

Man's body found in park in Hunt. Beach

The body of a 34-year-old man was found in a Huntington Beach park on Sunday night.

According to the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the man was identified as Ricky Michael Saucedo, a person with no known fixed address, residing in Orange County.

His body was found at around 5 p.m. at Manning Park, located at 307 Delaware Dr. The cause of death has not been determined and remains under investigation.

Stay tuned on HB's city image

Tuesday's meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council ran past our deadline. We will have the results on its decision on improving the city's "brand" in our Saturday e-paper.

DUNKED FOR DOLLARS



Fountain Valley High School's "Soak-a-Puff" was a wet and wild event before the Powder-puff game. Barons purchased a sponge, cup, or bucket to soak the athletes, with proceeds supporting the Associated Student Body. (HBUHSD photo).

Fate of Rose Center Goes To the Council

Will current operators get reprieve?

By a staff writer

The fate of the Westminster Rose Center might be settled – or delayed – at Wednesday night's meeting of the Westminster City Council.

On the agenda is an update on the selection of a "venue operator" for the Rose Center, a 419-seat theatre plus ballroom located in the Civic Center.

Some members of the council want to change the current operator – Friends of the Rose Center (Friends of the Abbey

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Centre) – and transition the facility to more of a "multicultural center."

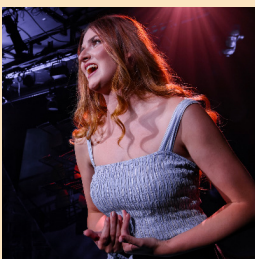
That would involve issuing a request for proposals for the "new" Rose Center. But also on the agenda is consideration of a three-month extension of the term of agreement for the Friends of Rose Center to continue to use that facility.

Also on the agenda is re-consideration of general text and land use amendments emphasizing "mixed-use" development.

It was initially on the agenda at the April 7 meeting, but no vote

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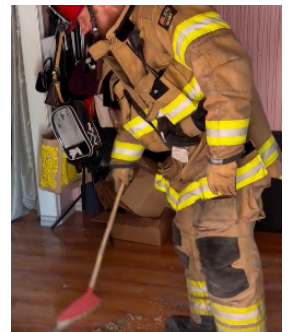
Two firefighting agencies, a police department and good samaritans teamed up to avoid a tragedy on Tuesday in Garden Grove.

On Tuesday at around 8 a.m. on Chapman Avenue, a fire at a home prompted a neighbor to call 9-1-1, while another jumped over a fence and pounded on doors to alert the fam-

ily inside the house about the fire, making sure all within escaped to safety, according to the Orange County Fire Authority.

OCFA firefighters were able to knock down the fire in just 13 minutes, confining the flames to just one area of the house and saving the rest of the structure.

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could be taken because of the lack of a quorum. The council will meet in a special meeting at 3:30 p.m. a closed session at 4 p.m. and the open session at 6 p.m. in its chambers at 8200 Westminster Blvd.

OCFA cleans
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They also helped with the clean-up. Other help was provided by Anaheim Fire and Rescue, the Garden Grove Police Department and the American Red Cross.

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News & Views

He's a Gem and she's an artist, in multiple ways

Main Street Dept.: Downtowns are more popular than ever. Garden Grove and Huntington Beach have successful centers and Westminster and Stanton are seeking to establish their own.

Among the reasons that such areas persist as comfortable, hometown places that are cradles and resting places for memories and leisure are the personalities that populate them.



Retorts Jim Tortolano

It's therefore pleasant and appropriate that at Friday's Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Gala and Dinner, the honorees for Man and Woman of the Year were Damien Lorton of the Gem Theatre and Jennifer Stewart of Azteca Mexican Restaurant (and Crooners's Lodge) on Main Street.

Garden Grove was founded in that area in 1874 and the Gem Theater dates back over 100 years, first as a silent film and vaudeville venue through a time as the only movie house at one time, to a period of closure and revivals (first in 1979 under the leadership of Tom Bradac) and more recently with Damien Lorton (and Nicole Cassesso) as the center of independent musical theater.

