

# Trash Pickup Interrupted by Labor Dispute

## 'Makeup' collections and temporary dropoff sites

A labor dispute is causing disruption of trash pickup across Orange County and two cities in The Tribune's coverage area.

Interruption of service comes as union sanitation workers for Republic Services are honoring picket lines in support of their colleagues in Boston.

As a result, temporary refuse collection sites were set up on Friday and are expected to continue until the issue is settled. Affected is pickup in Garden Grove and Huntington Beach, as well as Ana-

heim, Santa Ana, Fullerton and other cities.

Trash pickup in Westminster is provided by CR&R Environmental Services.

"Makeup" collections will be provided as resources become available.

For the list of temporary Garden Grove trash collection sites, go to: <https://geonode.ggcity.org/catalogue/#/map/206>.

In Huntington Beach, bagged trash can be dropped off at Republic Services 17121 Nichols Lane in Huntington Beach.

### STANTON PLANNERS

## A step toward birth of a new 'downtown' area?

A step toward what might be the long-sought establishment of a "downtown" for Stanton may be taken at the meeting of the Stanton Planning Commission on Wednesday, July 16.

The panel will hold a public hearing on a site

plan, conditional use permit and more to create a new medical office building at 10692 Beach Blvd, between Main Street to the north and Pacific Avenue to the south.

If approved, the project would consolidate three

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## STILL VERY 'GREASE-Y' TIME AT GEM



**THE POPULAR** musical "Grease" about the "good old days" of the 1950s is still on stage at Garden Grove's Gem Theatre on Main Street through July 20.. (Ron Lyons photo)

# Ban on kratom sales sought by three H. Beach leaders

By Jim Tortolano  
Orange County Tribune

**HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL**

A pain-killing supplement which critics have called a dangerous addictive drug may be banned for sale in Huntington Beach if three members of the city council have their way.

Kratom is not a "controlled substance" and can be purchased through smoke shops and through online sources, but three council members – Mayor Pat Burns, Mayor Pro Tem Casey McKeon and Councilmember Gracey Larrea-Van Der Mark – have submitted a report to the council urging its prohibition in the city.

Their letter cites information from the U.S Drug Enforcement Administra-

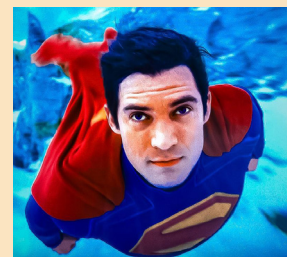
tion and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration citing possible ill effects such as addiction, hallucinations, seizures, liver toxicity, and even death.

Its popularity comes from its reputation not only in treating pains, but also its

stimulant effects of "increased alertness, boosted physical energy, talkativeness and a more social behavior," according to drugs.com.

The council will meet in closed session at 4:30 p.m. and in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in its chamber at 2000 Main St (at Yorktown Avenue).

### In The Tribune



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parcels into one and result in the creation of a new 2,859-square foot medical building in the Town Center Specific Plan mixed-use district.

Stanton’s original central busi-

ness district – dating back to the area’s past as the village of Benedict – was in that area but changing economic transportation patterns generally meant that much of the property fell into less-active uses.

The medical building would be known as Santa Marya Family Medical.

The commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 7800 Kattella Ave. (west of Beach Boulevard).

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# News & Views

## Stuff that never happened that might have ...

In a recent column I mused on stuff you never see around our towns: mail boxes, newspaper racks, etc. It got me to thinking about intriguing proposals that never – for better or worse – ever happened. For example:

• **The Elephant Museum:**

In the early 80s, a group of Westminster leaders – including some from the city council – had the idea of creating a museum devoted



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to the giant pachyderm. It was posed as a potential tourist attraction, but never got off the ground ... considering how heavy a lift it is (bad joke, I know).

• **Stanton Downtown:** Contrary to popular belief, Stanton once did have a central business district in the area of Highway 39 (Beach Boulevard) and Cerritos Avenue, when the area was known as Benedict. In the 1990s, a developer proposed to create a new “downtown” at Orangewood Avenue and Beach at a site called Stanton Plaza, anchored by an Alpha Beta supermarket and the small Stanton Plaza cinema. The developer proposed condos and a commercial area, but – as often happens – the condos got sold, but the commercial spaces did not.

