

Do Hit With a \$878,000 Bill to Pay

And now off to federal prison

On his way to serving five years in federal prison, disgraced former Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do was ordered to repay the federal government almost \$900,000 on Monday.

At the restitution hearing for Do, 62, who resigned his seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 2024, it was revealed that he must repay \$878,000 in funds which were intended to provide meals to elderly Vietnamese-Americans during the coronavirus pandemic.

But most of the money paid to the Viet America Society – run by Do’s daughter Rhiannon Do, who was 19 at the time – went to other purposes, including buying a house for her and an \$8,000 monthly salary for her.

Andrew Do received a total of \$550,000 for his efforts in guiding the federal funds to VAS.

“The scheme essentially functioned like Robin Hood in reverse,” said Martin Estrada, former U.S. Attorney for the

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Man arrested in HB is dead at Theo Lacy

A man arrested in Huntington Beach on Saturday was found dead on the floor of barracks at the Theo Lacy jail facility in Orange on Tuesday morning.

According to the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, David N. Alcazar, 60, had been arrested by the HBPD on charges of making criminal threats, stalking and vandalism.

On Tuesday Alcazar was

found suffering from injuries from an apparent suicide attempt, reports the OCSO. Deputies and medical staff attempted life-saving measures.

Alcazar was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. A final cause of death will be determined after an independent autopsy is conducted and toxicology reports are completed.

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A DRAMATIC DUSK



The Huntington Beach shoreline is one of the most beautiful in all of California, and its iconic pier one of the most recognized landmarks in the Golden State. It’s a lovely sight any time of the year or day, but especially so on a summer’s evening at dawn or dusk (Shutterstock).

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Community leaders honored; concerns about ICE raised

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Honors and appeals for help were featured at Tuesday’s meeting of the Garden Grove City Council.

The council honored Joe Hammer and Sue Catlin for being named the 2025 Strawberry Ball King and Queen/Senior Volunteer Man and Woman of the Year.

Also honored were leaders of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association for organizing

the 2025 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association. Steve Sanders, president of the 2026 Festival, said that an estimated record 275,000 people attended the four-day Memorial Day weekend this year.

Recognized was the Eagle Scout Flagpole installation project at the Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail.

But much of the public

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Residents honored: ICE concerns

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comments section of the meeting was taken up by concerns expressed about raids by Immigration and Custom Enforcement agents who have detained residents of Garden Grove and other

cities, in some cases allegedly masked and without providing due process.

Councilmembers were urged by several speakers to take action to protect the rights of undocumented workers.

“There are plenty of workers being taken [by ICE] in Garden Grove,” said one speaker.

Man arrested in HB found dead at Theo Lacy jail

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The death will be investigated by the Orange County District Attorney’s office, and the OCSO will conduct its own review.

Restitution from Do nearly \$900k

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Central District of California. “Mr. Do and his conspirators stole money from the poor to give to themselves.”

Do is a former member of the Garden Grove City Council.

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News & Views

Climbing on the roller-coaster one more time

This is the “back-to-school” season, the annual shifting of tectonic plates which turns grade school kids into teenagers-in-waiting, and those into rapidly emerging pre-adults.

It’s a time of anticipation and apprehension. Will I have a “good”

(i.e. easy) teacher?

Will I make friends?

Will I have to diagram sentences?

The older a kid becomes, the more complicated things

get. I’ve always considered the principal struggle in the “upper” six grades as a battle against puberty, both for pupils and teachers.

Accompanying the mental/emotional addling that come with all the hormonal changes that overtake one are the physical changes that occur. Only a short time ago you were skinny carefree kids and now you are rampaging into a world of facial hair, deeper voices, emerging topography and terrifying insecurity.

As if all that wasn’t enough, in the last two years of high school, a student is bombarded with pressure to “pick” a major, pick a college, pick a career/trade, etc., an even — in some cases — pick a future life partner.