Lorton was honored not only for his artistic accomplishment as a director, performer, etc. but the degree that he enmeshed the Gem into the many aspects of local life. The center of town is now more illuminated than ever.

Stewart is not only a restaurateur but also a very talented artist, especially in the field of

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DECONTAMINATION at a hazardous materials incident in Huntington Beach by Huntington Beach Fire Department. Two persons were taken to local hospitals for evaluation (HBF714FIREPHOTO).

Damaged lithium battery the cause of noxious odor

Incident on Viewpoint Lane in HB

The cause of a hazardous material incident in Huntington Beach last week has been determined.

According to the Huntington Beach Fire Department, the incident was in the 16000 block of Viewpoint Lane (west of Beach Boulevard).

A small electronic tracking device had been cut open, exposing an internal lithium battery and

releasing an odor.

Six people reporting minor symptoms were decontaminated on the scene. Two were taken to local hospitals for evaluation.

The HBF714's Hazardous Materials – with help from Anaheim Fire & Rescue's Hazmat Team – conducted an assessment of the scene and “no ongoing hazard was identified.”

Two killed in a one-vehicle crash in GG

Two persons were killed in a single-vehicle traffic collision Saturday morning in Garden Grove.

According to Sgt. William Halloway, police learned of the crash at about 2:42 a.m. in the 12900 block of Brookhurst Street, between Stanford Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard.

Arriving officers found a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck that had veered off the roadway and struck a tree. The driver was trapped inside the vehicle and the passenger had been ejected.

Orange County Fire Authority personnel responded to the scene and pronounced both men deceased. They were a

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History Minute

Bridges over asphalt 'rivers'

Despite not having much in the way of water, Garden Grove does have some bridges. Or used to. Sort of.

When the Orange County Plaza (now the Promenade) was being built in the mid-50s, there was a plan for a pedestrian bridge to be built across Chapman to connect shoppers to another center (now the Pavilion Plaza). It was never built, but was probably a good idea.

When the Crystal Cathedral was going strong in the 80's, due to the lack of office space on the south side of Chapman (Garden Grove), a bridge was built to the north side (Orange) to a new office building. It was later torn down as the Cathedral (now Christ Cathedral) built

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NewsUpdate

Cease-Fire With Iran To Be Extended

But blockade of Strait of Hormuz stays

President Donald Trump announced on Tuesday that the United States will extend its cease-fire with Iran at the request of Pakistan, according to the Associated Press.

The U.S. continues its naval blockade of Iranian ports and further negotiations with Iran are doubtful because of objections from Tehran.

Trump stated in a social media post that the cease-fire was necessary because there is confusion among the top officials of the Iranian government.

The war has roiled the oil industry and the price of



USS BAINBRIDGE, at top, passes through the Suez Canal (Shutterstock).

petroleum products for consumers has fluctuated, but mostly increased prices at the

gasoline pump.

An Iranian official reportedly said “say goodbye to oil

production in the Middle East” if area nations allow the U.S. to attack Iran from their countries.

RFK Jr. may not back new CDC vaccination policies

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, told a committee of the House of Representatives on Tuesday he was unwilling to commit to supporting the vaccination recommendations of President Donald Trump’s nominee Dr. Erica Schwartz, who has supported immunizations.

According to The New York Times, Kennedy said, “I’m not going to make that kind of commitment.”

But he did testify that he supported her nomination to the post of leader of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Democrats on the committee sought to tie Kennedy to the worst outbreak in decades of measles in the U.S., but he replied that the outbreak was not confined to America.

Kennedy has been a well-known vaccination skeptic, challenging the safety and necessity of immunization of children.

