



BOB HARDEN (center) with GGUSD Board of Education colleagues Teri Rocco and Lan Quoc Nguyen lending a hand with food service. Harden, first elected in 1994, won't be seeking re-election this fall (GGUSD photo).

He's Ready To Graduate

Elected in 1994, he's now winding it up

By Amberly Nguyen
Orange County Tribune

After 32 years as a trustee and several terms as board president of the Garden Grove Unified School District, Bob Harden announced at the GGUSD board meeting on June 2 that he will not seek re-election this.

Harden, who represents Trustee Area 4, was first elected to the board in 1994. His current term ends Dec. 11, 2026, concluding more than three decades of service to Garden Grove Unified.

Outside his work as a trustee, Harden is a computer consultant with

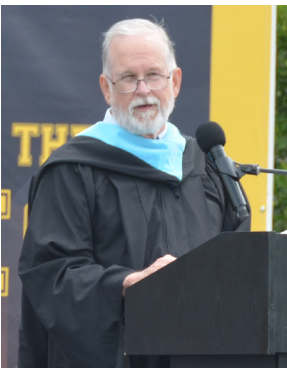
Harden Group LLC and previously served on the City of Garden Grove General Plan Advisory Committee.

He earned a bachelor's degree in radio and television from California State University, Long Beach and has completed project management coursework at the University of California, Irvine.

Harden said his involvement in education began when his son started school in the district. Concerned about issues he was hearing from parents and students, he sought advice from then-Assemblyman Curt Pringle.

According to Harden, Pringle challenged him to decide whether he wanted to simply complain about the issues or become involved in addressing them.

After considering the



BOB HARDEN addressing a high school commencement (Tribune photo).

question over the weekend, Harden said he committed himself to public service. "I picked up the phone and called him on Monday and said, 'I'm in,'" Harden said.

Harden said that decision led him to run for, and win, a seat on the Garden Grove Unified Board of

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'Nick' Hotel Takes Big Step Ahead

Following many delays, a key action

Garden Grove City Council

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

The long-delayed Nickelodeon project planned for the Harbor Boulevard hotel district in Garden Grove took another big – perhaps the final – step toward putting some sticks in the ground.

On Tuesday night the City Council voted 7-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of an ordinance approving a planned unit development for the construction of the

23-story, 500-room hotel project at the northwest corner corner of Harbor at Twintree Avenue in the west side of Harbor, immediately south of the existing Sheraton Hotel.

It will be built on a 3.72-acre site.

The development will also include 17,715-square feet of ballroom and meeting rooms; restaurants that can seat up to 600 people and the Nick Studio theater, a studio hall, and 8,532 square feet devoted to retail and fitness spa.

The studio will be used to

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Expanded access to meetings approved

Stanton City Council

The law about public engagement in government meetings is changing, and the Stanton City Council on Tuesday voted to keep up with the changes.

By a 5-0 vote, the council voted to implement certain actions required by state Senate Bill 707, passed by the state Legislature in 2025.

The new law expands and updated the Ralph M

Brown Act. The standing requirement that all meetings of a legislative body (such as a city council or school board) be open to and public is expanded to allow "internet-based social media platforms to engage with the public in

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Wedding bells, Tribune's trip

The Tribune will not be publishing its regularly-scheduled e-newspaper edition on June 27 and July 1 because our management staff – Jim and Marilyn Tortolano – will be “out of town” attending the wedding of their son Michael Leonard to Jeni DeGraffenreid in Oregon. We expect to resume publication by Saturday, July 4.

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matters within their jurisdiction.”

It also relates to how “reasonable accommodations” can be made for persons with disabilities as well as the procedures when a teleconferenced meeting is disrupted because of technical problems.

Additionally, the city must take “reasonable steps to encourage participation by residents who have not traditionally engaged in public meetings, including outreach to non-English-speaking organizations.

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create and broadcast Nickelodeon TV properties. They include shows such as “Spongebob Squarepants” and “Paw Patrol.”

It’s a property of Paramount, which is owned by Skydance Corporation.

The process has been a long journey. The city council originally approved a disposition and development agreement in 2002, but the COVID-19 epidemic and other challenges delayed the project.

The project holds the prospect for a big boost in tax revenue to the city through “transient occupancy tax” paid by hotel guests.

In 2022, the total tax revenue flowing to the city from the project was estimated at \$3.5 million annually, with \$236.4 million over a 30-year period.

