



Three persons and a cat were evacuated from a house on Chinook Avenue in Westminster on Thursday morning. The garage blaze was knocked down by Orange County Fire Authority firefighters, who were able to keep the blaze from spreading to the rest of the home. One person was hospitalized (OCFA/OC Hawk).

Three people and one cat escape a fire in Westminster

Three persons escaped from a garage fire in Westminster on Thursday morning. According to the Orange County Fire Authority – which provides fire and paramedic service to Garden Grove, Stanton and

Westminster – the alarm came in around 9 a.m. to the home in the 6100 block of Chinook Avenue. There were three people in the home at the time. One was able to escape through the window, a second person was rescued by West-

minster police and a third by OCFA personnel. That person was treated at the scene and taken to a nearby hospital in stable condition. Also rescued was a cat. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



DAVID SHAWVER
Stanton mayor

Prop. 50 on agenda

A discussion of Proposition 50 – a proposal before voters to redraw congressional districts in California for the 2026 mid-term elections – goes before the Stanton City Council at its next meeting on Tuesday. Mayor David Shawver has

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asked that the item go before the council. The proposition was put forward by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom in
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Two from GG Held for Death in Anaheim

Extradited from Houston and brought to the OC for trials

By **Jim Tortolano**
Orange County Tribune

inside a home in the 1800 block of W. Bernardy Place in Anaheim.

Two Garden Grove residents are facing charges related to the murder of a man in Anaheim in June. According to the APD, Christopher Do, 35, is accused of the murder of Tien Luu, 65. Accused of accessory to murder is Brittany Vidal, 37.

APD detectives took over the case. Luu succumbed to his injuries on June 22.

On June 15, Garden Grove police responded to Garden Grove Hospital in regard to Luu, who had been dropped off suffering from injuries consistent with an assault.

A lengthy investigation identified Do and Vidal as suspects in the killing and they were located in Houston. With the help of the Houston Police Department, Vidal was taken into custody on Sept. 2, 2025 on a warrant for accessory to murder and Do on Sept. 3 on a warrant for murder.

The investigation revealed that Luu had been assaulted

They were extradited to California and are in Orange County Jail waiting trial. They are being held without bail.

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Proposition 50 is on Stanton council agenda

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response to action by the Texas state legislature to redistrict in an effort to create – at the request of President Donald Trump – as many as five more “winnable” seats in the U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives for Republican candidates.

The GOP has a small margin in the House now, and the party in control of the White House historically loses seats in the mid-term elections.

In response to the action by Texas, California voters will be asked to respond in kind, creating “winnable” districts for Democrats to offset any gains by Republicans.

A similar response has been suggested for Illinois and New York (with Democratic majorities) and Utah and Missouri (Republican).

Locally, Huntington Beach and Westminster city councils have approved resolutions urging voters to oppose Proposition 50 on Nov. 4.

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News & Views

Right way and wrong way to hold a vigil

I'm still trying to draw a thoughtful conclusion from the difference between the vigils and rallies held recently mourning the fatal shooting of conservative activist Charlie Kirk in Huntington Beach and Garden Grove.

Full disclosure: I wasn't there for the gathering at the Pier Plaza by the ocean but did see some video. I was present at the meeting at an office complex on Valley View Street.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

As you may have read, the event in Huntington Beach was marred by the presence of a group calling itself the Patriot Front. From reliable public accounts most of that observance was sober and respectful. But the "Patriots" were rowdy and chanted, "White Men Fight Back!," a favorite slogan of white supremacists.

Butch Twining, a member of the Huntington Beach City Council, happened to be at the rally, and videos shot by bystanders showed Twining — almost certainly by accident — standing somewhere in the vicinity of the chanters.

The picture led many to jump to false conclusions, and Twining has denounced the "Patriots," describing himself as "disgusted" by them.

The whole episode did not present an attractive image to the casual observer. For a city hoping to fill up the municipal deficit with more tourism income, it was not a famous victory.

In Garden Grove, the picture was different. Families, Ameri-

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IT WAS A VIGIL FOR THEIR HERO



A gathering of several hundred people met on Valley View Street in West Garden Grove on Thursday to honor the slain conservative activist Charlie Kirk. Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein (above) was the main speaker (Tribune photos).