Great Thoughts

- “The only way to prove that you’re a good sport is to lose.” – Ernie Banks, baseball player
- “I’ve missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I’ve lost over 300 games. Thirty-six times I’ve been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. And that is why I succeed.” – Michael Jordan, basketball player saying that failure is part of success.”
- “Just believe in yourself. Even if you don’t, pretend that you do and, at some point, you will.” – Venus Williams, tennis player.

Weather: Playing it (cooler)

Spring temperatures in our West Orange County cities cool toward the weekend. The forecast for Wednesday is for a daytime high of 71 with an overnight low of 55 and with clouds in the morning and sunshine in the afternoon. Thursday will see partly cloudy skies and warming temps to 76 (57). Friday is expected to bring mostly cloudy conditions and a cooling trend to 73 (58), followed by a drop all the way to 66 (56) and partly cloudy skies on Saturday.

Rising gasoline prices are boosting retail sales overall

The price of gasoline rose in March, pulling up the amount of money spent in retail purchases in the U.S.

According to United Press International, retail sales increased by 1.7 percent last month, as reported by the Department of Commerce. It’s the quickest monthly increase in three years.

Forces influencing the cost of living for Americans include gas station sales – up 15.5 percent from February – and the sale of electronics and building materials, but that’s been “cushioned” by relatively large income tax refunds.

While gasoline spending rose, apparel sales and restaurant dining rose by about 1 percent.

“Gasoline is a thing you love to hate,” said economist Dan North, “because you have to buy it; there’s really no substitute.”

Arts & Living

Enthralling 'Five Years' At Gem

Black Box play heart-wrenching production

By Thom deMartino
Orange County Tribune

Sometimes, love just isn't enough.

For a limited engagement, the Gem Theater in Garden Grove is presenting one of their special, intimate Black Box productions: the beautiful and heart-wrenching "The Last Five Years".

With book, music and lyrics by Jason Robert Brown and directed by Damien Lorton, the story centers around the relationship between Cathy (Courtney Hays), an aspiring actress in New York, and Jamie (Hayden Magnum), whose writing is beginning a skyrocketing career in the Big Apple's literary circles.

However, the pair are in different places as the show begins ... not only in space, but in time as well. Cathy is tearfully clutching the divorce petition and his discarded wedding ring at the end of the relationship, while Jamie is fresh-faced with his first success as a writer, and thinking of asking her out at the very beginning.

As the story progresses, Cathy's history unfolds in reverse, while Jamie's continues moving forward in time. It's a striking juxtaposition between the two, as one might be suffering in their timeline, while the other may be euphoric with the events in their own.

The pair never interact over the course of the tale, save for one brief, shining moment when the timelines converge twist their engagement and wedding... but as the viewer knows how it ends, one still finds oneself rapt with attention with each triumph, each stumble that leads to the relationship's inevitable end... and its beginning.

Love may not always conquer all - but while the regret and nos-



HAYDEN MAGNUM as Jamie, Courtney Hays as Cathy (Ron Lyon photo).

Stage Review

talgia may linger, the perspective gained allows a deeper appreciation of having loved and lost.

Seeing this beautifully illustrated time capsule of a relationship in its entirety makes the journey all the more riveting.

This pair of accomplished Gem Theater mainstays give commanding performances in their respective roles: it is perhaps a little ironic the lovely chemistry the pair have, considering the minuscule amount of time each spends actually engaging with the other onstage.

Their paths - travelling backwards from despair to elation, forwards from joy to disillusionment - both are compelling threads on their own, becoming that much more beautifully tragic when interwoven.

Hays displays a searing vulnerability as Cathy, beginning with

her anguished confusion at the divorce papers; as the audience witnesses the backwards momentum of her struggle to follow her dreams, yet still fail; to her delighted excitement of seeing her new beau - it's an astonishing trajectory. Moving emotional pieces such as "Still Hurting" and "See I'm Smiling" give way to the more joyous "I Can Do

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Better Than That" and "Goodbye Until Tomorrow" as the viewer is privy to a kind of empowerment-in-reverse.

