

Smoking Ban In Parks Shot Down Again

Hotel safety
rules approved
on a 7-0 vote

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

For the second time this year, the Garden Grove City Council turned down a proposal to ban smoking in city parks.

At Tuesday night's meeting, the vote was to reject the proposal raised by Councilmember Yesenia Muneton to consider a draft ordinance to prohibit the smoking of tobacco products in those places.

Muneton spoke in favor of the proposal, citing health concerns, litter and how common a similar law is in place among

Garden Grove City Council

other cities in Orange County.

But Councilman Joe DoVinh, who had led the charge in opposition to the proposal in January, said his concern was "the quality of life. For smokers, their quality of life is smoking."

A substitute motion to reconsider the matter at the first meeting in January — after the next city council election — failed for the lack of a second.

Also on Tuesday night, the council voted 7-0 in favor of a proposed ordinance to establish certain safety and security requirements for hotel workers.

Heat wave continues; here is where to get cooled off

The heat wave which has hit West Orange County is expected to continue through the weekend but there should be some relief in the new week.

Temperatures are expected to remain in the 90s most of the week, "cooling" to the 80s by Sunday. Cooling centers are open across Orange County, including Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Stan-

ton and Westminster. According to the County of Orange, centers are located at:

- **Garden Grove:** Chapman Library, 9182 Chapman Ave., Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- **Garden Grove:** Tibor Rubin Library (West Gar-

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GARDEN GROVE police and Orange County Fire Authority personnel at the edge of the evacuation zone during the GKN hazmat incident in West Garden Grove in May (Wikipedia photo).

\$100 million compensation for losses in GKN hazmat incident

For hotels, lost
wages, etc. in
evacuation

gknngg.com

Details are still being developed, the corporation says,

"From the beginning, the city council has called upon GKN to take ac-

countability for the financial aspects of this incident," said Stephanie Klopfenstein, mayor of Garden Grove. "We welcome this progress and will continue to address

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A claims program of up to \$100 million was announced Monday by GKN Aerospace to compensate people and businesses for losses related to the May 2026 hazmat incident in Garden Grove that led to the evacuation of 50,000 people.

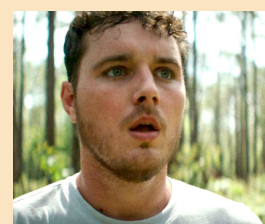
The program is planned to be open for the submission of claims in fall of 2026. Such claims, according to GKN, would be the hotel stays, meals, transportation, lost wages and "loss of use" among the kinds of damages the program is designed to address.

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the broader effects on our community."

GKN – and not the city – will administer the claims process. The latest information will be posted at gkngg.com.

When open, applications for claims can be made online or at the company for direct assistance.

Although the incident took place at the GKN facility on Western Avenue in West Garden Grove, the evacuation zone that followed included parts of Stanton and Westminster and may have affected people or businesses in neighboring communities.

The incident was centered on a tank containing flammable chemicals which had begun to overheat with the possibility of a leak or explosion which could have released toxic vapor over a wide area.

Cooling off locations in West OC

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den Grove) 11962 Bailey St., Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Garden Grove:** Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Dr., Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• **Huntington Beach:** Central Library, 7111 Talbert Ave. Hours may vary. Call (714) 842-4481.

• **Stanton:** Community/Civic Center: 7800 Katella Ave. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• **Westminster:** Senior Center, 8200 Westminster Blvd., Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **Westminster:** Library, 8180 13th St., Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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News&Views

A tale of three cities in town of Westminster

Continuing an effort to create (or revive) venues or facilities that could serve a useful purpose for our cities of coverage, we come to the most complicated community, and that's **Westminster**.

Unlike the other three cities I touched on — Garden Grove, Huntington Beach and Stanton — the things that Westminster needs to move ahead aren't buildings or parks. Westminster's greatest need is to unify its community, or at least move away from the divisions that have hindered its development and the quality of life.

