.

As if that's not enough of a disorienting entry into this world, it's followed with a one-sided phone call. Maddie (Rosamund Pike) accepts a call from Alice (Megan McDonnell), her university-age daughter who left their house abruptly after a fight, taking her father Frank's (Matthew Rhys) car. Before Maddie



ROSUMOND PIKE and Matthew Rhys star in "Hallow Road" (XYZ Films).

Movie Review

can get much information, the calls cuts off. When they speak again, the situation has changed: There's a been a wreck, and another person is hurt, possibly dead.

There's a lot of confusion as the stress of the situation escalates. Frank keeps asking Maddie to put Alice on speakerphone. Maddie is trying to get information from a panicked Alice. We feel Frank's pain in only getting part of the story, but, thankfully for everyone, Maddie does finally cave to speakerphone when they start driving to the scene — a remote forest some 40 minutes away. And we have no choice but to go on this journey with them as they navigate their own issues, ideas about how to help their daughter in this situation, what exactly caused the fight to begin with, and Maddie's very tense attempt to coach her daughter through emergency CPR while they wait for the ambulance to arrive.

"Hallow Road" is partly about

the mystery of what's happened and what will happen — there is even a bit of a folklore element introduced that makes everything that much creepier and more confusing. You might even wonder from time to time what kind of film you're actually watching — I think the clever trick of "Hallow Road" is that it can be different things to different viewers.

In many ways, it's also about the real nightmare of being a parent and not knowing what to do. The impulse may always be to protect, to shield, to mini-

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mize the consequences in that moment, but what are the long-term implications of that? Frank and Maddie both have different theories about the correct way to handle this horrible situation and both are right and wrong — and then there is the hysterical teen on the other end of the line. The film plays out in near real time and its confined setting of the car recalls the Steven Knight thriller "Locke," though

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If you really plan way ahead

Jot this down: Westminster's Tree-Lighting Ceremony will take place on Monday, Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa is Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Santa on the Go is the same day from 10 a.m. 2:30 p.m. and also on Saturday, Dec. 13, same time.

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TheSportsPages

Doing the same thing over and over ... smart?

If there's one thing that goes beyond saying is that there are two things that go beyond saying about the 2025 World Series.

Thing One is the Gods of Baseball blessed the Los Angeles Dodgers with more lucky breaks in the last two games than the Los Angeles Angels have received since the Dawn of Time.

Thing Two is what the heck were the Toronto Blue Jays doing in the World Series to begin with?

Stat-hounds



Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

may be the only people to recall that the folks from Ontario in 2024 finished last – dead-last – in the AL East with a 74-88 record. Across the standings in the NL West, the Dodgers were winning the NL West with a 98-64 mark.

(The Angels were pathetic with a 63-99 record, last place in the AL West).

In one season, the Jays improved by 20 games, shoved aside the Yankees and came within a ground-rule double of being world champs.

The Angels improved by nine games, stayed in last and fired both managers. The Toronto skipper, John Schneider, is now a lock for AL Manager of the Year.

There are many reasons why the Jays did so well. Luck, surely, but they also made some smart trades, grabbed some undervalued free agents and had some luck. But they were also clever enough to appreciate manager Schneider despite the disappointing 2024 season to keep him for 2025.

Of course, it's never quite that simple. But one more thing that goes without saying is that it's seldom a good idea – a winning strategy – to change managers every year or so.

A Dodger Double-Play



WILL SMITH hoists Yoshinobu Yamamoto after winning Game 7 of World Series (AP photo).

Yamamoto was MVP of most exciting series

By Ian Harrison
Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Yoshinobu Yamamoto's arms were so tired, he needed help lifting the World Series MVP trophy.

Hardly a surprise, considering how much he pitched in the final two games of this seven-game classic.

Yamamoto capped one of the best pitching performances in World Series history with 2 2/3 scoreless innings to end the clincher. That came one day after throwing 96 pitches in the Dodgers' Game 6 win, and he also pitched a four-hitter in Game 2 to help Los Angeles repeat as champions in a fantastic Series against the Toronto Blue Jays.

"It's pretty crazy," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said of

Yamamoto's heavy workload. "I'm kind of crazy for sending him back out there. But I just felt he was the best option."

Hard to argue there. The 27-year-old Japanese ace pitched out of a jam in the ninth inning, leaving the bases loaded and the score tied at 4. After cruising through the 10th, he worked around Vladimir Guerrero Jr.'s leadoff double in the 11th to preserve a 5-4 lead and lock up LA's second consecutive championship.

"Yamamoto is the GOAT!" Roberts shouted moments before the Dodgers hoisted the World Series trophy.

Still, even Yamamoto wasn't sure he'd be able to get the job done in Game 7.

"Before I went in, to be honest, I was not really sure if I could pitch up there to my best ability," he said through a translator. "But as I started getting warmed up, because I started making a little bit of an adjustment, then I started thinking I can go in and do my job."

Yamamoto is the fourth pitcher to win Games 6 and 7 of the

2025 MLB World Series

GAME ONE 1 (Friday)
Toronto 11, Dodgers 4
GAME TWO (Saturday)
Dodgers 5, Toronto 1
GAME THREE (Monday)
Dodgers 6, Toronto 5 (18)
GAME FOUR (Tuesday)
Toronto 6, Dodgers 2
GAME FIVE (Wednesday)
Toronto 6, Dodgers 1
GAME SIX (Friday)
Dodgers 3, Toronto 1
GAME SEVEN (Saturday)
Dodgers 5, Toronto 4

same World Series, matching Randy Johnson in 2001, Harry Brecheen in 1946 and Ray Kremer in 1925. He and Johnson are the only pitchers since 1969 to win three games in one World Series.

