

# ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

## Record breakers in Villa Park, buddies in Fullerton and singers, Bravo!

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**A league first:** No all-star team in **Villa Park Little League's** 52-year history advanced as far in the postseason as this year's Majors Division team.

After winning district and section championships last month, the city's boys of summer won three division tournament games in Palmdale to advance to the double-elimination championship series.

There, Villa Park lost to Redondo Beach Little League, 5-4 and 13-4.

Coached by **Don Vogel, Erik Scott** and **Alan Burke**, the team was Orange County's last representative in California's Majors Division.

Meet the players: **Benny Vogel, Tim Everett, Brendon Conway, Britton Beeson, Gavin Grahovac, Nikolas Flores, Jake Horwich, Jackson Christie, Leo Helzer, Jack Burke, Riley Scott** and **Gavin**

**Rossi.**

"They set the bar higher for our league," league President **Matt Hendren** wrote on Facebook.

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**Flourishing friendship:** In June, **Fullerton** teenager **Jorge Calderon** represented Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County at the 20th annual Stars and Stripes Tournament in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Calderon and mentor **Michael Keyser** participated in the event's four-day fishing, golf and music fundraiser, which received \$3 million in donations for child charities in Orange County and in Mexico.

"We were just walking around pinching ourselves," Keyser said of the trip. "What was fun about it was being immersed in the scene of people who care about the Orange County community."

"A once in a lifetime experience," he called it. "Everybody deserves time off, but it was nice to see Jorge get that."

Calderon and Keyser, 30, met through Big Brothers Big Sisters in August 2012 and bonded over a common love of cars, video games and sports.

They remain close, Keyser saying Calderon regularly asks him for advice on school and how to help his family.

"No one in this world will ever be a role model to me like Mike," Calderon wrote in a letter.

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**Rock the mic:** Four locals recently earned spots in September's KaraokeFest Creme de la Tributes and Creme de la Kids finals.

**Baylee McCormack**, 7, and **Kylee McCormack**, 13, of **Anaheim** qualified for the kids event by singing Bruno Mars' "Uptown Funk" and Death Cab for Cutie's "I Will Follow You Into The Dark," respectively.

To earn spots in the tributes competition, **Brea's Ken Elsner** impersonated Boy George for a performance of "Miss Me Blind," while **Orange's Robert Dixon** channeled Johnny Cash for "Folsom Prison Blues."

KaraokeFest is scheduled for Sept. 17 at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona.

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