

HE'S FEELING BLUE



The Sunken Gardens in the Westminster Civic Center was turned into a free outdoor theater on Thursday evening when the city screened the Disney movie "Lilo and Stitch." That's Stitch above. Next week will see "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem" (Orange County Tribune photo).

STANTON CITY COUNCIL

Mixed-use liquor sale ordinance considered

Mixed-use development projects – which combine residential, retail and commercial uses in one area or even one building – are becoming increasingly popular.

But typically, zoning codes don't allow the sale of alcohol in areas where residences are constructed. To deal with this issue, the Stanton City Council on Tuesday will consider an ordinance amending the code and setting stan-

dards for alcohol sale in those locations.

Consideration of the ordinance comes after the city received a request to build a "high-end" neighborhood market in a mixed-use area.

Also on the agenda are:

- extension of a previously-approved urgency ordinance declaring a moratorium on the establishment of new medical services facilities as well as expan-

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Pedestrian hit, killed by auto

A pedestrian was fatally injured when struck by an automobile late Wednesday night in Garden Grove.

According to Traffic Investigator John Yergler of the GGGPD, the incident took place in the 14300 block of Brookhurst Street (near 13th Street) and was reported to police at around 11:16 p.m.

When officers arrived, they found a pedestrian lying in the roadway,

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ELECTION 2024

Campaigns Are Underway for Local Offices

The deadline to submit finished papers: Aug. 9

The campaign for local offices in our West Orange County area in the Nov. 5 election began on Monday as candidates began taking out nomination papers to run for city council and school board seats.

This list is just the beginning; according to city clerk's offices and the Orange County Registrar of Voters, none of those who have taken out those documents have returned completed forms as of this writing. The deadline to return completed nomina-

tion papers is Aug. 9.

The Tribune will update this list periodically.

Garden Grove Unified School District

District 3: Walter Muneton (incumbent); District 5: Dina Nguyen (incumbent).

Garden Grove City Council (mayor and two seats)

Mayor: Phat Bui, John O'Neill, Stephanie Klopfenstein, Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen, Musaab Mughal.

District 2: Philip Nguyen.

District 5: Ariana Arestegui, Yesenia Muneton, Douglas Nelson, James Mack.

Huntington Beach City

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GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

35 three-story condos approved on Buaro St.

Approval of a site plan and tentative tract by the Garden Grove Planning Commission clears the way – probably – for the construction of a 35-unit, three-story condominium complex on Buaro Street.

On Thursday, the commission – with three mem-

bers absent – voted 4-0 in favor of the project to be constructed on a 1.4-acre lot at 12701 Buaro St., between Lampson Avenue and Harbor Boulevard.

Unless someone appeals the decision of the panel to the city council the project can proceed.

Election campaigns start

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Council (three seats)

Amory Hanson
Natalie Moser (incumbent)
Don Kennedy
"Butch" Edward Twining
Cody Cleary
Marissa Jackson
Shaun Kirby

Huntington Beach City Clerk

Lisa Lane Barnes
Huntington Beach City School District
Area 3: Susan Henry.
Huntington Beach Union High School District
Area 1: Brian Burley.

Stanton City Council preview

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sion, enlarging or altering any such existing enterprises. The extension would add 10 months and 15 days to the moratorium in addition to the original 45 days of the ordinance.

- consideration of a social host ordinance that would hold hosts of events responsible for the conduct of their guests.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center, 7800 Katella Ave.

Pedestrian death in G. Grove

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with the involved vehicle – a 2022 Toyota Sienna – parked in a nearby parking lot.

The driver – identified as a 58-year-old Santa Ana woman – remained at the scene and cooperated with the investigation. Neither drugs or alcohol are believed to be a factor in the collision.

Orange County Fire Authority personnel responded to the scene and the pedestrian was declared deceased.

The cause of the incident is under investigation.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident, has any information pertaining to the investigation or has video footage of the collision is asked to contact Investigator Yergler by phone at (714) 741-5772 or by e-mail at johny@ggpd.org. retail.

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is that one of the main reasons than teenagers didn't – and still don't – get enough sleep is they are up all night texting or listening to music their parents hate, or fuming about how no one understands how awful their lives are, or all of the above.

Conclusion: You could move the school day to noon, and many young pupils would still stumble into class yawning. I know, because I was a college professor for 35 years and the worst enemies of such scholars were the minimum wage and alarm clocks.

There is a silver living in all this. The school year ends earlier and because the school day is longer, money has been found to provide electric lighting to football, baseball, softball, soccer. etc. fields because the school day – including practices and such – ends later having started later. So, in the spirit of all this, here's an early "Happy Back to School and ZZZZZZZZ."