• **Surf City’s Freeways:** In the 60s and 70s, California was freeway-mad. Rising population and increasing traffic congestion led to proposals from Sacramento to add more freeways. One plan was to extend the 55 (Newport Freeway) all the way to Pacific Coast Highway so that it could link up with

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## ‘Jaws of Life’ rescue made

### 4 people in crash on Garden Grove Freeway this week

Four people were injured in a multi-vehicle crash on the Garden Grove (22) Freeway earlier this week.

According to the Orange County Fire Authority, the incident took place in the eastbound lanes of the freeway.

Engine 83, based in Garden Grove, arrived on the scene first. Firefighters quickly assessed the scene and established command of the incident.

Three persons – of which one was trapped – were in one vehicle and a fourth was undergoing CPR treatment by California



**FIREFIGHTERS** use the “Jaws of Life” to rescue an victim from a vehicle crash on the Garden Grove Freeway (OCFA photo).

Highway Patrol officers.

Truck 81 – also based in Garden Grove, used the “Jaws of Life” to extricate the trapped pa-

tient, who was transported to the hospital. That happened as the patient needing CPR was also transported to a local hospital.

## Seniors warned of Medicare scam

Garden Grove police are warning residents – especially senior citizens – of a Medicare/Medical “scam” intended to prey on concerns connected to changes in those programs recently enacted by Congress.

The scam is aimed primarily at the elderly and such fraudsters most commonly ask for Social Security and/or Medicare numbers.

These agencies will never call you uninvited to request personal or private information. There

is no charge for a new Medicare card.

If someone asks for your information, for money, or threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don’t share your personal

information, call the non-emergency GGPD line at (714)741-5704 or Medicare at 1-800-633-4227.

For more information, go to [www.medicare.gov/fraud](http://www.medicare.gov/fraud).

## Adding a mezzanine proposed

One more time.

A public hearing before the Garden Grove Planning Commission originally scheduled for

a earlier date has been reset to July 17.

The continued public hearing is for changes in the site plan for the Harbinger Motors, Inc. operation at the northwest center of Knott Street and Acacia Avenue at 12821 Knott St.

Harbinger manufactures electric-powered vans such as those used for deliveries by FedEx and Amazon.

Under the proposed changes, Harbinger would be allowed the development of an approximately 10,368-square foot interior mezzanine addition in its building, as well as increase the floor area devoted to industrial uses.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.



**CENTURY BOULEVARD**

### History Minute

#### Century Blvd. plan a century ago

The several-block Century Boulevard in Garden Grove is a remnant of a long-abandoned plan to create a single diagonal highway to link Los Angeles and Orange County counties. Another fragment is from Westminster Avenue to Harbor Blvd. in Santa Ana.

# NewsUpdate

## Trump's Visit to Flooded Texas

### Were warnings too late to save some lives?

President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump traveled to central Texas on Friday, viewing some of the area devastated by heavy rain and the deadly flash flooding that followed.

According to The New York Times, the death toll has passed 120.

At a round-table discussion in the Kerrville area, Republican lawmakers praised the response by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

A local news reporter asked about allegations that warnings about flash flooding were not issued soon enough. "Only a bad person would ask a question like that," replied the president.



SEARCH AND RESCUE along the Guadalupe River in Texas (Wikipedia))

The president has spoken publicly about eliminating FEMA, which has lost about one-fourth of its staff through cuts advocated by the semi-official Department of Government Efficiency.

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## Laborer fleeing agents dies in fall during raid on a cannabis operation

A laborer who fell from the roof of a greenhouse at a cannabis farm in Camarillo is the first fatality in the confrontation between federal law enforcement agents and those protesting – and seeking to evade – the crackdown on illegal migrants.

The Los Angeles Times is reporting that the man – as yet unidentified – died from his injuries in the chaos that ensued when immigration agents from

the Homeland Security and Drug Enforcement organizations, backed by soldiers from the California National Guard on Thursday surrounded the cannabis operations in Camarillo and Carpinteria.

After showing search warrants, the agents started to enter the building, triggering panic and flight. An estimated 200 persons were detained.

## Cooling trend on the way

A slow slide into slightly cooler temperatures continues for the cities in our West Orange County area. On Saturday the daytime high is forecast to be 78 in the afternoon, with an overnight low of 64. There should be morning sun and afternoon clouds. Sunday will break the trend (slightly) to a daytime high of 79 with an overnight low of 63 with partly cloudy skies. The cooling resumes on Monday to 77 (63) and to 76 (62) on Tuesday, both with cloudy skies.

## Judge orders end to 'indiscriminate stops and arrests' in crackdown

The practice of making what are called "indiscriminate stops and arrests" during the Trump administration's crackdown on illegal immigration was blocked Friday by a federal judge.