Yamamoto's Game 7 cap is being sent to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

"That was incredible," said catcher Will Smith, who hit the

9 Locals Make Football Playoffs

5 flag football teams did well in playoffs, too

The CIF-SS football playoff pairings for first round action were announced on Sunday. Nine local teams from schools serving Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Stanton and Westminster were included.

All games – unless otherwise – indicated – are set for a kickoff on Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

Seeded local teams include Pacifica (7-3) – third in Division 10 and Rancho Alamitos (6-4) – second in Division 13.

Division 3: Huntington Beach (8-2) at Edison (8-2).

Division 4: Western (6-4) at Cathedral (5-5).

Division 5; Orange (6-4) at Troy (9-1).

Division 8: Marina (6-4) at Palm Desert (7-3).

Prep Sport Spotlight

Division 10:: El Rancho (6-4) at Pacifica (7-3).

Division 11: Ocean View (7-3) at Santa Paula (5-5).

Division 13:: Montebello (4-6) at Rancho Alamitos (6-4).

Division 14: Bolsa Grande (5-5) at Ontario (6-4).

Girls did well, too, but none made finals

The 2025 girls flag football season is nearly over and five local teams made the playoffs, but none advanced to the finals.

In Division 1, Edison defeated Newport Harbor 6-0 in Round 1, but lost to Dos Pueblos in the quarterfinal, 12-6. Huntington Beach opened with a 19-0 win over Esperanza, and won its quarterfinal game over Camarillo 20-6. But Oilers fell



RANCHO ALAMITOS (in green) will open CIF-SS playoff action Friday against Montebello in Division 13 play. (GGUSD photo).

33-0 to Orange Lutheran in the semifinals.

In Division 5, Rancho Alamitos advanced to the quarterfinals with wins over Lawndale (30-22) and San Geronimo (18-7) before losing 20-0 to Moreno Valley.

In Division 6, La Quinta was knocked out in Round 1 by 35-20 to Montebello and Los Amigos fell 34-6 to Adelanto.

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Dodgers victory inspired the Rams win over Saints

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer

INGLEWOOD (AP) — Jared Verse walked into a deserted room Saturday night and thought he had somehow missed the Los Angeles Rams' team meeting.

He soon figured out his teammates were elsewhere in the hotel watching the Los Angeles Dodgers' stirring rally to win Game 7 of the World Series and back-to-back titles.

A day after the Rams thrilled to their neighbors' championship poise, they put on a performance against the New Orleans Saints that had them thinking about adding to Los Angeles' trophy case.

“Watching them be able to dominate like that, get that win, bring that World Series back to LA, it

gets us hyped up,” Verse said. “And now we know we’ve got to be next.”

Matthew Stafford threw for 281 yards and hit Davante Adams with two of his four touchdown passes in the Rams' 34-10 victory Sunday.

Puka Nacua had seven catches for 95 yards and a touchdown in his return from an ankle injury for the Rams (6-2). Tyler Higbee also had a TD catch and Kyren Williams rushed for 114 yards and another score as Los Angeles racked up 438 yards.

The Rams didn't need extra innings to finish off their third straight impressive win:

They also had another strong defensive effort, allowing only 224 yards. The Rams' past three opponents have combined for only 20 points.

Dodgers' double play

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Dodgers' tiebreaking homer in the 11th. "You know, I talked to him yesterday. I was like, 'Hey, if you can give us one we're going to win.' He gave us three. That was special. He'll have a few months off. I know he's going to need it, but I'm just happy for him. That was awesome."

Signed from Japan to a \$325 million, 12-year contract before last season, Yamamoto was 3-0

with a 1.09 ERA against the Toronto Blue Jays. The 27-year-old struck out 15 and walked two over 17 2/3 innings, allowing two runs and 10 hits.

"He's one of the best arms in the game," Toronto's Addison Barger said. "He did a great job. Kind of freaky that he came in and pitched today after yesterday. I don't know what they're doing over there, how he did that without his arm falling off."

Blue Jays slugger George Springer said Yamamoto's deep arsenal of pitches is a key part of what makes him so tough.

"He's elite," Springer said. "There's no other way to describe it. He's elite."



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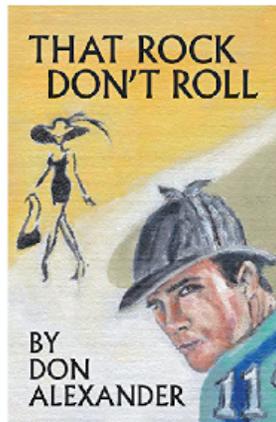
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It's safer driving in the middle lane politically

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from 1600 Pennsylvania.

Any party – or person – wishing to return to power – or

keep it - needs to heed James Carville's famous "It's the economy, stupid" as "It's in the middle, silly."

'Hallow Road' leaves it up to your imagination

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a little less glossily cinematic. But that's also OK since there's plenty of visual interest in the faces and performances of its very compelling leads and smart script. One could imagine it being staged as a play.

It's hard to discuss too much about what transpires in "Hallow Road" without spoiling its surprises. But ultimately, it's an

effectively minimalist thriller that leaves much room for interpretation and debate, and a good option for anyone looking for something creepy to watch this Halloween without the gore.

"Hallow Road," an XYZ Films release in theaters Friday, has not been rated by the Motion Picture Association. Running time: 80 minutes.

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