Her musical numbers begin heavy, full of sadness; but by the end, light and full of hope for the

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Two days on the Islands

The two-day "Fortunate Youth" concert comes to the Garden Amp in Village Green park in Garden Grove on April 23-24 (Thursday-Friday). Featured on Thursday will be The Simpkin Project and Eureka Sound. On Friday the performers will be Earthstrong and Boositive. The Garden Amp is at Euclid and Main streets in downtown GG.



TheSportsPages

Fishing for a reason to lose a close game

Along with the coming of the new baseball season, the complaints about alleged unfairness are spring-ing – get it – up like new grass.

Recently, in a series between the Dodgers and Rockies, Blue Crew catcher Dalton

Rushing mused about the possibility of “fishy” behavior on the park of the Rox in that in the sixth inning, their batters hit two consecutive doubles.



Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

“I just think it’s odd that some of those hitters that do what they do, they go up there and they were owning the first pitch that was thrown,” he said. “So it’s a little fishy.”

So what are we talking about? Stolen signs? Mental telepathy? Sore-loser-itis?

We hope it’s not the last one, because to hear excuse-making from a player on the best team in the MLB ... possibly the best baseball team in the whole world ... grinds one’s gears. What, do you expect to win every game?

My mind goes back to kick-ball/baseball/softball games as a young person, an age when every third play was a play with an argument attached. Toward the end of the elevated discourse between a bunch of 10-year-olds was this cry: “Cheater! Cheater!”

Amazingly enough, it was *their team* that was always the cheater and not *yours*. After a while, the debate turned into insults: “Booger-breath! Sissy! Your mother is sooo fat ...”

Exhaustion would eventually set in and the game would resume until ...

I’m not saying that all com-

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Jose Soriano Is Soaring

Angel rookie coasts through five victories

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM (AP) — In just five starts, José Soriano’s season with the Los Angeles Angels has gone from good to great — to historic.

Soriano pitched two-hit ball into the sixth inning of the Angels’ 8-0 victory over the Padres on Friday night, ending San Diego’s eight-game winning streak with yet another dominant outing by Los Angeles’ right-handed Dominican ace.

Soriano (5-0) has an ERA of 0.28 after allowing just one run in his first 32 2/3 innings this season. He leads the majors with 39 strikeouts while allowing only 11 hits, and he’s tied with Milwaukee’s Aaron Ashby for the lead with five wins.

Except for occasional control problems, Soriano has been overwhelming every lineup he faces — and Drake Baldwin’s first-inning homer for Atlanta on April 6 is still the only run he has allowed all season. His



JOSE SORIANO is soaring as the Angels top pitcher with a 0.28 ERA after 32.67 innings (Angels photo)

17-inning scoreless streak is the second-longest in the majors this season, and opponents are batting .104 against his 0.73 WHIP — both the best in baseball.

“It’s like a hot knife through butter,” Angels slugger Jo Adell said. “It’s pretty crazy. It’s really special, and he’s a special talent. He’s always had the stuff to compete at this level, and he’s

doing what an ace does. Whatever he’s done, just keep doing it.”

And after five straight dominant starts, Soriano has reached rare company.

The most recent pitcher to allow one earned run or fewer in each of his first five starts in a season with at least 15 total innings pitched was the Dodgers’

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Not a terrific Tuesday for locals

It wasn’t terrible, but it wasn’t terrific.

Both of the Los Angeles-Orange County baseball teams suffered losses on Tuesday. The Angels were defeated by the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2, while the Dodgers fell 3-1 to the San Francisco Giants.

For the Halos it meant four losses in a row, going 1-4 in their initial homestand in Anaheim and third place in the American League West.

For the Blue Crew, it meant tumbling into a tie for the National League West with the red-hot San Diego Padres, who have

won 9 of their last 10 games.