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News & Views

The summer that changes summer forever

For anyone leaving high school for college, the military, trade school or just any old job, the three months or so after high school graduation are the most transitional season of a lifetime.

There will be lots of other changes to follow. Sometimes you will progress ... sometimes stall, but you can (probably) never go back to feeling about life the way you used to.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

College may resemble high school but isn't. In high school you may have been with other kids you've known since grade school.

In college you are one freshman immersed in an ocean of other disassociated students. There's no rah-rah, no pep rallies. Anyone who wears their high school varsity jacket believing it carried status is laughed at. Any who thinks the college is going to care if you show up to class is in for a big surprise.

Except for a few hard-line profs (such as I was) who think showing up is important, you can drift in and out ... and if you do you'll probably flunk and change your major, for the first one or two times.

Your high school amour might last for a semester or two ... but with so any other choices, the eye drifts.

Summer jobs are different, too. Instead of a few days a week, a summer job is 40 hours in the hottest part of the year. If working full-time in a sweaty uniform for crappy wages doesn't convince you that getting a degree, or learning a trade is a good idea, perhaps nothing will.



WESTMINSTER is considering an increase of its "bed tax" – technically a "transient occupancy tax" – to raise money (Shutterstock).

Agenda considers a hotel tax increase and GKN Aerospace letter

A possible increase in the city's "bed tax" paid by hotel guests and a letter to the GKN Aerospace for its role and responsibilities in the May hazmat incident top the agenda for Wednesday's meeting of the Westminster City Council.

The city is considering for the November 2026 election a hike in the "transient occupancy tax" to raise money for the city treasury. Currently Westminster charges 8 percent, one of the lowest in Orange County. Anaheim charges 15 percent, Garden Grove 14.5 percent, and Laguna Beach 14 percent. Huntington Beach is 10 percent

Westminster City Council

and Orange at 10 percent. Los Alamitos is at 8 percent.

The deadline for placing a tax increase measure on the Nov. 3 ballot is Aug. 7, 2026.

Also on Wednesday is a request to direct city staff to draft a letter to GKN "regarding compensation and accountability related to the hazardous materials incident known as the 'Western Incident.'"

The incident took place in Gar-

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Two men arrested in attempted murder

Two men were arrested on Friday in the attempted murder of a third man last week in Westminster.

According to Commander Andy Stowers, arrested for attempted murder of the victim who died later in a deadly hit-and run incident were:

- Keaton Jones, 25, of Westminster;
- Qui Ly, 56, of Westminster.

The incident began on June 14 when Westminster police responded to a traffic collision in the area of 9200 Bolsa Avenue (near Moran Street). The accident involved two vehicles and a pedestrian. Both involved vehicles fled the scene before police arrived.

Orange County Free Authority personnel pronounced the victim deceased at the scene.

WPD investigators located one of the vehicles and involved parties that fled to Anaheim. The second suspect vehicle and involved party have not been located.

Video footage indicated the victim had been attacked earlier by "multiple" persons. During the assault, one suspect struck the victim with a machete in the head several times. The victim then broke loose and ran, attempting to get help from pass-

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History Minute

What became of Orangethorpe?

Many people know how Stanton was incorporated twice, first in 1911 to avoid being the location of a "sewer farm" for Anaheim – then reincorporated in 1924 and

reincorporated in 1956. Another community that sought to flee the sewer farm is less remembered because it never made a comeback.

The community of Orangethorpe first settled in the 1860s and incorporated as a city in 1921 for the same reason as Stanton had.

The small city was about 6.5 square miles, stuck between Anaheim, Fullerton and Buena

Park. It was incorporated in 1921 and when a sewer-line threat faded, the citizens voted in 1923 to disincorporate.

Most of the former city ended up as part of Fullerton, and its name is attached to Orangethorpe Avenue.

There's still an Orangethorpe School, but the old Orangethorpe school system disbanded in 1954 and divided among neighboring districts.

NewsUpdate

Senate OKs Iran resolution

However, it is a primarily symbolic action

The U. Senate has for the first time passed a war powers resolution with a goal of stopping American military attacks against Iran.

According to the Associated Press, the vote on Tuesday was 51-48, as four Republicans joined all the Senate Democrats.

While a largely symbolic action, it represents an increasing unease across party lines about the war's aims and the continuing costs.

