

# Whole Nation Is Watching Prop. 50 Vote

## Stuggle for control of the U.S. House

By Maya Sweedler  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Led by Gov. Gavin Newsom, California Democrats are charging toward a new congressional map that could flip as many as five U.S. House seats from Republican to Democratic control. But first, they need voters to sign off.

California voters head to the polls on Tuesday with just one yes-or-no question on the ballot. Passing

Proposition 50 would implement a new congressional map, which passed the state legislature in August, for the next three election cycles.

After the 2030 U.S. Census, the state's independent redistricting commission would resume drawing maps.

Politicians around the country are reshaping congressional voting districts — a task typically done just once a decade, after each census — in an effort to give their parties' candidates an edge in next year's elections.

The national battle over partisan gerrymandering began in Texas, after

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## THE CAPTAIN AND THE COWGIRL



**COSTUMES** at Warren Elementary School in east Garden Grove brought out a colorful and diverse array of Halloween garb (GGUSD photo).

## Taking aim at issues with electronic bikes

There may be bigger issues than reckless riders on electronic bikes, but not if one is coming at you on a sidewalk at 30 miles an hour.

The Huntington Beach City Council will meet on Tuesday and two of the

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items on the agenda concern how to make moving around safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Item is submitted by Councilmembers Butch

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## Area high schools score well

Five schools from the Garden Grove Unified School District and Huntington Beach Union High School District have been ranked as among the top 200 high schools in the United States.

U.S. News & World Report makes its rankings based on the percentage of students who are "college ready" (as measured by participation in advanced placement courses), the graduation rate

and other factors.

• La Quinta High School (95 % graduation , 54.8 college ready). Ranked 63rd in California and 473rd nationally. GGUSD.

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# Local high schools do well in a study

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- Fountain Valley High School (96% graduation, 51.7% college ready). 110th in California and 761st in the U.S. HBUHSD.
- Pacifica High School (94% graduation, 47.3 college ready).

138th in California, 1,053rd in U.S. GGUSD.

- Garden Grove High School (94% graduation, 45% college-ready). 153rd in California,

1,171st in U.S. GGUSD.

- Bolsa Grande High School (94% graduation, 47% college-ready). 184th in California, 1,349 in the U.S. GGUSD.

# E-bike rules top the agenda

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Twining, Andrew Gruel and Chad Williams. They're asking

the city manager to explore pedestrian and bike safety projects and funding, and to work with CalTrans and local legislators to support and identify funding and prioritize pedestrian and bike safety projects.

Also on the agenda is the approval for introduction of a ordinance with new bicycle safety regulations.

The council will meet at 5 p.m. in a closed session and at 6 p.m. for a study session and regular meeting. The meeting is held in the Council Chambers, 2000 Main St.

# Prop 50 vote

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a push from President Donald Trump. The Republican-controlled state adopted a new map in August that could flip five Democratic-leaning U.S. House seats. California was the second state to make moves. Between the California legislature passing the map and this election, Missouri and North Carolina both adopted new maps. Other states may soon follow.

The outcome of this ballot measure could help determine control of the U.S. House after the 2026 midterm elections, which will see Republicans try to buck a historical pattern of the president's party losing seats in midterm elections. The GOP's margin is slim: Heading into Tuesday's election, Republicans control 219 seats to Democrats' 213, with three vacancies.

If Prop 50 is approved, it's possible the Democrats could control as many as 48 of California's 52 congressional seats, up from the 43 seats the party now holds. In some cases, the districts would slice across California, with one uniting rural, conservative-leaning northern California with Marin County, a liberal coastal stronghold.

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# News & Views

## The hot issue of those sizzling new e-bikes

I am one of those guys who – when the waitperson says, “Don’t touch the plate, it’s really hot” – is always seized with a desire to see just how hot that plate really is.

It, uh, usually is.

