



THE FARMERS AND MERCHANTS Bank at 10422 Garden Grove Blvd. may relocate to a five-story building at Euclid Street and the Boulevard (Tribune photo).

F&M Bank goes downtown?

By **Jlm Tortolano**
Orange County Tribune

One of Garden Grove's longest-standing banking institutions may be moving.

At Tuesday's meeting of the city council, an item on the agenda calls for

a lease agreement with Farmers and Merchants Bank to leave its current location at 10422 Garden Grove Blvd. and relocate into a city-owned five-story office building in the downtown-civic center area at 12966 Euclid St. (at Garden Grove Boule-

vard).

The office building, now with eight suite vacancies, would be 82 percent occupied if the agreement is finalized.

The 11-year deal would bring in an estimated \$1,863,762 to city coffers.

Additionally, F&M Bank has agreed to contribute 8.28 percent of the building's operating expenses, about \$11,530 and a security deposit of \$17,392.63.

Also on the agenda is the Community Spotlight and presentation of a proclamation recognizing Don Schlensker and Susie Clisson as the 2024-25 Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Man and Woman of the Year.

The city council will meet in its chambers in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. at 6:30 p.m.

There's enough money to carry over this year

A lot of cities struggle with financial problems and even deficits.

But on Tuesday night, the Stanton City Council will have a more pleasant money task; carrying over revenue to the new fiscal year that wasn't spent this year.

A total of \$3,741,670 will be "carried over" for

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five line items. They are:

- funding for a facilitator for the strategic plan update (\$15,000);
- restriping the Stanton Central Park parking lot (\$10,000);
- asphalt repair at various locations (\$40,000);

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Heat Wave In West Orange May Cool a Bit

Friday afternoon saw temps top 100 degrees

Huntington Beach will still stay around 90.

For those without air conditioning, there are city-sponsored "cooling centers" open this weekend in :

With daytime high temperatures looking like basketball scores, our West Orange County area is clearly in the grip of a late summer heat wave.

The estimated high point Friday was 106 in Garden Grove, 104 in Westminster, 103 in Stanton and 90 in Huntington Beach.

There should, however be some relief over the weekend. Garden Grove's predicted high (as of Friday afternoon) will slip to 96 on Saturday afternoon, with Westminster down to 92, Stanton to 94 and

- Garden Grove (Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara) 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Monday;
- Stanton (Library, 7850 Katella Ave.) Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Westminster (Library, 8180 13th St.) Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As always, residents are encouraged to stay hydrated, avoid being outside in the direct sunlight for extended periods of time and pay special attention to the needs of the elderly and pets.

\$4 million in state cash for Navigation Center

The Central Cities Navigation Center for the homeless located in Garden Grove and shared with the cities of Westminster and Fountain Valley will be receiving \$4 million in state funding.

A ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. at the center, 13871 West St.

State Senator Tom Umberg (D-Garden Grove) "championed and secured" the money, and it was approved by Gov. Gavin Newsom as a one-time allocation.

The Navigation Center, in addition to providing emergency housing for up to 85 people, also offers

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- temporary/emergency relocation costs for housing (\$3,726,670);
- consulting services for a sewer rate study (\$50,000).

Also on Tuesday, the city council will consider the redesign of the city's official logo, branding and messaging.

The city council will meet in

Navigation Center to get \$4 million in state funding

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case management, mental health services and resources, job training and assistance, and transportation.

The Navigation Center is located in an industrial area in the southeast of the city.

City Hall, 7800 Katella Ave. at 6:30 p.m.

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News & Views

Hotter than the hinges of heck for West County

It was so hot this week ... How hot was it? It was so hot that I saw a dog chasing a cat across Brookhurst Street and they were both walking.

Oh, the old jokes are still the best, aren't they?

That one was from Dixon

Gayer, columnist for the old Garden Grove Daily News in the early 1960s. It was probably an old joke back then.

At least it's a little more amusing that the jibe that preceded it: "Hot enough for you?"

