

GGUSD to celebrate its founding 60 years ago

Sixty years ago, three became one.

A 60th Anniversary Celebration of the formation of the Garden Grove Unified School District will be held on Friday, May 15 at Bolsa Grande High School in Garden Grove, from 4-8 p.m.

The GGUSD, one of the largest public school systems in Orange County, came into existence after voters in three separate systems voted to join into one school district.

The new "Unified" district was formed from the Garden Grove Elementary School District (established 1874-75), Alamitos School District (1881) and Garden Grove Union High School District (1921).

A Bolsa Grande School District was formed in 1871, renamed the Bolsa School District in 1894 and annexed in the Garden Grove district in 1929.

The GGUSD has an enrollment of about 39,000 and serves most of Garden Grove as well as parts of Anaheim, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Stanton and Westminster. On May 15 the celebration will include a car show, student performances, food trucks, a "history walk" and a "dance-off."

Bolsa Grande High School is located at 940 Westminster Blvd. next to Garden Grove Park between Brookhurst and Magnolia streets.

KINGS OR NO KINGS



The national "No Kings Day" political protests expressing opposition to the policies of President Donald Trump reached into Orange County on Saturday. In addition to rallies in Anaheim, Laguna Beach, Orange and Santa Ana, events were held in our West Orange County cities of Huntington Beach (above) and Westminster. The rally in Huntington Beach on Pacific Coast Highway at Main Street (near the city pier) featured a Kris Kringle who reminded people to cast their ballots and one event in Westminster was more bipartisan, with one group on Bolsa Avenue in Little Saigon sounding off in opposition to the president with another on the other side of the street voicing support. Santa photo was by Carol Daus and the other by Jill McKenna.



Two Killed, Three Hurt in Anaheim Crash

Silver Infiniti driven erratically, say police

An early morning crash Tuesday in Anaheim involving four vehicles and seven people took the life of two persons and left three others in critical condition.

According to the Anaheim Police Department, the incident began around 12:45 a.m. in the area of Harbor Boulevard and Cypress Street.

An APD officer spotted a silver Infiniti "driving erratically." The vehicle's lights were turned off and it sped away. The police vehicle did not turn on its emergency lights or initiate a chase.

A few minutes later the Infiniti ran a red light at Lincoln Avenue and Anaheim Boulevard and crashed into several vehicles, including a blue Honda Accord, a red Toyota Camry and a white Cadillac Escalade.

Police say that four persons were in the Infiniti. Of those, a passenger was pronounced dead at the scene and three others – including two teenage girls in the back – suffered critical injuries and were taken to hospitals.

The driver of the Toyota died at the scene of the collisions.

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49th annual Strawberry Ball May 21

Garden Grove seniors are invited to attend the City of Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center's 49th Annual Strawberry Ball, a celebration honoring the 2026 Strawberry Ball King and Queen.

The event will take place on Thursday, May 21 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Ave.

Tickets are \$20 and include dinner, dessert, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, live music, and dancing.

Advance reservations are required. Tickets will be available Wednesday, April 1 through Thursday, May 14, and must be purchased in person at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Ave., Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Only cash or check will be accepted.

For more information about the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, visit www.ggcity.org/senior-center.

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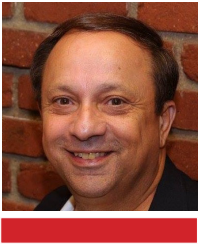
News & Views

Sink your teeth into these two tasty insights

Good News Dept. If you want to witness good news, sometimes all you have to do is look around.

On Sunday, we were at the Gem Theatre on Main Street in Garden Grove. I was upstairs in the ... upstairs ... finishing off a very substantial chocolate chip cookie and

reflecting on the fact that the audience – for a very excellent performance of “Hair-spray” – was sold-out.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Looking out the window north toward the Garden Amp, I noticed a very long line of people waiting to be admitted to a performance of “Southern Rock.”

Nearly half a century ago, some people with vision imagined the Big Strawberry as a place for culture and entertainment. There were some speed bumps along the way, but it looks like the dream has come true.

Sometimes you just gotta hang in there. Thanks to those who did and still do.

Smash and Splash Dept.

This may not rank with international combat or political struggles, but I notice a particularly huge struggle for supremacy on the fast food battlefield.

As you may have heard or read, traditional hamburger eateries like Wendy’s are struggling and many are closing their doors. Just spotted a former Carls’ Jr. at Chapman Avenue and Beach Boulevard in Stanton being repurposed as a coffee place (curiously enough, in the same parking lot with a Starbucks).

What I see as the possible next

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AND ON THE RIGHT SIDE ...