A similar resolution was approved by the House of Representatives earlier in June. "Time after time, the vast major-



THE SENATE approved a war powers resolution which is largely symbolic (Shutterstock).

ity of Senate Republicans side with [President Donald] Trump

and his war instead of the American people," said Chuck

Schumer, Senate Democratic leader.

Trump: 'Vandals' damaged Reflecting Pool in Washington

The Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, now plagued by a peeling blue coating and blooming algae, was damaged by vandals who used knives in "the dark of night," President Donald Trump says.

However – reports The New York Times – government documents indicate that two cuts in sections of foam between the pool's expansion joints are not

directly related to the blue coating that's been curling or the algae giving the pool a shade of green.

The pool was drained, resealed and then refilled, but after four days the cuts were discovered.

"It was purposefully and criminally done, and somebody had to work very hard," probably in the dark of night," said President Trump.

Great Thoughts

"Cleanliness is not next to godliness. It isn't even in the same neighborhood. No one has ever gotten a religious experience out of removing burned on cheese from the grill of the toaster."

– Erma Bombeck

"Perhaps it's an occupational hazard; I see dirt where others don't."

– Nita Prose

"I think homes that are too tidy, neat and asparse look like nothing interesting is going on."

– Shelley Malec Vitale.

Weather: Cooling and heading toward some mostly cloudy skies

There's a slow cooling trend commencing in our West Orange County cities. Wednesday is expected to have a day-time high of 79 with an overnight low of 63 under mostly sunny skies. Thursday will cool a bit to 77 (63), also with mostly sunny conditions. Friday will see the thermometer tip down to 76 (64) but still mostly sunny.

Almost the same on Saturday which will be 76 (63) but mostly cloudy.

No right to dreadlocks in state prison, say Supremes

On a 6-3 vote, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against a man of the Rastafarian faith who sued after prison officials forcibly cut off his dreadlocks.

Damon Landor, serving a five-month sentence for marijuana possession, was told by prison officials removed his dreadlocks, which had grown to a length of several feet after not having cut

them for almost 20 years.

A federal law indicates that prisoner must be allowed to keep his dreadlocks, but since the prison is not federal, but a state institution in Louisiana, there's no protection, said the decision from the majority of conservative judges.

The six conservative justices were in the majority while the three liberals dissented.

Arts & Living

'Death of Robin' Bloody Dull

This version is not anyone's heroic figure

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

In the opening moments of Michael Sarnoski's "The Death of Robin Hood," Hugh Jackman's Robin shelters on a cold and desolate peatland. A young attacker (Jade Croot) emerges from the dark emptiness beyond his campfire. He grabs her, tells her it was a mistake to bathe. He could smell her downwind. Then he puts a knife through her skull. Oo-de-lally, oo-de-lally, golly what a day.

Whichever version of Robin Hood is your favorite — three cheers for the 1973 animated Disney one — the story takes a beating in "The Death of Robin Hood." There are no knights in shining armor. There are no merry men. There is absolutely no swashbuckling.

Sarnoski, the director of the excellent Nicolas Cage thriller "Pig" and sci-fi sequel "A Quiet Place: Day One," has sapped every bit of derring-do from the folk hero. It's a thoughtful inversion of myth with some compelling ideas about the nature of storytelling. But it's a total slog.

"The Death of Robin Hood" drains the blood, and life, out of an old English legend. So forget about robbing from the rich and stealing from the poor. This Robin is a grizzled marauder who can't even remember how many people he's killed. We are, to say the least, very, very far from men in tights.

This is to a purpose in Sarnoski's film, which, like Robert Eggers' "The Northman" and David Lowery's "The Green Knight," brings a primal realism to an old legend. As much as we might think of Errol Flynn or Kevin Costner, the origins of the story of Robin Hood weren't so cheery.



"THE DEATH OF ROBIN HOOD" stars Hugh Jackman (A24 release).

Movie Review

Robin Hood began as an oral tale dating back to the 12th century. A few hundred years later, the first written accounts were ballads. Sarnoski's film takes its title from one of those ballads, in which Robin Hood — long before there was any Maid Marian to speak of — was a mere yeoman. Only as the centuries wore on did Robin Hood gradually accrue the trappings of Sir Robin of Locksley.

