

THE HARVEST IS FINE



Students from Westminster High School last week held "Harvest Day" and harvested watermelons from the campus Giving Farm. A total of 27,642 total pounds of watermelons were donated to the OC Food Bank. Above, students sample some of what they've grown. **Additional photo page three.**

Suspect sought in kidnap try

By **Jim Tortolano**
Orange County Tribune

A possible attempted kidnapping took place in Westminster this week and a suspect is being sought.

According to Commander Andy Stowers, the incident took place around 3:40 p.m. on Tuesday in the area of Brookhurst

Street and Bishop Place.

The victim, a girl, was leaving school on foot and walked past a parked vehicle with a male seated inside. He asked for directions and she spoke to him, the suspect "exposed his genitals" to the girl.

The male then exited his vehicle and urged the girl several times to get into his vehicle and blocked

her path to keep her from walking away. At one point, the suspect did make physical contact with the girl before she was able to escape, running eastbound towards a woman and her child.

The suspect then drove away in his vehicle westbound toward Bushard Street.

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Election resolution is offered

National political issues continue to surface on the agenda of the Huntington Beach City Council.

Mayor Pat Burns has submitted a resolution urging "immediate action to ensure a legally valid and transparent 2026 general election."

The issue statement sa-

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lutes "election integrity" in California but says "the state must guard against measures that unintentionally weaken oversight or create opportunities for errors, as even minor lapses can erode trust in outcomes."

To support the necessity for vigilance, he quoted statistics from an organization called Unite 4 Freedom, which claims widespread errors in the California 2024 general election.

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Shutdown In D.C. Grounds Some Planes

Pacific Airshow is going on, but without some aircraft

The government deadlock in Washington is having an impact on the annual Pacific Air Show in Huntington Beach.

Since the standoff over funding for the federal government has closed down all but the most vital services, the participation of active military aircraft in the show was cancelled.

The show, which started Friday and continues through Sunday over Surf City's downtown area beaches, therefore is deprived of planned overflights from the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, a F-22 Raptor and the MV-22 Osprey helicopter and

a demonstration of the USAF F-35.

But unaffected on the schedule were the Canadian Force Snowbirds and the Royal Air Force parachute display team from the United Kingdom.

Classic warbirds owned privately are still planned to take part in the event as well.

"While this is certainly disappointing news, we are excited to share that Pacific Airshow Huntington Beach will continue as scheduled this Friday through Sunday with an outstanding lineup of world-class domestic and

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Attempted kidnap suspect sought

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The victim is described as a male, about 5-feet, 7-inches tall, and 200 lbs. wearing a white and blue short sleeve button-down shirt and dark pants. He was also

wearing a face mask that covered his mouth and nose and had printed dinosaurs on it. He was driving an "older" model gray sedan.

Police have been unable to locate the woman the victim ran

toward and is seeking the public's help in finding her.

Anyone with information about the suspect or the incident is asked to call Detective J. Barnes at (714) 548-3784 or the WPD Watch Commander at (714) 548-3767.

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HB Airshow

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international performances," organizers stated in an announcement.

The show – which is open free to the public except for priority seating – is open from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Resolution to HB city council

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The group's website includes videoclips from a group called United Sovereign Americans alleging that as many as 10 million fraudulent votes were cast in a recent presidential election.

The council will meet in its chambers at 2000 Main St. on Tuesday at 6 p.m.



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News & Views

G.I. Joe could clean up your neighborhood

The latest unique initiative by The White House involved calling the nation's military leaders to a meeting in Virginia to –among other things – tell the generals and admirals to get ready to fight crime in many of America's big cities.

This meant dispatching National Guard and active duty troops into Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Gotham City, etc. to take on a policing role.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

I'm not so sure about that. I mean, I think we have the world's greatest fighting forces, but I don't think we'll find in their ranks many Sherlock Holmes, Lt. Columbo's or that lady from "Murder She Wrote." Police work is very different from "taking the hill." But I do believe that there is a use for the men and women in camo that we could benefit from. Code enforcement.

