

## More victims of Los Al rape suspect sought by the police

A disk jockey who performed at children's parties is facing charges of raping a 17-year-old girl, and Los Alamitos police are asking for information about any other possible victims.

According to the Orange County District Attorney's office, Glenn Canyon Childers, 32, of Los Alamitos, has been charged with one felony count of rape of an unconscious person, one felony count of possession of child pornography and seven misdemeanor counts of possession of a controlled substance.

He faces a maximum sentence of eight years and eight months in state prison and one year in Orange County Jail if convicted of all counts.

The incident was reported to LAPD on Aug. 31, 2025 and officers arrested

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## PARK ART IS BACK



The annual "First Impressions" exhibit showcasing artwork by students in the Garden Grove Unified School District is on its way. It will be in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St. in the Village Green park, on March 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., free and open to the public, and again on March 9-12 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can preview the art by checking out the examples displayed in the park along Euclid and Main streets (Tribune photo).

# Renaming of Rosita School Is Considered

## Would honor Palomino role in desegregation

By Jim Tortolano  
Orange County Tribune

Rosita Elementary School in Santa Ana, a part of the Garden Grove Unified School District, is being considered for re-naming in honor of the Palomino family, participants in the historic Mendez v. Westminster case which helped end racial segregation in California public schools and across the nation.

The GGUSD Board of Education held a study session before the regular meeting of the board on Tuesday. No action was taken, as – according to

Superintendent Gabriela Mafi – there's a policy that outlines the process for renaming a school which includes a community survey and finally, a public hearing.

If the school board finally approves the change, it would be the first one since Lampson Intermediate School was changed to Ralston Intermediate in 1983-4.

The request for the change came from Andrew Palomino, grandson of Frank Palomino and Irene Palomino. They were a party to the Mendez suit, in which Mexican students were segregated into a separate school in not only the Westminster School District but several other Orange County districts.

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# 209 were injured by stingrays

More than 200 people suffered stingray injuries in Huntington Beach this weekend.

Beachgoers drawn to the sand suffered stings to their ankles and lower legs.

The warm water and "negative low tides" brought the sea creatures close to the shore, according to Huntington Beach

lifeguards. A total of 209 people suffered those stings.

In a social media post, lifeguards encouraged "everyone to practice the 'stingray [foot] shuffle' and stay near an open lifeguard tower."

Stingrays typically only bite when stepped on.

Stingrays are a species of fish, and the thortail



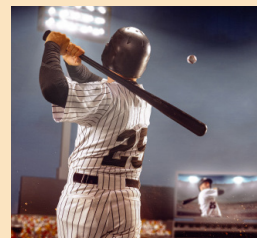
THORTAIL STINGRAY

stingray is native to the warmer temperate oceans.

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# From Rosita to Palomino

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The plaintiffs prevailed at the state Supreme Court and the case was cited as a precedent in Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954 in which the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation in public education nationally.

# Stingrays

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Their stings – they may have as many as three “blades” – can cause pain, swelling, muscle cramps and sometimes infection. However, fatal stings are very rare.

# More victims sought of an rape suspect

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Childers on Feb. 24, 2026. He is scheduled to be arraigned on March 26 at West Justice Center in Westminster.

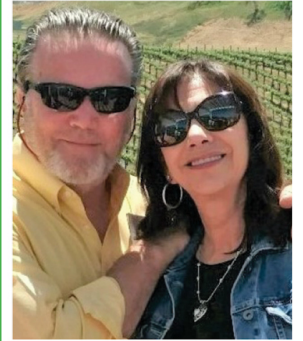
Anyone who has more information about additional potential victims is asked to contact Los Alamitos Detective Smith at (562) 431-2255 ext. 490 or by e-mail at [ssmith@cityoflosalamitos.org](mailto:ssmith@cityoflosalamitos.org).