There might have been a compelling movie to be made from those early, fragmented origins. But "The Death of Robin Hood" instead expends too much of its energy rubbing our face in the muck. Mud cakes the movie's first half, which so strenuously insists on its revisionist approach that it quickly turns tiresome.

Jackman — weathered and bearded — looks amazing, like a medieval Santa Claus. And so does the movie, shot across

rugged, wind-swept Northern Ireland vistas by cinematographer Patrick Scola. Robin, himself, appears weighed down by the mythology around him. He doesn't use the name and calls the rumors about him "lies upon lies." But others are buoyed by it.

Little John (Bill Skarsgård) is no great friend but a reluctant companion for Robin. He lis-

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tens to Little John talk up a new scheme as "a good adventure" shortly before Little John beats a man to death for bread. The battle that follows — a muddy and mean scrum — is even more ghastly, partly for its utter point-

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The concerts of summer '26

The 2026 Free Summer Concert Series is underway at Eastgate Park in Garden Grove. On Thursday it was DSB (a tribute to Journey), with the next on June 25, a special event as Garden Grove celebrates USA 250 with The Answer (classic rock) performing at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the city and Community Foundation.

TheSportsPages

Mike Trout: most valuable, most unlucky, too

You know, Mike Trout and I have a lot in common.

No, I'm not pulling your leg. In fact, leg pulls are part of what I am mulling when I think about the Greatest Angel Ever.

Of course, Michael Nelson Trout, the pride of Vineland, New Jersey might also be the possessor of the title of Unluckiest Angel Ever.

Greatest in the sense of being the three-time American League MVP. Eleven times named to the AL All-Star team. Nine times winner of the Silver Slugger Award (extra base hits). Etc.

Unluckiest in the sense of being with the Angels since 2011, at the beginning of the team's longest slump, not having posted a winning record since 2014.

Unfortunate because last week he

suffered another injury, a strain to his right hamstring. There's still plenty of pop in that bat, being among the league leaders in home runs, RBIs and even stolen bases and walks.

(We will overlook his .234 average).

As every anguished Halo hound knows, he's been sidelined a lot in the last seven years. Since then he's played more than 82 games just twice.

Some of the injuries were clearly quirks, like the damage done to a finger while sliding into second. It resembles the time the other day when I walked my skull into the raised steel tailgate of my Chevy.

And the time I fell down a flight of stairs as I clung to a chocolate chip cookie (which I held on to).

What I'm getting to is that

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Shohei's Double Play

Now Ohtani has a daughter to go with his son

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shohei Ohtani is a father again.

The Los Angeles Dodgers superstar posted the news of his latest addition on his Instagram account Saturday.

"We are again overjoyed to experience this wonderful day in our lives together. Thank you for being born safely," read a message from Ohtani and his wife, Mamiko Tanaka. They also thanked supporters.

The post showed an image of a baby's hands and feet in a blue blanket suggesting that Ohtani has a son to go with his daughter who was born in April 2025. Tucked in the baby's arms was a tiny stuffed version of Ohtani's beloved dog, Decoy, who also got his own photo at the bottom of the post.

The news that Ohtani was about to have a second child came out of nowhere Friday. He wasn't in the Dodgers' lineup, which was posted much later than usual, af-



LOS ANGELES DODGERS' Shohei Ohtani reacts after a pitch was thrown in the dirt during the seventh inning of a game against the Philadelphia Phillies in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

ter the team said he was "away from the team on paternity."

The absence of the two-way star did not last long. Ohtani was back in the lineup in the leadoff spot for Saturday's game against the Orioles. He went 1 for 4 at the plate with a home run to leadoff the ninth inning as the Dodgers' late rally fell short in a 3-2 defeat.

Ohtani also remains in line to make his next start from the

mound Wednesday at Minnesota, manager Dave Roberts said.

"I'm assuming the baby is healthy, mom is healthy," said Roberts, who had not yet had a chance to catch up with Ohtani a few hours before Saturday's game.

The famously private Ohtani hasn't publicly revealed his daughter's name and has carefully avoided showing her face in the family photos posts to his social media.

Angels and Dodgers post wins

It's not that common, but on Tuesday night both Los Angeles-Orange County MLB teams posted wins.

Dodgers 12, Twins 3: Sometimes the Blue Crew wins with top-notch pitching; sometimes it's powerful hitting.

The win over the Minnesota team was an example of both. The team pounded out 17 hits in the game and piled on five runs in the ninth inning.