All across our West Orange County cities, it's definitely been hot. It should remain in the 90s all through the weekend and we won't see the 80s – according to forecasters – until Tuesday.

Where we live it's NOT hot enough as long as we stay inside. We are blessed with A/C in our home and cars, but it wasn't always that way. I grew up in a house that not only had no cooling devices, but the windows were so out of plumb that raising them took such an effort that you worked up a respectable sweat to do so.

Even if you did, of course, all you did was let in a bunch more hot air. In our house and place and time, everybody wore pajamas to bed, which even then seemed like a counter-intuitive manner of dress. All you could do is lay on top of the covers and fan yourself with a copy of Sports Illustrated magazine. We also indulged in the practice of turning the pillow over, so the "cool side" was facing up.

The problem was that the cool



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

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EAGLES HAVE LANDED



Ralston Intermediate School in Garden Grove held its annual "Back to School Night" last week, featuring hot dogs, hula hoops and presentations from classroom teachers. Long-time locals will remember when it was Lampson Intermediate and the mascot name was "Lancers" (GGUSD photo).

Correa presents \$1 mill check for Stanton police

Congressman Rep. Lou Correa (D-Santa Ana) this week presented a check for \$1,000,000 in federal tax dollars to Stanton Police Station for critical structural and utility related upgrades to allow it to continue serving as a headquarters for the local police department.

The City of Stanton currently contracts for police services with the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

As part of the partnership, the city provides OCSD with a building across the street from City Hall that serves as the Stanton Police Station.

The Sheriff's Department works

out of the building 24 hours a day, seven days a week protecting the Stanton community. More than 38 employees work out of the outdated 7,800 square foot building.

The facility serves Stanton as well as provides mutual aid to surrounding communities when called upon. This project would fund the procurement of architectural design documents, replace the roof, upgrade the failing plumbing system, upgrade and replace electrical wiring and panels, upgrade and replace the existing insufficient HVAC system, and install various security related enhancements.

Atlantis closed for maintenance

Atlantis Play Center, located in Garden Grove Park, at 13630 Atlantis Way, will be temporarily closed from Monday, Sept. 9 through Monday, Sept. 16 for regular park maintenance.

The Atlantis Play Center will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

Crafters are sought for 'Winter in The Grove'

The City of Garden Grove is seeking boutique crafters for the Winter in the Grove event, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 3 to 7 p.m., at Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main St.

Interested crafters must apply by Friday, Nov. 8, at ggcity.org/winterinthegrove.

Examples of preferred boutique craft items for sale include handmade jewelry, floral decorations, wreaths, ceramics/pottery, handbags, soaps, oils, lotions, candles, and more.

Booth fees are:

- Garden Grove residents, \$60
- Non-Garden Grove residents, \$85
- Commercial vendors, \$150

Crafters may register for a maximum of two booths.

There is an additional cost for rental chairs, tables, and electrical equipment.

Refund requests for booth spaces and/or rental equipment must be made by Monday, Nov. 25.

The annual Winter in the Grove event features a number of activities and entertainment, and attracts over 5,000 attendees.

The Village Green park is at Main Street and Euclid street in the downtown area.

For more information and to apply, visit ggcity.org/winterinthegrove or call (714) 741-5360.

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NewsUpdate

Hush Money Sentencing Postponed

Now scheduled for Nov. 26; had been Sept. 18

The handing down of a sentence in Donald Trump’s “hush money” case will be postponed until after the Nov 5 election, the presiding judge announced in a decision on Friday.

Manhattan Judge Juan M. Merchan set the date for sentencing for Nov. 26; it had originally been scheduled for Sept. 18.

The decision, Merchan explained was “to avoid any appearance — however unwarrant-

ed — that the proceeding has been affected by or seeks to affect the approaching presidential election in which the Defendant is a candidate.”

Trump, who was convicted on 34 felony counts has called his prosecution and trial “a witch hunt” and “political attack.”