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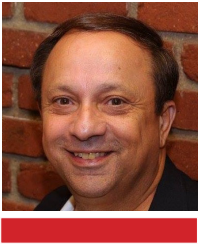
# News & Views

## *I can learn how old you are, says that ChatGPT*

ChatGPT, the foremost artificial intelligence engine for the non-physics major in making everyday use of high technology, is now offering access to adult uses.

I am assuming the term ‘adult uses’ refers to the company’s plans to open a chain of liquor stores, and that it wants to make

sure that no high school sophomores can use this amazing development to buy Modelo or Coors Light.



**Retorts**  
Jim Tortolano

So they’ve created what’s called a “predictive model” which is believed to be able to weed out the fibbers pretending to be 10 years older than they really are.

I have not tried to access this adult use aspect, but I have an idea about how it might accurately ‘predict’ whether you have metal in your nose or in your hip.

For example.

**Question 1:** How often do you get up in the middle of the night to use the water closet? a) not at all b) once, c) twice d) who can keep count?

**Question 2:** When driving, do you drive a) 15 miles over the speed limit, b) 5 miles over the speed limit c) somewhere around the speed limit d) my eyeglasses are old ... not sure I can read the speed limit sign.

**Question 3:** You feel the music is too loud when a) windows crack and pictures fall off the wall, b) when you have to speak in American Sign Language c) the music is anything louder than Frank Sinatra d) my hearing aids aren’t working. What did you ask me?

**Question 4:** Who is the current

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## Stanton’s fireworks crackdown

*Citations were up to \$300,000; drones were deployed in enforcement*

Problems associated with fireworks – especially the illegal kind – have plagued Orange County cities for years.

Stanton, however, is taking steps to use financial penalties and other approaches to curb the dangers posed by the unlawful pyrotechnics. As part of its enforcement program in 2025, the city issued administrative citations to 18 properties ranging from \$1,000 to \$300,000.

Seventeen of those cited have entered into settlement agreements with negotiated citation amounts of \$10,000 or less. The money recovered through those citations will go toward:

- ongoing illegal fireworks enforcement;
- monitoring and documentation technology;
- administrative processing, and
- community education and prevention efforts.

Among the measures used to curb use of illegal fireworks — any except the “safe and sane” variety — were the use of a social host ordinance, which held property owners and tenants responsible for such activity on their property.

Additionally, the city is using drones to monitor and document violations and implementing a



**ILLEGAL FIREWORKS** seized in Orange County.

business license revocation policy directed at illegal fireworks activity.

In 2025, there were 44 fireworks-related injuries reported countywide, according to the Orange County Fire Authority between June 30 and July 5.

Illegal fireworks accounted for 39 percent of those injuries.

Two incidents resulted in hand amputations and one in the death of a child. Overall fireworks were responsible for almost \$1 million in property losses in 2025.

## More GGUSD grads win the gold (seal)

Students in the Garden Grove Unified School District are continuing to rack up more honors.

The Class of 2026 earned 1,286 Golden State Seal Merit Diplomas, a recognition awarded to California high school graduates who demonstrate a high level of mastery in a minimum of six subject areas.

That compares to the Class of 2025, which had 1,164 students earning the distinction.

“The Golden State Seal Merit Diploma is more than a recognition – it represents

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### History Minute

#### Why it was called “Stingy Alley”

The early settlers in West Orange County, and the generation that followed them, were thrifty fellows. Streets were dirt in most communities until the early part of the 20th Century in Garden Grove, property owners on Taft could not agree on whether to have it paved, so one side was surfaced and the other was not, earning it the title of “Stingy Alley.”



# NewsUpdate

## The Death Toll Rises in War on Iran

*Fatalities now approaching 900 killed*

The death toll in the U.S.-Israeli attacks on Iran – and that nation’s response – is rising and the violence widening.

According to the Associated Press:

- Israel is stepping up its attacks on Iran, targeting Iranian missile launchers and factories that build weapons.

- About 800 people have been killed in Iran so far, Iranian officials are reporting, with 50 more in Lebanon and 11 in Israel.