Alex Call hit his first home run, went 2-for-4 with three runs scored, one run batted in and two bases on balls.

Freddie Freeman was 3-for-5 with two RBIs. A total of six Dodgers had two or more hits.

Justin Wroblewski (9-2) pitched another strong game. He worked

seven innings, yielding five hits and two earned runs. He struck out three batters and walked two and gave up a home run.

With the win, the Dodgers are 51-29 and lead the National League West by 9.5 games.

Angels 5, Orioles 1: Jumping off to an early lead with a first inning two-run home run by Nolan Schanuel, the Halos went on to a win in Anaheim.

The fifth inning brought three more runs.

The Angels got a sterling performance from starter Ryan Johnson. He pitched six innings, giving up just one hit. He struck out eight hitters and walked just one.

Schanuel batted 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Zach Neto was 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Seattle	41-39	.513	—	5-5
Athletics	38-41	.481	2.5	4-6
Texas	38-41	.481	2.5	4-6
Houston	38-43	.469	3.5	6-4
ANGELS	33-48	.407	8.5	4-6

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	51-29	.638	—	7-3
San Diego	41-37	.526	9	6-4
Arizona	40-39	.506	10.5	5-5
San Fran	32-46	.410	18	5-5
Colorado	31-49	.388	20	5-5

The Angels are now 33-48 and still in last place in the American League West.

■ Prep Sports Spotlight

Bolsa Matadors to open '26 against the Argonauts

Coming off a third place finish in the Tango League and a trip to the CIF-SS playoffs in 2025, the Bolsa Grande High football team will start the 2026 season for the Matadors against district rival Garden Grove High on Aug. 21 at Monsoor Stadium.

League play will begin on Sept. 3 hosting Loara. Here's the (partial) schedule as posted by maxprep.com. There will be some changes between now and the fall. League games are designated with *

- Friday, Aug. 21 @ Garden Grove
- Friday, Aug. 28 @ University (Irvine)
- Thursday, Sept. 3 hosting Loara*
- Friday, Sept. 25 hosting Savanna*
- Thursday, Oct. 8 hosting Santiago*
- Friday, Oct. 23 @ Godinez Fundamental
- Thursday, Oct. 30 @ La Quinta*.

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lessness.

This great disparity between reality and story, truth and history, takes on new dimensions when Robin clandestinely takes refuge at an island priory where Sister Brigid (Jodie Comer) tends to his wounds. He is sheltering Little John's daughter, Margaret (Faith Delaney), but their secret past is quietly threatened with the arrival of a young man (Noah Jupe) whose maimed, bandaged face evidences a recent run-in with Robin and Little John.

Robin's coldness and cruelty begins to melt away thanks to Sister Brigid and the peaceful life he finds there. If story had previously been a yoke around his neck, Robin realizes another purpose when he considers Margaret's future.

In a way, "The Death of Robin Hood" is an appropriately contemporary version of a much-retold story, suited to a time when lies and denial of history rule the day. But the oppressive dourness and forced cynicism of the film suffocate the characters in a way that feels no more realistic than Mel Brooks' 1993 parody. The result, while admirably considered, is almost comically misjudged — like insisting Paddington the bear sits on a throne of lies.

In the end, "The Death of Robin Hood" ironically supports an old movie axiom: Print the legend.

"The Death of Robin Hood," an A24 release in theaters Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for strong bloody violence. Run time: 123 minutes.

Westminster City Council

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den Grove, but the evacuation zone included parts of Anaheim, Cypress, Stanton and Westminster as well.

Of the 50,000 people subject to evacuation, 13,000 of them were Westminster residents.

The letter would ask GKN to

accept responsibility for the impacts of the incident and reimburse the city for its costs and compensate residents and businesses for losses.

The council will meet in closed session at 4:30 p.m. and open session at 6 p.m. in its chambers at 8200 Westminster Blvd.

2 held in attempt murder

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ing vehicles.

After several minutes, the victim walked into the roadway and was struck and fatally injured by the two vehicles.

The investigations into the hit-and-run and the attempted homicide are being handled separately.

All suspects involved were quickly identified and located on June 18.

The machete believed to be

used during the attack was found in possession of one of the suspects. Two suspects were booked into Orange County Jail for attempted homicide.

WPD Traffic Division is seeking to identify the second suspect vehicle from the collision, described as a newer blue or black Toyota Rav 4.

