

Dogs Rescued and Fire Out Very Quickly

OCFA was on the scene in four minutes in GG

Two dogs were rescued and a fire in an apartment complex quickly controlled in Garden Grove on Sunday night. According to the Orange County Fire Authority, the blaze was reported at 9:44 p.m. in the 12900 block of Dale St. – between Garden Grove Boulevard and

Acacia Avenue – OCFA units were on the scene in four minutes and the blaze contained – and kept from spreading to adjacent units – within seven minutes. There were no injuries. Garden Grove police officers assisted in traffic control.



APARTMENT FIRE on Dale Street in Garden Grove

Tribune staff on a break

The senior staff of The Orange County Tribune will be taking a break for the purposes of planning for operations in the year 2026. Because of that, the Tribune will not publish our e-newspapers on July 26, 30 and Aug. 6. We will resume our usual schedule of publications of Wednesdays and Saturdays with the issue of Aug. 9. Our website – orangecountytribune.com – will be on hiatus from July 23 through Aug. 5 and will resume posting on Aug. 6.



ONE OF THE NATURAL SCIENCE buildings at UC Irvine (Wikipedia).

Cutting ties with China? Smart or short-sighted?

UC Irvine one of those given a warning

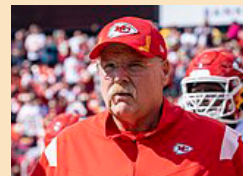
By Collin Binkley
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are urging seven U.S. universities – including UC Irvine – to cut ties with a Chinese scholarship program that lawmakers call a “nefarious mechanism” to steal technology for the Chinese government. In letters to Dartmouth College, the University of Notre Dame and five other

universities, leaders of the House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party raise concerns about the schools’ partnerships with the China Scholarship Council, a study abroad program funded by China.

The program sponsors hundreds of Chinese graduate students every year at U.S. universities. After graduating, they’re required to return to China for two years. In the letters sent earlier, Republicans described it as a threat to national security. “CSC purports to be a joint scholarship program between U.S. and Chinese institutions; however, in reality it is a CCP-managed technology transfer effort that exploits U.S. institutions and directly supports China’s military and scientific growth,” wrote Republican Rep. John

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Moolenaar, chair of the committee.

The Chinese Embassy didn't immediately respond to a request by The Associated Press for comment.

Dartmouth said last week it has had fewer than 10 participants in the program over the last decade and already had decided to end its participation. Notre Dame said it began the process of terminating its association with the

program earlier this year. University of Tennessee said it had also received the letter and was reviewing the committee's request.

Letters also were sent to Temple University and the University of California campuses in Davis, Irvine and Riverside. The office of the University of California's president, Dr. Michael V. Drake, said the university follows all federal laws and works with the government to protect sensitive research. "At the same time, we believe that international students and global academic partnerships are critical to scientific progress, economic growth, and our educational mission," Drake's office said in a statement.

The House committee said it's opening a review into the program's "infiltration" of U.S. universities and demanded records related to the program from all seven institutions.

The universities' partnerships with the council can bring up to 15 graduate students a year to Dartmouth, along with up to 60 at Temple and 40 at Notre Dame, according to the letters. Some schools split the cost of attendance with China. Dartmouth, for instance, covers 50% of tuition and provides a stipend to doctoral students.

Among other records, lawmakers are demanding documents showing whether scholarship recipients worked on research funded by the U.S. government. President Donald Trump and House Republicans have stepped up scrutiny of Chinese students coming to the U.S. In May, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the United States would revoke visas from some Chinese students studying in "critical fields." During his first term, Trump restricted visas for students affiliated with China's "military-civil fusion strategy."

Many U.S. universities acknowledge a need to improve research security but caution against treating Chinese scholars with hostility and suspicion, saying only small numbers have been involved in espionage.

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News & Views

Flipping and frying keys to inner peace

Disneyland opened 70 years ago last week and the man behind it – Walt Disney – was the fellow who probably had more influence on Orange County than any other person.

The most obvious fact is that by situating his “KiddieLand” in Ana-

heim, he opened up the OC to a whole new world of tourism, rapid population growth and – in my case – a college job that paid



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

for tuition, a couple of really junky cars and an education in the ways of working men.