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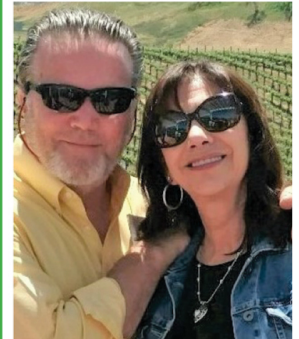
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News & Views

Traveling back and forth in school time

If I search to isolate the one thing I find weird about the 21st century, it's not COVID, streaming video, Vladimir Putin or bit-coin, it's got to be the fact that school is starting earlier and later at the same time.

Let me explain. In the dark ages of the 20th century, the beginning of the public school year

always was after Labor Day. Well, actually it started the day after Admission Day, which we all thought that meant the



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day we were admitted to school when indeed it meant when California became a state in 1851, the same year Joe Biden graduated from high school.

In my neighborhood, the first day of class will now be Aug. 12, almost a month earlier than it had been before. The change had something to do with schools back east taking college aptitude tests earlier than we did here, thus potentially putting our scholars at a disadvantage in taking SAT, ACT, PCP, NHL and NWA exams.

Way back when, mid-August was when your mom forced you to go shopping with her to buy back-to-school clothes, depriving you of a) more time goofing off and b) getting stylish clothing.

The other change is that the school day starts later, in some cases as late as 8:30 or 9 a.m. Some scientists – who clearly had not ever been teenagers – concluded that since adolescents need more sleep than fully-formed humans they suffered from having to get up that early.

Of course, the irony in that

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FAREWELL TO EMILY



Emily Nguyen (with plaque) was honored at Tuesday night's meeting of the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education for her service as student representative to the board for the 2023-24 school year. A graduate of La Quinta High School, she will attend California State University, Long Beach in the fall where she will major in biology with the goal of becoming a physician's assistant. She is pictured above with school board members and Superintendent Gabriela Mafi (GGUSD photo)

Investigation underway in officer-involved shooting

An investigation is underway into a police-involved shooting in Huntington Beach late Tuesday night.

According to the HBPD, officers responded to a call for service around 11 p.m. near the intersection of Goldenwest Street and Heil Avenue.

Upon their arrival, officers encountered a person identified only as an "adult male." An offi-

cer-involved shooting took place and the man was taken to a local hospital for treatment. There were no injuries to police or bystanders.

As is protocol, the Orange County Sheriff's Department is conducting the investigation. Anyone with information that could assist the investigation is asked to call Orange County Crime Stoppers at 1-855-TIP-CCCS.

Open House on Tuesday on Civic Center revitalization

Interested in learning more about the Civic Center Revitalization Project and having your say?

An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23 from 6-7 p.m. at Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St.

The project involves building a new three-story police facility at Acacia Parkway and Euclid Street and an attached parking structure.

Also included in the project is a new park nearby to replace some of the open space in the existing Civic Center Park repurposed for the police facility.

New principal at Marina HS this autumn

Tim Floyd is the new principal at Marina High School in Huntington Beach. Marina is part of the Huntington Beach Union High School District, which serves all of Huntington Beach and portions of Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Midway City and Westminster.

Floyd enters his new role at MHS with 16 years of experience within HBUHSD, nine of which were spent as an assistant principal at three different schools.

In 2008, Floyd began his educational career as a teacher at Edison High School before moving into a leadership role within Edison's administration in 2015 where he oversaw supervision.

He then transitioned to Huntington Beach High School where he became the assistant principal of guidance and curriculum and instruction from 2015-2021. At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, Floyd stepped into the assistant principal of guidance role at MHS.

"I am grateful to have called Marina home for the past three years," said Floyd, "and I am honored and excited to step into the role of principal."

"I'm inspired by the incredible energy and limitless talent of our students and staff, and I'm excited to build on Marina's tradition of excellence. Together, we will embrace new ideas, foster creativity and innovation, and empower our students to make a difference in the world."



TIM FLOYD
Marina principal (HBUHSD photo).

NewsUpdate

'Faulty Update' Leads to Havoc

Airlines, banks, even Starbucks affected by 'bug'

What's being called a "faulty update" to computers running the Microsoft Windows operating system dealt a powerful blow to airlines, financial institutions, news organizations and more on Friday.

The cause was CrowdStrike, a cybersecurity system that –ironically – imitated the very kind of commuter attack it is employed to prevent.

Mac and Linux systems were not affected.

Airlines grounded flights. Banks were – in some cases – unable to process payments. Some news



CLOUDSTRIKE LOGO

TV stations in Australia were knocked off the air, Starbucks customers ran into trouble try-

ing to order coffee and some 911 emergency call systems were affected.