The visitors from Ontario broke up a 1-1 tie with three runs in the top of the eighth inning and went on to the win. The Angels collected just five hits, including two by Oswald Peraza, who is batting .292.

Jack Kockanowicz pitched well, lasting 5.2 innings and yielding five hits and one earned run. He struck out one batter while walking two batters.

In San Francisco, the Giants scored three times in the first inning and went on to the win. The Dodgers were held to three

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AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Athletics	13-11	.542	—	6-4
Texas	12-11	.522	.5	5-5
ANGELS	11-14	.440	2.5	4-6
Seattle	10-15	.400	3.5	4-6
Houston	9-16	.389	4.5	3-7

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	16-7	.696	—	6-4
San Diego	16-7	.696	—	9-1
Arizona	13-10	.556	3	6-4
San Fran.	10-13	.435	6	5-5
Colorado	9-15	.375	7.5	5-5

■ Prep Sports Spotlight

Oilers aiming for a title; Mariners fight for 3rd

The Pacifica High baseball team starts a two-game series with the Brea Olinda Wildcats on Wednesday, contests which may decide which team will take third place in the Freeway League and a CIF-SS playoff spot.

At present, the Wildcats have a 4-4 league record (9-12 overall). The Mariners have a 3-3 league mark (12-9 overall) and are essentially tied for third. Wednesday's game will be in Brea, with Friday's meeting at PHS.

Both teams will want to sweep the series to put them in a strong position for post-season play. But even with that, the M's will have a rugged finish, with two more games with first place El Modena (5-1, 17-5).

Huntington Beach is atop the Sunset League was a 13-0 conference mark (17-4-1 overall). The Oilers should be able to

pad their resume with two more games against last place Los Alamitos.

However, the big games are on April 28, 29 and May 1 against Newport Harbor. The Sailors are 11-2 (17-6 overall), and will need a sweep to catch the Oilers. One loss and the Oilers take the crown.

Baseball

Last week, Huntington Beach slammed Fountain Valley 11-1 in Sunset League play. Marina bested Edison 6-4 in Sunset action.

In the Empire League, Ocean View lost 6-3 to Costa Mesa in eight innings.

Pacifica was edged 1-0 by Canyon in a Freeway League game. In the Grove League, Orange rolled past Bolsa Grande 16-2. Magnolia bested Santa Ana Val-

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A MIGHTY MARINER



PACIFICA'S Bishop Jannak goes up for a spike in a recent Mariner match. The Mariners are 17-6 overall and 5-3 in the Freeway League, where they sit in second place behind Brea Olinda (GGUSD photo).

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'Last Five Years' review

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future. Hays deftly navigates these emotional swells with ease, and her duet with Magnum - "The Next Ten Minutes" as their paths cross at their marriage - is sublime.

Jamie proves to be a complex and challenging role as well, with Magnum more than a match for it. There's a kind of arrogance/confidence in his portrayal as he navigates the New York literary scene, but one wonders whether that is a boon in his position - or if his hubris is actually a fatal flaw.

It is up to the viewer to decide who's more responsible for the demise of the relationship, and Magnum's layered performance herein is powerful. Numbers like

the euphoric "Shiksa Goddess" to the melancholic "I Could Never Rescue You", give a moving arc to his character.

And for as responsible as he might be for his part in the breakdown, it's hard not to feel sympathy for him as he's haggard and beginning to lose control, desperately screaming "PLEASE!!"

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Retorts: Downtown talent

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sculpture. The Azteca moved from another location in Garden Grove toward Main Street, and the successors (J.J. Jauregui) and now Stewart and partner Larry Vance sustain it as leaders of civic vitality with karaoke and Friday Night Car shows.

Both are doing much to bring

and sustain the city's original downtown and - appropriately enough - they have both served as presidents of the Garden Grove Downtown Business Association.

If you've not visited them or their king-(or queen)-doms, do it. There might be gold in that old backyard.