Like many Orange County kids, I worked two-plus years at “The Happiest Place on Earth.” We engaged in dawn canoe races. Saw Captain Hook snogging Alice in Wonderland. And we worked so hard it gave us a bone-deep resolve to get a degree so we’d never have to work that hard again.

In 1973-75 I was a “utility food service” person in two nameless fast food facilities in Fantasyland (known informally as Fan 1 and Fan 2). During the summer when the park was the most crowded, we churned out hamburgers, French Fries, cole slaw, sodas and more at a pace that Ben Hur would have found familiar from his days as an oarsman.

Strangely enough, I found the work – with a few exceptions – enjoyable and calming.

As soon as you got the rhythm right, you entered a zen-like state. When I got to work the grill, I got so zenned-up I could cook 72 burgers at once and never burned a one. I was the Kwai Chang Caine of French

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Crash into tree kills SA man

Incident took place Sunday on Main near McFadden

A speeding vehicle crashed into a tree in Santa Ana early Sunday morning, killing the driver. According to the SAPD, the incident was reported around 1:23

a.m. referring to the collision in the area of 1300 South Main Street. Responding officers, along with personnel from the Orange County Fire Authority, found the the driver unresponsive.

He was declared deceased at the scene by OCFA paramedics. Police identified him as Francisco Estrada Rivera, 37, of Santa Ana.

The preliminary investigation indicates that the vehicle was traveling southbound on Main Street from McFadden Avenue “at a high rate of speed” when it struck the tree.

Anyone with information about the crash is asked to call Detective K. Catlin at (714) 245-8224 or the SAPD Traffic Division at (714) 245-8200.

State voter ID law is proposed

HB’s Strickland is one of those backing change

By Tran Nguyen
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Two California Republican state lawmakers – including former Huntington Beach mayor and city council members Tony Strickland – launched a campaign last week to place a measure on the 2026 ballot that would require voter identification and proof of citizenship at the polls.

The proposal would require the state to verify proof of citizen-



STATE SEN. TONY STRICKLAND was mayor of Huntington Beach and a councilmember as well (File photo).

ship when a person registers to vote, and voters would have to provide identifications at the polls. Those who vote through

mail-in ballots would have to give the last four digits of a government-issued ID such as a Social Security number.

“We do not want to make it harder to vote. In fact, our initiative makes it easier to vote because it streamlines the process to verify someone’s identity,” Assemblymember Carl DeMaio, who’s leading the effort, said at a news conference.

The Republican lawmakers said the measure would help restore trust in elections where they said people have complained about outdated voter rolls and an inadequate signature review process, with some also casting doubt on election results.

The effort was not new. DeMaio unsuccessfully attempted to place a similar measure requiring voter identification on the ballot the last election.

History Minute

Tin Can Beach: once the shame of HB

Beachfront property in Huntington Beach is now some of the most valuable in the nation. But for decades, stretches south of the pier were known as “Tin Can Beach” where the strand was littered with empty beer cans and bottles. Many of the principal “residents” were migrant workers or transients.

That all changed in the post-World War II boom, but



TIN CAN BEACH

for decades, “Surf City” was best known for its litter and people, who – today – might be called homeless.

NewsUpdate

Deal with Japan Lowers Tariff

Levy would fall from 25% to 15% Trump posts

A deal with Japan that lowers a threatened tariff to 15 percent was announced by President Donald Trump.

According to the Associated Press, Trump on Tuesday announced the trade framework on his Truth Social platform, saying "This deal will create hundreds of thousands of jobs – there has never been anything like it."



PROPOSED AGREEMENT would slash tariff with Japan to 15 percent (Shutterstock)

The proposed agreement would include a drop in the planned tariff from 25 percent to 15 percent, as long as Japan invests \$550

billion in the U.S. and "opens" its economy to American autos and rice.

It's unclear whether the de-

crease in the threatened tariff will include automobiles, or that would require a separate agreement.

Shift on climate change and greenhouse gas coming from the EPA?