- Four of the six Americans who have been killed in the war have been identified by the U.S. Department of Defense.



**DAMAGE** in the area of Lamerd in Iran (Wikipedia).

- The conflict is having economic effects as the stock markets declined and oil prices increased. The Dow Jones

Average dropped 1200 points and then recovered somewhat, finishing just 400 points down. The price of a barrel of

international crude petroleum rose 4.7 percent to \$81.40 and U.S. crude was up 4.7 percent to \$74.56.

## Noem defends remarks on deaths in Minneapolis

Were the U.S. citizens killed by federal immigration officers in Minneapolis “domestic terrorists”? That’s what Kristi Noem, homeland security secretary, allegedly said, and refused to apologize for her comments when testifying before the Senate on Tuesday, reports The New York Times.

“I was getting reports from the ground and agents from the scene,”

she said. “And I would say it was a chaotic scene.”

However, the heads of two federal immigration agencies said they had seen no evidence that the claims were true.

Noem did re-state her comments. “I did not call him [Alex Pretti] a domestic terrorist. “I said it appeared to be an incident of domestic terrorism.”

### Great Thoughts

“If you’re early, you’re on time. If you’re on time, you’re late. If you’re late, you’re fired.”

– Unknown

“Punctuality is the virtue of the bored.”

– Evelyn Waugh

“Better three hours too soon than a minute too late.”

– William Shakespeare

## Weather: Warm, then warmer

Spring is almost here, but it’s approaching our West Orange County cities with a touch of summer. The forecast for Wednesday calls for cloudy skies with a daytime high of 70 with a overnight low of 54. Thursday should warm to 76 (52) with partly sunny skies. Friday is expected to bring mostly sunny skies with a high of 78 and a low of 55. The weekend will begin on Saturday with mostly sunny conditions and a high of 81 and a low of 58.

## Winter-y conditions in East giving way to warmer days

After weeks of stormy weather and heavy snow in February across the eastern United States, “summer-y like conditions” have arrived, bringing what one weather official called “spring fever.”

In fact, in some places – according to United Press International – temperatures in cities in Texas hit 106 degrees.

Pittsburgh reached a high of 75

degrees, with Atlanta at 80 and Nashville is expected to hit that number by the weekend.

However, the heat is predicted to depart shortly, with Chicago and New York expected to get no warmer than the mid-60s,

However, the collision of warm and cool air could mean considerable rain and thunderstorms in a swath ranging from Texas to Ohio.

# Arts & Living

## 'Scream 7' Has Bore with Gore

This one is too much like the other six ones

By Mark Kennedy  
AP Entertainment Writer

Early in "Scream 7," in one of those blasts of the franchise's signature, self-mocking irony, Neve Campbell is taunted for sitting out "Scream VI."

"It's not the same without you," she is told.

It's true: Campbell's Sidney Prescott is the plucky heart of this series, the original Scream Queen, the so-called Final Girl, who bites her lip and yet leaps into action when needed. "Scream VI" tried to put defibrillator paddles on the Ghostface killer franchise without Campbell, and it felt like a stutter-step.

So it's a welcome back for Sidney Prescott in this seventh edition, which is a messy mix of horror and humor that's clearly only for "Scream" completists, those hardy folk who refuse logic or vivid filmmaking in their quest to see a dude in a cape and mask stab people.

Sidney is now a mom to a rebellious 17-year-old daughter, a wife to the town's police chief and a cafe owner in the very artificial suburban community of Pine Grove. She has pushed her traumatic past into a memory hole and thus has created a tension with her daughter, played by a very bratty Isabel May. Her calm life is upended when her past comes to find her.

Franchise creator Kevin Williamson returns to direct and co-write the screenplay with series veteran Guy Busick, but it's all very slack, a ton of B-acting joined by a plot, dialogue and editing that produces less dread than inadvertent humor, slipping over and over in its own puddle of gore.