The “No Kings Day” wasn’t universally anti-President Donald Trump. Most of the signs and shouts on Bolsa Avenue in Westminster came from people who appeared to be his supporters. This was one of several demonstrations in Orange County, including one in Huntington Beach. See page one for additional photo (Photo by Jill McKenna).

Fatal motorcycle crash in HB

The collision of a motorcycle with a sedan automobile resulted in the death of a man in Huntington Beach on Sunday.

According to Public Information Officer Jessica Cuchilla, the incident took place before 4 p.m. at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and 24th Street in the Sunset Beach area.

The vehicles involved were a white Toyota Camry and a blue BMW motorcycle. Officers responded to the incident around

3:56 p.m. and upon arrival found the rider of the BMW, a 28-year-old Cerritos man, unconscious in the roadway. Paramedics responded and he was taken to a nearby hospital for emergency care.

There, he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

The driver of the Camry, a 19-year-old woman from Long Beach, was not injured. She cooperated with investigators and

impairment does not appear to be a factor in the accident.

The preliminary investigation indicated that the Toyota was exiting a parking lot turning southbound on PCH and the BMW was traveling northbound on the highway where the collision occurred.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it is asked to call HBPD Traffic Investigator C. Houlston at (714) 536-5670.

History Minute

OCC’s birth in World War Two

Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, one of the nation’s largest community colleges, was once the site of the world’s largest air force base

without airplanes.

It served as the location for the Santa Ana Army Air Force Base for pre-flight training from 1942-1946 during World War II.

After it was declared surplus, the land was repurposed for Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa City Hall, and Costa Mesa High School. It was also a setting for the WW II novel “Catch-22.”



FRONT GATE AT SAAFB

NewsUpdate

Moon Mission Set For Wednesday

First manned lunar launch since 1972

The first manned mission to the moon since 1972 with is set to blast off on Wednesday with four American astronauts on the Artemis II mission.

According to NASA, the crew will be on board the Orion spacecraft and powered into space aboard the Space Launch System (SLS) from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The crew of Artemis II is three Americans (Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch) and one Canadian (Jeremy Hansen).

They will not land on the moon's surface, but circle it. The



CREW OF ARTEMIS II, set to launch toward moon on Wednesday (Wikipedia).

first landing is set for 2028. Their return from their four-

day trip will conclude with a gravity will pull Orion back, so water landing. The Earth's no propulsion is needed.

Congress must approve the new ballroom, says judge

A preliminary injunction was granted on Tuesday by a federal judge that will suspend the construction a \$400 million ballroom at the White House ordered by President Donald Trump.

According to the Associated Press, U.S. District Judge Richard Leon – an appointee of President George W. Bush – ruled that building must stop until and unless permission is given by Congress.

“The President of the United States is the steward of the White House for future generations of First Families. He is not,” wrote the judge, “however, the owner.”

To clear space for the ballroom, the East Wing of the White House was demolished.

The plaintiff in the case leading to the preliminary the injunction was the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Great Thoughts

“If you have any power at all from being popular, then you have a duty to help people out.”
– Arabella Weir

“Anybody in my job steers a tightrope between being popular and being principled.”
– Virginia Bottomley.

“Being popular doesn’t mean you’re better than anyone else.”
– Alex Mack

Weather: Cooler, then warmer

If you’re not certain what season this is here in our West Orange County cities, don’t feel alone. Things do get confusing. The forecast for Wednesday is for a spring-like daytime high of 70 with an overnight low of 58. The sky should be partly cloudy with an 11 percent chance of rain. Thursday will be similar at 70 (55) with mostly cloudy skies and an 18 percent chance of precipitation. But things change on Friday with a temperature rise to 79 (58) with mostly cloudy skies. Saturday will be pretty summer-y at 85 (58).

High court opposes ban on conversion therapy for gays

On a 8-1 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled against a Colorado law that prohibits “conversion therapy” for gay and bisexual youths, arguing that it violated the First Amendment’s protections for free speech. The Associated Press is reporting that the law – and about two dozen similar laws in other states – “probably” – is a violation of the federal constitution and sent it back to a lower standard “that few laws pass.” The sole dissent came from liberal associate justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, who wrote that the court’s decision “opens a dangerous can of worms” that might “impair ... states’ ability to regulate the provision of medical care in any respect.”

