

Two Dead In Suicide and Murder Acts

He killed wife in GG, returned to Stockton

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

A deadly spree of murder and suicide spanned the route from Garden Grove to Stockton on Thursday, leaving two people dead and one person critically wounded.

The bizarre series of events began on Thursday morning at a rented home in the 11500 block of Morgan Lane in north-eastern Garden Grove.

According to the GCPD, officers were summoned to the house and found

the body of Crystal Gonzalez, 37, a resident of Lodi. She was the wife of Miguel Lopez, 35, also of Lodi.

Their two daughters were in the house; they were uninjured and unaware of the incident, say police.

He was identified as the suspect in the incident and had left the house early that morning, driving to Stockton.

According to Stockton police, Lopez went to a gym in that city, where he shot a 54-year-old man,

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■ GARDEN GROVE PLANNERS

Mezzanine for van manufacturer OK'd

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. were approved on Thursday night by the Garden Grove Planning Commission.

The vote was four in favor

with three absent.

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

Under the proposed changes, Harbinger will be allowed the development of an ap-

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SLEEPING BEAUTY'S CASTLE is perhaps the most iconic sight in Disneyland, which opened 70 years ago this week (File photo).

70 years ago, Disney brought the world to Orange County

By John Sewer/Associated Press

Disneyland is celebrating 70 years of being "The Happiest Place on Earth." The summerlong festivities in southern California include the opening of "Walt Disney - A Magical Life," a show featuring a lifelike animatronic of the company's founder that debuted Thursday and also marks Disneyland's official anniversary.

Walt Disney's vision of creating a getaway for families revolutionized the amusement park industry with immersive attractions featuring robotic figures and holographs, and shows and characters appealing to children.

The park's emphasis on storytelling and attention to detail is still evident today in theme parks across the world. Disneyland now ranks as the world's second-most visited theme park, closely behind Magic Kingdom at Dis-



IN 1954, Walt Disney and plans.

ney World in Florida, which opened in 1971.

According to the Themed Entertainment Association, Disneyland drew more than 17 million people in 2023, bouncing back from an unprecedented 13-month closure during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Disneyland's 70th anniversary

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The park was built on what was once orange groves in Anaheim, just outside Los Angeles. It opened on July 17, 1955 — a year that also saw Ray Kroc start

his first McDonald's restaurant and Jim Henson introduce his original version of Kermit the Frog.

Disneyland's first day was famously a disaster, all broadcast

on a live television special. The park opened just a year after its groundbreaking and simply wasn't ready for its big day.

Attractions broke down, there weren't enough restrooms, food and drinks were in short supply, traffic backed up for miles and the shoes of the first guests sank into freshly paved asphalt.

Among the original rides still around today are the Mad Tea Party, Peter Pan's Flight and Jungle Cruise.

The cost to get in that first year was \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children, although tickets for most rides were an additional 10 to 50 cents.

Today, a one-day ticket starts at more than \$100 and on some days can double that.

Over the years, the park has hosted U.S. presidents, kings and queens, and countless celebrities. A few even got their start at Disneyland — actor

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inflicting critical injuries, then turned the gun on himself.

Lopez is believed to be a former California Highway Patrol officer who left the CHP in 2022.

It's not known whether or how Lopez knew the man he shot.

Stockton is a city with a population of about 320,000 people located in the upper San Joaquin Valley, between Sacramento and Modesto.

Lodi is a city of about 66,000 between Stockton and Sacramento.

GG planners

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proximately 10,368-square foot interior mezzanine addition in its building, as well as an increase in the floor area devoted to industrial uses.

The matter is now expected to go to the Garden Grove City Council on Aug. 26.

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News & Views

How to deal with a bully? Some thoughts

A high school student addressed the local school board on Tuesday and complained that he was being bullied.

It was a rather brave thing he did, I thought, "taking it to the top," so to speak. He said that his school wasn't doing enough

– or even, very much – to rescue him from this situation.

Not knowing any of the facts, I'm not in a position to judge anybody, but it did get me

thinking about the topic.