A fix is on the way, CrowdStrike has announced.

Biden stands firm, but Democrats are nervous

President Joe Biden is standing firm – at least publicly – on his vow to press on in his re-election campaign while the calls for him to drop out from within his party grow.

Biden has plans to resume his travels to speak on his response to Republican nominee Donald Trump's speech Thursday to the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.

Polls show that up to 70 percent of Democrats surveyed wanted Biden to yield. At least three dozen members of his par-

ty in Congress have spoken up in favor of him quitting the race. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) is the latest, saying "I think the president should end his campaign."

While most polls show a close race, state polls at present show Trump leading in most "swing states," indicating that even if Biden were to win the popular vote – as Hillary Clinton did in 2016 – he would be at a disadvantage in the Electoral College, which actually selects the president and vice president.



DISNEYLAND (Wikipedia photo).

Disney workers vote on strike

Union workers in "The Happiest Place on Earth" are voting today (Friday) on whether to strike at Disneyland in Anaheim.

The results of the balloting will be announced on Saturday.

About 9,500 employees are represented by labor unions at the Disneyland Resort, working in a wide variety of occupations from food service to ride operations to security.

The contract under which they had worked expired on June 16, and Disney workers have complained that their wages and salaries aren't sufficient to pay the bills in Orange County and Southern California where housing costs are particularly high.

Wages at Disneyland now start at \$19.90 per hour. The last strike was in 1984 and lasted 22 days.

You don't need a weatherman

The coming weekend and what follows will be consistent with partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the mid-80s for our West Orange County cities.

Saturday will have a daytime high of 86 (low of 67) and the days that follow – Sunday through Tuesday – will be 84 (67 or 68). The chance of some rain won't exceed 5 percent.

Arts & Living

'Skywalkers:' Love on the Skyline

Daredevils from Russia promote as they emote

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

The force is not strong in "Skywalkers: A Love Story," a shallow "Man on Wire" for social media influencers about a pair of Russian daredevils who stealthily scale urban heights to attain the precious treasure of a much-liked Instagram post.

There's a novel thrill to the high-wire relationship of Angela Nikolau and Ivan Beerkus, a Moscow couple who squabble atop skyscraper spires the way others might at the grocery store check-out line. But in this polished, self-promotional documentary, few of their interactions don't feel self-consciously calculated for public consumption.

"Skywalkers: A Love Story," which debuts on Friday on Netflix, comes with an ominous warning: "This film contains extremely dangerous and illegal activities. Do not attempt to imitate."

The same, of course, could have been said before the worm riding of "Dune: Part Two" or much of what transpires in "Cocaine Bear." But in the case of "Skywalkers: A Love Story," the caution label feels warranted. Nikolau and Beerkus each have backgrounds in athletics (Nikolau was an acrobat). But not much makes them "rooftoppers" besides that one day that started climbing cranes and haven't looked back since.

"Skywalkers," directed by Jeff Zimbalist and co-directed by Maria Bukhonina, follows Nikolau and Beerkus through a relationship that begins with an invite to climb something in China. Beerkus, the more experienced of the two, is looking



"SKYWALKERS: A LOVE STORY" from Russia (Netflix).

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for a new angle to appeal to his sponsors. As they continue to travel the world together, their social-media fame grows.

Soon, they're in love, too, and their photos kissing perched high on skylines only help their viral numbers. They claim to aspire to "art," but the images they create look more like screensavers.

Along the way, they've learned some helpful tips. Never to stay on top for more than 15 minutes — a lesson they picked up after their lingering atop Notre Dame caused a commotion.

Mostly, they sneak into sites that are under construction by posing as workers. The way up can be tricky. On the way down, they notice, no one ever asks

them questions.

The big mission that bookends "Skywalkers" is their attempt to rooftop Malaysia's Merdeka super-skyscraper, which proves to be an especially daunting task. In that way, the movie is similarly structured to a host of other documentaries, especially James Marsh's "Man on Wire," about Philippe Petit's high wire stunt between the Twin Towers in 1974.

But "Skywalkers" bears none of the romance of "Man on Wire," a film as much about its poignant location as its daredevil protagonist. We never get a much deeper sense of either Nikolau or Beerkus, either; even their most personal interactions feel scripted.

There's also something a touch less poetic about their day-to-day enterprise: auctioning an NFT in Kuala Lumpur or trying to get "a

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drone guy" on the phone. For more modern majesty at great heights, you'd be better off returning to Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi and Jimmy Chin's "Free Solo," about Alex Honnold's climb of El Capitan in Yosemite.