Judge sentenced to 35 years to life

An Orange County Superior Court judge has been sentenced to 35 years to life for shooting his 65-year-old wife to death in their Anaheim Hills home in August 2023 after a drunken argument over money.

According to the Orange County District Attorney, instead of rendering aid to his wife, Sheryl, after shooting her as they sat in their living room watching tele-

vision, Judge Jeffrey Ferguson, then 72, went outside and texted his court bailiff and clerk, "I just lost it. I just shot my wife. I won't be in tomorrow. I will be in custody. I'm so sorry."

The couple's 22-year-old son, who tackled his father to wrestle the gun away from him after the shooting, was left inside performing CPR on his mother while being directed by emer-

gency dispatchers.

Jurors rejected Ferguson's testimony that he accidentally shot his wife and convicted him in April 2025 of one felony count of murder and one felony enhancement of personal use of a firearm and one felony enhancement of discharge of a firearm causing great bodily injury and death.

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STILL ROLLING ALONG MAIN STREET



The Friday Night Car Show on Main Street in Garden Grove is 30 years old and it was celebrated on Friday. At left is the car show organizer for the past seven years, Dianne Bain. At right, Steve Sanders leads a patriotic procession of Scouts (Tribune photos).

NewsUpdate

\$100,000 Visa Fee is Proposed

Hire more U.S. workers, says Commerce Dept.

Highly-skilled foreign workers seeking a visa to work in the United States will have to pay an annual \$100,000 fee, President Donald Trump announced on Friday.

According to the Associated Press, he also took the wraps off a \$1 million “gold card” for wealthy people to get American citizenship. The card displayed had a photo of the president.

The proposal is considered likely to face legal challenges, especially on the grounds that he is creating policies and regu-



PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP (Shutterstock).

lations without the approval of Congress.

The H-1B visas that would be

affected would rise from the current annual price of \$215. Some critics say it would make

it difficult for high tech American companies to find qualified workers because of the fee.

U.S. attorney leaves office claiming Trump pressure

A federal attorney is out of his office on Friday, claiming he was under pressure from President Donald Trump to bring charges against New York Attorney General Letitia James.

The New York Times is reporting that Erik S. Siebert, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, said that his investigators found “insufficient evidence” to bring mortgage fraud charges against James.

Siebert said that Trump wanted

him removed because he had been approved by both New York Democratic U.S. Senators.

The Times reports that Trump has made a policy of pursuing law enforcement officers who had investigated him or who he otherwise considered to be enemies.

It was unclear whether Siebert resigned first before being discharged on orders from The White House.

In Mid-Eighties for a while

If you like the weather we’ve had recently in our West Orange County cities, you’ll like what’s in store. Daytime temps wil range from 81 to 84 with overnight lows from 67 to 69. Partly cloudy and mostly cloudy skies are in the forecast.

The coolest day will be Sunday at 81 with the warmest being 84 on Saturday and Monday

Funding bills for govt. fail to pass; shutdown looms for U.S. on Oct. 1

A short-term funding bill for the federal government failed to pass the U.S. Senate as well as a proposal from Democrats.

United Press International reports that the bill – previously approved by the House of Representatives – failed in the Senate on a 48-44 vote.

Two Republicans voted against the bill and one Democrat in favor. A Democratic proposal

which restored some health care cuts in the Republican version failed on a 47-45 vote.

If a bill is not passed by Oct. 1, the federal government will lose the power to pay its expenses – including the salaries of employees.

The House earlier approved a “continuing resolution” to fund the government on a 217-212 vote.

Great Thoughts

“The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.”

– Marcel Proust

“The journey, not the arrival matters.”

– T.S. Eliot

“A ship is safe in harbor, but that’s not what ships are built for.”

– John G. Shed.

Arts & Living

Movies That Made Redford A Star

And he was also an Oscar-winner as a director, too

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press Writer

When you're a larger-than-life, generation-spanning star like Robert Redford, the hard truth is that every movie is notable in some way. He was iconic in his own time, whether in front of the camera, or behind it.

And in his lifetime, so many of his films transcended their original reviews to find passionate fanbases: Just ask older millennials about the 1992 hacker movie "Sneakers" or the "Sex and the City" generation about "The Way We Were."

Redford died Tuesday at 89, leaving behind an arsenal of great roles that he owned, whether he was playing a quiet CIA agent, a con man, a baseball player, a grizzled mariner, an ambitious journalist, or a charming WASP in love.