Two killed in crash vs. tree

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22-year-old male from Westminster (driver) and an 18-year old male from Westminster (passenger).

The cause of the collision remains under investigation.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or who has video footage related to the collision is asked to call Investigator Reed at (714) 741-5230 or e-mail him at thomasr@ggcity.com.

History; Bridges over GG

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a new office building on the south side.

Still standing is a bridge over the

Garden Grove (22) Freeway that's west of Harbor Boulevard, designed primarily for students going to class at area schools.

Sports Retorts: Going fishing

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plaints are unjustified. But I am saying that you'd better have some rational reason upon which to base your grievance.

Otherwise, you might find yourself building a nickname as "Old Fishy." Or "Booger-face."

Angels, Dodgers post defeats

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hits. Landen Roupp worked five innings and yielded just one hit and one earned run. He walked five batters but struck out seven as he improved his record to 4-1.

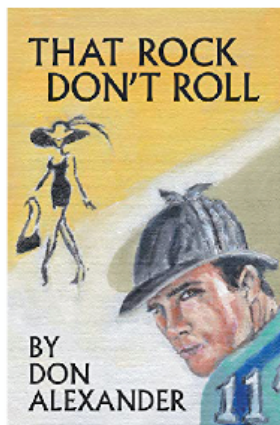
Yoshi Yamamoto (2-2) went seven innings and gave up six

hits and three earned runs. He struck out seven batters and walked two.

On Wednesday, the Angels will host the Blue Jays with Jose Soriano (5-0) getting the start. The Dodgers will face the Giants, with Shohei Ohtani (2-0) starting.

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Jose Soriano soaring through April 2026

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Fernando Valenzuela in 1981, when he won the NL Cy Young award in his groundbreaking rookie season. Walter Johnson also did it in 1913 — and nobody else.

Soriano is also the only pitcher in major league history to go at least five innings while yielding one or fewer earned runs and three or fewer hits in each of his first five starts to a season.

“I just feel confident to keep

pitching like that,” Soriano said. “I believe in my catcher, and we’re on the same page. I think that’s a big part of the results we’re having.”

While Soriano dazzled his previous two opponents with back-to-back, 10-strikeout outings over 15 combined innings to win the AL Player of the Week award, he actually didn’t overwhelm the Padres’ veteran lineup.

San Diego drew four walks and forced Soriano to throw 99

pitches. The Padres loaded the bases in the third before Soriano got Jackson Merrill to ground out, but San Diego eventually chased him with a single and a walk with two outs in the sixth.

“The thing that impressed was that to us, he had to grind a little bit tonight,” Angels manager Kurt Suzuki said. “I think that’s the maturity showing up, where he’s learning how to pitch — and I say this lightly — without his best stuff. He learned how to

navigate a great lineup over there without his best stuff ... and it was pretty incredible. You can’t say enough.”

Soriano has a 99-mph fastball and a sinker that ranks among the best in baseball, but he’s also mixing in a curve that has flummoxed his opponents. The combination has been too much for any opponent through his first five starts.

“Knowing him from the past, you always thought of the high-90s sinker, and then he comes in breaking out the curveball,” Padres manager Craig Stammen said.

“That pitch was very impressive from the dugout. Gave our guys trouble at the beginning. It’s really hard to lay off that pitch, and it complements his sinker. He did a great job tonight mixing his pitches. ... He’s just a really good pitcher.”

Prep sports: league play getting tight

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ley 6-1 and Santiago prevailed in a high scoring-contest 19-12 over Western in the Orange League.

Orange Coast League action saw Santa Ana over Westminster 9-4 and Garden Grove 7-3 over Valencia.

Softball

Anaheim rolled past Los Amigos 11-2 and Loara past Santiago 7-5 in the Coast League while Ocean View slipped past Calvary Chapel 10-9.

Grove League play saw two games shortened to five innings: Magnolia 31-13 over La Quinta and Bolsa Grande 26-5 over Saddleback.

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