According to the Associated Press, U.S. District Court Judge Maame E. Frimpong issued the order, which covers seven California counties.

It's alleged that the immigration

enforcement targets brown-skinned people without having a "reasonable" cause to detain and arrest them, as well as seeking entry without a judicial warrant and denying detainees access to an attorney.

In a separate order, the judge barred the federal government from interfering with attorney access at an immigration facility in Los Angeles.

### Great Thoughts

"There is a correlation between the creative and the screwball. So we must suffer the screwball gladly."  
– Kingman Brewster, former president of Yale.

"Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you will ever regret."  
– Ambrose Bierce, satirist

# Arts & Living

## 'Superman' Back With Humor, Heart

James Gunn has a likable hit in superhero reboot

By Jake Coyle  
AP Film Writer

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a ... a purple and orange shape-shifting chemical compound?

Writer-director James Gunn's "Superman" was always going to be a strange chemistry of filmmaker and material. Gunn, the mind behind "Guardians of the Galaxy" and "The Suicide Squad," has reliably drifted toward a B-movie superhero realm populated (usually over-populated) with the lesser-known freaks, oddities and grotesquerie of back-issue comics.

But you don't get more mainstream than Superman. And let's face it, unless Christopher Reeve is in the suit, the rock-jawed Man of Steel can be a bit of a bore. Much of the fun and frustration of Gunn's movie is seeing how he stretches and strains to make Superman, you know, interesting.

In the latest revamp for the archetypal superhero, Gunn does a lot to give Superman (played with an easy charm by David Corenswet) a lift. He scraps the origin story. He gives Superman a dog. And he ropes in not just expected regulars like Lois Lane (Rachel Brosnahan) and Lex Luthor (Nicholas Hoult) but some less conventional choices — none more so than that colorful jumble of elements, Metamorpho (Anthony Carrigan).

Metamorpho, a melancholy, mutilated man whose powers were born out of tragedy, is just one of many side shows in "Superman." But he's the most representative of what Gunn is going for. Gunn might favor a traditional-looking hero at the center, like Chris Pratt's Star-Lord in "Guardians of the Galaxy."

And Corenswet, complete with hair curl, looks the part, too. But Gunn's heart is with the weirdos who soldier on.

The heavy lift of "Superman" is



DAVID CORENSWET is the latest and one of the most likable "Superman" (Warner Bros).

### Movie Review

making the case that the perfect superhuman being with "S" on his chest is strange, too. He's a do-gooder at a time when no one does good anymore.

Not everything works in "Superman." For those who like their Superman classically drawn, Gunn's film will probably seem too irreverent and messy. But for anyone who found Zack Snyder's previous administration painfully ponderous, this "Superman," at least, has a pulse.

It would be hard to find a more drastic 180 in franchise stewardship. Where Snyder's films were super-serious mythical clashes of colossuses, Gunn's "Superman" is lightly earthbound, quirky and sentimental. When this Superman flies, he even keeps his arms back, like an Olympic skeleton rider.

We begin not on Krypton or Kansas but in Antarctica, near the Fortress of Solitude. The opening titles set-up the medias res beginning. Three centuries ago, metahumans first appeared on Earth. Three minutes ago, Superman lost

a battle for the first time. Lying bloodied in the snow, he whistles and his faithful super dog, Krypto, comes running.

Like some of Gunn's other novelty gags (I'm looking at you Groot), Krypto is both a highlight and overused gag throughout.

Superman is in the midst of a battle by proxy with Luthor. From atop his Luthor Corp. skyscraper headquarters, Luthor gives instructions to a team sitting before computer screens while, on a headset, barking out coded battle directions to drone-assisted henchmen. "13-B!" he shouts, like a Bingo caller.

**Good: ★ ★ ★**

Whether this is an ideal localizing of main characters in conflict is a debate that recedes a bit when, back in Metropolis, Clark Kent returns to the Daily Planet. There's Wendell Pierce as the editor-in-chief, Perry White, and Skyler Gisondo as Jimmy Olsen. But the character of real interest here is, of course, Lois.

She and Kent are already an item in "Superman." When alone, Lois chides him over the journalistic

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### See the stars 'Under the Stars'

The City of Stanton's "Movie Under the Stars" continues next week (Friday, July 18) with a free screening of "Despicable Me 4" at 8 p.m. in Stanton Central Park.