You could say there are three Westminsters instead of one or two. The Vietnamese community is about one-half of the population. The other half is either "white" or Hispanic. This, in and of itself, is not a problem. The challenge comes from the politics that have arisen from another split in the former group.

Many politicians in Westminster from the Vietnamese community base their campaigns on looking toward the past, mainly the conquest of the Republic of (South) Vietnam by Communists in April 1975.

Much campaigning consists of accusing the other side of being somehow sympathetic to Communism. A lot of public activity is devoted to memorials and events related to that lost cause.

I understand the impulse to dwell on past injuries. But the years have moved on. The younger generation of Viet-

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Retorts

Jim Tortolano

Woodbury Park Reopening

Swimming pool, playground and skate spot, etc.

The reopening of Woodbury Park in Garden Grove will be held on Saturday (Aug. 29) starting at 10 a.m.

There will be a demonstration of the new facilities, including a Skate Zone, basketball courts, water aerobics and more. Also, there will be free food and a live disc jockey.

The ribbon-cutting will start at 10 a.m. but the event will continue to 1 p.m.

The park is located at 13800 Rosita Place, northeast of Westminster Avenue and Euclid Street (west of Newhope Street).



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT at the re-opened Woodbury Park in Garden Grove (City of GG photo).

'State of Surf City' on Sept. 10 in HB

The "State of Surf City" event will take place on Thursday, Sept. 10 at Pier Plaza in Huntington Beach, presented by the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Highlighted will be a celebration of community, the showcasing of local businesses and highlighting the city's vision for the future.

A free business and city expo will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Plaza (Pacific Coast Highway and Main Street).

News Briefs

From 5-6 p.m. the State of the City Address will be made, including updates on civic accomplishments, priorities and what's ahead for Huntington Beach.

A VIP & Sponsor Reception will be held at Sandy's Beach Shack from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

GGPD front desk closures

The front desk of the Garden Grove Police Department will be closed from Thursday, Aug. 27 through Tuesday, Sept. 1.

That's to facilitate the "big move" of the GGPD from its headquarters on Acacia Parkway to its new three-story building immediately west, adjacent to Euclid Street.

'Teen Night Out' in Stanton

A "Teen Night Out" is planned for Friday, Sept. 4 at Stanton Central Park from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Themed "Fall Fest," it's intended to be "a night of creativity, new friends and great vibes," and it's free. To register, go to StantonCA.gov/Classes.

History Minute

Colonia Manzanillo in Garden Grove

The Woodbury Park in Garden Grove that's reopening on Saturday is located in an area in the south-central part of the city known as Colonia Manzanillo.

Before Garden Grove was a city, the area developed in the area of Euclid Street and

Westminster Avenue (now Boulevard) as a place for Mexican immigrants employed in farm labor.

Although much housing was denied to them, one enterprising developer built a neighborhood of small houses marketed to the new arrivals, creating Colonia Manzanillo and similar enclaves in the early- and mid-1920's.

One remnant of that heritage is the Bethany Evangelical Church at San Juan Place and La Bonita

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NewsUpdate

Singing Star Dolly Parton Dies at 80

Talents including singing, acting and song-writing

Dolly Parton, an entertainment star whose career spanned country and pop music, films, and more across generations, has died at the age of 80.

According to the Associated Press, she died peacefully Tuesday in Nashville, Tennessee. The cause of death was revealed to be cancer.

Known as well for her “curvy” figure, colorful costumes and flamboyant hair styles, she was a philanthropist and business leader as well, best-known for her creation of the “Dollywood” theme park.

Her first major hit was “Jolene”



DOLLY PARTON died Tuesday at the age of 80 (Wikipedia).

in 1973, and she followed that up with “I Will Always Love You” in 1974 and “Here You Come Again.” She could cross over into mainstream pop mu-

sic with songs like “Islands in the Stream,” a duet with Kenny Rogers, a song written by the Gibb Brothers, who were the Bee Gees singing group.