"Scream 7" mixes old and new franchise characters, adds new horrific ways to die — like being slit open while suspended over a high school theater stage or hav-



"SCREAM 7" has gore that's a lot of bore (Paramount Pictures).

### Movie Review

ing your skull impaled on a beer tap — with a desperate search for whoever is doing the killings. It's never who you think it is and you'll never figure this one out, either. "It's always someone you know" is one helpful tip.

Campbell is joined by Courteney Cox, who reprises her role as Gale Weathers, an annoying TV journalist who is the only character to appear in all seven "Scream" films. (Is that really something to boast about?)

Even Cox has some shade to share with Sidney about missing the franchise's last jaunt to New York City in "Scream VI:" "You're lucky you sat that one out. It was brutal." Preach, sister. We watched it.

"Scream 7" is all about 2026, embracing deepfake videos, trying to absorb a messy past and deal with helicopter parents. It also embraces such interesting ways to kill people as fire extinguishers to the noggin, meat mallets and a slide across a bar into broken shot glass shards.

At one point, Sidney and her daughter make their way into a well-appointed panic room while

the killer is furiously hunting them. They spend less than five minutes there, panting a lot, and then they (checks notes) inexplicably leave — the panic room.

"This isn't going to stop unless I stop it," Sidney says.

While there are nods to other horror movies — "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre" is playing at the local theater and the "Halloween" franchise gets name-checked — "Scream" has always been fun for the way it deconstructs the genre while making a new one. This time, that's just flat.

There's a stab — sorry — at dealing with PTSD, but choosing the "Scream" franchise to discuss generational trauma is a

### Poor ★

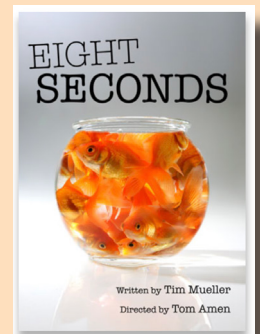
weird vehicle to pick when there's a psychotic, knife-wielding serial killer dropping bodies every few minutes.

Lumbering along while fatally wounded, this is a franchise that doesn't know it is dead, staggering ever onward without an ending in sight. Perhaps Sidney is right: This isn't going to stop unless she stops it.

"Scream 7," a Paramount Pictures release that hits theaters Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for strong bloody violence, gore and language.

### 'Eight Seconds' at GWC

The tense drama about the impact of living on the web, "Eight Seconds" opens this weekend at the MainStage Theater at Golden West College in Huntington Beach. Performances are March 6-15. Tom Amen directs this play written by Tim Mueller. It's a world premiere. Some adult language and situations; for mature audiences.



Written by Tim Mueller  
Directed by Tom Amen

# TheSportsPages

## How about his ASB and her WTM stats?

Anyone who has played baseball (or softball, etc.) or has been in a romance knows this: there's more to success than just the numbers.

As indicated in the article appearing in the March 4 Orange County Tribune,

the smart people in MLB front offices are placing less emphasis on batting averages than on-base percentage and slugging (extra base hits).

The theory

now is the batter who knocks in more runs or scores runs is a better investment than the guy who hits .300 but doesn't collect many RBIs, or only gets his hits with nobody on base in the top the ninth trailing 6-0.

Look below the surface and see what really counts. That's the idea and it makes sense. So, what if you could apply that to picking a life partner.

Consider a person's ASB, which stands for Annual Salary plus Bank. A guy may drive a Porsche and make a lot of money, but how much of that is he putting in the bank? Investing for the future? Big-spenders tend to flame out, you know.

And you men who are flummoxed by a pretty face and a Sports Illustrated bod, consider her WTM. That stands for Willingness To Mow. Can she take out the garbage or mow the lawn if the need arrives? Are her nails too important to her to get muddy while bathing the family dog in the backyard?

And for other relationships, such as business partnerships.

There's LTLP, which stands for "Long Term Staying Power."