You could make a feast out of his Sydney Pollack collaborations alone, starring with "Jeremiah Johnson" (streaming on Tubi), a classic that also took on a surprising afterlife as a meme that became so popular, younger generations didn't even realize it was Redford behind that beard. His very last role came this year, a cameo in "Dark Winds," the AMC show about Navajo police officers he produced.

This is a list of some of Redford's most memorable performances, but don't forget about the films he directed, too: among them are the all-timers "Ordinary People" (streaming on MGM+), which won him the best director Oscar, and "Quiz Show" (rent on Apple TV+), which got him another nod.

Barefoot in the Park (1967)

Redford and Jane Fonda play a passionate but mismatched new-



ROBERT REDFORD and Paul Newman in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" in 1969.

Retrospective

lywed couple whose relationship is tested by their walk-up New York apartment in this Neil Simon comedy. Reprising the role he'd played on Broadway, Redford is the uptight, conservative foil to her more free-spirited character and they're both stunningly beautiful and fun to watch. Fonda told The Guardian in 2015 that she was "always in love with Robert Redford."

He later responded that he wasn't aware. The two also appeared together in "The Chase" (1966), "The Electric Horseman" (1979) and "Our Souls at Night" (2017).

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969)

Redford met Paul Newman on "Butch Cassidy," George Roy Hill and William Goldman's Western buddy film about outlaws on the run. It was the start of a lifelong friendship, but it almost didn't happen, since the

studio wanted a star like Steve McQueen or Marlon Brando instead of Redford.

"I was not a name equal to Paul's. I was just sort of moving up at that time," he told the AP in 2015. "There was a big argument that went on for months and months. They said it had to be a star. (Newman) said, 'Well, I want to work with an actor,' because Paul respected acting.

Had it not been for Paul, I would not have gotten that break."

The Sting (1973)

After the success of "Butch Cassidy," "The Sting," another Hill film, fell into place more easily. Redford and Newman play grifters in 1936 Chicago who fleece Robert Shaw's rich mobster in

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ROBERT REDFORD IN "The Natural."

TheSportsPages

You only have to be the best at the very end

It's Not Over Dept.: Dodger fans – and Dodger haters, for that matter – have to be gripped by the season that the Blue Crew is having.

The defending World Series champs, featuring the best baseball player in the world and another-wise rally excellent lineup of all-stars and MVPs, charged out of the proverbial gate.

They were so far ahead that the only drama was whether it was the Padres or the Giants who would finish second in National League West.

However, it was August – not April – that turned out to be the cruelest month. The team, which was playing .600-plus ball, has lately been struggling to break even as injuries and just-plain-weak play has taken them from being the pre-season MLB champ favorite to being the favorite of manufacturers of upset stomach medicines.

A couple of exhibits:

- The Angels, last place in the American League Weak ... oh, sorry, I mean West division, swept a series from the Dodgers.

- A few days ago, the Dodgers had Shohei Ohtani [remember him? the world's best player?] on the mound – pitching a no-hitter – and a 4-0 lead. When the pumpkin seed shells had cleared, they lost 9-4.

Ok, well, past isn't always prologue. The world loves an underdog story, even if it involves the one-time favorite being favored by a dramatic late-season revival.

As we said way back in the opening ...



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Unbeaten Bolts vs. Broncos

Home opener on Sunday at SoFi Stadium

By Beth Harris
Associated Press Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO (AP) — The Los Angeles Chargers are off to a 2-0 start for the second straight season under coach Jim Harbaugh. The difference this time? Both wins were over AFC West opponents.

They'll have a chance to make it 3-0 against the division on Sunday when they host the Denver Broncos in their home opener.

The Bolts' latest takedown was a 20-9 victory over the Las Vegas Raiders on Monday night. They opened the season with a 27-21 win over the Kansas City Chiefs in Brazil.

"Obviously, there are things to clean up, but I like the direction we're going," quarterback Justin Herbert said. "As long as we're moving forward, keep getting better, I like the things that this team can do."



IT'S DEFINITELY SHORTS weather as Justin Herbert practices for the Chargers get ready to play the Denver Broncos this Sunday at SoFi Stadium (Joaquin Torres/Chargers).