It can be annoying or even terrifying, both to youngsters and parents. Short of being born smart and self-confident — not easily done — my back-to-school advice for both groups is to ... relax.

The things that seem earth-shattering will be reduced to minor memories. The behaviors of kids that grind the Old Folks’



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Jim Tortolano

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BILLY WILSON, appointed as new principal at Valley Vista High School in Fountain Valley. It’s part of the Huntington Beach Union High School District (HBUHSD).

Wilson tapped as the new principal at Valley Vista HS

Billy Wilson has been appointed principal of Valley Vista High School, after approval by the Huntington Beach Union High School District Board of Trustees.

Wilson comes to VVHS — a continuation high school — with 25 years in education, bringing a background in serving at-risk youth and creating student-centered learning environments.

His career began in youth services in 1996, where he supported high-risk youth and led staff in trauma-informed care and crisis intervention management.

In 2000, he made the transition into education, serving as a special education teacher at Mountain View Non-Public School, a STEP teacher at Apple Valley Middle School, and later a special education teacher at Marina High School. His experience working with special education and high-need students led to his first leadership role in 2006 as a program specialist for the West Orange County Consortium for Special Education.

Most recently, Wilson has served as an assistant principal at Huntington Beach High School since 2021, following a five-year tenure from 2017 to 2021 in the same role at Warner Middle School, one of HBUHSD’s feeder schools.

Wilson said, “From walking the halls as a continuation high school student to leading them as principal, my journey has come full circle and is proof that every setback can be the start of a powerful comeback.

“I can’t wait to begin a new school year in this role and am looking forward to building meaningful connections with the Valley Vista students, staff, and community.”

Community service for West in her bribery case

Westminster City Councilmember Amy Phan West was required on Monday to serve 20 hours of community service and to take a two-hour ethics course in connection with a misdemeanor bribery charge against her.

West, who represents District 1 on the city council, was granted a diversion program that will allow her to seek to have the misdemeanor dismissed.

The Orange County District Attorney brought the charge against her in February of 2024 over an incident in April 2023 in which the City of Westminster sent two parking control officers in reference to an abandoned Jeep — registered to Amy Phan West’s husband — parked on a city street.

They requested a tow truck to remove the Jeep when she allegedly identified herself, told the parking officers not to tow the Jeep — she would “move it herself,” she said .

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History Minute



WESTMINSTER'S FIRST SCHOOL
Around 1890s. Community founded in 1870.

Westminster doesn’t have what might be called a typical “downtown,” but it once did. What’s now Sigler Park (at 7200 Plaza St, at Olive Street) first served as the city’s original central business district, but was bypassed with the arrival of (Huntington) Beach Boulevard — also known as Highway 39 — in the 1920s, creating the “New Westminster” at Beach and Westminster Avenue (now Boulevard), which is home to the Civic Center.

NewsUpdate

National Guard Troops in D.C.

800 soldiers in Washington by Trump's order

National Guard troops numbering 800 have arrived in Washington, D.C. as a part of an anti-crime deployment ordered by President Donald Trump.

According to the Associated Press the soldiers are there along with an executive order allowing the federal government to temporarily assume control of the Washington D.C. police force.

Mayor Muriel Bowser, after at first expressing alarm, sought to express a more cooperative outlook.

"How we got here or what we



NATIONAL GUARD soldiers in Washington D.C. (US Army photo).

think about the circumstances – right now – we have more police, and we want to make sure we use them," she said.

Trump has called the nation's

capital a "lawless city" but the latest crime statistics show that violent crime – with the exception of arson – is in decline over the past year.

All crime is down 7 percent with violent crime down 26 percent and property crime down 4 percent.

Ahead of peace talks, Russia pushed ahead

Ahead of the planned summit in Alaska between U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, Russian troops have moved forward and advanced into some areas in eastern Ukraine.

The New York Times reports this is in case any agreement to end the war between Russia and Ukraine would allow each side

to keep the ground it holds at the time of any cease-fire deal.