The education world is publicizing its "no-bully" policies and vows to stamp out hate, but that strikes me as a heavy lift. Bullying is as old as Moses and as inevitable as acne.

To me, it seems generational, like wealth. A father – who was bullied by his dad – bullies his elder son. That lad, in turn, bullies his younger brother.

And he, when he reaches the "right" age, bullies younger and smaller kids.

Bullies are often victims or outcasts of some kind, with anger issues and self-image problems. Our better angels might wish to guide them off that path with kindness and understanding, but there will never be enough teachers, counselors, etc. with those skills and time to solve the problem.

So, here's my advice to the bullied. Yes, seek help from family, school, etc., But don't count completely on that. Consider this:

- **Find your tribe:** Lonely souls are often the ones picked on because they seem the most vulnerable. Join a group – band, cross country team, yearbook,



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Stabbing murder investigated

Attack took place in Santa Ana on Monday night

Detectives are investigating the stabbing murder of a man in Santa Ana on Monday.

According to the SAPD, the

incident took place in the area of 2400 S. Evergreen St., near Warner Avenue. Officers responded to a 9-1-1 call at around 11:09 p.m. and upon their arrival, found an unresponsive adult male – later identified as Ricardo Villegas Narvaez, 44, – in the street suffering from multiple stab wounds.

Orange County Fire Authority

paramedics responded and transported the man to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Detectives are seeking to identify and contact witnesses who can provide information about the homicide. Anyone with relevant information is asked to call the SAPD Homicide Section at (714) 245-8390.

Aquaculture garden to be studied

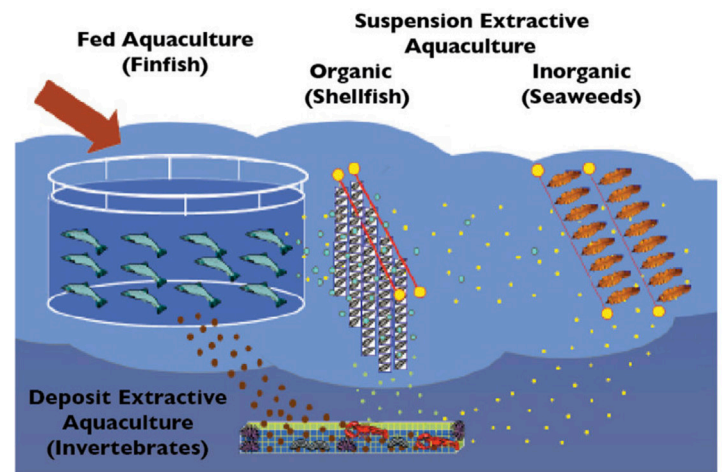
HUNT BEACH CITY COUNCIL

A proposal to study the feasibility of creating a community garden with an emphasis on using "multi-trophic agriculture" was approved by the Huntington Beach City Council on Tuesday night.

The vote was 7-0 in favor of having a report submitted to the council with findings and results within six months.

Based on the outcome of the study, the council will consider the next steps for project development, including identifying a site, determining environmental impacts, a timeline and how to best engage the community.

Multi-trophic agriculture is an aquaculture system in which



THE PROCESS of "multi-trophic" aquaculture (Wikipedia).

byproducts from one species are used as "inputs" for another. The

waste produced by a "higher level" species serves as nutrients for a "lower level" species,

The item was submitted by Councilmember Andrew Gruel and Mayor Pat Burns.

The Aug. 5 meeting of the council has been cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

History Minute

Village Green? A river ran through it

The Santa Ana River these days – most of the time – is a bone-dry flood control channel. But it wasn't always that way and it wasn't always on its current course. The massive flooding of the early 1860s is believed to have altered its path a bit and created "tributaries" that resembled little rivers of their own. One of those streams split off and crossed what



CLOCK TOWER IN VILLAGE GREEN

is now Chapman Avenue in Garden Grove and continued diagonally through what is now Village Green park,

DUI victim IDd

A woman who had earlier been reported missing has been identified as the person who was killed in an accident believed by police to have been caused by a motorist allegedly driving under the influence.

According to the Huntington Beach Police Department, the victim is Caryl Marguiles, 85, of Huntington Beach.