What's working

The defense. It limited the Raiders to just 218 yards of offense, with Las Vegas quarterback Geno Smith throwing for 180 yards with three interceptions. The first play of the

game was an interception by the Chargers. The D-line showed its endurance when the Raiders chewed up 11 minutes, 15 seconds on a 19-play, 62-yard drive that ended in a field goal.

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Dodgers get playoff spot; Angels lose 8th straight

The suddenly warm **Los Angeles Dodgers** extended their lead over the second place San Diego Padres with a 6-3 win over the San Francisco Giants in Chavez Ravine.

Combined with the Padres' 4-3 loss to the Chicago White Sox, the Blue Crew (86-67) now has a four-game lead in the National League West and clinched a playoff berth.

A four-run fifth inning was the key to Friday's win.

Trailing 2-1, the Dodgers regained the lead on a three-run home run by Shohei Ohtani, his 52nd homer of the season.

THE ROUNDUP

Mookie Betts followed it with his 20th homer.

Clayton Kershaw, in his final start of the 2025 regular season, went 4.1 innings, yielding four hits and two earned runs. He struck out six batters and walked four.

Home runs by Christian Moore and Denzer Guzman weren't enough as the **Los Angeles Angels** lost 7-6 to the Colorado Rockies. It was their eighth consecutive defeat; they are 69-85 and fifth in the American

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Seattle	85-69	.552	—	9-1
Houston	84-70	.548	1	6-4
Texas	79-75	.513	6	5-5
Athletics	73-81	.474	12	7-3
ANGELS	69-85	.448	16	2-8

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	87-67	.565	—	7-3
San Diego	83-71	.539	4	4-6
Arizona	77-77	.500	7.5	5-5
San Fran.	76-78	.494	11	3-7
Colorado	42-112	.278	45	2-8

League West.

The Halos matched the Rockies' 10 hits. Leadoff batter Nolan Schanuel had two hits, along with Jo Adell and Moore.

Argos Finally Break Through, 35-14

Grove defeats Uni 35-14 for first victory

After a series of close losses against tough opponents, the Garden Grove High football team finally broke into the win column on Friday night, beating University High of Irvine by 35-14.

The Argonauts, now 1-3, were led by Quentin Pacelli, who rushed for 380 yards and three touchdowns. Junior quarterback Calvin Keovphan passed for 130 yards and two scores.

Grove will close out its pre-league schedule next Friday

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against its longest rival, Rancho Alamitos. The Argos then open Kappa League play on Oct. 3 against Esperanza.

On Thursday, Marina improved to 4-1 with a 21-7 win over Esperanza. The win was Vikings coach Charlie DeGantvoort's 100th victory.

Francis Saporito passed for two scores and rushed for 95 yards for the Vikings.

Huntington Beach also went to 4-1 on Friday by defeating the Mayfair Monsoons 48-12.

Area High School Results

THURSDAY FOOTBALL

Marina 21, Esperanza 7

Aliso Niguel 24, Pacifica 21

Westminster 44, Saddleback 7

Edison vs. Fountain Valley

Rancho Al. vs. Godinez

Western 55, San Dimas 6

FRIDAY FOOTBALL

Huntington Beach 48, Mayfair 12

Garden Grove 35, University 14

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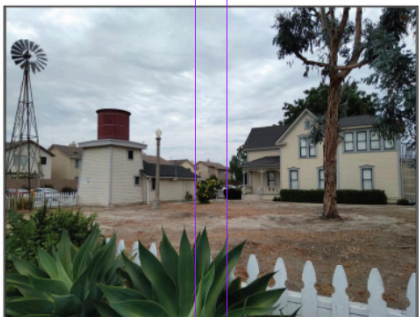
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GARDEN GROVE (red) defeated Segerstrom 15-11 in a recent non-league water polo match (GGUSD photo).



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Will the Chargers stay unbeaten vs. Broncos?

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What needs help

Second-half offense. The Chargers managed just three points after halftime and had their first turnover of the season.

Stock up

Linebacker Daiyan Henley. He came off the injury report to play with a fever and had one of the best games of his three-year career. He had a team-leading 10 tackles (two for loss), an interception and an 11-yard sack of Smith that ended a late fourth-quarter possession.

Henley said he cried in the second quarter because he felt "terrible." Herbert said, "For him to show up and give us his best effort like that, he's a true leader on this team."

