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Dallas win sends Ducks home to defend their title

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Race cars zoom and Elton John croons, among other weekend events

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# ROAD WORK BRINGS PROGRESS, PAIN



CHRISTINA HOUSE, FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

**SLOW GOING:** Drivers cautiously make their way on a one-lane passage through a construction area on Ortega Highway.

Ortega Highway upgrade, tough on drivers and businesses, is more than half-finished.

One year after construction work began on a perilous stretch of Ortega Highway, transportation officials say work is on schedule despite months of traffic delays on a key link between Orange and Riverside counties. Officials are widening and buffering a winding 3.3-mile stretch of mountain road that has claimed the lives of at least 10 people since 2001. While many are happy to see safety improvements on Ortega, the work has proved challenging to commuters, who face lines of vehicles waiting to traverse construction zones, and to nearby business owners, who say their revenue has dwindled.

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**ON TV:** Take a video journey along Ortega Highway today on Daybreak OC, 6-8 a.m. on KDOC-TV.

### ORTEGA FACTS

**10**

People killed in accidents on the road since 2001

**\$40 million**

Cost of the improvement project

**2.4 miles**

Of the roadway widened so far

**24 feet**

Width of the redone stretch

**14**

Retaining walls built so far, of 18 in the project

### THE MORNING READ

## Photographer shoots what she never saw

Abandoned as a child, Anamaria Brandt captures mothers and babies.

By **LORI BASHEDA**  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER



ROSE PALMISANO, THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

**NO IMAGE:** Although she knew her, Anamaria Brandt still can't picture her birth mother.

## Prosecutors say they had no case with jailers

Deputies were suspected of setting up an inmate to be killed. Others were accused of lying. Supervisors were investigated for falsifying documents.

But after a nine-month investigation, no one in a uniform was charged. That fact caused some to speculate that the District Attorney's Office was giving a pass to its law enforcement allies.

Not so, insists District Attorney Tony Rackauckas.

"We did absolutely everything we could," he said. "But at the end of the investigation, there was insufficient evidence to support any charges against sheriff's officials."

Prosecutors explain why they believed they couldn't file charges against sheriff's personnel on **News 15**.

**6** must-read stories you'll find inside today's paper

## POPE CHALLENGES CHURCH, NATION

Pope Benedict XVI spoke to 45,000 worshippers Thursday, telling them that the church - and society - must overcome polarization, alienation and violence. The Rev. Gerald Horan, the head of learning for the Diocese of Orange, appreciated the message about Catholic schools. **News 4, 6**



## AL-QAIDA BATTLE CRITICIZED

The Bush administration lacks a comprehensive strategy for eliminating Osama bin Laden's sanctuary, the congressional Government Accountability Office said in a report. **News 4**

## AUTO INDUSTRY'S BAD SIGNS

Spending on vehicle maintenance in 2007 was down nearly 4 percent in Orange County, and spending on auto advertising was down 10 percent compared with 2006. **Marketplace on News 17**

## APARTMENT VACANCIES RISE

Vacancies in the county's largest apartment complexes rose in the first three months of the year to levels last seen in 1995. **Marketplace on News 17**

## DRIVERS SEE MORE OFFICERS

CHP officers swarmed a 15-mile stretch of I-5 in an effort to slow traffic and put a dent in traffic accidents. **Local 1**

## DODGERS' MOVE LED TO CHANGE

Fifty years ago today, Walter O'Malley moved the Dodgers to Los Angeles, taking the nation and its pastime on a long ride. **Sports 1**

**3** things to watch today on Daybreak OC

- The artist Wyland talks about his new documentary - live in studio.
- A new study shows people are happier as they get older.
- A therapist live in studio explains why some people are drawn to sex clubs.

### WATCH US

Daybreak OC airs from 6-8 a.m. Mondays through Fridays on KDOC-TV.



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