This brings us to the topic of bicycle safety and Tuesday’s meeting of

the Huntington Beach City Council. On the agenda are two items related to biking issues. One is an ordinance – similar to

what other cities are doing – creating regulations on the use of the ever-increasing e-bikes and another item about possible pedestrian and bike safety projects.

As you are probably aware, the electrification of bicycles has increased the reckless idiocy issue by a factor of at least 10. Teenagers and some young adults have been cycling without regard to rules or skull fractures since David first defeated Goliath by running him off the sidewalk into traffic. But these new e-bikes are bigger and faster and – as you know from your physics class – velocity increases mass. That means that a rider falling from his bike at 40 miles an hour is likely headed to the emergency room.

And if he hits a little old person on the sidewalk at 20 miles an hour, it’s ... well, you get the idea.

As a general rule, I blame the wild-and-crazy teens for the crisis of “Born to be Wild” collisions, but the responsibility ought to be spread around.

Bike paths have been around for a while, but exist generally



### Retorts

Jim Tortolano



TYLER SKAGGS, former Angels pitcher (File photo/)

## Ex-wife of team employee: ‘Angels failed ex-husband’ in alleged drug scandal

By Amy Taxin  
Associated Press

SANTA ANA (AP) — The ex-wife of a Los Angeles Angels employee on Tuesday said the MLB team failed her drug-addicted husband during a trial over the fatal overdose of one of its star pitchers.

Camela Kay testified that she previously had seen Angels players partying, drinking and passing around pills on the team plane when she traveled with her then-husband Eric Kay, the team’s communications director. In 2019, after her husband was hospitalized for a drug overdose, she said she heard that he had pills intended for pitcher Tyler Skaggs, and shared the informa-

tion with the team’s traveling secretary.

Less than three months later, Skaggs was dead.

Eric Kay was later sentenced to 22 years in prison for providing a fentanyl-laced pill that led to the fatal overdose.

“I am sitting in a courtroom for two days in front of a mother who lost her son and a widow,” she said, adding that the father of her three children is in prison. “The Angels failed Eric.”

Camela Kay testified during the civil trial for a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by Skaggs’ family contending the Angels should be held responsible for letting Eric Kay keep his job scabwhile he was addicted to and dealing drugs.

### ■ AREA NEWS BRIEFS

## Masseur is convicted of sex assaults

A man convicted this week of sexually assaulting two women during massage sessions in Huntington Beach is scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 15.

Mathew Wase Langmos, 33, a masseur at a spa in Huntington Beach, was convicted of one count of rape, four counts of sexual penetration by a foreign object and one count of attempted sexual penetration.

The incidents are reported to have occurred on Sept. 21 and Sept. 26 in 2021.

Langmos could be sentenced to 16 to 33 years in prison, as each offense is a felony.

### Library censorship may go back to the courtroom

The Huntington Beach City Council is planning an appeal of an Orange County Superior Court ruling that declared its restrictions on books for minors in its library system was illegal.

A policy was enacted by the council requiring that youths would face restrictions on books with sexual content, and moved to create a review board to decide which books could be bought.

A judge ruled that the policy violated the state’s Freedom to Read Act.

In June, voters voted 58.41 percent to 41.59 percent to eliminate the board, which the council acknowledged.

At a meeting earlier this month the city attorney announced that an appeal from the court’s decision is being prepared at no cost to the public.

### All-clear at Marina High

An off-campus incident led to a lockdown at Marina High School in Huntington Beach on Thursday morning.

According to police, the situation was “quickly resolved” and the lockdown was lifted. There was no threat to the school.

### History Minute

## Chew on this Garden Grove history

A lot of old-timers remember Belisle’s Resaurant at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove. Famous for its huge portions, it lasted 40 years at that location. The Outback steakhouse is there now, but the original occupant was McClain’s Market & Ranch Drive-in, becoming Belisle’s in 1955.