Now, I'm being semi-serious, here. Secretary of Defense/War Pete Hegseth even made reference to the "broke windows" theory of law enforcement in which "small things" like vandalism and graffiti can be a precursor to crime.

Let's be honest. Isn't there is a neighbor who hasn't mowed his lawn since Labor Day, some apartment-dwellers who play polka music at 100 decibels at 3 in the morning? Tired of those cheeky teens on their souped-up e-bikes running your grandma off the sidewalk?

Police say they can't be everywhere and that's true. But, for instance, a 15,000-strong infantry division could make

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THE LIONS HARVEST



STUDENTS at Westminster High School recently rallied for Harvest Day." They collected watermelons from the WHS Giving Farm to donate to the OC Food Bank. (HBUHSD photos). **Additional photo on front page.**

■ AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Water in Westminster will get a real bath itself

No, there's not a flood. And it may not be your fault if your favorite soup tastes like no one's favorite minestrone.

The Water Division of the City of Westminster will be flushing the fire hydrants and performing routine water system maintenance in two areas of the city.

- Oct. 8 to 9 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the area between Magnolia Street and Ward Street, and from Edinger Avenue to McFadden Avenue;
- Oct. 15-16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. between Meinhardt Road and Edward Street from Westminster Boulevard to Garden Grove Boulevard.

Residents are advised that the process may create a temporary discoloration of the water, so it's recommended that customers postpone laundry and use bottled water for cooking or drinking if needed. The water is still safe but it may not look or taste as it usually does.

You'll see water flowing along streets and gutters but that's normal and part of the process, ac-

ording to the city's water division. It doesn't signify a leak or a broken water line.

HBUHSD, GGUSD earn A's

The list of "Best School Districts" in California as ranked by niche.com listed two local school systems with "A" grades. Huntington Beach Union High School District (9-12) was given an A+ mark, while the Garden Grove Unified School District (K-12) was rated A.

Open houses at firehouses in GG, Stanton, Westminster

Open houses will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 at fire houses in Garden Grove, Huntington Beach and Stanton.

Those open houses – all part of the Orange County Fire Authority – will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.

They are:

- Garden Grove: Station 81, 11301 Acacia Parkway;
- Stanton: Station 46, 7881 Pacific St.;
- Westminster: Station 64, 7351 Westminster Blvd.

Visitors will have an opportunity to tour a fire station, talk with local firefighters and learn fire prevention tips.

The OCFA Agency Headquarters Open House in Irvine will be held in spring 2026.

Oct. 8 meeting of Westminster council has been cancelled

The regular meeting of the Westminster City Council scheduled for Wednesday has been cancelled.

A special meeting of the council will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Blvd.

History Minute

The vigilantes of Garden Grove ...

In February 1916, a massive storm caused the Santa Ana River to overflow its banks and pour into Garden Grove and other towns. The raised Pacific Electric railbed (three feet) served as a kind of levee, trapping water south of the PE right-of-way in the downtown area.



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One person drowned. Finally, "persons unknown" dynamited the railbed in four places, allowing the water to level out and end the threat.

NewsUpdate

Deal On Israel-Hamas Cease-Fire?

The release of hostages to be negotiated?

Progress was announced in a cease-fire agreement between Israel and Hamas on Friday, but it's not a done deal, yet.

The New York Times reported that Hamas had agreed to releasing the hostages it took at the beginning of the conflict.

Now Israel must stop the bombing of Gaza targets which has killed many people, including civilians.

"Everybody was unified in wanting this war to end and seeing peace in the Middle East, and we're very close to that," said President Donald Trump in a video.

British Prime Minister Keir



A CEASE-FIRE DEAL between Israel and Hamas may be real (Shutterstock).

Starmer called Trump's plan "a significant step forward" that brought the two combatants to be "closer to peace than ever before."