Ukraine, for its side, is increasing its attacks on Russian oil refineries, hoping to damage Russia's main source of income.

"The next 24-48 hours will likely be crucial" said a commentator on whether Ukraine can successfully contain the Russian move.

Great Thoughts

"I'm not led into temptation. I go there by myself."

– Dennis the Menace.

"For every minute you're angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility."

– Eleanor Roosevelt

Weather: Love them clouds

The forecast for our West Orange County cities through the weekend is for daily highs to remain in the 80s but to cool slightly, with partly cloudy skies. Saturday is expected to have a daytime high of 83 with an overnight low of 65. Sunday should cool to 81 (66), with Monday and Tuesday to drop to highs of 80 (lows of 66 and 67).

Suspect in fatal shootings outside Target store in Texas identified by police

The man police believe fatally shot three people on Monday outside a Target store in Austin, Texas, has been identified.

According to USA Today, the suspected gunman is Ethan Nieneker, 32.

The shooting took place in the parking lot and the victims are said to be two adults and one child.

The suspect faces charges of first degree murder, capital murder by terror threat and capital

murder of a person under 10.

Nieneker is said to flee the scene in a stolen car after the shooting, crashing it and stealing another car.

He was eventually tracked down by police and subdued with a Taser.

He is believed to have a history of "mental health challenges," reports the newspaper. No motive has been established, say police.

Arts & Living

'Freakier Friday' A Worthy Sequel

Curtis teams up with Lohan in a warm comedy

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

It's a tale as old as time — or at least, a tale Hollywood loves to tell again and again: Body-swapping. It's magical. It's comical. It carries heartwarming messages about walking in another's shoes, and learning about oneself along the way.

So it's hardly surprising that "Freaky Friday," the 2003 version of the 1972 Mary Rodgers novel starring Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis, was a hit. Lohan was endearing and charismatic as an appealing, mildly turbulent teenager, and Curtis was a comic hoot as her control-freak therapist mom.

And while there were a few misfires — the stereotypical Asian representation has aged badly — the film was powered by an easy chemistry between the two stars. So why not revisit the story in 2025? Sequels are often made for far less compelling reasons.

The chief weakness of "Freakier Friday" — which brings Curtis and Lohan back for an amiable, often joyful and certainly chaotic reunion — is that while it hews overly closely to the structure, storyline and even dialogue of the original, it tries too hard to up the ante. The comedy is thus a bit more manic, and the plot machinations more overwrought (or sometimes distractingly silly).

Then there's the double body-swapping. Because one major swap isn't enough, here we have two sets of swappers — a quixotic quartet of lives disrupted during the lead-up to, yes, another wedding! The problem is that sometimes, it's actually hard to keep track of who's inhabiting whom, and therefore why they're doing what. Not to say that "Freakier Fri-



JAMIE LEE CURTIS and Lindsay Lohan in "Freakier Friday" (Walt Disney Pictures).

Movie Review

day," directed with gusto by Nisha Ganatra, doesn't have moments of comic glee. I'll admit to laughing out loud — with everyone else older than 30 near me — when two teens were trying to locate an adult contact and one of them pulled up Facebook, explaining: "It's like a database of old people!" Touché, guys.

These "youngsters" are actually Lohan and Curtis, playing ninth-graders trapped in adult bodies. Before we get to that, though: We begin 22 years after we last saw Lohan's Anna, playing electric guitar at her mom's wedding. Now a single mom herself with a job managing a young pop star, she's trying to get her daughter up for school. Harper (the excellent Julia Butters) is — surprise! — an appealing, mildly turbulent teenager. And just like Anna two decades ago, she keeps people out of her bedroom. "Prepare to be triggered!" Anna yells before barging in. (The dialogue has been duly updated to the present time.)

Driving to school drop-off, Anna is joined by her mom, Tess

(Curtis), who has stylish gray hair now and is still a practicing therapist, podcaster and author whose latest topic is "Rebelling with Respect." Dropping Harper off, Anna calls out "Make good choices!" — just what mom Tess used to say, natch.