# NewsUpdate

## Judges Say: Keep Paying SNAP

*One in eight U.S. families rely on food assistance*

At the same time on Friday, two federal judges ruled that the Trump administration must keep paying for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the largest food aid program in the nation.

SNAP – once known as “food stamps” but currently conducted with the use of debit cards, served about one out of seven Americans, according to the Associated Press.

Due to the government shutdown, the program was planned for a freeze on SNAP as of Nov.1, but the judges – one



**FOOD ASSISTANCE** benefits millions of Americans (Shutterstock).

in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island – ordered the program to be funded on emergency reserve funds through the

end of November.

The program costs about \$8 billion a month, says the AP.

Regardless of the rulings, pay-

ments will be delayed because the process of loading the cards can take a week or more, it was reported.

## Staffing problems delay some flights because of government shutdown

Problems with staffing of air control facilities at airports – a byproduct of the federal government shutdown – are resulting in flight delays at some large airports across the U.S.

The New York Times is reporting that, on Friday, the Federal Aviation Administration announced delays on the average

of two hours for flights between Boston and New York as well as Nashville, Dallas-Ft. Worth and Houston.

The situation followed a “chaotic night” of air travel stemming from there being no certified traffic controllers for the evening shift at Orlando International Airport.

## It’s light sweater weather

A light sweater and jeans might be a good afternoon outfit for the next few days in our West Orange County cities. The forecast calls for a daytime high of 75 on Saturday with an overnight low of 57.

There should be fog in the morning and sun in the afternoon. Sunday will be similar at 75 (56) with partly cloudy skies.

Those skies will continue on Monday with highs of 75 with partly cloudy skies.

## FBI report thwarting terrorism attack on Halloween weekend

A potential terrorist attack in Michigan has been stopped, according to the FBI.

United Press International is reporting that the attack was planned to be conducted over the Halloween weekend.

Few details were made avail-

able but UPI says that NBC News has received information from the FBI that “a group of young people who had been planning an attack have been arrested and had some “ties to foreign extremism.”

### Great Thoughts

“Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Arts & Living

## 'Bugonia' A Darkly Comic Punch

Emma Stone stars in strange but funny film

By Jake Coyle  
AP Film Writer

The twisted filmography of Yorgos Lanthimos has by now trained us to expect darkly comic visions of contemporary life, both savage and mundane. His movies have perhaps inspired the most "What?!" reactions of the last decade, partly because they've tried so hard to do so.

His movies — farces, fables, experiments — reside in surreal worlds of their own. But his latest, "Bugonia," is thrillingly, if tragically, tied to our reality. It might even be his best film. Though I've been apprehensive about the flamboyant severity of Lanthimos' movies, I found "Bugonia," a chamber-piece gut punch, hard to shake. For starters, it's difficult to resist any movie with a line in it like: "There's Andromedan code all over your Instagram."

That's one of the things that Teddy (Jesse Plemons), an incel eco-terrorist, says to Michelle (Emma Stone) after kidnapping her with his neurodivergent cousin Donny (newcomer Aidan Delbis) and tying her up in their basement. Teddy and Donny live together in fairly remote, run-down old house. There, Teddy tends to both his bees and to unhinged conspiracy theories.

But as Plemons so deftly plays him, Teddy doesn't seem like a lunatic. He might reach wildly insane conclusions, such as that Michelle, a pharmaceutical company chief executive, is an alien. But he's thoughtful in nature and sweetly cares for his cousin. It's a feat of Plemons' innate good nature that we kind of like Teddy, even as he shaves Michelle's head, to prevent "it," as he calls her, from contacting the mother-ship.



EMMA STONE stars in "Bugonia" (Focus Features).

### Movie Review

The opening moments of the script by Will Tracy ("The Menu," episodes of "Succession") cast these demented shenanigans in an apocalyptic light. The fate of bees is much on Teddy's mind; colony collapse disorder, often caused by pesticides, is one of his talking points. It's a phenomenon that, in "Bugonia" — a movie reckoning with, or maybe just lamenting, humanity's fate — isn't just for the bees. While Stone's abilities alone might legitimize extraterrestrial suspicions, there's more to why Teddy has pinpointed Michelle.