Her movie credits included “9 to 5” (also a hit record) and “Best Little Whorehouse in Texas” and “Steel Magnolias.”

Canadian government will reply with tariffs on U.S.

In response to tariffs imposed on Canadian goods by President Donald Trump, the Canadian government responded Tuesday with its own set of levies on American products.

Starting on Sept. 8, America’s northern neighbor will begin collecting tariffs ranging from 15 to 50 percent on products ranging from metals such as steel and aluminum and also clothing, for-

estry and electronics, according to The New York Times.

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said that Canadian tariffs would match those from America “dollar by dollar” while conceding that they will “raise costs and reduce choices for Canadians.

The exchange of tariffs came after the collapse of trade talks between the two nations, especially on automobiles and appliances.

Weather: Heat wave should continue through Saturday

The hot weather is expected to continue in our West Orange County cities right through the weekend. The forecast for Wednesday is for mostly sunny skies with a daytime high of 94 and an overnight low of 74.

Thursday is expected to be mostly cloudy with a high of 91 and a low of 74. Friday will heat up a few degrees to 94 (74) and mostly cloudy. Saturday is expected to drop slightly to 92 (71) and mostly sunny.

Dangers of tackle football underlined in new study

A study released on Tuesday claims that almost one in four former NFL players who died between 2021 and 2026 had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a condition associated with concussions.

United Press International’s report indicated that the study by several New England hospitals and medical schools “is a sobering reminder that football carries real risk, and those risks can

have lasting consequences for players and their families,” the NFL Players Association said in a statement.

Concern over brain damage from violent tackles and blocks is believed to have reduced the number of young people competing in tackle football in high school and helped spur the popularity of flag football, which bans tackling and most forms of blocking.

Great Thoughts

“A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.”

– Josh Billings

“Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love, They depart to teach us about loss, A new dog never replaces an old dog, it merely expands the heart.”

– Unknown

“Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.”

– Roger Caras.

Arts&Living

Existential Horror in 'It Ends'

A film for those people 'going through stuff'

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

Every generation deserves its own postgrad malaise movie. Not every attempt is going to be "The Graduate" or "Frances Ha," but even when they're mediocre, they're also often a pure expression from a young filmmaker about what their contemporaries are feeling at that exact moment.

Though the details may change — the clothes, the hairstyles, the gadgets, the soundtrack — the vibe kind of stays the same even in a high concept horror like "It Ends," in which four friends find themselves on an endless road to nowhere. It's kind of reassuring, unlike, say, the encroaching doom of adulthood.

"It Ends" was written and directed by Alexander Ullom, who graduated from college during the pandemic and is open about how he struggled with dissociative depression. You don't need to know this to watch the film, but it makes sense once you've met James (Phinehas Yoon). He's the rational and inquisitive one whose seen-it-all-already jadedness about his future is its own kind of poison.

Somehow, however, he hasn't alienated his high school friends. They still like him enough to help him move into his new apartment (which is, by all accounts, super depressing). We meet them as they all cram into a white Jeep Cherokee to find some food. Tyler (Mitchell Cole) is driving, and Fisher (Noah Toth) is leading a spirited discussion about which animals they'd pick to defend them (10,000 rats, 50 hawks, one man with a gun, or five gorillas etc., etc.). It was, apparently, a popular meme for a time.

Day (Akira Jackson) is navigating with her phone's maps app and wondering whether she could choose gorillas trained to use guns



GROWING UP can be scary in "It Ends" (Neon).

Movie Review

as a loophole.

Tyler is the outlier in this group, the one who didn't go to college. He went into the military and has been working for some time in HVAC. He's even talking about wanting to get married sooner rather than later. And he's the only one with a discernable Southern accent (they're apparently in Florida).