NewsUpdate

Trump Files \$10 Billion Lawsuit

Legal action is aimed at Wall Street Journal

A lawsuit demanding at least \$10 billion has been filed on behalf of President Donald Trump against the Wall Street Journal and its owner, Rupert Murdoch, over reporting of connections between Trump and financier Jeffrey Epstein, the late accused sex trafficker.

According to the Associated Press, the WSJ on Thursday published an article describing a sexually suggestive letter that the newspaper says bore Trump's name and was included in a 2003 album for Epstein's 50th birthday.



PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP (Shutterstock)

Trump denied writing the letter, calling it "false, malicious, and defamatory." The lawsuit was filed in a fed-

eral court in Miami on Thursday and it claims the article contains "numerous false, defamatory, and disparaging statements,"

which, it alleges, caused "overwhelming financial and reputational harm" to the president.

DOJ wants testimony in Jeffrey Epstein trial to become unsealed

The United States Department of Justice wants the grand jury testimony from the trial of Jeffrey Epstein to be unsealed.

According to The New York Times, the DOJ has asked a federal judge in Manhattan to make public the record.

Epstein, a financier, was on trial for sex trafficking charges when he died in what has been declared suicide.

The Epstein trial testimony is

central to a controversy over who might be involved as conspiracy theories threaten to involve an ever-widening circle of public figures.

The government also wants the unsealing of the grand jury testimony from the case of Ghislaine Maxwell, who was convicted on sex trafficking charges and is serving a prison sentence of 20 years.

Weather: Living in the 70s

A slow cooling trend will be in place for our West Orange County cities through the weekend and beyond. The forecast calls for daytime highs ranging from 78 to 75 with overnight lows dipping to 64 and 65. During the day, we can expect morning clouds with afternoon sun. Monday should be mostly sunny, giving way to partly cloudy skies on Tuesday.

Why was 'Late Show' cancelled by CBS?

The popular CBS "Late Show with Stephen Colbert" will end in May 2026. But is the show's cancellation due to politics – Colbert has been a steady, humorous critic of President Donald Trump – or business considerations?

According to USA Today, the parent company Paramount, says "this is purely a financial decision against a challenging backdrop in late night."

"It's not related in any way to the show's performance, content or other matters happening at Paramount."

However, Paramount needs approval of the federal government to complete its planned merger with Skydance Media.

Paramount is also the owner of Comedy Central, a network which airs the "Daily Show," also a satiric critic of the Trump Administration.

Great Thoughts

"It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."

– Marcus Aurelius

Arts & Living

'Smurfs': An Uninspired Kiddy Cartoon

Rihanna's voice is one of a few bright spots

By Jake Blum
AP Film Writer

Justin Timberlake had "Trolls." Rihanna has "Smurfs." Now, we patiently await a "Gummi Bears" with the Biebs.

But first we have "Smurfs," which, like "Trolls," gets as much mileage as it can from its pop singer-voice actor. Rihanna voices Smurfette and supplies a new song, giving a half-hearted injection of star power to an otherwise uninspired, modestly scaled, kiddo-friendly cartoon feature.

"Smurfs," directed by Chris Miller ("Puss in Boots," "Shrek the Third"), cribs heavily from the "Trolls" playbook. Both feature brightly colored little forest creatures that like a good tune. In the opening of "Smurfs," Papa Smurf (John Goodman) is DJing for a dancing Smurf Village.

As the many Smurfs gyrate next to mushroom houses, you might find yourself wondering how we got here. And what, exactly, is a Smurf, anyway? It's been nearly 70 years since Belgian comic artist Peyo created "Les Schtroumpfs," though most of those still familiar with the little blue fellas remember them from the 1980s Hanna-Barbera cartoons.

The Smurfs have never really transcended their Saturday morning cartoon origins. Neither a pair of live-action hybrid movies in the early 2010s or a 2017 animated release have done much more than keep us vaguely aware of what a Phrygian cap is.