Dissenting from the applause was Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina), who cited the statement from Hamas calling for no disarmament, keeping

Gaza under Palestinian control and making hostage release still subject to negotiation, a "rejection" of Trump's earlier "take it or leave it" demand.

Govt. shutdown continues into next week at least

A shutdown of the federal government – except for emergency services – will continue at least until Monday. United Press International reported Friday that a continuing resolution that would have funded the government for another seven weeks was rejected on a 54-44 vote.

The resolution needed 60 votes to pass. Another proposed resolution that would fund the gov-

ernment through this month but add \$1.5 billion in spending was defeated 52-46.

The government could reopen if the Senate comes to an agreement; the Senate does not meet again until noon on Monday. At issue is extending tax credits for the Affordable Care Act which expired earlier this week. Republicans have opposed it while Democrats are in favor.

Great Thoughts

- "The only way to prove you're a good sport is to lose."
– Ernie Banks, baseball player
- "A trophy carries dust. Memories last forever."
– Mary Lou Retton, gymnast
- "There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you."
– Derek Jeter, baseball player

Weather: The same old skies

If you like consistency in your climate, you will love this. The forecast for the next four days for West Orange County cities calls for partly cloudy skies with daytime highs in the mid-70s and overnight lows of 61 or 60. Saturday will be the warmest, at a high of 78, followed by 77 on Sunday, 76 on Monday and 77 again on Tuesday.

Sean 'Diddy' Combs is sentenced to prison on sex trafficking charges

A judge on Friday sentenced hip-hop mogul Sean "Diddy" Combs to four years and two months in prison for violation of the Mann Act, which makes it illegal to transport someone across state lines for prostitution or other illegal acts, according to the Associated Press. He had been convicted in July for "drug-fueled" sexual en-

counters. He had been acquitted on racketeering and sex trafficking charges. He will face a \$500,000 fine and have five years of supervised release after the end of his sentence.

Combs, 55, apologized to the judge for what he called his "disgusting, shameful behavior" and pleaded for leniency in sentencing.

Arts & Living

Politics is 'One Battle After...'

The hero is a bus diver in a forest fire

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

On Nov. 8, 2018, the day one of the deadliest wildfires in U.S. history burned the town of Paradise, California, and killed 85 people, a school bus driver was sent to pick up 22 elementary school students to take them to safety. The Camp Fire was quickly spreading, communications were down and what was supposed to be a straightforward mission turned into a harrowing five-hour ordeal.

It's these events that are dramatized in "The Lost Bus," which opened in select theaters last Friday before streaming on Apple TV+ on Oct. 3. Turning a recent, real-life tragedy (even the heartwarming stories that emerge from the ashes) into Hollywood entertainment requires a deft touch. Lean too far into the melodrama, and it risks resembling a made-for-TV movie. Keep it too clinical and it becomes a news segment.

But filmmaker Paul Greengrass, who has thrilled audiences with his Jason Bourne movies, taken them inside the Maersk Alabama hijacking and United flight 93, effectively toes that line. In "The Lost Bus," he and co-screenwriter Brad Ingelsby have made an old-fashioned disaster movie that is captivating, frightening and startlingly moving.

Matthew McConaughey plays that bus driver, Kevin, who is having a very bad day already. His dog is terminal, he's got bills he can't pay, he's taking care of his elderly mother in the months after his estranged father died and he's just had an awful fight with his teenage son (a small, but effective performance from McConaughey's actual son Levi).



MATTHEW McCONAUGHEY stars as bus driver Kevin McKay (Apple Original Films)

Movie Review

Kevin just can't seem to catch a break and is feeling sorry for himself, dealing with his boss, annoyed calls from his ex-wife and a teenager who woke up with a bad fever. Then he starts noticing the plumes of smoke in the distance. He's on his way to deliver medicine to his son when the call comes in over the radio: Is any bus driver in the area available to deliver 22 children to a safe location? You can feel the agony, and slight annoyance, as Kevin waits for a beat hoping in vain that someone else is available.