The others are all just out of college and really feeling it. Day is ambling around on job search sites, trying to put her graphic design degree to work. James has an entry level engineering job and his future all mapped out (although the way he describes his inevitable life in a Midwestern city in which he's married with kids and making six figures sounds like a death sentence). He'd rather, he says, be in a medically induced coma hooked up to "oxy serotonin" cocktails.

Personally, I prefer Noah Baumbach's line from "Kicking and Screaming" about wishing they were just retiring after a lifetime of hard work to the drugged out coma thought, but I long ago aged

out of the postgrad demo.

Is it believable that these four would have stayed friends in high school and beyond? Not really, especially Tyler. But there needs to be a few different types to handle their new predicament of seemingly being stuck forever on a country road in this Jeep.

Some hope in vain for a way out. Some are content to pass the time as happily and aimlessly as they can (learn dances, tell jokes, scream sometimes). James just wants to understand. And then there's the question of the zombie-

Good ★ ★ ★

like people in the woods who attack when they stop for more than 90 seconds, which is good for a few jump scares. The metaphors might not be especially subtle, but the film does have a kind of hypnotic appeal.

With its minimalist approach, "It Ends" almost feels like a pandemic-era production. It's a neat concept that wears a little thin after a while, but it's a movie that shows

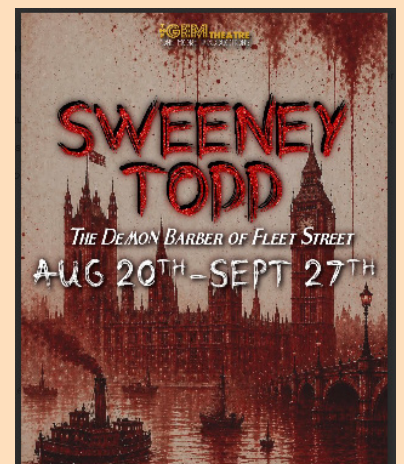
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'Sweeney Todd' now at the Gem

One of Stephen Sondheim's "sharpest" musicals is at Garden Grove's Gem Theatre.

One More Productions is presenting "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" at the theater. It started on Aug. 20 and is running through Sept. 27.

"Sweeney" is directed by Damien Lorton.



TheSportsPages

Losing may not always mean losing out now

The Stretch Dept.: The most interesting race in Major League Baseball actually has two contests going on at the same time. We're talking about the American League West, with all five teams posting losing records as the week begins.

Three teams — the Houston Astros, Texas Rangers and Seattle Mariners — are in the hunt for a division title—and/or possibly — a wild card berth.

The other two teams — the Angels and Athletics — are struggling to stay out of last place.

All five finished in basically the same situation last year, with the Mariners getting first and the Angels finishing in last. History, it seems, tends to repeat itself.



Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

This year, there are credible races in five of the six MLB divisions. The closest is the AL West which — as of Tuesday morning — had four teams with losing records (and one at .500).

But losing doesn't necessarily mean losing out of the playoffs. As of Monday morning, the Cleveland Indians, Rangers and Astros were all tied for an American League wild card spot with 65-66 records.

Otherwise, the other chases involve the leader with edges of three (Tampa Bay), 3.5 (Chicago White Sox), three (Atlanta Braves) and six (Milwaukee Brewers).

The Dodgers started the week with a nine-game lead over the San Diego Padres. Despite one stretch in which they lost seven games in a row, it's unlikely they'll be so cold and the Padres so hot to make up the difference with September right around the corner.

He's Got the Arm, Legs

Bennett put on a show vs. New Orleans

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer

INGLEWOOD (AP) — Stetson Bennett cleared up the Los Angeles Rams' backup quarterback situation a bit with another solid outing Saturday.

The Saints' competition for the same job is still murky after Zach Wilson and Spencer Rattler couldn't stop New Orleans from getting blanked in the preseason.

Bennett passed for 181 yards and rushed for two TDs while leading the Rams to a 20-point halftime lead, and Alex Cook returned an interception 100 yards for a score as Los Angeles cruised to a 34-0 victory over the Saints.