The New York Times is reporting that the Trump Administration is preparing to repeal a "fundamental scientific finding" that provides the federal government with the authority to fight climate change by regulating the emission of "greenhouse gases."

The proposed revision to the Environmental Protection Agen-

cy would also rescind limits on tailpipe emissions intended to encourage automakers to build and sell more electric automobiles.

According to The Times, the argument against the current EPA provisions is that they lead to higher prices and limit consumer choices.

Weather: Not much change

The forecast for our West Orange County cities doesn't change very much. There's a slight cooling trend toward the weekend. Wednesday's daytime high is predicted to hit 78 and rise slightly to 79 on Thursday. Friday will cool to 76 and to 75 on Saturday. Skies will go from mostly sunny to partly cloudy.



OZZY OSBOURNE

Heavy metal pioneer 'Ozzy Osbourne, was 77

Heavy metal pioneer Ozzy Osbourne is dead at the age of 76.

According to United Press International, Osbourne has been suffering from Parkinson's Disease. Together with Black Sabbath bandmates, he played his final concert earlier this month.

Born John Michael Osbourne,

he is from Birmingham, England. He has long struggled with addiction and his family became "household" names due to the MTV reality show "The Osbournes."

A film of his final concert is set to be released in 2026.

Great Thoughts

"You are not a product of your circumstances but a product of your decisions."

– Maya Angelou

"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear."

– George Addain

"I destroy my enemies when I make them my friends."

– Abraham Lincoln

"There is more in Heaven and Earth than were ever dreamt of in your philosophy."

– William Shakespeare

Arts & Living

'Eddington': Nightmare Movie, Town

Ari Aster's new film is anything but escapist fare

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

You might need to lie down for a bit after "Eddington." Preferably in a dark room with no screens and no talking. "Eddington," Ari Aster's latest nightmare vision, is sure to divide (along which lines, I can't fathom) but there is one thing I think everyone will be able to agree on: It is an experience that will leave you asking "WHAT?" The movie opens on the aggravated ramblings of an unhoused man and doesn't get much more coherent from there.

Approach with caution.

We talk a lot about movies as an escape from the stresses of the world. "Eddington," in which a small, fictional town in New Mexico becomes a microcosm of life in the misinformation age, and more specifically during the pandemic and the Black Lives Matter protests, is very much the opposite of that.

It is an anti-escapist symphony of masking debates, conspiracy theories, YouTube prophets, TikTok trends and third-rail topics in which no side is spared. Most everyone looks insane and ridiculous by the end, from the white teenage girl (Amélie Hoferle) telling a Black cop (Michael Ward) to join the movement, to the grammatical errors of the truthers, as the town spirals into chaos and gruesome violence.

Joaquin Phoenix plays the town sheriff, a soft-spoken wife guy named Joe Cross, who we meet out in the desert one night watching YouTube videos about how to convince your wife to have a baby. He's interrupted by cops from the neighboring town, who demand he put on a mask since he's technically crossed the border.

It is May 2020, and everyone is a little on edge. Joe, frustrated



PARANOIA and division run deep in "Eddington" (A24 pictures).

Movie Review

by the hysterical commitment to mandates from nowhere, finds himself the unofficial spokesperson for the right to go unmasked.

He pits himself against the slick local mayor Ted Garcia (Pedro Pascal), who is up for reelection, in the pocket of big tech and ready to exploit his single fatherhood for political gain. At home, Joe's mother-in-law Dawn (Deirdre O'Connell) spends all day consuming internet conspiracy theories, while his wife Louise (a criminally underused Emma Stone) works on crafts and nurses unspoken traumas.

Joe's eagerness to take on Ted isn't just about masking. Years ago, Ted dated his now-wife, a story that will be twisted into rape and grooming accusations. Caricatures and stereotypes are everywhere in "Eddington," but in this world it feels like the women are especially underwritten — they are kooks, victims, zealots and the ones who push fragile men to the brink.

But in "Eddington," all the conspiracies are real and ordinary people are all susceptible to the

madness. In fact, insanity is just an inevitability no matter how well-intentioned one starts out, whether that's the woke-curious teen rattled by rejection, or the loyal deputy Guy (Luke Grimes) who is suddenly more than happy to accuse a colleague of murder. Louise will also be swayed by a floppy-haired internet guru, a cult-like leader played with perfect swagger by Austin Butler.