Greengrass and Ingelsby smartly interweave Kevin's lousy morning with the beginnings of the fire, showing the methodology of the competent first responders attempting to manage a situation that is quickly spiraling out of control. Greengrass sustains a feeling of dread for the duration of the film, a white-knuckle experience that only gets more stressful when the children are added to the equa-

tion.

When Kevin gets to the school, he's not in any mood to gently walk the scared kids through this situation gently, insisting that a teacher, Mary (America Ferrera) come along for the ride to handle them. Kevin is not a likely hero. He's barely even a reluctant one. He's simply a down-on-his-luck guy who showed up and, ultimately, did something extraordinary.

This isn't a superhero story, however he is treated with more empathy than, say, Tom Cruise's bad dad in "War of the Worlds." There is an interesting thread woven into the story about absentee dads and regret, that extends even beyond Kevin, his late father and his son.

Watching Ferrara and McConaughey drive this school bus through the flames and collapsing power cables sometimes brings "Speed" to mind. Occasionally, it veers a bit too far into spectacle and you start to question just how much the action has been upped for audience excitement. Perhaps these things really did unfold as they're pre-

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sented, but at times it feels like you're suddenly on the Universal Studio Tour.

Still, it's impossible to take your eyes off the screen, away from the inferno and the sense of our own smallness and helplessness to "battle it," whatever that is supposed to mean. There is certainly a version of this story, adapted from Lizzie Johnson's novel "Paradise: One Town's Struggle to Survive an American Wildfire," that could have focused on the firefighters. They do get a spotlight here, and the fire chief gets to say that these burns are only getting worse every year. But if you're looking for that movie, perhaps you should turn to Joseph Kosinski's "Only the Brave."

"The Lost Bus" is about a few ordinary people in an impossible situation just trying to survive. While it's not hard to wring emotion out of an audience watching kids in peril, it also, in some ways, gets right to the very heart of the matter.

TheSportsPages

Good bye, Ron; now we'll just hope for luck

Gonna miss you, Ron. But not as much as I hoped I would. As you probably know, Ron Washington has been fired from his job as field manager of the Los Angeles Angels. This is an annual rite for the Halos, "tying the can" to whoever was standing in the dugout with the lineup in his hand after 162 games. I liked Ron. He seemed to be earnest in seeking to instill a sense of urgency and professionalism in the team, despite last year's awful 63-99 record and last place finish.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Things looked better for a while in 2025, but, frankly, Ron did not. Decades of smoking – he's since quit – has taken its toll. The Angels started darn well, and as late as June – when he was sidelined for medical reasons – the team was 36-38 and a half-game out of third place in the American League West. Bench coach and interim manager Ray Montgomery has also been shown the door. For a few weeks, the team improved to 44-44 and grabbed – briefly – third place in the AL West. But, frankly, that was the high point back in July. As is the tradition – practically a contract requirement – the team began to nose-dive after that. The Angels kept hitting lots of home runs, but not scoring a lot of garden-variety runs. Losing streaks began to pile up and .. well. There are no magic men in sports. Sure, some coaches/managers are more successful than others, but that's usually because of the harmonic con-

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Rams Couldn't Get Kicks

Going for the win didn't pay off vs. 49ers

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Although the postgame pain had dulled a bit by dawn, Sean McVay was still palpably furious with himself on Friday morning after his Los Angeles Rams blew an eminently winnable game on a short week against short-handed San Francisco.

McVay will be simmering through his long weekend because he knows the Rams (3-2) let a remarkable start to their season slip away with razor-thin losses to the Eagles and the 49ers over the past three weeks.

