

Adoption of Nickelodeon Hotel Plan

To add to Harbor Blvd. row

Another step toward the development of a 500-room 23-story hotel and commercial project on Harbor Boulevard goes before the Garden Grove City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

The council will consider the second reading and adoption of a planned unit development on a now-vacant lot at the northwest corner of Harbor and Twintree Avenue, east of Tamerlane Drive.

A Nickelodeon-themed hotel and associated offices, restaurants, and other attractions are planned for the project, which will be constructed immediately south of the Sheraton Hotel.

Also on the agenda is an Orange County environmental update and a Community Spotlight in recognition of first responders, city employees and response partners for their service during the hazardous materials incident at GKN Aerospace on Western Avenue over the Memorial Day weekend. The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.



GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL will consider a second reading and adoption for a planned unit development for the long-delayed Nickelodeon project.

\$500,000 for videography for HB

In addition to approving a “housing element” required by the State of California and approving the city budget for 2026-27, the Huntington Beach City Council handled a lot of business on Tuesday night.

The city council approved \$500,000 for professional videography services for Huntington Beach Channel 3 HB-TV.

The council directed the city manager to research and implement advertising on the stairs of the Huntington Beach Pier.

The council approved an appropriation of \$499,700 to Beadier Construction Co. for the rehabilitation of the Humboldt Drive bridge.

The council OKd an ordinance on “public participation and disruptive behavior.”



EARLY Stanton in 1913. Notice railroad tracks in foreground.

City of Stanton is holding ‘State of the City’ event

The “State of the City” event will be held on Thursday, June 25 at Stanton Central Park, observing the 70th anniversary of the incorporation of the city.

Hours are 6-8:30 p.m. at 10660 Western Ave.

The event will include music, food, a kids play-zone, photo booths, giveaways and entertainment by the That’s What I Like band.

It’s an opportunity to meet city council members and learn about projects in the neighborhoods. Sponsors include All Metals Processing (city champion sponsor), Jamboree (supporting sponsor), Townsend Public Affairs and SoCal Gas, Cane’s Chicken, SuperKing market and BMO Bank (Fun for Everyone sponsors).

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Retreat on the millionaire tax ballot measure?

By Sophie Austin
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A labor union behind a controversial tax on California billionaires significantly scaled back its proposal a day after it qualified for the November ballot, but the offer Thursday wasn't enough to get the governor on board.

The proposal from the Service Employees International Union Healthcare Workers West to impose a one-time, 5% tax on individuals whose net worth exceeds \$1 billion faces staunch pushback from a wide swath of critics, including Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom. The union said Thursday that it would abandon the 5% tax proposal if Newsom would join them in supporting a 2% levy.

The updated proposal would instead have to be passed by the Legislature, given a June 25 deadline for the measure to qualify for the ballot.

Tara Gallegos, a spokesperson for Newsom, said scaling it back doesn't change its "fundamental flaws that harm working Californians."

"The Governor supports making the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share, but this poorly designed state-only measure will defund teachers, schools, clinics, and public safety," she said in a statement.

The tax, to be paid by those living in the state as of Jan. 1, 2026, is meant to generate \$100 billion in revenue, mainly to counter federal cuts to healthcare for low-income people with some money going to food assistance and education programs.

"A 2% one-time tax on that accumulated wealth is modest by any objective measure especially if it means keeping emergency rooms open and saving patient lives," backers wrote/

Secretary of State Shirley Weber, said that petitioners collected more than the 875,000 signatures needed to place the original proposal before voters.

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News & Views

The state of housing and the unhoused

Housing issues have been in the news locally lately and they reflect the old saying that “a camel was a horse designed by a committee.”

California is an extremely expensive place to live. There are still a lot of homeless on the street. Neither problem is close to being solved, and neither problem is solvable by what has come out of Sacramento.



Retorts

Jim Tortolano

The cost of housing is partly driven by demand. People want to live here and a) the nearer the coast the better and b) near where there are jobs.