Still to be resolved is Trump’s motion to the judge to throw out his conviction on the grounds of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that a president had “absolute immunity” in performing his official acts.

However, Trump was convicted based on events in 2016, in which he was convicted of paying \$130,000 to a porn star in



DONALD TRUMP will be sentenced on Nov. 26 (AP photo).

exchange for her silence in their relationship, and then falsely claiming the money was for “legal expenses.”



INTERIOR of a 7-11 in Dover, Delaware (Wikipedia)

7-11 parent refused offer from Circle K

One of America’s most iconic retail chains is involved in a financial tug-of-war between the Japanese owner of the 7-11 convenience store empire and the Canadian parent of Circle K stores, which is trying to buy its older rival.

Seven & i Holdings, owner of 7-11, has rejected the \$38.55 billion purchase offer made by Alimentation Couche-Tard, claim-

ing it “grossly undervalues” their company and was “not in the best interests of their company.”

However, the board chair of Seven & i said his company was willing to consider another offer. He also raised concerns about the regulatory issues that would surround the merging of America’s two largest convenience store chains.

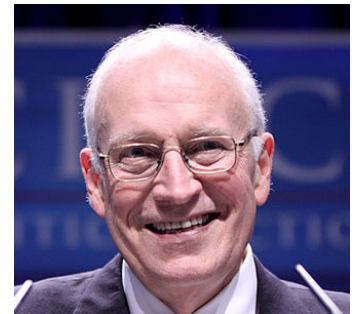
Former veep Cheney will vote for Harris, as will daughter Liz

Dick Cheney, who served two terms as vice president under George W. Bush, said Friday he would vote for Kamala Harris for president.

His announcement followed the statement on Wednesday that his daughter, former Wyoming Congresswoman Liz Cheney, would also support the Democratic ticket.

Trump, he said, was a danger to democracy and “can never be trusted with power again.”

While life-long Republicans, the Cheneys broke with Trump over the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol in an effort to overturn the results of the 2020 election which awarded the presidency to Joe Biden.



DICK CHENEY (Wikipedia)

Critics of Trump voiced their believes that the former president had encouraged the violence that took six lives.

Trump replied that Cheney was a “RINO,” meaning a “Republican in Name Only.”

Great Thoughts

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”

— Albert Einstein.

Arts & Living

'Rebel Ridge': A Taut Racial Drama

Corrupt town in the South is the setting

By Mark Kennedy
AP Entertainment Writer

"Rebel Ridge" opens with a shot of a lanky, muscular stranger riding into a small, corrupt Southern town — a scene we've all seen plenty of times. Except this stranger isn't in a truck or on a horse. He's on a bicycle.

It's one of many ways that writer-director Jeremy Saulnier both honors and has fun with movie conventions on his way to making clearly one of the best things on Netflix.

The tight, taut and tension-filled "Rebel Ridge" is the story of a former Marine who arrives in Shelby Springs, Louisiana, to post his cousin's bond and gets sucked into taking on its shady law enforcement department.

The last time a relative came to help his cousin from the clutches of less-than-ideal small town Southern legal system it was a comedy with Joe Pesci and a hero named Vinny. If you ever needed a hint that this isn't that movie, the opening sequence is scored to Iron Maiden.

The movie stars Aaron Pierre as our former Marine, Terry Richmond, a man with mad martial arts and survival skills (he catches fish with his bare hands), and, on the opposite side, Don Johnson as the courtly but deadly chief of police, as venal as Richmond is noble. Both seem absolutely to adore their gun-slinging, testosterone-filled roles.

Saulnier — who dealt with frontier justice and lawlessness in his previous "Blue Ruin" and "Green Room" — has given this action-thriller loads of social context: racism, opioid addiction, the cash bail system, small-town funding and militarized cops.



DON JOHNSON and Aaron Pierre star in "Rebel Ridge" (Netflix)

Movie Review

Like its leading man, "Rebel Ridge" is a lean, muscular movie with few over-the-top special effects, save for Pierre's spectacular eyes. It's a triumph of small-budget, naturalistic filmmaking, where cars on a gravel road kick up choking clouds of dust and arm bones crack when pressure is applied.