"I can't remember feeling much more disgusted waking up after a tough loss than I have after the two that we've had," McVay said. "You want to talk about two gut punches in terms of how we've lost the two games that we have. We're a couple of execution plays away from being a 5-0 team,



MATTHEW STAFFORD had a stellar night, passing for 389 yards and three scores (Brevin Townsell/Rams).

but the reality is we're 3-2." San Francisco beat Los Angeles 26-23 in overtime Thursday despite playing without most of its star players. The game ended with Kyren Williams getting stuffed on fourth-and-1 at the 49ers 11, continuing the Rams' sea-

son-long inability to convert short-yardage rushing plays. While the Rams conceivably are two special-teams mistakes shy of being 5-0, they're also uncomfortably close to being on a three-game losing streak after they needed a

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Dodgers take on Phillies in NL Division Series

By Arthur James
Orange County Tribune

With a late-season surge and a sweep of the Cincinnati Reds in the National League Wild Card series behind them, the Los Angeles Dodgers continue their defense of their World Series title today (Saturday) with the opening game of the National League Division Series against the Philadelphia Phillies.

The best-of-five series opens with games in Philadelphia on Saturday and Monday. The

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series shifts to Los Angeles for Games Three and Four (if needed). Game Five – if necessary – would return to the City of Brotherly Love on Friday, Oct. 11.

Starting for the Dodgers will be Shohei Ohtani (1-1), facing the Phils' Christopher Sanchez (3-5).

"It's going to be a fun environment," Dodger manager Dave Roberts said. "I think we match up really well with those guys.

National League Division Series

- GAME ONE I (Saturday)**
Dodgers at Phillies
- GAME TWO (Monday)**
Dodgers at Phillies
- GAME THREE (Wednesday)**
Phillies at Dodgers
- GAME FOUR (Oct. 9)**
Phillies at Dodgers (if needed)
- GAME FIVE (Oct. 11)**
Dodgers at Phillies (if needed)
Times to be decided.

They're going to run a bunch of left-handers at us. Talented, all throughout the lineup. They got Trea [Turner] back. It's going to be a fun series."

Kickoff For League Grid Action

Edison stays on top of High 5 with a victory

League action for most of our West Orange County teams this week resulted in wins, but there were also upsets, blowouts and nail-biters.

Our top-ranked High Five team, the Edison Chargers, improved to 5-2 with a 21-10 non-league win over Summit of Fontana.

Second-ranked Huntington Beach is 5-1 after defeating Laguna Hills 65-10 in the Epsilon League opener.

Third-ranked Western (4-2) suffered a 41-14 defeat at the hands of Capistrano Valley (5-1) in the Delta League opening game.

In the Western-Capo Val-

Prep Sport Spotlight

ley game, Chance Thomas threw two touchdown passes for the Pioneers.

The Orange High Panthers (4-2) began Foxtrot League action with a 52-14 win over Fountain Valley (1-5).

Marina (4-1), fifth in the High Five, took a 28-21 defeat at the hands of Sunny Hills (5-1) in the Lambda League. The Vikes' Francis Saporito ran for one TD and passed for two more, both to Carson Hunnicutt.

Of the three teams "on the bubble," just Pacifica posted a win. The Mariners (3-3) beat University High of Irvine 42-6 in the Omicron League. Westminster (2-4)

Area High School Results

THURSDAY

Foxtrot League

Orange 52, Fountain Valley 14

Lambda League

Sunny Hills 28, Marina 21

Sigma League

Ocean View 20, Los Amigos 13

Tango League

Costa Mesa 42, Santiago 14

Zeta League

Magnolia 35, Savanna 28

Non-league

Edison 21, Summit 10

FRIDAY

Delta League

Cap. Valley 41, Western 14

Epsilon League

Hunt. Beach 65, Laguna Hills 10

Kappa League

Esperanza 58, Garden Grove 33

Brea Olinda 21, Westminster 0

Omicron League

Pacifica 42, University 6

Sigma League

Estancia 25, Ran. Alamitos 17

Tango League

Bolsa Grande 14, La Quinta 7

fell to Brea Olinda 21-0 and Garden Grove (2-4) lost a shootout to the Esperanza Aztecs by 58-33 in the Kappa League.