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### Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

# Now, OPS Defeats the BA

## How well can you hit with runners on base?

By Jay Cohen  
AP Baseball Writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Batting average was a priority for Andrew Benintendi when he first broke into the major leagues in 2016. He batted .312 in the minors on the way to his debut.

Going into his fourth season with the Chicago White Sox and 11th overall, he is more focused on his OPS and power numbers. "The game kind of changes where the money is, I guess," Benintendi said. "So players obviously will chase that."

The significance of batting average has been in decline for years, replaced by on-base percentage and slugging percentage, along with the OPS metric that combines the two. Batting average treats all hits as the same, while OPS accounts for power and other methods of reaching base.

But the diminished importance of what was once one of the majors' marquee statistics was thrown into sharp relief by the free agency of Luis Arraez over the winter.

Arraez, a three-time batting champion who turns 29 in April, hit a career-low .292 with eight



**BATTING AVERAGES** are less important now than getting on base and hitting with runners in scoring position (Shutterstock).

homers and 61 RBIs in 154 games for San Diego last season. The infielder also led the NL in hits for the second straight year. But he doesn't hit for power or walk very much, and he has defensive limitations.

So, even with his .317 career batting average — tops among active qualified players — Arraez was on the market until right before spring training,

when he agreed to a \$12 million, one-year deal with San Francisco. Arraez said he had some multiyear offers, but the Giants gave him an opportunity to play second base.

"I don't care who (is throwing). I don't care if he's a Cy Young (Award winner)," he said. "I have a bat, and I want to go up there and compete."

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# Lakers rally to win; Ducks slammed

By Hugo Baker  
Orange County Tribune

A fourth quarter surge lifted the Los Angeles Lakers to a 110-101 win over the New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday night at home.

Luka Doncic scored 27 points for the Lake Show. He also grabbed 10 rebounds and had seven assists. LeBron James added 21 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

## NHL and NBA

Trailing by two points after three quarters, the Lakers outscored the visitors 34-23 in the fourth to get the win.

Zion Williamson was the top scorer for the visitors with 24 points. Trey Murphy III had 21 points.

With the win, the Lakers are 37-24, good for sixth place in the

NBA Western Conference and first place in the Pacific Division. It's the team's third win in a row; they've won five of their last 10.

The Pelicans are 19-44 and last in the Southwest Division, as well as 13th in the Western Conference and have lost two games in a row.

**Ducks Hit by Avalanche:** The Anaheim Ducks fell behind ear-

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# Putting the ball into play is the key, now

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The MLB-wide batting average has remained fairly steady since the pandemic-shortened 2020 season. It was .248 in 2023 — marking a successful debut for a package of rule changes that included a pitch clock, bigger bases and limits on infield shifts — .243 in 2024 and .245 last year, according to Sportradar.

While New York Yankees star Aaron Judge won the 2025 AL batting title with a .331 average, just seven qualified big leaguers hit .300 or better, matching the previous year for the fewest since a record-low six in 1968. Philadelphia's Trea Turner won the NL batting title with a record-low .304 average.

"We look at more of the advanced metrics and the expected outcomes based on the quality of the at-bat, the process metrics, but you can start with batting average and say this guy's doing something well," said Chris Young, the president of baseball operations for the Texas Rangers.

**"I don't care who is throwing. I don't care if he's a Cy Young Award winner. I have a bat and I want to go up there and compete."**

"It's a preliminary indicator, but we dig pretty deep in terms of understanding the profile of a player and what we can expect and predict."

Batting average is "not something that we look at at the beginning of an evaluation," said Jed Hoyer, the president of baseball operations for the Chicago Cubs.

"I think there's a lot of things that are much more important," Hoyer said, "but I do think that a guy like a Nico Hoerner or Luis Arraez, I do think in a world that values a strikeout, in a world that has so much incredible stuff, I think that the players that can truly put the ball in

play at an elite level, I do think there's something to that."

Hoerner hit .297 for the Cubs last year, helping the team reach the playoffs for the first time since 2020. He batted a team-high .371 with runners in scoring position.