Food vendors will be on site and you're invited to bring your chairs and blankets.

Still ahead on the schedule are free showings of "Kung Fu Panda 4" on July 35 and "Inside Out 2" on Aug. 1.



'DESPICABLE ME 4'

# TheSportsPages

## Rights collide in legal battle on trans sports

My conscience is not as finely-tuned as a Swiss watch, or the atomic clock at the Naval Observatory.

I've split hairs but probably came down on the wrong side at least half the time.

I think many (relatively) fair-minded people are struggling with the concept of trans female athletes competing with —

Santa Maria, what's the right term? — born as girls girls.

Progressive (and sometimes daffy) California is at odds with an ideologically

hard-to-describe White House over how to look at the issues of civil rights and equal protection of the law.

Does a person born with biological lady parts become a male after surgery and hormone therapy? Maybe. But isn't the DNA the same as before?

Do athletic competitions often pit people with different abilities against each other? I'm living proof of that on a tennis court.

So how do we balance all this?

Do we have four categories in an Olympic event? Men, Trans-Men, Women, Trans-Women.

Or how about having everyone in the same race and celebrate comradeship and the joy of giving our best?

That's my wacky idea, sure to be ridiculed. I mean, isn't winning a medal and getting paid a lot of money how we define "sportspersonship" today?

Someday future generations will examine the history of this time and ask themselves: "Climate change. Worldwide famine. Constant warfare. Killer diseases. Threats to democracy.

"And *this* is what they were arguing about?"



### Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano



SHOULD TRANS girls compete against other girls in high school athletics (Shutterstock)

# Trans Battle Heats Up

*Legal struggle pits California against the White House*

By Sophie Austin  
Associated Press/RFA

SACRAMENTO (AP) — President Donald Trump's administration sued the California Department of Education on Wednesday for allowing transgender girls to compete on girls sports teams, alleging the policy

violates federal law.

The move escalates a battle between the Republican administration in Washington and Democratic-led California over trans athletes.

The lawsuit filed by the Justice Department says California's transgender athlete policies violate Title IX, the federal

law that bans discrimination in education based on sex. The department says California's rules "are not only illegal and unfair but also demeaning, signaling to girls that their opportunities and achievements are secondary to accommodating boys."

U.S. Attorney General Pam

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## Dodgers hit unlucky 7th; Halos singular vs. D-backs

With their seventh loss in a row on Friday, the Los Angeles Dodgers have revived the National League West race.

A late rally after falling behind 8-2 wasn't enough as the Blue Crew lost 8-7 to the San Francisco Giants at Oracle Park and allowed their rivals to creep within four games.

Also benefitting are the San Diego Padres, who are now 4.5 games back.

Trailing by six runs, the Dodgers got close with a two run double by Teo Hernandez, a two-run homer by Michael Conforto and an RBI single by

### THE ROUNDUP

Will Smith.

The visitors got a brief 2-1 lead in the third inning on Shohei Ohtani's 32nd home run.

The series continues on Saturday and Sunday.

Conversely, the Los Angeles Angels jumped off to an early 4-0 first inning lead on homers by Zach Neto and Yoan Moncada and won it in the ninth on a pinch hit RBI single by Travis d'Arnaud in the bottom of the ninth in Anaheim by 6-5.

Nolan Schanuel and Luis Rengifo each had three-hit games

### AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	55-39	.585	—	5-5
Seattle	49-45	.521	6	5-5
Texas	47-48	.495	8.5	6-4
ANGELS	46-48	.489	9	4-6
Athletics	39-57	.406	17	5-5

### NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	56-39	.585	—	3-7
San Fran.	52-43	.547	4	7-3
San Diego	51-43	.538	4.5	6-4
Arizona	46-49	.484	10	3-7
Colorado	22-72	.234	33.5	3-7

for the Angels.

The Halos (46-48) remain in fourth place in the American League West race, a half-game behind the Texas Rangers (47-48).

# Stuggle over trans rights: CA vs Trump

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Bondi warned other states that allow trans girls to compete in female athletics that they could also face challenges by the federal government.

"If you do not comply, you're next," she said in a video posted on social media. "We will protect girls in girls sports."

The state Education Department and the California Interscholastic Federation, the governing body for high school sports that was also named a defendant, said they would not comment on pending litigation.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom's office deferred to the federation and the education agency to comment on the lawsuit because the governor was not named a defendant. But Newsom's office said the Trump administration's attacks on the state's transgender athlete policies are "a cynical attempt" to

distract from the federal government's withholding of funds for after-school and summer programs.