At school, Harper butts heads with transfer student Lily (Sophia Hammons), a budding fashion designer who hails from Britain and is very snooty. Anna is called to see the principal. There, she meets Lily's dishy chef dad Eric (Manny Jacinto), and the two flirt so intensely, the

Good: ★ ★ ★

principal herself makes them a dinner reservation.

All it takes is one cute dating montage, and poof, Anna and Eric are engaged. But things are still bad between Harper and Lily, whose animosity triggers a weirdly violent, all-school food fight on bake sale day. But they all have a bachelorette party to attend. There, a wacky fortune-teller and barista and business-card maker — Vanessa Bayer,

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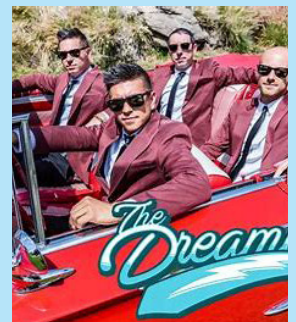
A 'dreamy' free concert

Summer rolls along but free musical concerts in our West Orange County aren't done yet. Westminster's warm weather fun isn't over yet.

- Thursday, Aug. 14: The Dreamboats (50s and 60s music) in the Sunken Gardens in Westminster Civic Center; music starts at 6:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Aug. 21: Radio Royalty (an "80 dance party").

There will be food for sale and each event also features giveaways and activities.



THE DREAMBOATS

TheSportsPages

Stetson Bennett or Jimmy G: who's your pick?

Good News Dept. Nothing send shivers through the spines of offensive coordinators and bookies more than news of an injury to a starting quarterback.

Hence, the availability of a sturdy and capable backup QB cannot be underestimated. So, hurrah for the performance Sunday by Stetson Bennett, who threw two TD passes in the Rams' preseason win over the Dallas Cowboys.

Of course, let's remember that he accomplished that against the second- and third stringers, but still ...

However, I'm still holding out for Jimmy Garoppolo as the true hero-in-waiting if Matt Stafford gets dinged. He's the time-tested veteran with Super Bowl rings. And how can I not be loyal to a guy named "Jim" whose last name ends with a vowel?

Bad News Dept: One of the weirdest stories to come out of the WNBA is the ridiculous trend of fans throwing what are euphemistically called "sex toys" onto the court during the game.

One theory that's emerged is promoters of the sale of a certain crypto coin are behind it, seeking to draw attention to their brand. Another theory is that regardless of its origin, nimrods with the social awareness of an adolescent ibex will/are going to imitate it and cause chaos.

The WNBA, which is undergoing an unprecedented period of growth, is also suffering from an underground grumbling that the league is "too black" and too how shall I put this? Too "unfeminine"?

Let's hope that all this foolishness is just another link in the growing pains of sports enterprise on its way to greatness.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

It Was Stetson's Big Day

But is he ready for those first string opponents?

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

INGLEWOOD (AP) — Stetson Bennett is viewing this NFL season as a new beginning in a winding football career, and the Los Angeles Rams quarterback got off to a strong fresh start.

Bennett passed for 188 yards and two touchdowns, leading the Rams to a 31-21 preseason victory over the Cowboys on Saturday night.

Blake Corum rushed for short TDs to cap the Rams' first two offensive drives led by Bennett. The two-time national champion at the University of Georgia is attempting to secure his job as the Rams' third-string quarterback for another season.

Looking much sharper than he did a year ago against the Cowboys, Bennett went 16 for 24 and hit Cody Schrader and Brennan Presley for touchdowns in the second half.

"I thought I played pretty well,"



STETSON BENNETT had a strong game in the Rams' preseason win over the Cowboys (Rams photo)

Bennett said. "I was just glad I didn't try to force anything. (It went) pretty well, but there's things I'm going to clean up."