Arts&Living

'Mike & Nick & Alice' a Quirky Tale

Vince Vaughn,
James Marsden,
Eliza Gonzales

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

"Mike & Nick & Nick & Alice" might look like a somewhat generic, glossy action-comedy on the surface. It's got two (well, kind of three, but we'll get to that later) men north of 50 (Vince Vaughn and James Marsden), one woman south of 40 (Eiza González) and the promise of some violence (you know, the fun kind). That's not necessarily a bad thing — sometimes you get a "This Means War" or a "Mr. & Mrs. Smith." But in the streaming era, more often than not you get, I don't know, "Red One"? "Fountain of Youth"? Something else we've already all forgotten?

This might also be a streaming-era production, debuting on Hulu and Disney+ on Friday, but it's clear from the very first moments that "Mike & Nick & Nick & Alice" isn't just a generic facsimile of a "fun" movie designed for more for the algorithm than anyone's amusement. No, this is a movie that begins, for no particular reason other than probably the delight of the filmmakers, with Ben Schwartz singing "Why Should I Worry?" a song that was written and sung by Billy Joel for the 1988 animated Disney movie "Oliver & Company," a modern, New York City-set take on Charles Dickens starring dogs. Is it related to anything? No. Is it a fun song to set the tone that also made this elder millennial critic smile? Yes.

There are choices like this throughout the film, mostly through precise, lighthearted banter that sounds real. There's even a spirited debate about the best and worst boyfriends on "Gilmore Girls" — Rory's, not Lorelai's, which falls a little flat



VINCE VAUGHN, James Marsden and Eiza Gonzales in "Mike & Nick & Nick & Alice."

Movie Review

in execution. I'm not sure the actors' hearts are really invested in Logan and Jess the way, say, Liam Neeson was able to act genuinely distraught over his "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" episodes being deleted off his DVR in "The Naked Gun." But it's an amusing idea nonetheless.

They're all hyperspecific references that feel almost reassuring that yes, a human, in this case writer-director BenDavid Grabinski, made this thing and not a computer. Like Rory Gilmore, Grabinski's interests are "teasingly diverse" (cats! Time travel logistics! Symon spelled with a "y"!) and they do also include elaborate, stabby, shoot-'em-up action sequences that could very well have fit into a Doug Liman or McG studio pic from 20 years ago, with grenades, blood and a fair amount of butt-kicking.

The loose construct is that a hit man named Nick (Vaughn) time travels back to a certain night to save his friend and colleague Mike (Marsden), who is in love with Nick's wife Alice (González). For a fair amount of

the movie there are two Nicks, present Nick and future Nick (it's not a spoiler if it's in the trailer! And the movie's title!). Vaughn manages to give his character some unexpected depth too. That there's some real acting going on is pleasantly surprising.

Everyone in the big ensemble, which includes Keith David as the mob boss, Jimmy Tatro as his dim son, Emily Hampshire as a crooked and horny police officer, as well as Arturo Castro and Stephen Root, is game for a good, silly, violent time. Are any of them remotely believable as

Poor ★

humans? Not exactly, but that's also not the point of this kind of movie, which also overstays its welcome by a little bit. There's just not enough there to warrant its runtime.

But ultimately "Mike & Nick & Nick & Alice" has a few good laughs, some inspired needle drops, quirky references and a go-for-broke energy that should make it an enjoyable, low-stakes click.

November will be 'Early'

The Early November and Hello Goobye will be headlining a rock music concert on Friday at the Garden Amp in the Village Green park on Main Street in downtown Garden Grove, beginning at 6 p.m. Also on stage will be Punchline and the Dangerous Summer. Tickets are \$42.21 and can be ordered at gardenamp.com.



TheSportsPages

Introducing the Los Angeles AI Angels!

Anyone remember the 1987 song by R.E.M. entitled “It’s The End of the World As We Know it (And I Feel Fine)”?

That notion occurred to me when I saw an article complaining about the impact of “ai” (artificial intelligence) on many forms of creativity.

“It’s the end of art,” he lamented, noting that hyper-fast computing systems can create all kinds of images, music, fiction, etc. at blinding speeds and are constantly becoming improved and more sophisticated.

Well, why not apply that to the world of sports? I mean, what wouldn’t be appealing about having the power to easily create a photorealistic “world” – complete with voice-overs and crowd noise – of one’s favorite loser team (perhaps my Angels) triumphing before adoring masses in Anaheim?

The interface – based on spoken or written “prompts” – can create on your screen almost any image or situation you can imagine. Your characters can be given accents, quirks, personalities, et al. Folks with too much free time can build entire leagues – even create brand new sports – in which it’s possible to control everything or not much at all to watch it all play out.

In a world where ticket prices are prohibitive and you need a bloodhound to find the streaming service that is broadcasting the Dodger game, why not take the action out of the hands of the billionaire owners and churn up a favorite team that plays nothing but exciting and (almost always) victorious games?



Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

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Challenged by Pats

The new ABS changing the ball/strike process

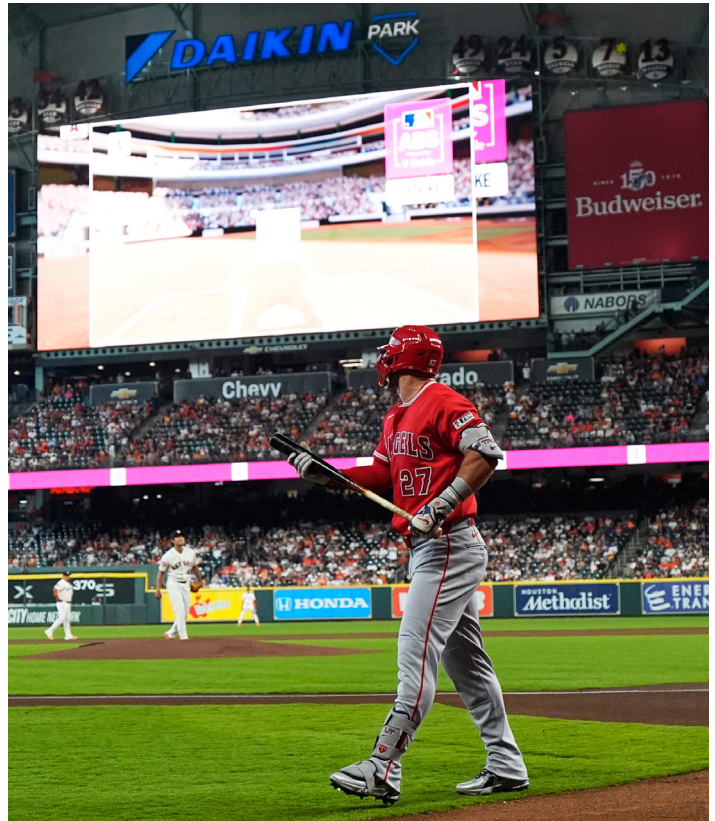
By David Brandt
AP Sports Writer

Every moment of pretty much any major sporting event can be dissected in high-definition these days, and officials and umpires are spending more and more time staring at a TV screen to review close calls.

It’s also led to a type of sign language unique to the sports world.

There’s the twirling motion with a finger that’s ubiquitous during NBA games when anyone believes their team has been wronged. In the NFL, it’s a red challenge flag thrown by coaches that’s often mimicked by fans. It’s not just a U.S. phenomenon, either: There’s the rectangular box drawn in the air that’s everywhere in international soccer for VAR (Video assistant referee). In cricket, certain players can make a “T” sign with their hands, signaling they would like a replay from the DRS (Decision

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LOS ANGELES ANGELS designated hitter Mike Trout reacts after striking out as the ABS replay shows on the screen during the first inning of a baseball game against the Houston Astros in Houston, Sunday, March 29, 2026. (AP Photo/Ashley Landis)

Angels and Dodgers get wins

The **Los Angeles Angels** snapped a three-game losing streak on Tuesday with some strong pitching and a bit of good luck.

Jose Soriano (2-0) pitched six two-hit innings and the bullpen was just as good as the Halos beat the Chicago Cubs 2-0 in the Windy City. He struck out four batters and walked just two.

The Cubs (now 2-3 overall) got good pitching, too, as Jameson Taillon worked 4.2 shutout innings, yielding two hits. He struck out three batters and walked four.

It was in the sixth inning the

game was decided. Logan O’Hoppe hit a ground ball single to Alex Bergman which was deflected, allowing Jorge Soler and Jeimer Candelario to score.

The save went to Jordan Romano –his second of 2026 – who pitched the ninth inning, striking out one batter and walking another.

The Angels will face the Cubs again on Wednesday morning and be home on Friday for the home opener in Anaheim against the Seattle Mariners.

Shohei Ohtani on Tuesday began his 2026 pitching debut

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AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Texas	4-1	.800	—	4-1
Houston	4-2	.667	.5	4-2
ANGELS	3-3	.500	1.5	3-2
Seattle	3-3	.500	1.5	3-3
Athletics	1-4	.200	3	1-4

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	4-1	.800	—	4-1
San Fran.	2-3	.400	2	2-3
Arizona	2-3	.400	2	2-3
San Diego	1-4	.200	3	1-4
Colorado	1-4	.200	3	1-4

Pats on helmet bring a brand new world

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review system). Then the umpire draws a rectangular box in the air, similar to soccer.

Now Major League Baseball has a new entry to the lexicon: A couple pats on the head.