And "Smurfs" is unlikely to change that. The best thing that can be said for the latest attempt to reboot the blue Belgian beings is that it maintains the light feel of a morning cartoon. Even with a brief SpongeBob SquarePants short running ahead of it, "Smurfs" — seemingly designed



"SMURFS" is strictly for the kids ... the little ones (A Sony Pictures Release).

Movie Review

to be the least ambitious of all possible parent-child outings — passes in about 90 minutes.

The pressing issue in Miller's film is that one Smurf, No Name Smurf (James Corden), lacks a defining feature. There are so many other labels already taken that all that's left for him are Clog Making Smurf and Shark Taming Smurf — and neither of those is promising, either.

When No Name Smurf suddenly grows magical powers, he gets a boost in confidence but inadvertently sets off a dangerous chain reaction. The burst of magic reveals the location of Smurf Village and a long-hidden magical book that, if reunited with three others, confers world domination. (Fun fact: This is also what happens if you reunify all first editions of James Joyce's "Ulysses.")

The outburst brings the attention of the evil wizard Razamel, brother of Gargamel. (Both are excellently voiced by JP Karliak.) And the Smurfs are cast into a chase through dimensions to rescue the kidnapped Papa Smurf and prevent Razamel

from seizing the fourth book. The trip takes them through Paris, Munich, Australia and, briefly, Claymation.

The zaniness is often forced. There are also Koosh ball-like creatures named Snooter Poots with a leader named Mama Poot (Natasha Lyonne). And if you were ever hoping to hear Rihanna sing, as a Smurf, from the seat of a kangaroo pouch, your movie has finally arrived.

But any expectations of something more quickly dissipate, despite the fact that "Smurfs" was scripted by Pam Brady, the screenwriter of "Hot Rod" and co-writer of "Team America:

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World Police." Most of the attempts at adult-winking gags are hackneyed jokes about Zoom, podcasting, spam filters and LinkedIn.

You can almost feel IP-rights pressures animating the entire enterprise. See, there are other Smurf names out there. How about Corporate Mandate Smurf?

"Smurfs," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association for action, language and rude hu-

'Addams Family' comes to WCP

Enjoy the wicked hijinks of "The Addams Family? A youth production of the Broadway musical of the same name will be staged July 25-27 and Aug. 1-3 at the Westminster Community Playhouse, 7272 Maple St. Westminster. For tickets, call (714) 893-8626.



TheSportsPages

Rules change can enliven the pace of play

Wasn't that a great MLB All-Star game? High-scoring (relatively ... 6-6) and settled with a Home Run Derby finish?

I love how baseball, after a century of stuck-in-the-mud rules and traditions, is stepping into the 21st century with "automatic runners" on second base in the 10th inning, a ban on defensive shifts, pitch timing clocks, etc.

Now it's time for the other major league sports to step up and enliven some of their regulations.

For example: **Football:**

The so-called "victory" formation can take the drama out of the closing moments of a game, sort of like a stall in basketball. My suggestion: allow the team with the ball only one of those formations. After that, it's a five-yard penalty. After that, the team with the ball must punt.

Basketball: When a player is fouled intentionally, the shooter can keep shooting as long as he (or she) keeps making them good. He (she) might hit six in a row. However, if he (them) misses the first shot, the ball is live.

Soccer: On a penalty kick, defenders can line up (hands on privates) standing in an area in front of the goal in an effort to deter (distract?) the kicker. In the first half, those defenders in the "wall" have to stand five feet (1.524 meters) apart from each other, opening up the strategy available to the fellow attempting the kick. In the second half, the distance widens.

Isn't this fun? Routine moments become crucial; "gimme" plays turn into nail-biters. Sports — when all is said and done — is really all about entertainment, isn't it?



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

James & Son in Part 2

How will Lakers return to being an elite team?

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO (AP) — Although Bronny James tries to stay off all social media, that strategy didn't stop one of his friends from calling him up recently and asking him about LeBron James' thoughts on the Los Angeles Lakers' direction — and what it all might mean for Bronny's future.

"I said, 'I have no idea what you're talking about,'" Bronny James said with a grin Wednesday after practice with the Lakers' NBA Summer League team. "I don't really pay attention to that stuff. There's a lot of stuff going around that I don't pay attention to."