Anyone with more information is asked to call Investigator Lin at (714) 548-3784 of the WPD Watch Commander at (714) 548-3767.

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GGUSD trustee Bob Harden gets ready to graduate

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Education.

Harden said his decision to retire was influenced by both personal and district considerations.

"I just turned 70 years old and I have served on the board, I think, longer than anyone else in the history of the district," Harden said. "But I think at this point in my life, it's time to hand the baton to somebody else."

Harden said he wanted the responsibility for future decisions to rest with whoever succeeds him.

"I think at the end of the day, rather than me making that decision and then being gone shortly thereafter," he said. "The person who has to live with the conse-

quences of that decision, good or bad, should probably be the person who makes the decision."

During his time on the board, Harden said the district raised expectations for students, increased accountability and expanded educational opportunities for struggling learners. He also noted that identifying learning challenges in the early grades allows schools to provide support before students fall behind.

Board Vice President Lan Nguyen, a practicing attorney who was first elected to the board in 2002, said he worked alongside Harden for 24 years and described him as a humble and thoughtful leader who focused on benefiting students.

"His humbleness and focus on the students made the whole difference in the outcome in the last 30 years or so," Nguyen said.

Nguyen said Harden was seen as someone who worked collaboratively with fellow trustees and often sought common ground in decision-making. He said Harden emphasized teamwork and maintained strong working relationships across the board.

According to Nguyen, Harden also supported language and cultural resources for Vietnamese families and other student groups in the district. He said Harden remained open to different viewpoints and focused on benefiting the community as a whole.

Trustee Teri Rocco, a retired GGUSD educator who was elected to the board in 2016, also said his leadership was student-focused and collaborative.

"I see him as a true leader and a mentor for me," Rocco said. "He's remained focused on one thing above anything else, and that's student success."

Rocco said Harden consistently approached board decisions by considering what would best serve students and families. She described him as committed, calm and a steady presence for his community.

"His ability to work collaboratively ... he's kind of been a unifying force on our board," Rocco said.

Rocco also pointed to Harden's support for immigrant families. She recalled Harden publicly stating that immigration enforcement agents should not be present on school campuses.

"He was the first to say there's no place for immigration enforcement agents in our schools," Rocco said. "For him to take a stand like that ... I really respect him for that."

During his time on the board, Harden supported bond measures that funded modernization projects throughout the district. He also helped lead the

district through the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on maintaining administrative stability, implementing distance learning and coordinating a safe re-opening plan for schools. Aside from board meetings, Harden remained highly active in the district.

Rocco said he regularly attended classroom visits, assemblies, athletic events, performances, family nights and graduation ceremonies at Garden Grove high schools. Harden's habit of joining students for photos at graduations, Rocco said, reflected his approachable nature and connection to the community.

As the district prepares for a leadership transition, Rocco said Harden's influence will continue beyond his tenure on the board.

"Bob's legacy is one of service, stability and unwavering commitment to children and families in our district," she said.

Reflecting on his years of service, Harden said his greatest pride was seeing students become the first in their families to attend college and pursue professional careers after high school.

"I think my legacy is hanging on lamp posts all around town every fall," Harden said, referring to the district's banners recognizing top graduating students and the colleges they will attend.

"There are kids who are going to be successful in life and have professional careers that they wouldn't have had without the Garden Grove school district. And I was part of that."

When asked what advice he



Who helped eradicate the plague of polio?
Garden Grove Rotary

Who sponsors a defibrillator program to save lives when heart attacks strike?
Garden Grove Rotary

Who recognizes 6th grade students for achievement in academics and scholarship?
Garden Grove Rotary

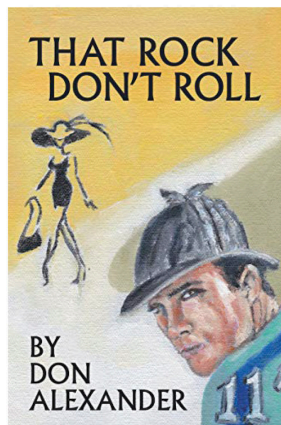
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sometimes our bodies are sending us a message. Mike has clearly passed his peak. But his current peak is still – taken all together – higher than most other MLB players.

So if he wants to hang on to his career, I say he should continue. Who knows how much more glory is still in that bat? I held on to the cookie, and I got up, too.