The Automated Ball-Strike Challenge System is now officially part of MLB games, with cameras that track each pitch and judge whether it crossed home plate within the strike zone. Human umps still call every pitch, but each team has the ability to challenge two calls per game.

When a batter, pitcher or catcher believes a ball-strike call has been missed, they can pat their head a few times and also verbally confirm they want a challenge. It hasn't taken long for fans to get in on the lingo, patting their heads when they think there's a bad call.

"Everybody now knows what touching the top of their hat means," D-backs manager Torey Lovullo said, laughing. "It's



HUMAN UMPIRES no longer have the last word in Major League Baseball and other sports (Shutterstock)

definitely caught on fast. I think it's a great thing — everyone wants to get the calls right."

Sometimes, the hand signals can be seen as a sign of disrespect.

Tampa Bay Rays infielder Tay-

lor Walls was ejected from a regular season game last season after disagreeing with a call, patting his helmet a few times while arguing with the umpire. ABS was used in spring training in 2025 on an experimental

basis, but wasn't allowed during regular season games.

Walls maintained it was an innocent gesture. Plate umpire Nic Lentz disagreed and sent Walls to the clubhouse early.

Lovullo said he doesn't expect many misunderstandings in the future.

"There's the verbal command, too, so that should help," he said.

In many sports, the expanding video review procedures have created new strategies to get challenges right. Many times it's quick non-verbal cues that make the process work.

Many NBA teams have an assistant coach or staff member on the bench who has a tablet and can view the broadcast, reviewing plays quickly. Players sometimes make emotional decisions in the heat of the game — twirling their finger in the air when they believe their team should challenge. (Spoiler alert: Players always think they're right.)



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Lakers romp, Clippers fall

With Luka Doncic playing All-World, the Los Angeles Lakers won their fourth straight game on Tuesday night, defeating the Cleveland Cavaliers 127-113 and clinching the NBA Pacific Division crown.

Doncic scored 42 points and added 12 assists in the win at home. Austin Reaves had 19 points, Dandre Ayton 18 and three other players – including LeBron James – scored 14 each. The Lakers (50-26) are next in action at Oklahoma City on Thursday night.

On the other hand, the Los Angeles Clippers saw their five-game winning streak snapped 114-104 on Tuesday night in

■ NHL and NBA

losing to the Portland Trailblazers at home.

Kawhi Leonard led the Clips with 23 points with Darius Garland adding 20 points.

The team is now 39-37, good for third in the NBA Pacific and eighth in the Western Conference.

They'll next host the San Antonio Spurs on Thursday.

Angels. Dodgers post wins

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for the **Los Angeles Dodgers** in style on Tuesday, working six innings and yielding just one hit as the Blue Crew defeated the Cleveland Guardians 4-1 at Chavez Ravine.

He was no slouch at the plate either, batting 1-for-3 and walking twice as the home team im-

proved its record to 4-1 in the young season.

Max Muncy was 2-for-3 including a home run (his first of 2026) and Andy Pages batted 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Overall, the Dodgers collected 10 hits.

With the win, the team leads the NL West by two games over the Arizona Diamondbacks and San

Sports Retorts: You're a star

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We're talking about an order of sophistication far beyond that of console or PC games. You could even put yourself at the free throw line, or headlining the Super Bowl halftime show, backed by the New York Philharmonic.

The great Fred Astaire (great dancer!) recorded a song called "They All Laughed" about how hard it is to convince people of what ultimately became The Next Big Thing.

So ... are you laughing? Personally, I feel fine.

Retorts: Smashing burgers

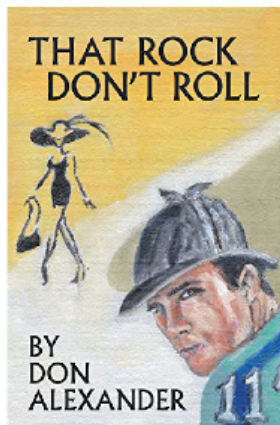
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wave are "smashburgers" and milkshakes. A smashburger (lower case) is a burger patty that's been smashed onto a hot griddle. The thin patty cooks faster and the edges get crispy and brown.

Aside from the "Smashburger" brand, we now see Shakeshack in Huntington Beach and Mooyah in Cypress. More expensive than Burger King or Jack in the Box, but — arguably — a different flavor and offers milkshakes (often made with ice cream) that means a distinctly different meal experience.

Some serious fun

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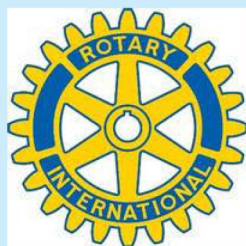
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