She's a lauded corporate leader; her office includes a framed Time magazine with her on the cover and a photograph with Michelle Obama. Her company, Auxolith, operates out of a sleek office building where Michelle presides over her workforce like a queen bee. She has the corporate lingo of "transparency" and "diversity" down pat, but whether she actually adheres to any of those ideals is dubious, at

best. Before Teddy and Donny jump her, she announces a "new era" at Auxolith where employees leave at 5:30 p.m. But not if they haven't met their quota, she adds. And not if they're, you know, busy.

In that way, Michelle is a camera-ready cover for whatever Auxolith is up to, which, as the movie goes along, teases out a poisonous history, including opioid manufacturing that affected Teddy's mother (Alicia Silverstone).

The bulk of "Bugonia" is the ideological dialogue between

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her and Teddy back in the basement. It's a conversation, laced with contemporary divides, that is comical for its impossibility.

One is addled by paranoia and extremism, the other knows only heartless corporate speak. Understanding each other is futile. Watching Stone, as Michelle, attempt to reason with Teddy is part of the movie's dark fun, just as is seeing Plemons' Teddy resolutely stick to his certainty that

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### Time change changes hours

Because of the fall time change (fall back on hour), hours of operation at Stanton Central Park will be changing, starting with Saturday, September 8.

On Saturdays and Sundays the park will open at 7 a.m., and close at 6 p.m. (instead of 8 p.m.) But on other days, hours will be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



# TheSportsPages

## Too much tech talk can drive fans away

By the time you read this, the winner of the 2025 World Series may already have been decided. But I have a pretty good idea of who the losers were: the casual viewer.

Big sporting events on TV tend to draw in folks who are not hard-core fans of a particular sport or event. Millions of people all around the world tune in to view the Super Bowl more for the cachet of taking part in a huge cultural event than gobbling athletic insight.

The World Series is a

little less so. And maybe there will be even fewer than before. It's not that the announcing team – all four of them – weren't knowledgeable. They were. They told us more about penguins that we wanted to know.

The lineup of Joe Davis, John Smoltz, Ken Rosenthal (the short guy with the bow tie) and Tom Verducci drowned us – with the assistance of a flood of colorful and generally mind-boggling graphics – in minutiae and “inside baseball” terminology (otherwise known as “shop talk”) that not one fan in 10 understood.

And the annoying practice of in-game interviews with the managers ... they bore it well, but deep down they wanted to snatch that bowtie and ...

Chris Collingsworth, the great football announcer who was a Hall of Fame player, said this about the value of straight talk. In describing blocking schemes on a particular play, he said, “Look. You don't want to make this too complicated. I mean, these are football players.”

Amen, brothers. We're just fans, here to watch Shohei hit. Take the algebra to the chess match.



### Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

# A Blue Jay Nightmare

## Blue Crew was able to force a Game Seven

By Pete Zarustica  
Orange County Tribune

It's only on a Halloween night that the sixth game of a World Series could have such a spooky finish.

In the bottom of the ninth at Rogers Centre in Toronto, when it looked like the Blue Jays were going to perhaps finish a game-winning – and series-winning – rally, nine black cats in Dodger blue walked across their paths.

With one out and two on with the Los Angeles Dodgers leading 3-1, Addison Barger smashed a drive to deep center – a possible game winner.

But the ball became wedged in under the outfield fence – that's a ground rule double – and two runs came off the scoreboard for the Jays.

After a pop fly out, Andres Gimenez hit a sinking line drive to center that Kike Hernandez was able to grab and fire a throw to Miguel Rojas at second, who applied the force out to Barger, who had drifted too far.