The script is spare — allowing for some homespun poetry like "You know the thing about a pissing contest? Everybody gets piss on their boots" — and without an ounce of fat.

So if a bottle of coconut water is brought up in one scene, it's going to be used in another. There are interesting camera angles, like the backseat of a speeding car or a tense cell phone call

inside an old-fashioned phone booth.

There's also great use of dramatic underscoring by Brooke and Will Blair, who build discordant waves that grow slack, only to reappear like a shark.

The score — including "Way-faring Stranger" by Neko Case or "Right Brigade" by Bad Brains — are heard only on car radios or headphones or playing in restaurants. Distant thunder sounds often.

Our ex-Marine — described by one officer as "unarmed but considered dangerous" — forges an unlikely ally in a court clerk, played winningly by AnnaSophia Robb, and there's a plumb role for James Cromwell, too. "Rebel Ridge" has whiffs of all kinds of other movies, from "First Blood" to spaghetti Westerns, while the script even humanizes the bad guys — "Just

Good: ★★★

because you was right doesn't make us wrong," the chief says to our hero.

There's a conspiracy at the heart of the town and you likely won't be able to turn off the movie before finding out if one well-trained stranger can save the day, as things gloriously escalate.

"It's gotten out of hand. Real soup sandwich," says our hero. That's not what ended up on your TV screen, though — it's the very opposite of a mess.

"Rebel Ridge," a Netflix release that begins streaming on Friday, is rated TV-MA for "language, smoking and violence." Running time: 131 minutes.

TheSportsPages

Wait, what's this about an offer to Shohei?

Shohei Ohtani may or may not be the best player in Major League Baseball, but he's certainly the biggest topic of conversation.

In Tuesday's Freeway Series game, the Angels — that is, Ron Washington — chose to give Ohtani an intentional walk and instead to pitch to Mookie Betts.

Boom! The Mook hit a three-run home run and the Dodgers won.

The remarks have been unceasing. "Yeah, it's a tough situation to walk a guy that got \$700 million to get to the guy that got \$350 million," said Dodger pitcher Walker Buehler [ironic name, eh?]. "He's pretty good at baseball, too."

In defense of Ron, Ohtani has hit 44 home runs so far this season and Betts 15. In defense of himself, Ron said, "Any of the top three [in the Dodger batting order] is a nightmare."

Other fan gossip revolves around Shohei's \$700 million deal with the Blue Crew. Shohei — through his new interpreter — told reporter this about the chances he might have remained with the Angels. "They didn't actually make me an offer."

If true, might it have made more sense to trade him and get a) some very good talent in response or b) a boatload of money or c) both?

Maybe, maybe. The world of sports is full of maybes. But when Shohei arranges to have his dog Decoy "throw out the first pitch" by carrying the ball in his mouth to the catcher, you have to love The Unicorn's impact on the sport, no matter what.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano



JAKSON CLARK (7) carries the ball for La Quinta in Aztecs' 41-6 win over Bassett on Thursday (Orange County Tribune photo).

Aztecs, Lobos Starting Fast

La Quinta and Los Amigos are a combined 5-0

The Los Amigos High football team — co-champs of the Garden Grove League in 2023 with Rancho Alamitos — continues to establish itself as a contender for the new Sigma League with a 33-14 pre-league win over University High of Irvine.

Over their first three games of the new season, the Lobos (3-0) have outscored opponents 126-21.

Thursday at Monsoor Stadium, Los Amigos piled up 347 yards rushing. Issac Galindo ran for two scores and Raul Cruz ran for another touchdown, and added a TD on a 75-yard screen pass.

He was also a force on defense, recovering a Trojan fumble and making three sacks.