Bennett's only interception resulted from an exceptional play made by Dallas' Israel Mukuamu on a long pass.

The Rams didn't even play second-string quarterback Jimmy

Garoppolo.

Schrader rushed for 59 yards for Los Angeles, while rookie Jarquez Hunter had 41 yards and Blake Corum added 32.

Stafford's Progress

The Rams got good news even before the game when Matthew

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Angels beat Dodgers, who fall into an NLW tie

The **Los Angeles Angels** have not proven themselves to be much of a contender this season, but their credentials as a spoiler are pretty strong, as evidenced by Tuesday's 10th inning 7-6 win over the **Los Angeles Dodgers** in a Freeway Series game in Anaheim.

The Halo win — their sixth in a row over the Dodgers (68-52) dropped the Blue Crew into a tie for the National League West lead with the San Diego Padres, who beat the San Francisco Giants, 5-1.

In a game that saw a triple play by the Angels (58-62), and Shohei Ohtani's 43rd home

THE ROUNDUP

run of the season, the key play proved to be Jo Adell's RBI single in the bottom of the 10th inning, driving in Taylor Ward from third with the winning run.

"That was awesome," Angels interim manager Ray Montgomery said. "These guys never quit, but that was exceptionally not quitting. So many people contributed. ... People coming off the bench, people doing different things."

Among the big contributors in the see-saw game for the Ha-

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	67-53	.558	—	5-5
Seattle	67-53	.558	—	9-1
Texas	61-60	.504	6.5	4-6
ANGELS	58-62	.483	9	5-5
Athletics	54-68	.443	14	5-5

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	68-52	.567	—	4-6
San Diego	68-52	.567	—	7-3
San Fran.	59-61	.492	9	4-6
Arizona	58-62	.483	10	7-3
Colorado	31-86	.261	36.5	2-8

los was Ward, who hit his 28th home run and was 2-for-5.

The Dodgers outlit the Angels 11-9 with four batters getting two hits.



BENNETT threw for two TD and 188 yards (Rams photo).

Stetson opens bid to be backup

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Stafford went through a lengthy workout featuring roughly 70 throws. The 37-year-old quarterback didn't participate in training camp due to a back injury.

"It was awesome," Sean McVay said. "It looked good. He threw the ball really well. No limitation on any types of throws."

Stafford joined practice Monday at the Rams' training complex,

at first participating only in individual drills.

Up Next

Rams: McVay said after the game that their scheduled joint practice with the Chargers on Wednesday was canceled because the Bolts are too injured.

The crosstown rivals will still meet next Saturday for their pre-season game.

Can Chip Kelly revive the Raiders offense?

By Mark Anderson
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The fact so many Raiders offensive players have talked up Chip Kelly as their new coordinator is not surprising.

It's training camp, after all, and optimism abounds throughout NFL camps.

But when someone from the other side of the ball notices what's going on with the new schemes and game plans, that's more of an attention-grabber.

"We really don't know ever what he's about to throw at us, so it keeps us on our toes," defensive tackle Jonah Lauulu said. "Then when we attack them, they come back the next day with something new. It's a great formula for success."

Las Vegas is under its fifth offensive coordinator in four years due to a rotating door at head coach. The last time the Raiders

had any semblance of stability at OC was when Greg Olson ran the offense from 2018-21.

First-year Raiders coach Pete Carroll hired Olson to be the team's quarterbacks coach right after he made the splashy move to bring in Kelly.

The 61-year-old Kelly last year was the offensive coordinator of Ohio State's national championship team.

He came to national prominence as the innovative head coach at Oregon from 2009-12, leading the Ducks to a 46-7 record and title-game appearance in the 2010 season.

Kelly then had a mixed bag of results in NFL stops at Philadelphia and San Francisco and back in college at UCLA before going back to being a play-caller and guiding the Buckeyes' offense.

Now he's doing the same in Las Vegas.