Double play and the game was over and the Dodgers were able to force a Game Seven Saturday



**MOOKIE BETTS** got the key hit in the Dodgers' 3-1 win in Toronto on Friday night (AP photo).

in Toronto against what has to be a thoroughly stunned bunch of Blue Jays.

The Dodgers had only four hits – one of them a two-run single by Mookie Betts. Yoshi Yamamoto was the pitching hero, lasting six innings and yielding just one run.

“We're gonna keep fighting, gonna keep going,” said managers Dave Roberts, whose team is again one win away from a second consecutive World Series title.

Game Seven is scheduled for Saturday at 5 p.m. (Pacific time) from Rogers Centre.

### 2025 MLB World Series

- GAME ONE 1 (Friday)**  
Toronto 11, Dodgers 4
- GAME TWO (Saturday)**  
Dodgers 5, Toronto 1
- GAME THREE (Monday)**  
Dodgers 6, Toronto 5 (18)
- GAME FOUR (Tuesday)**  
Toronto 6, Dodgers 2
- GAME FIVE (Wednesday)**  
Toronto 6, Dodgers 1
- GAME SIX (Friday)**  
Dodgers 3, Toronto 1
- GAME SEVEN (Saturday)**  
Dodgers at Toronto

# Doncic leads Lakers past the Grizzlies; Ducks win 5-2 and rise into third place

Luka Doncic scored 44 points as the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Memphis Grizzlies 117-112 in the first game of their NBA Cup competition on Friday night.

He also grabbed 12 rebounds and had four assists. Austin Reaves added 21 more points for the Lake Show (4-2 overall).

The Los Angeles Clippers (3-2) got a win as well, slipping past the New Orleans Pelicans 126-

### ■ NBA&NHL

124. The Clips overcame a late rush by the visitors for the win.

Leading LAC was Kawhi Leonard, who not only scored 34 points, but had the game-winner on a buzzer-beater to break a 124-all deadlock.

James Harden added 24 points and 14 assists.

In NHL action, the Anaheim Ducks defeated the Detroit Red

Wings 5-2 at the Honda Center to improve to 6-3-1.

Troy Terry scored two goals for the home team and Cutter Gauthier had two assists. Leo Carlsson lit the red lamp once and added an assist.

Lukas Dostal had 28 saves in goal for Anaheim.

With the win, the Ducks are in third place in the NHL Pacific Division.

# Pacifica Tames Bulldogs, 20-7

## Mariners win Omicron title; Vaqs upset OV

Football championships and playoff berths started emerging Thursday night for teams from our West Orange County area.

Pacifica (7-3 overall) won the Omicron League crown with a 20-7 win over the Portola Bulldogs of Irvine.

Rancho Alamitos (6-4) grabbed second place in the Sigma League and a CIF-SS bid with a 28-7 win over Ocean View (7-3).

Both teams finished with 3-2 marks in Sigma action, but the Vaqueros will be the second place team on the basis of having defeated the Seahawks.

Western (6-4) jumped out to a 25-0 first quarter lead and coasted to a 46-17 win over the Trabuco Hills Mustangs. The Pioneers have a 2-4 mark in the

## Prep Sport Spotlight

Delta League. Finishing fourth in the Sigma are the Los Amigos Lobos (5-5), who lost 35-26 to the Calvary Chapel/Santa Ana (10-0) team.

Garden Grove (2-8) lost 26-6 to the Kappa League champion Segerstom Jaguars.

The Argonauts finished last and lost their last seven games. It was their third consecutive losing season.

On Friday night, Edison lost 10-9 to San Clemente and finished an uncharacteristic 5-5 and last place in Alpha League.

The Chargers were 4-1 before losing four of their last five games. Mission Viejo is the league champ.