Likely to climb the ladder is Ocean View (5-1), which defeated Los Amigos 20-13 on

Thursday night in the Sigma League.

Jodey Sok scored the winning touchdown with less than a minute to play as the Seahawks defeated the Lobos (3-3).

Missed kicks, fumbles lead to a 26-23 defeat

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late two-touchdown comeback last week to edge the mistake-prone Colts.

After Williams' brutal fumble at the goal line with 1:05 to play, a holding penalty on a punt return three snaps later left the Rams too far from the end zone to get more than a field goal to force overtime — and then Karty missed the landing zone on the kickoff, helping the Niners' field-goal drive.

What's working

Matthew Stafford's connection with Puka Nacua remains vibrant, and the passing offense is thriving overall. Nacua had 10 catches for 85 yards and a touchdown, while Stafford is averaging 300.6 yards passing per game after going for 389 yards and three touchdowns against the Niners despite several conspicuously inaccurate throws.

What's needs help

McVay said the Rams will "look into" adding a cornerback to the roster after another unimpressive performance by the secondary.

Kyle Shanahan and Jones carved up the Rams for 333 yards passing, while LA's defensive backs combined for just one pass defended.

The Rams have appeared to lack strong cornerback talent since last spring, even before losing starter Ahkello Witherspoon to a broken collarbone.

Whose stock is up

Second-round pick Terrance Ferguson finally made his first NFL reception, and the nifty 21-yard grab in close coverage was the longest catch by a Rams tight end all season.

Ferguson only got four offensive snaps, but McVay said the Oregon product "is only going to get more opportunities going forward."



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Retorts: Hey, Pete, here is another way to use troops

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quite an impact in a suburban city.

Scofflaws who have been ignoring city requests to get those ugly junk cars off the driveway might take a different outlook when an Abrams tank with a 105mm gun barrel shows up with chains and a hook.

Fireworks block party offenders will find that overflights by A-10 Warthogs might put a damper on their deafening concert of pyrotechnics from a desert town in Nevada come July.

I agree with Pete. There is a role for the military in America's cities. It's just a little different from what he has in mind.



Who helped eradicate the plague of polio?
Garden Grove Rotary

Who sponsors a defibrillator program to save lives when heart attacks strike?
Garden Grove Rotary

Who recognizes 6th grade students for achievement in academics and scholarship?
Garden Grove Rotary

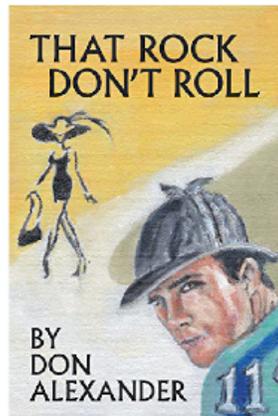
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Dodgers are confident about playoff prospects

By Beth Harris/AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The starting pitching is terrific. The offense is clicking. The Los Angeles Dodgers have opened the postseason on a roll in defense of their World Series title. If their bullpen can stop blowing up, they might just be the first team since the New York Yankees 25 years ago to win back-to-back championships.

"I think we can win it all. I think we're equipped to do that," manager Dave Roberts said. "We certainly have the pedigree. We certainly have the hunger. We're playing great baseball. And in all honesty, I don't care who we play. I just want to be the last team standing."

After a second straight shaky eighth inning by the relief corps, the Dodgers beat the Cincinnati Reds 8-4 on Wednesday night to sweep their NL Wild Card Series.

Goodbye to Ron ... and next!

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vergence of hard work, a "good fit" with good talent and more than a soupçon of good luck.

That's why the best baseball teams lose four of 10 games and the best batters fail 70 percent of the time. The other day I blamed fans – tongue-in-cheek – for the Angels' lowly position compared to the Dodgers. I now sit here offering no "wisdom" and just intend to keep quiet and "see what happens." Let's root for the Angels, but don't expect too much.

We probably expected too much of Ron, too.



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