Bronny sounds ready to spend a long, hot summer ducking rumors, pleading ignorance on innuendo and concentrating on the work necessary to become a contributor during his second NBA season with the Lakers.



LOS ANGELES Lakers guard Bronny James, left, and forward LeBron James warm up before an NBA basketball game against the Minnesota Timberwolves, Oct. 22, 2024, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Eric Thayer, File)

LeBron James has decided to pick up his \$52.6 million player option with the Lakers for his record 23rd NBA season — but his longtime agent, Rich Paul, announced the news with ambiguous comments in which he declared LeBron's desire to compete for a championship this season, even while the Lak-

ers are building for the future around Luka Doncic.

While many NBA observers are interpreting the comments as a prelude to a possible trade if the Lakers aren't an elite team in the fall, Bronny James said he isn't thinking or looking that far ahead.

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Angels rally for 6-5 win; Dodger bats silent in loss

The Los Angeles Angels began the "second half" of the 2025 MLB season with a stirring come-from-behind 6-5 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Friday night at Citizens Bank Park.

With the win, the Halos move back within a game of .500 at 48-49 and stay a half-game behind the third place Texas Rangers. Also, the Angels remain in the American League wild card race at just 3.5 games back.

After falling behind 4-1 in early going, the Angels caught up and scored what proved to be the winning run in the top of the

THE ROUNDUP

seventh on Taylor Ward's two-run home run. It was his 22nd round-trip of the season.

Other Angels going deep were Jorge Soler (his 11th) and Jo Adell (10th).

Back at Chavez Ravine, the Los Angeles Dodgers went the other way, mustering only three hits in a 2-0 loss to the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Blue Crew was pretty much hand-cuffed by Quinn Priester (8-2), who worked six shutout innings and struck out 10 batters

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	56-41	.577	—	4-6
Seattle	52-45	.536	4	7-3
Texas	49-49	.500	7.5	6-4
ANGELS	48-49	.495	8	5-5
Athletics	41-58	.414	16	5-5

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	58-40	.592	—	2-8
San Diego	53-44	.546	4.5	6-4
San Fran.	52-46	.531	6	5-5
Arizona	48-50	.490	10	5-5
Colorado	23-74	.237	34.5	3-7

while walking none.

Getting the hits for LAD were Freddie Freeman (a double) and Will Smith and Hyeseong Kim (both singles).

Edison/Clovis West in opening round of area prep football

Believe it or not, the start of the local high school football season is just a little over a month away.

Here's a quick look at some of the first game matchups involving area teams. More details to come.

All the games mentioned here are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. ... subject to change, of course.

Edison was our High Five "champ" last fall for our West Orange County cities and went on to win a first-ever Division 1 State title.

Coming off that 11-1 season, the Chargers will start by hosting Clovis West High of Fresno. The Golden Eagles have been a state power, but had an off-season last year, finishing 3-8.

Los Amigos and **Garden**

Prep Sport Spotlight

Grove were Garden Grove League rivals back when there was a GGL, and they will begin the 2025 season with some nostalgia.

The Argonauts, who had dominated the Big Four League, had a falloff in the 2024 season with a 2-8 mark. The Lobos, on the other hand, were 11-1 overall and won the Sigma League title.

Pacifica played a tough pre-season schedule, but powered its way to the Omicron League title, finishing 7-6 overall. The Mariners are facing Kennedy, which finished in a three-way tie for the Lambda League cham-

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MAIN STREET in Disneyland (File photo).

D-land brought world to OC

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Kevin Costner was a skipper on the Jungle Cruise and comedian Steve Martin of Garden Grove worked at a magic shop where he learned about being a performer.

The Walt Disney Co. now has six resorts with a dozen theme parks worldwide. The parks have become one of its most successful and important business segments.

The resort in Anaheim now includes Disney California Adventure and Downtown Disney, a shopping and entertainment district.

While Disneyland still fea-

tures many of the touches Walt Disney oversaw himself, the original park is ever-evolving, sometimes to the dismay of its loyal fans.