Just as Petit was compelled by his passion for the Twin Towers, Honnold's motivation came out of reverence for El Capitan. Insane as their climbs might be, you couldn't doubt their genuine fervor. The object of real adore in "Skywalkers," though, might be a selfie stick.

"Skywalkers: A Love Story," a Netflix release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for language. Running time: 100 minutes.

TheSportsPages

July hasn't been kind to Dodgers; so what's next?

The Los Angeles Dodgers had a great All-Star week.

The Blue Crew sent six players to the National League squad. Shohei Ohtani hit a three-run home run that accounted for all the NL team scored in a 5-3 loss, and Teo Hernandez won the Home Run Derby.

But July has not been a good month for them. They won just four games out of 12 for a .333 winning percentage.

That's not even as good as the



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Los Angeles Angels, who won five of 13 for a .345 stat.

If not for the weakness in the rest of the NLW, the Dodgers would probably be in for a bit of a race for the division title if they can't turn things around.

There are times when the offense unexpectedly seems to flip the "off switch," but the real problem seems to lie with their pitching.

In four of their eight losses, they gave up nine or more runs; not a path to success. Injuries to Max Muncy and Mookie Betts have contributed to the stuttering in the power plant.

Out with injuries have been Tyler Glasnow, Yoshinobu Yamamoto, and Clayton Kershaw. Three of four current healthy starters are rookies, which speaks well for the future but perhaps not so well for the present situation.

As the weather gets hotter in the second half of the season, even uninjured players sometimes lose a step. So despite their seven-game lead in the division race, nothing is certain yet. Stay tuned.

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WITH THE NFL season right around the corner – sort of – there are several players that will face opportunities to bounce back in a new place, or simply demonstrate that last season's success was not a fluke. Aaron Rodgers tops the list (Wikipedia).

Something Still to Prove

Rodgers played a series in 2023; can he recover?

By Dennis Waszck
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Rodgers knows all eyes are on him. That's nothing new for the four-time NFL MVP.

But the 40-year-old New York

Jets quarterback enters this season, his 20th in the league, with plenty to prove after missing all but four snaps last year because of a torn Achilles tendon.

"I think if I don't do what I know I'm capable of doing, we're all probably going to be out of here," Rodgers said of the lofty expectations on him and the Jets, who are trying to end the NFL's longest active playoff drought at 13 seasons.

"I like that kind of pressure, though," he said. "It's a tough

market to play in, it's not for everybody. I relish that opportunity, but that's the way the NFL is."

He certainly isn't alone in the spotlight as training camps open.

Pittsburgh's Russell Wilson, San Francisco's Christian McCaffrey, Cleveland's Deshaun Watson, Jacksonville's Trevor Lawrence and Philadelphia's Saquon Barkley are among a handful of NFL stars with some-

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Dodgers slam; Angels slammed

The Los Angeles Dodgers and the Los Angeles Angels started the "second half" of the 2024 Major League Baseball season in very different fashions.

Trailing 1-0 going into the bottom of the eighth inning, the Dodgers got a grand slam home run from Freddie Freeman to lift the team to a 4-1 win over the Boston Red Sox at home.

Jarren Duran's solo home run in the top of the fifth inning was

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the only run of the game until Freeman's mighty blow, scoring Shohei Ohtani, Miguel Vargas and Will Smith.

Gavin Stone pitched well, yielding six hits and one run over five innings. He struck out three and walked none.

The Dodgers are 57-41, still first

in the National League West.

The Oakland A's continued their mastery of the Angels with a 13-3 shellacking of the OC team. They broke open a 6-3 game with seven runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The A's tagged five Angels' pitchers for 14 hits, including three home runs. The Angels had nine hits, including homers by Zach Neto (his 13th) and Nolan Schanuel (ninth).

NFL players with something to prove in '24

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thing to prove because of injuries, mediocre play or needing to justify big contracts.

Aaron Rodgers, QB, Jets

Rodgers' much-hyped arrival in the Big Apple quickly went sour when he was injured in the season opener and New York couldn't recover. He was

in the headlines again this off-season when he was mentioned as a potential running mate for Robert Kennedy Jr. and when he skipped mandatory minicamp to go on a previously planned trip to Egypt.

But he'll get another chance to turn around the franchise's fortunes — and perhaps save the jobs of coach Robert Saleh and general manager Joe Douglas in the process.

All McCaffrey has done in his first seven NFL seasons is prove himself, overcoming a few injuries along the way to establish himself as perhaps the league's most dynamic player. But last season's AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year reset the market for running backs this offseason by signing a record-setting contract extension worth

\$38 million over two years and will be featured on the cover of EA Sports Madden NFL 25. The 28-year-old McCaffrey will have to keep playing at that level as the 49ers seek a Super Bowl return.