The problem with an anarchic satire like "Eddington," in theaters Friday, is that any criticism could easily be dismissed with a "that's the point" counterargument. And yet there is very little to be learned in this silo of provocations that, like all Aster movies, escalates until the movie is over. There are moments of humor and wit, too, as well as expertly built tension and release. "Eddington" is not incompetently done or unwatchable (the cast and the director kind of guarantee that); it just doesn't feel a whole of anything other than a cinematic expression of broken brains.

Five years after we just went through (at least a lot of) this, "Eddington" somehow seems both too late and too soon, especially when it offers so little wis-

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dom or insight beyond a vision of hopelessness. I wonder what world Aster thought he'd be releasing this film into. Maybe one that was better, not cosmically worse.

It's possible "Eddington" will age well. Perhaps it's the kind of movie that future Gen Alpha cinephiles will point to as being ahead of its time, a work that was woefully misunderstood by head-in-the-sand critics who didn't see that it was 2025's answer to the prescient paranoia cinema of the 1970s.

Not to sound like the studio boss in "Sullivan's Travels," trying to get the filmmaker with big issues on the mind to make a dumb comedy, but right now, "Eddington" feels like the last thing any of us need.

"Eddington," an A24 release in theaters Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for "for strong violence, some grisly images, language and graphic nudity." Running time: 148 minutes.

TheSportsPages

The flag is up for a different kind of football

You've seen it here before. That is, if you've read this column before. For years, I've been touting the benefits of flag football in the wake of increasing bad news about concussion injuries which are cutting careers short and dampening interest in tackle football for youngsters.

Less interest in playing football was ominous for the National Football League based on the reasoning that the most loyal gridiron fans were men who had strapped on a helmet and been knocked around for a bit.

Because of that, the NFL has put its considerable marketing muscle – and cash – behind NFL Flag Football.

The response has been impressive. ESPN this week televised the finals for high school teams, and the first national flag football star was crowned.

Breysen Wright, playing for the Jaguars Elite (Jacksonville, natch) was not only the tournament MVP but performed a spectacular one-handed TD catch that had even Patrick Mahomes ooh-ing and ah-ing.

The standout among girls was Emery Beckett, who led the Texas Fury Texans to a title, while completing eight of eight passes – including two for TDs – in the championship game.

This is just the start. Finesse is starting to push out physicality. An Orange County high school that launched its first girls' flag football program this year announced it had 74 players turn out, enough for frosh-soph, junior varsity and varsity teams.

It's low-impact, with broad appeal and nowhere to go but up. Remember ... you read it here first. Sort of.



Sports Retorts
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Reid is Top NFL Coach

Ram's McVay rated third in vote by the AP

By Rob Maadi
AP Pro Football Writer

Andy Reid remains the standard for NFL coaches.

Reid and the Kansas City Chiefs fell short in their quest to become the first team to three-peat in the Super Bowl era and were dominated by the Philadelphia Eagles for the NFL title.

Still, Reid was a near-unanimous choice for the NFL's No. 1 coach by The Associated Press in a pre-season survey.

A panel of eight AP Pro Football Writers ranked the top five players at quarterback, basing selections on current status entering the 2025 season. First-place votes were worth 10 points. Second through fifth-place votes were worth 5, 3, 2 and 1 points.

Reid, who has three Super Bowl rings and leads two different franchises in victories, received seven first-place votes and one second. Nick Sirianni, who led the Philadelphia Eagles to a 40-22 victory



KANSAS CITY CHIEFS Andy Reid was voted the top NFL coach by a panel of eight AP pro football writers. Rams' Sean McVay finished third. (Wikipedia)

over Reid and the Chiefs in the Super Bowl, got the other first-place vote.

Baltimore's John Harbaugh finished one point ahead of Sirianni for second place on the list. Los Angeles Rams coach Sean McVay came in fourth and Buffalo's Sean McDermott was fifth.