Some of the moves have been made to keep up with a changing society, while others have been made to introduce more thrilling attractions with the latest technology to keep up with competitors.

Just last year, Disney received approval to expand its Southern California theme parks. A new parking structure and transit hub are the first steps in its plans to open more space for new attractions.



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What kind of team will Lakers be in 2025-26?

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LeBron and Bronny became the first father and son to play together in NBA history last season, but the 20-year-old son of the top scorer in NBA history claims he doesn't know what the future holds.

"We don't really talk about that much, but I think when stuff like that does come up, he just tells me to not worry about it, not even pay attention to it,"

Bronny said. "Just lock in to what you have going on right now, and that's what's going to get me better and keep me focused. I think it's good that he tells me not to pay attention to that stuff."

James first played for the Lakers a year ago in the NBA Summer League, and he is returning this month for another run.

The Lakers' first game is in front of their famously passionate Vegas fans against No. 1 pick Cooper Flagg and the Dallas Mavericks in the marquee event of the tournament.

"Last year it was a crazy environment for me to step in and produce right off — being nervous, too," Bronny said. "I feel

like this year I'll be able to go out and play freely and know what I'm going to go out there and do for me and my teammates. I'm just really excited to be able to play nervous-free."

Bronny's focus is on his conditioning and his diet. He has slimmed down to 215 pounds with a bit more work still to go, and he wants to be able to play 10-minute stretches with no fade.

That's also important for the mental aspect of the game for Bronny, who went into cardiac arrest two years ago during a summer workout at USC.

"I think that side of confidence just comes with time, and being able to go through or endure myself at a longer rate of time," Bronny said.

"Just being able to be out there for longer time, going at it, just coming in every day and pushing myself even more than I did the last day, I think, is really good for me."

Bronny also reaffirmed his determination to be a defensive stopper, even though he showed an ability to score last season in the G League and during a 17-point performance against the Milwaukee Bucks last March.

"I can't lose that defensive drive that will get me on the floor,"

Bronny said. "There's going to be guys that can go out and score 15, 20 (points) a game. I'm most likely not going to be that guy right now, but to get myself on the floor, I have to be a defensive menace, and that's my main focus, getting into that condition this year."

Bronny won't get a chance to play alongside Adou Thiero in Las Vegas, however. The Lakers' second-round draft pick is still building strength after the left knee injury that bothered him at Arkansas, and while he won't play in Summer League, he is expected to be fully ready for training camp.



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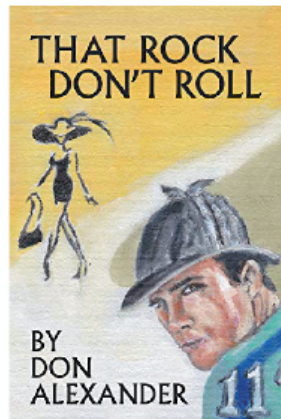
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Prep football kickoffs are coming soon

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pionship, posting an overall 7-4 mark.

Two teams hoping to put 2024 behind them are **Westminster** and **Sunny Hills**. The Lions were 3-7 last year, 1-4 in the Kappa League. Sunny Hills was similar at 2-8, 2-3 in the Lambda League.

Retorts: In stopping bullies, get help, but help yourself

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German Club — and work to be an active member. It's safety in numbers and a way to make friends.

- Be prepared to stand up for yourself: I know, that sounds dicey and your mileage may vary. But most bullies are — deep down — cowards. Consider the possibility that standing your ground may be all you need. I've seen it work, time and again. Your courage may rally other people to your side.

- Act early: The longer you let the bully harass you, the degree of grief is likely to escalate and encourage others to join in.

Push back — literally or verbally

— initially, and your bully is likely to move on.

- Self-assess: I hate to encourage conformity, but — as the Japanese say — the nail that stands up, gets the hammer. If there something about your grooming, dress, etc. that might invite mocking? Is it fixable? Should you?

Bullying, I'm sorry to say, doesn't end after youth. Insecure jerks seeking to establish dominance over others will be found for the rest of your life.

The sooner you develop — and stick to — your self-defense strategy, the less likely you'll be a target.