Deshaun Watson, QB, Browns

After being acquired from

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Russell Wilson, QB, Steelers

Wilson went from being a touchdown-tossing machine during his 10 seasons in Seattle, where he helped the Seahawks win a Super Bowl, to an underwhelming two-year stint in Denver.

The 35-year-old QB was released by the Broncos in March after looking like a shell of his playmaking self, signed with the Steelers for the veteran minimum of \$1.2 million and will have to beat out Justin Fields for the starting gig.

Christian McCaffrey, RB, 49ers

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Local lad leaves LA

Russell Westbrook is about as local – to SoCal, I mean – as you can get as a pro athlete. Hailing from Lawndale, he played college basketball at UCLA, where he starred on Bruin teams that advanced to the Final Four twice.

After NBA tours of duty in Oklahoma and Washington, he played with the Lakers for two

years, then shifted to the Clippers the year after. They traded him to the Utah Jazz, who are reportedly going to send him along to the Denver Nuggets.

To those who don't really follow pro basketball but to whom the name sounds familiar, here's the connection: he owned and put his name on the Hyundai dealership in Garden Grove at Trask Avenue and Brookhurst Street. So, *that's* who that was.



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Houston and getting a five-year, fully guaranteed \$230 million deal from Cleveland in 2022, Watson has made just 12 starts. He was suspended by the NFL for 11 games in 2022 for violating the personal conduct policy after being accused of sexual assault and harassment by two dozen women.

He missed 11 games last season after breaking a bone in his right shoulder. Joe Flacco became a fan favorite while leading Cleveland to the playoffs and Watson will be expected to do at least that this season.

Trevor Lawrence, QB, Jaguars

The 2021 No. 1 overall pick got a five-year, \$275 million

contract extension last month that includes \$142 million guaranteed and a \$37.5 million signing bonus — making him one of the highest-paid quarterbacks in NFL history. While Lawrence insisted his new deal doesn't add pressure, he'll need to continue to make significant progress on the field while trying to lead the Jaguars back into the playoffs after narrowly missing out last season.

Saquon Barkley, RB, Eagles

A two-year contract dispute ended with Barkley leaving the Giants and heading to the NFC East-rival Eagles on a three-year, \$37.75 million deal. The dynamic playmaker can dominate when healthy, but that has been an issue in recent seasons. Barkley will get a chance to prove he's still a top running back in the Eagles' Jalen Hurts-led offense. And he'll get to face the Giants twice a season.

Daniel Jones, QB, Giants

Speaking of the Giants, the quarterback they hoped would be the face of their franchise heads into the season with lots of uncertainty. Jones has shown flashes of what made him the No. 6 overall pick in 2019, prompting New York to give him a four-year, \$160 million contract extension in the 2023 offseason. But a neck injury and a torn ACL limited him to six games. GM Joe Schoen said on a recent episode of HBO's "Hard Knocks" that "this is the year" for Jones to show whether he's the Giants' long-term solution.

Tee Higgins, WR, Bengals

After failing to reach an agreement on a contract extension, Higgins is set to play this season on the \$21.8 million franchise tag he signed last month. He'll now try to set the market for himself for next offseason

in free agency. But he'll have to bounce back from an injury-plagued 2023, when he had 42 catches for 656 yards and five TDs in 12 games — all career lows.

Chase Young, DE, Saints

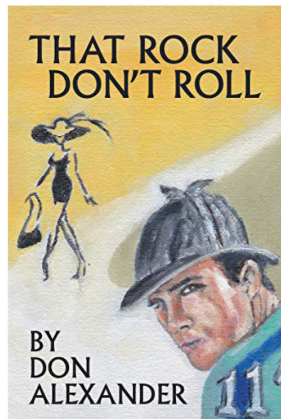
The 2020 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year while with Washington hasn't developed into a consisting game-altering player, with injuries playing a large part. The Saints are his third team in his five NFL seasons, including a nine-game stint last season with the 49ers after a midseason deal. Young, who had offseason neck surgery, will be counted on to boost New Orleans' pass rush after signing a one-year deal.

Tua Tagovailoa, QB, Dolphins

Tagovailoa could play this season on the final year of his rookie deal after the QB said last month he was "antsy" about getting a new contract done. He led the NFL with 4,624 yards passing last season, bouncing back from two concussions that cut short his 2022 campaign. But he might need another prove-it season with a return to the postseason before he cashes in next offseason — with Miami or elsewhere.

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