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'Freaky Friday' is a (mostly) worthy sequel

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in a cameo that perhaps, no definitely goes on too long — reads their palms. And then the earth starts shaking.

"Freaky" fans know what happens next. The four awaken the next morning, each inhabiting someone else. Anna is Harper. Tess is Lily. Harper is Anna. Lily is Tess. We'll be testing you on this later!

Seriously, it's easy to lose the thread. Also, one wonders: why

doesn't Lily's British accent travel with her to Tess's body? If Curtis suddenly had a British accent, the pairing would make a lot more sense.

Anyway, they go about their days. Lily, in Tess' body, plays pickleball awkwardly with husband Ryan (Mark Harmon is back, in a thankless part). Harper, in Anna's body, goes to a pre-wedding tango lesson with Eric, with disastrous results. Meanwhile Anna and Tess, in their teen bodies, feast on junk food with impunity. "I haven't eaten real dairy since the Bush administration," one says.

Curtis, aka Lily, gets her best

moment in a drugstore, when her hubby asks her to get supplies from the "senior" aisle, and she stockpiles everything from adult diapers to enemas. Lohan's at her comic best when, as Harper, she tries to flirt the way she thinks her mother would. She's flirting with Jake (Chad Michael Murray) — yes, the hunky guy from the original — and her flirting is so weird, Jake thinks she's having a stroke.

It all barrels toward a conclusion that we won't spoil. Will the wedding be derailed by the efforts of Lily and Harper? Will that derailment be temporary?

Will the sisters-to-be reach an understanding? Will Lohan get to play the electric guitar? Will everyone grow to appreciate each other?

That last question, we can answer. Of course they will. Whoever they are, and whatever they just did.

"Freakier Friday," a Walt Disney Studios release, has been rated PG by the Motion Picture Association "for thematic elements, rude humor, language and some suggestive references." Running time: 111 minutes.



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Garden Grove Rotary

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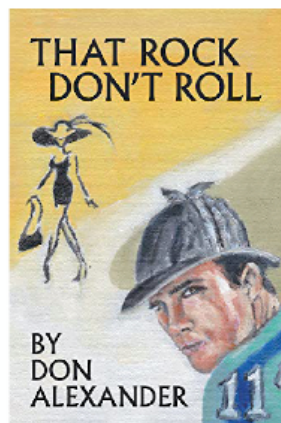
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Can Kelly revive Raiders?

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"This is such a good group to coach," Kelly said. "They want to be coached. They're thirsty for knowledge. When you go into the meeting room, there's a little buzz and there's an excitement. It's not like, 'Oh, God, we're in camp. What we do here?'" It's special when you get an opportunity to be on (an) NFL roster, and I think these guys are really taking advantage of it."

Offensive lineman Thayer Munford said Kelly is willing to make changes if something doesn't work, that he isn't stuck trying to force a system onto the players.

"We're not pointing fingers at each other," Munford said. "We're here to bring each other up and push each other forward. Not every team's like this, ei-

ther. I've been on a couple teams that you point at them, and they get down in the dumps and the next day they go to crap. This coach is different."

Community service for Amy West

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She then allegedly spoke of her friendship with the Westminster police chief and that she was in the process of "getting raises for police department personnel."

The tow truck was cancelled and the Jeep left at the site.

Phan West denied the accusations and pleaded not guilty.

Jim's Retorts goes back to school

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teeth will eventually be revealed as the kind of stuff that the Old Folks did when they were That Age.

A 16-year-old romance fades quickly (most of the time) ... chances are you will come to dislike the college major you agonized over ... you will recognize that you don't look any more ridiculous in your P.E. outfit than the other youths (or Utes, as Joe Pesci would say).

You are climbing on a roller coaster that speeds up and turns more sharply as the years pass. You can't leave and it will take you in directions you would not have chosen. But you'll learn how to cope with all the twists and turns and — despite the dizziness — you will likely be better and wiser for the experience.

There's the bell. See you in class, smarty.