The 28-year-old Hoerner, who is going into the last year of his contract, said he thinks players still take some pride in their batting average.

"I think it's telling that if you ask the player what he hit last year, he still understands that that's batting average, right?" Hoerner said. "They don't say like, oh, I hit .840 OPS. I hit .270 or whatever it is.

"Players are aware of what's valued and what gets them on the field and yeah, I don't think batting average is particularly high on that list. But I do think it is a reflection of quality of contact that guys make."

It has changed the way players like Benintendi approach their game. From 2016-23, he hit .276 and averaged 14.1 homers per

162 games. In two years since, he is batting .234 and averaging 25.8 homers per 162 games.

"I think it's more slug, OPS is what outweighs batting average now," Benintendi said, "because say you hit .250 but you have 50 homers, would you rather have that or a guy who hits .315 with 10 homers? So I mean it's kind of give and take depending on the player."

The future of batting average also belongs to the game's youngest players, and it still holds some allure to them as well.

Cincinnati infielder Sal Stewart, one of the preseason favorites for NL Rookie of the Year, hit .309 over two minor league stops last year before making his Reds debut in September. Stewart said batting average didn't come up very often during his development process, but it means something to him.

"I mean I'm not like, 'Oh average is the king,' you know, but I look into it," he said. "But I really like on-base the most."



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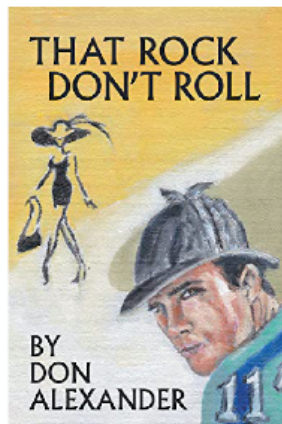
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# Lakers rally to a victory; Ducks are slammed, 5-1

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ly and stayed there for the rest of the game as they lost 5-1 to the Colorado Avalanche on Tuesday at Honda Center.

Cutter Gauthier had the sole score for the Orange County team.

Lukas Dostal had 21 saves in goal for the Ducks, who saw their record drop to 33-24-1.

They're now fifth in the NHL Western Conference and second in the Pacific Division, one point behind the Vegas Golden Knights.

# Seahawks finish soccer season with 1-0 loss in state tourney

Despite a third in-season loss to league rival Segerstrom for the CIF-SS Division 6 title on Saturday, the Ocean View Seahawks advanced into the CIF Division V State Girls Soccer Playoffs.

The girls from Huntington Beach played the Coastal Academy Stingrays on Tuesday and lost, 1-0. They had reached the CIF-SS Division 6 championship game with a 1-0 win on Feb. 21 against the Palmdale Aerospace Academy, but then fell to 4-0 to the Jaguars.

The winner of the Ocean View-Coastal game will play in the regional semifinals on Thursday (March 5) against the winner of the Oakland Tech vs. West Valley game.

The regional finals are scheduled for Saturday, March 5 with the state finals on Friday, March 15.

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Sometimes you and a "friend" start a business enterprise, so you invest a bunch of money (and/or time and effort) and after a while, that partner never offers a hand or lifts a finger.

And it could apply to readers of sports columns. You might want to consider the WDTHTDP factor, which stands for What Does This Have to Do With Sports?

# GGUSD grads get the gold

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true academic mastery across multiple subject areas," according to Bob Harden, president of the GGUSD Board of Education. "It signals that our students are graduating with the knowledge, discipline and confidence needed to achieve lifelong success."

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president? a) president of what? b) it's either that black guy or the rich one c) it's Trump and I (love/hate) him, d) Eisenhower. Did I ever tell you about how he visited my Army base in WW II?

**Here's the test key:** If you answered A to all questions, you are too young. No Sam Adams for you. If you answered D to all questions, you are in the wrong demographic for the companies seeking to use AI to sell you worthless but appealing stuff.

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