In the Epsilon League, Huntington Beach bested El Dorado 27-14 to finish 8-2 overall and

## Area High School Results

### THURSDAY

#### Omicron League

Pacifica 20, Portola 7

#### Kappa League

Segerstom 26, Garden Grove 6

#### Tango League

Anaheim 41, La Quinta 8

#### Delta League

Western 46, Trabuco Hills 17

#### Sigma League

Rancho Alamitos 28,

Ocean View 7

Calvary Chapel 35, Los Am. 26

### FRIDAY

#### Alpha League

San Clemente 10, Edison 9

#### Epsilon League

Hun. Bch. 27, El Dorado 14

#### Foxtrot League

Orange 24, Laguna Beach 9

#### Lambda League

Beckman 21, Marina 14

#### Tango League

Bolsa Grande 10, Santiago 7

#### Zeta League

Saddleback 36, Magnolia 0

second place (4-1) in league play.

Orange bested Laguna Beach 24-9 to finish in a tie with Aliso Niguel (both 3-2) for third place in the Foxtrot League. The Panthers are 6-4 overall while the Wolverines are 7-3.

In the Lambda League, Marina fell 21-14 to Beckman. The Vikings (6-4 overall and 2-3 in league) finished in a three-way tie with Kennedy and Sunny

Hills for third.

In a clash of old Garden Grove League rivals, Bolsa Grande edged Santiago 10-7. The Matadors are 5-5 overall and 3-2 in Tango League play, good for third and a likely playoff berth. The Cavaliers are 3-7 and 2-3.

In the Zeta League, Saddleback blanked Magnolia 36-0. Roadrunners are league champs and the Sentinels finished 3-7 overall, 2-2 in conference.



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# 'Bugonia' is a very strange but funny movie

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Michelle is part of an alien infiltration of Earth that he wants gone by the next lunar eclipse.

The source of such a wild narrative can only come, of course, from South Korea. "Bugonia" is loosely based on the 2003 Korean film "Save the Green Planet!" All of Lanthimos' most notable films before have been written with either Efthimis Filippou ("Dogtooth," "The Lobster")

or Tony McNamara ("Poor Things," "The Favourite"). But, otherwise, "Bugonia" has the feel of a quick follow-up to last year's "Kinds of Kindness," a black-comedy triptych also led by Stone and Plemons.

Yet what could easily be mistaken for a tossed-off, in-between movie — there are only a handful of characters and a few scene locations — ends up feeling like a culmination-slash-nadir for Lanthimos. Having made a dozen films darkly satirizing the sad, primal folly of humankind, it's comeuppance time in "Bugonia."

The movie drags in the middle, when it's locked in a prisoner drama that grows a little tire-

some and predictable. But the payoff is immense. Teddy calls his torture chamber "the headquarters of the human resistance." By the time "Bugonia" reaches its unforgettable finale,

it's made chillingly clear just how feeble any such movement might be, and the movie's apocalyptic air of resignation, of fait accompli, sounds a chastening death knell.

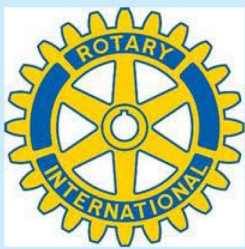
## Retorts: The lonely monitor

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as a fading strip of white paint in the roadway where somebody has already parked a Toyota.

Very few cities or counties have put any serious muscle behind action which keeps a fast-peddling 15-year-old and an elderly (anyone older than me) human from trying to safety share a cracked 8-foot wide sidewalk decorated with a tree and a utility pole.

I'll have more on this in my next column, but - for now - wear your helmet, Liam, and slow the flock down!



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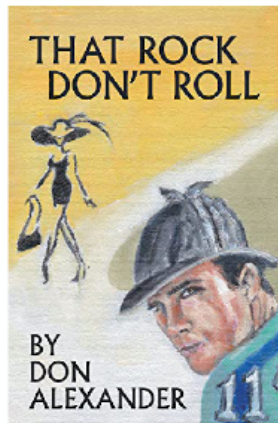
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