California has a more than decade-old law on the books that allows students to participate in sex-segregated school programs, including on sports teams, and use bathrooms and other facilities that align with their gender identity.

Trump criticized the participation of a transgender high school student-athlete who won titles in the California track-and-field championships last month. Assistant Attorney General Harmet Dhillon wrote in a letter after the meet that the California Interscholastic Federation violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution by allowing trans girls to compete against other female athletes.

The federal Education Department

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# Sports competition moving into the courtroom

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ment earlier this year launched an investigation into California's policies allowing athletes to compete on sports teams consistent with their gender identity.

The agency said last month that the policies violate Title IX, and it gave the state 10 days to agree to change them. But the state this week refused.

Trump also sparred with Maine's Democratic governor

over that state's transgender-athlete policies. Gov. Janet Mills told the president in February, "We'll see you in court," over his threats to pull funding to the state over the issue. His administration filed a lawsuit in April alleging Maine violated Title IX by allowing trans girls and women to compete against other female athletes.

The Justice Department's lawsuit against California says its policies "ignore undeniable biological differences between boys and girls, in favor of an amorphous 'gender identity.'"

"The results of these illegal policies are stark: girls are displaced from podiums, denied awards, and miss out on critical

visibility for college scholarships and recognition," the suit says.

Meanwhile, on his podcast in March, Newsom angered some party allies when he questioned the fairness of trans girls competing in girls sports. GOP critics have called on the governor to back a ban, saying his remarks do not square with

his actions.

The issue is part of a nationwide battle over the rights of transgender youth in which states have limited transgender girls from participating on girls sports teams, barred gender-affirming surgeries for minors and required parents to be notified if a child changes their pronouns at school.

## Retorts: Never-happened

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... wait for it .. a new Pacific Coast Freeway, formerly known as PCH. Another plan was to build a double-decker contraption with a freeway above Beach Boulevard which would connect with the

Garden Grove Freeway to the north and the new one along the coast. The storm of protest for the two was so loud that transportation officials from the state capital were nearly run out of town on a rail, so to speak.

## 'Superman': This one has heart and humor, too

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ethics of interviewing himself after some derring-do, and questions his flying into countries without their leaders' approval. Brosnahan slides so comfortably into the role that I wonder if "Superman" ought to have been "Lois," instead. Her scenes with Corenswet are the best in the film, and the movie loses its snap when she's not around.

That's unfortunately for a substantial amount of time. Luthor traps Superman in a pocket universe (enter Metamorpho, among others) and the eccentric members of the Justice Gang —

Nathan Fillion's Green Lantern, Edi Gathegi's Mister Terrific and Isabela Merced's Hawkgirl — are called upon to lend a hand. They come begrudgingly. But if there's anyone else that comes close to stealing the movie, it's Gathegi, who meets increasingly absurd cataclysm with wry deadpan.

The fate of the world, naturally, again turns iffy. There's a rift in the universe, not to mention some vaguely defined trouble in Boravia and Jarhanpur. In such scenes, Gunn's juggling act is especially uneasy and you can feel the movie lurching from one thing to another. Usually, that's

Krypto's cue to fly back into the movie and run amok.

Gunn, who now presides over DC Studios with producer Peter Safran, is better with internal strife than he is international politics. Superman is often called "the Kryptonian" or "the alien" by humans, and Gunn leans into his outsider status. Not for the first time, Superman's opponents try to paint him as an untrustworthy foreigner. With a modicum of timeliness, "Superman" is an immigrant story.

Mileage will inevitably vary when it comes to Gunn's idiosyncratic touch. He can be outlandish and sweet, often at once. In a conversation between metahumans, he will insert a donut into the scene for no real reason, and cut from a body falling through the air to an Alka-Seltzer tablet dropping into a glass. Some might call such moments glib, a not-unfair label for Gunn. But I'd say they make this pleasantly imperfect "Superman" something quite rare in the assembly line-style of superhero moviemaking today: human.

"Superman," a Warner Bros. release is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association for violence, action and language.



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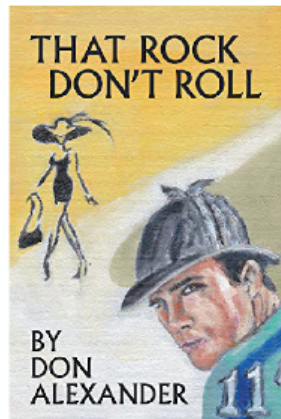
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