The orange-and-black have a week off, and will return to non-

High School Football Results

THURSDAY Football

Los Amigos 33, University 14
La Quinta 41, Bassett 6
Foothill 55, Orange 35
Northwood 24, Pacifica 0

FRIDAY Football

Santa Ana 20, Garden Grove 19
Westminster 40, Santa Ana Valley 0
Artesia 28, Bolsa Grande 16
Edison 29, Lakewood 15
Capistrano Valley 29, Hunt Beach 24
Marina 21, Fountain Valley 6
El Toro 70, Western 47
Pioneer 47, Magnolia 0
Gahr 43, Ocean View 35
Rancho Alamitos 42, Anaheim 14

league action on Thursday, Sept. 19, visiting Nogales High (1-1 so far).

Also staying unbeaten on Thursday were the La Quinta Aztecs (2-0), who started fast with a 13-0

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There are fastballs and there are ...

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM (AP) — Los Angeles Angels rookie reliever Ben Joyce threw a 105.5 mph fastball on Tuesday night that was the fastest pitch in the majors this season and the third-fastest in the pitch-tracking era since 2008.

Joyce's blazing fastball struck out Tommy Edman to end the Los Angeles Dodgers' half of the ninth inning with the fastest pitch thrown for a strikeout in the pitch-tracking era. The hard-throwing Joyce also threw a 105.5 mph pitch in college at Tennessee, but his fastest pitch in the majors had been a 104.5 mph fastball.

Aroldis Chapman threw a 105.8 mph fastball in September 2010 and a 105.7 mph pitch in July 2016. Only Chapman and Jordan Hicks had touched 105 mph in a major league game during the pitch-tracking era before Joyce joined them, according to Statcast.

Joyce said he had a little extra oomph from the bipartisan sell-out crowd attending the Angels'

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BEN JOYCE of the Angels can throw 105.5 miles an hour (Angels photo).

Angels' Ben Joyce: The fastest pitcher alive

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6-2 loss to the Dodgers.

He also threw fastballs clocked at 104.4, 104.0, 103.6 and 103.0 mph — three of them to Will Smith, who struck out on four pitches — during his blazing ninth inning.

"Just a big-time game," Joyce said. "A lot of fans were all into it, so I feel like that kind of helped a little bit. ... You could feel it the whole time. The stadi-

um was almost shaking at times. It was a cool environment, for sure."

Joyce's 1-2-3 ninth kept the game tied 2-2 before the Dodgers rallied to win in the 10th against reliever Roansy Contreras.

"It was two strikes, (so) I just tried to give it everything I had," Joyce said of his 105.5 mph pitch. "I didn't really notice the difference (compared to other fastballs). I thought I threw a few other ones harder, to be honest, so it was kind of surprising to see that (on the scoreboard)." Joyce smiled to himself after seeing the speed on the scoreboard while leaving the mound.

"Oh my goodness," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "I'm just happy that I was 90 feet away from the batter's box. That's uncomfortable."

Only Chapman, Hicks and Jhoan Duran had thrown pitches recorded at 104.5 mph or faster in this era before they were joined this season by Joyce, who pitched 10 innings for the Angels in 2023. He has been

excellent in his second season in the majors, posting a 2.08 ERA in 31 appearances.

And even after his latest triple-digit feat, Joyce believes he has

more speed in his future.

"I would like to think I could throw a little harder," Joyce said with a grin.

Angels defeat Rangers; Dodgers fall to Cleveland

It may be a modest accomplishment, but the **Los Angeles Angels'** 5-1 win over the Texas Rangers was the team's third win in five games.

The **Los Angeles Dodgers**, on the other hand, are nearing both a playoff berth and another National League West title with each game, win or lose.

The star of the Angels' victory was catcher Logan O'Hoppe, who slugged a three-run home run in the top of the sixth inning in Arlington. It was his 19th round-trip hit of the season.

Also impressive was Samuel Aldegheri (1-1), who pitched six innings and yielded just three hits and one run. He struck out

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seven batters and walked one.