He is the Rams' presumptive backup to NFL MVP Matthew



STETSON BENNETT passed for 181 yards against the Saints, but it was his running — he rushed for two scores — that impressed Sean McVay (Rams photo).

Stafford this season despite never playing in a regular-season game, but the former University of Georgia star turned in another in his history of strong preseason performances during his four

seasons on the LA roster. He's doing his best to assuage any concerns about entering the season as the top option behind the Rams' 38-year-old leader. "I think (Bennett) is just getting

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Angels lose lead, lose third in row

By Pete Zarustica
Orange County Tribune

The Los Angeles Angels continued to make a practice of losing games in extra innings, with an 8-6 defeat in 10 by the Cleveland Guardians on Tuesday night in Anaheim.

Not only did we Halos once again were unable to hold a lead, the third loss in a row dropped them into a tie with the Athletics (52-81) for fourth place — or last place, depending on your viewpoint — in the American League West.

Home runs by Vaughn Grissom and Christian Moore gave the Halos an early 3-0 lead after two innings. The Guardians got three runs to tie it, but the Angels regained the lead at 5-4.

The score was 6-6 in the 10th when Steven Kwan — who went 5-for-5 with five singles

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	66-66	.500	--	4-6
Texas	66-67	.496	0.5	6-4
Seattle	64-67	.481	2.5	7-3
ANGELS	52-81	.391	15	4-6
Athletics	52-81	.391	15	4-6

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	80-52	.606	--	7-3
San Diego	71-62	.534	9.5	5-5
Arizona	70-63	.526	10.5	5-5
San Fran.	54-78	.406	26	4-6
Colorado	51-81	.386	29	2-8

and a walk — and Bryan Rocchio scored on a double by Jose Ramirez, who had five RBIs.

Mike Trout was 2-for-4 with one walk and a run scored, Grissom, who hit two home runs, was 2-for-5 with three RBIs.

Dodgers fall to the Braves, 4-3

Ozzie Albies' single to center field brought in Matt Olson with what proved to be the winning run in the eighth inning as the Atlanta Braves defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-3 on Tuesday night.

The Braves built an early 3-0 lead, but the Blue Crew clawed back to tie the game up at 3-all by the third inning.

Alex Call and Hunter Feduccia each had two hits for the Dodgers. Starter Tyler Glasnow lasted five innings for LAD., giving up six hits and three earned runs. He struck out seven batters and walked none.

With the loss, the Dodgers are 80-52 and lead the National League West by 9.5 games.

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Argos, Mariners Are At It Again

Rivalry began back in 1966 in the old GGL

The “numbering” of the high school football season can be a little confusing. Last week was Week Zero, but there was a week of action before that. And one school – Edison – had a game the week before. And some West Orange County area schools will be starting this Friday in Week One or Two ... depending on how you count.

At any rate, the action will be this Thursday and Friday. One of the most enduring and interesting contests take place Friday at Bolsa Stadium when Pacifica (1-0) hosts Garden Grove (0-1) in a non-league game.

The rivalry between these two Garden Grove school district

■ Prep Sports Spotlight

schools goes all the way back to 1966 and the establishment of the old Garden Grove League. Even after both teams left the GGL, they still met in early-season clashes.

This time, the Mariners will be the favorite. The M's opened their season with an impressive 27-7 win over Beckman.

Grove (0-1) played another ex-GGL foe (Bolsa Grande), falling behind 23-0 but rallying in the fourth quarter with 12 points for a 23-19 loss.

The M's are led by tight-end turned quarterback Joseph Pham-Ngoy, who rushed for two of the team's three touchdowns. The Argonauts feature their second-year quarterback Calvin Keovphan, who completed 11 of 26 passes for 122 yards and one touchdown.



GARDEN GROVE (in red) and Pacifica fought an epic battle in 2025 at SoFi Stadium. Mariners won 28-21 (GGUSD photo).