Stock down

Running back Omarion Hampton. The rookie has 23 carries for 72 yards and no touchdowns

through two games as the top option. He had a fumble in the fourth quarter against the Raiders.

Hampton has yet to meet expectations based on his draft profile and it's possible the team opts for Najee Harris as its No. 1 RB.

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Area football pro, college play

■ USC (3-0) at Michigan State (2-0) Saturday, Channel 11, 8 p.m.

■ Rams (2-0) at Philadelphia Eagles (2-0), 1:05 p.m. Sunday, Channel 2, .

■ Chargers (2-0) host Denver Broncos (1-1), on Sunday at 11 a.m. on Fox Sports.

It's Bolts vs. Broncs

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"We want to get better there and keep growing," Harbaugh said.

Injuries

Linebacker Khalil Mack's left elbow bent awkwardly on the final play of the first quarter. He returned to the sideline wearing a sling and was set to have imaging. Linebacker Denzel Perryman went on injured reserve Monday with an ankle injury he

suffered against Kansas City in the season opener.

Key number

Zero — The Chargers have not allowed a first-half touchdown this season.

Next steps

The Chargers, who were 5-3 at home last season, play Denver (1-1) on Sunday in their home opener.



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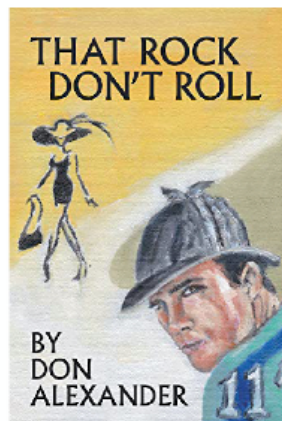
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can flags, a few — but just a few — MAGA hats, and an atmosphere of sadness and piety.

Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein was the key speaker, and while she praised Kirk and his influence, there was no bitterness or anger in her words. You didn't have to accept what Kirk stood for to regard both his death and this era of deep division as tragedies.

I'm not trying to compare cities. There are many reasons why a community grows up the way it does.

Public opinion on Mr. Kirk is

still up for grabs. But — to me — those who want to advocate for his message can learn the effective way to speak for it by studying what's happened in two of our cities this past week.

Judge sentenced

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Ferguson was arrested on Thursday, August 3, 2023, by the Anaheim Police Department after his adult son called 911 shortly after 8 p.m. to report his mother had been shot.

Redford's "greatest hits"

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this memorable caper that went on to win best picture.

"What was interesting was the switcheroo," Redford told the AP. "Paul had played these iconic, quiet, still characters in the past, and that's not what Paul is. He was a chatty, nervous guy who was always biting his fingernails. ... He loved to have fun and play games."

"The Way We Were" (1973)

Ah Hubbell, that beautiful, carefree WASP who falls in love with Barbra Streisand's fiercely opinionated Katie. The making of the Pollack film, from a script standpoint, was fraught and the original writer Arthur Laurents was never quite happy with how it turned out. But this romantic drama with that memorable song has endured over the generations (it was even a reference in a pivotal "Sex and the City" episode).

"All the President's Men" (1976)

To Redford, the history of this film was more interesting than the project itself. He started obsessing over the Watergate saga during a whistle-stop tour for "The Candidate," also a great and prophetic Redford film, when he overheard some journalists gossiping about the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters and became fascinated by the journalists covering the story,

Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein.

"I wanted to know who these guys were, who created all this disturbance," Redford told the AP. "I thought, 'Wow, one guy was a Jew, one guy was a WASP. One guy was a Republican, the other guy was a liberal. One guy was a good writer, the other wasn't very good. They didn't like each other, but they had to work together. Now that's an interesting dynamic I'd love to know about.'"

"The Natural" (1984)

This is one of those films that might not be many critics' favorite, but its cultural impact almost negates that. Redford played baseball player Roy Hobbs in Barry Levinson's adaptation of Bernard Malamud's novel about an up-and-coming talent whose career is derailed after getting shot, but who gets another chance at greatness 16 years later.

"Out of Africa" (1985)

This breathtakingly beautiful historical romance (also directed by Pollack) finds Meryl Streep, as the Danish expat Karen Blixen, unable to resist the charms of Redford's big game hunter Denys Finch Hatton, an English man with no accent (Pollack thought it would be distracting for audiences). The film didn't get the best reviews, but it did go on to win the best picture Oscar.