With the victory, the Halos are 59-82 and remain in fifth and last place in the American League West, two games behind the fourth place Oakland A's.

On Saturday, the Angels will send Tyler Anderson (10-12) to the mound against the Rangers.

At Dodger Stadium, the Blue Crew and the Cleveland Guardians played four scoreless innings before the visitors broke the deadlock in the sixth and went on to a 3-1 victory.

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High school football results

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first quarter lead and went on to defeat Bassett High of La Puente 41-6 at Bolsa Stadium.

The blue-and-gold have another home non-league game next week hosting Mountain View (1-1 so far) of El Monte at Bolsa on Friday, Sept. 13.

The other two local teams playing Thursday had less luck. Orange fell 55-35 to Foothill and Pacifica was blanked 24-0 by Northwood of Irvine.

For Orange (0-3), quarterback Star Thomas passed for 336 yards and three touchdowns, all to Gianni Porfilio. The Panthers will try again next Friday visiting La Habra (1-1).

Pacifica, coming off a 28-0 win

over Garden Grove, will seek to get back on track on Thursday, Sept. 12 visiting Marina (2-0) at Westminster High's Boswell Field.

ON FRIDAY, Edison shook off two tough losses against powerful opponents and got back into the win column with a 29-15 defeat of Lakewood to improve to 1-2.

Huntington Beach (1-2) also playing a tough schedule, wasn't as successful, losing 29-24 to Capistrano Valley to fall to 1-2. Brady Edmunds passed for 345 yards and two TDs for the Oilers.

Garden Grove, trying to bounce back from a shutout loss last week, came close but lost by the margin of extra points and fell 20-19 to Santa Ana to go to 1-2.

Rancho Alamitos thumped Anaheim 42-14 at Glover Stadium to stay unbeaten at 2-0.

Bolsa Grande (0-2), on the other hand, remains winless after losing 28-16 to Artesia on the road.

Western (1-1) was on the short end of a high-scoring barn-burner, losing 70-47 against El Toro on the road.

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	76-65	.539	—	6-4
Seattle	72-70	.507	4.5	5-5
Texas	68-74	.479	8.5	7-3
Oakland	62-80	.437	14.5	5-5
ANGELS	59-82	.418	17	5-5

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	84-57	.596	—	6-4
San Diego	81-62	.566	4	6-4
Arizona	79-63	.556	5.5	4-6
San Fran	69-73	.486	15.5	3-7
Colorado	53-89	.373	31.5	4-6

Angels win, Dodgers lose

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The only Dodger run came on Shohei Ohtani's solo home run in the sixth inning, his 45th homer of the season.

Landon Knack (2-3) pitched well in defeat, going six innings and giving up just three hits and two runs. He struck out eight batters and walked one.

With the loss, the Dodgers are 84-57, but with San Diego's 5-1 win over the Giants, their lead over the Padres in the National League West race is cut to four games.

On Saturday, the Dodgers will take on the Guardians again at 6:10 p.m.

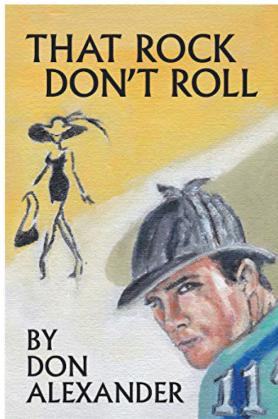
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Guests can get to know the candidates at their campaign booths located in the activity room
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side soon warmed up, so you ended up flipping it several times during the night with increasingly diminished returns.

Fans? Unless you are talking about supporters of the Angels baseball club, we had no fans. I think it may have been based on the somewhat true viewpoint that fans just kind of move the warm air around.

So, forgive me if I gloat a bit about how I am staying frosty. I put in my time melting every July through September back in the day, and don't much miss it.

HELP WANTED

Activity Coordinator: BS psych +6 months exp. in the position or in an admin related occup. Mail resume to employer: Violet Residential Care, Inc., 12141 Ora Drive, Garden Grove CA 92840.