Here's the lineup for this week's area high school football. Times, locations, etc. may change.

THURSDAY

- Los Alamitos (0-1) at Huntington Beach (1-0)
- El Toro (1-0) at Marina (0-1)
- Western (0-1) at Villa Park (1-0)

FRIDAY

- Bolsa Grande (1-0) at University (1-0)

- Garden Grove (0-1) at Pacifica (1-0)
- Los Amigos (0-0) at Pioneer (0-1)
- Magnolia (0-1) at Compton Early College (0-1)
- Orange (1-0) at Laguna Beach (0-1)
- Rancho Alamitos (0-0) at Gordiner (0-1)
- Buena Park (0-1) at Westminster (1-0).

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Stetson wearing Rams' QB hat now?

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better and better, and part of it is just the overall command," Rams coach Sean McVay said. "I thought he made some really good decisions, he got through some progressions, and then I loved that he used his legs." Indeed, Bennett dived to the pylon for the Rams' first touchdown, and he scored again on an alert scramble in the second quarter. He went 19 of 31 and led four substantial scoring drives while playing the entire first half for the Rams (2-0). "We did good things on offense," Bennett said. "I feel

more comfortable out there than in years prior. ... They're constantly reminding me, especially in practice in the red zone, that if (a throw) is not there, then take off and run. I had that in my mind on the two scores. It was fun."

Ty Simpson finally got on the field for LA midway through the third quarter and went 8 of 12 for 73 yards, although he didn't get

the same chance to perform as he did while looking sharp last week in Kansas City.

The Saints didn't play their presumptive starters for the second straight preseason game after spending the past week training on the West Coast with two joint practices, while the Rams continued McVay's decade-long tradition of resting every key player possible for the entire preseason.

Rattler led the Saints deep into Rams territory again, but impressive undrafted Rams rookie linebacker Wesley Bailey forced a fumble.

The Saints finish their preseason Friday with a visit to the Cowboys less than two weeks after their brawl-filled joint practice that led to \$500,000 fines for each team. The Rams stay at SoFi as the road team against the Chargers on Thursday.

Movie review: 'It Ends'

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promise not only in Ullom's ability to create a sustained, ominous mood, but in his eye for casting a group of talented and essentially unknown actors.

Ullom's bio says that he "makes films for anyone going through stuff."

And Gen Z, like all the generations before them and all the generations after, are certainly in the

thick of "going through stuff." Maybe "It Ends" is just what they need.

"It Ends," a Neon release in New York and Los Angeles on Friday and nationwide Aug. 28, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for "pervasive language." Running time: 89 minutes.

Retorts: Westminster needs

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name-Americans has been "Americanized" to a certain extent and see Vietnam not so much as the fortress of the enemy as it is a place to visit and enjoy for recreation.

Thus you have a split in political and social interests based on generations, as well as a split between rival political factions as represented in part by the downfall of Andrew Do, the Orange County Supervisor now in prison.

Westminster has serious financial problems. It has a very low property tax rate and a widespread practice of "cash only" businesses that deprives the city of perhaps millions in sales tax.

The new Bolsa Pacific project replacing Westminster Mall

will help, but it's still years away and not a total solution.

It's a city that can benefit more from getting together than any one project. "E pluribus unum" is America's motto, meaning, "out of many one."

People wanting to lead Westminster going forward could take that to heart as well.

History Minute

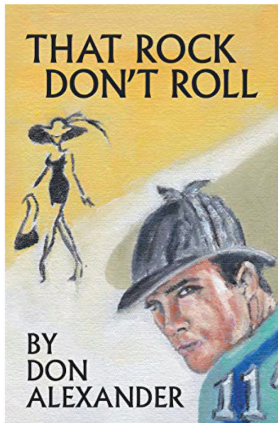
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Street.

Mexican pupils from that area were required to attend a "Mexican" school until racial segregation in public schools in California was banned by the Mendez vs. Westminster case in 1947.

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