Los Angeles Chargers coach Jim

Harbaugh, Denver's Sean Payton, Green Bay's Matt LaFleur, Minnesota's Kevin O'Connell, San Francisco's Kyle Shanahan, New England's Mike Vrabel and Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin also received votes.

1. **ANDY REID**, Kansas City Chiefs

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Angels fall to Mets, 3-2; Dodgers outslugged, 10-7

The "second half" of the 2025 MLB season isn't off to what local fans might call a good start.

On Tuesday, both the Los Angeles Angels and the Dodgers lost and slipped a little in their efforts to regain some momentum.

The Halos fell 3-2 to the Mets in New York. They built a 2-0 lead on a home run by Jorge Soler and an RBI double by Nolan Schanuel, but a three-run rally by the Mets in the bottom of the fifth was enough to give the home team the win.

Schanuel hit 4-for-5 to raise his batting average to .278.

With the loss, the Angels are

THE ROUNDUP

49-52 and remain fourth in the American League West, 2.5 games back of the third place Texas Rangers.

The Dodgers lost a slugging match with the visiting Minnesota Twins, 10-7. Andy Pages hit his 19th homer of the season and Shohei Ohtani his 36th, but it wasn't enough.

After falling behind 3-0, the Twins outscored the Blue Crew 7-4 the rest of the way.

The loss put the Dodgers' record to 59-43. They remain atop

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	59-42	.584	—	4-6
Seattle	54-47	.535	5	6-4
Texas	52-50	.510	7.5	7-3
ANGELS	49-52	.485	10	5-5
Athletics	42-61	.408	18	4-6

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	59-43	.584	—	3-7
San Diego	55-46	.545	3.5	6-4
San Fran.	53-49	.520	6	3-7
Arizona	50-52	.490	9	5-5
Colorado	25-76	.237	34.5	4-6

the National League West, but have lost seven of their last 10 games and lead the NLW by 3.5 games over the second-place San Diego Padres.

Rams' McVay picked fourth in AP survey

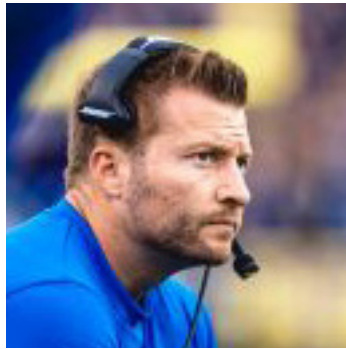
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Reid was the most successful coach in the history of the Eagles before going to Kansas City and turning the Chiefs into a dynasty. Under Reid, the Chiefs have had 12 straight winning seasons, made 11 playoff appearances, won nine consecutive AFC West titles and reached five Super Bowls in the past six years.

Reid guided the Eagles to five NFC title games and one Super Bowl between 1999-2012. He is fourth on the career list with 301 victories.

2. **JOHN HARBAUGH**, Baltimore Ravens
Harbaugh has led the Ravens to 15 winning seasons in 17 years and beat his brother to earn his only Super Bowl ring following the 2012 season.

Baltimore is 4-7 in the playoffs since that victory and twice failed to advance to the Super Bowl despite earning the AFC's No. 1



SEAN McVAY (Rams photo).

seed. Harbaugh is 179-113. He got three second-place votes, four thirds and one fifth.

3. **NICK SIRIANNI**, Philadelphia Eagles
Sirianni has led the Eagles to the playoffs in each of his four seasons and became the second coach to guide the franchise to a Super Bowl victory.

He's 54-23 and his .701 winning percentage is fourth best all time.

Despite his success, Sirianni has been a lightning rod for criticism through his tenure in Philadelphia. Critics called for his firing when the Eagles started 2-2 last

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Mats, Aztecs, Vikes, Seahawks getting ready for '25 season

Second in a series on the opening game for high school football teams in *The Tribune's* coverage area.

Prep Sport Spotlight

Bolsa Grande: The Matadors will open at home on Thursday, Aug. 21 against Savanna High of Anaheim. The Matadors were 5-6 overall and finished 3-2 (third) in the Tango League. They qualified for the CIF-SS playoffs, losing their first game.

La Quinta: The opening game for the Aztecs will be Friday, Aug. 29, hosting Godinez High of Santa Ana at Bolsa Stadium. The blue-and-gold were 8-4 overall and 2-3 (fourth) in the Tango League in 2024.

They made it to the second round of the CIF-SS playoffs.

Marina: The Vikings will open on Aug. 21 hosting Foothill

High at Bill Boswell Field on the Westminster High campus. The Vikes were 9-2 overall in 2024 and finished in a tie (4-1) for the Lambda League title, while making it to the opening round of the playoffs.

The Knights were 7-6 overall and fourth (2-3) in the Epsilon League.

Ocean View: The season will start for the Seahawks on Aug. 21 visiting Fountain Valley. The 2024 OVHS team was 3-7 overall and 2-3 in the Sigma League.

The hosting Barons struggled to a 1-9 overall campaign and were 0-5 and last place in the Foxtrot League.



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Who are the NFL's best coaches? Andy, Sean

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season. But Sirianni led the Eagles to 10 straight wins and 16 of 17, capped by a dominant performance against the Chiefs in the Super Bowl when Philadelphia jumped out to a 34-0 lead.

Sirianni got two second-place votes, two thirds and one fourth, appearing on seven of eight ballots.

4. **SEAN MCVAY**, Los Angeles Rams
After leading the young, rebuild-

ing Rams to 10 wins and a playoff appearance in 2023, McVay guided Los Angeles to an NFC West title and a playoff win over 14-win Minnesota.

The Rams were 13 yards away from scoring a go-ahead touchdown against Philadelphia in the divisional round before a sack and incomplete pass ended their season.

McVay has six double-digit win seasons in eight years and has won and lost a Super Bowl.

He received two second-place votes, two thirds and one fourth.

5. **SEAN MCDERMOTT**, Buffalo Bills

The Bills have won five straight AFC East titles since Tom Brady left New England they've reached

the playoffs seven times in eight seasons under McDermott.

McDermott's .624 winning percentage is fifth best among active coaches with a minimum of four seasons.

He edged Jim Harbaugh and Payton for the fifth spot, receiving two fourth-place votes and one fifth.

Ducks sign goalie Lukas Dostal

ANAHEIM (AP) — Anaheim Ducks goalie Lukas Dostal signed a five-year contract on last week to remain with the team.



LUKAS DOSTAL

age and .903 save percentage for Anaheim last season.

"Lukas has proven he is a No. 1 goaltender and we are so pleased to get this deal done," Ducks general manager Pat Verbeek said. "He is just entering the prime of his career with his best hockey ahead of him."

Financial terms were not disclosed.

Dostal is excited about the future with a young team that includes forwards Leo Carlsson, Cutter Gauthier and Mason McTavish; defensemen Olen Zellweger, Pavel Mintyukov and Jackson LaCombe, and Beckett Sennecke, the No. 3 pick in the 2024 draft.

"That was one of the reasons that I was willing to sign a long-term deal — because it's always about trusting the process," he said. "And I really trust the process that's going on in Anaheim right now."

Dostal made the announcement on a social media post by the team. The agreement means the 25-year-old avoided an arbitration hearing.

Dostal had a 23-23-7 record with a 3.10 goals-against aver-

Flipping burgers may be so very philosophical

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fries; the Gene Kelly of toasting hamburger buns.

I found that once you stopped "thinking" about what you were doing, your body and mind went on auto-pilot. Eight hours raced by.

As a grown-up, you end up doing many things — when viewed objectively — which were pains in the neck (and elsewhere).

But once Uncle Walt's money machine cranked you up, no mundane task was a chore, no burn, bang or bruise made much difference.

To put it another way, nothing life threw at you broke your stride.

Disneyland allowed Orange County to grow up, and it did the same to me. Thanks, Walt. We all owe you a lot.

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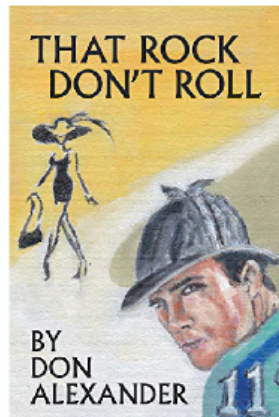
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