Both are completely reasonable reasons, but the given solutions are not. The imposition of ADUs (accessory dwelling units) and their new cousin, junior accessory units, was intended to make more housing available.

But the blowback is to crowd suburban areas with too much traffic, too much demand on roads, law enforcement, demand on utilities, etc. by adding units not aimed at providing more housing but by serving as a revenue stream for homeowners who rent the extra unit out at for-market prices.

Most homeless persons are not just a few dollars out of reach from affording an apartment, but are hobbled by mental illness, alcoholism and drug abuse. Most of the unsheltered have refused services because it means they would have to stop drinking, using drugs or agree to mental health treatments.

The “regional housing needs assessment” calls for 13,000 new homes in Huntington Beach and 19,000 in GG.

HOW THE OLD VIKINGS SAILED



Actually, the ancient Vikings did not cross the North Sea a thousand years ago in this fashion. But the modern-day Vikings of Marina High School in Huntington Beach, the Advanced Placement Physics students took to the school pool to apply their understanding of buoyancy, force and motion to design their own boats for the challenge of making it across the pool.

‘Cold case’ investigation in Stanton is reopened

A “cold case” of a fatal shooting in Stanton that took place in 2024 is being revived.

The Orange County Sheriff’s Department – which provides police services for Stanton – is asking the public’s help in solving the Dec. 20, 2024 killing of Jonathan Alexis Jimenez, 19.

According to OCSD, Jimenez was shot in the 11400 block of Court Street at around 4:20 p.m. Witnesses say they saw four subjects approach the victim. One of them reportedly pulled a firearm and began shooting at the victim. The four were then seen fleeing the area.

Anyone who has additional information relating to the crime that may assist in the investigation is asked to contact the Sheriff’s Department at (714) 647-7000.

Pedestrian dies in hit and run

A pedestrian was fatally injured when struck by two vehicles on Sunday, June 14, in Westminster.

According to Commander William Drinnin of the WPD, the incident took place in the area of 9200 Bolsa Avenue, between Magnolia and Bushard streets.

Police received a call about the collision at around 9:37 p.m. Upon arrival, no life-saving measures were administered because of the severity of the injuries. Orange County Fire Authority later pronounced the pedestrian deceased.

In the investigation that followed, it was determined that the pedestrian was struck by two vehicles, both of which fled the scene. The identity of the deceased is withheld pending notification of the next of kin.

History Minute

Now, that was a true disaster



As scary and disruptive as the recent hazmat incident in Garden Grove was, it wasn’t truly a disaster. There were no known related injuries or deaths.

Orange County’s biggest disaster, of course, was the 1933 Long Beach earthquake (actually closer to Huntington Beach).

As many as 120 people were killed as buildings made of unreinforced masonry collapsed. School buildings were especially hard-hit. One local fatality was Elizabeth Pollard, a Garden Grove High student killed by falling bricks.

NewsUpdate

Israel-Hezbollah Cease-Fire Ceases

Continuation of warfare begun back on March 2

In a quick breach of a cease-fire announced in Lebanon between Israel and Hezbollah militants, at least 18 people were fatally wounded and 33 injured in a series of Israeli attacks in southern Lebanon.

According to United Press International, the attack was centered on the Nabatieh district and included some of the heaviest bombardments since the cross-border fighting began on March 2.

The Israeli military said that four of its troops had been killed and five others wounded.

Lebanese President Joseph



A CEASE-FIRE between Israel and Hezbollah proved short-lived (Shutterstock).

Aoun said the attacks “threatened to sabotage current efforts to get a cease-fire in place and

end the war.”

The previous outbreak of combat there had begun on the day

that the U.S. and Israel began their aerial attacks against sites on Iran.

Yes, there was a cease-fire, but Israel-Hezbollah resumed

Israel had committed to an immediate cease-fire in Lebanon. and would cease all “offensive operations,” the Israeli government announced on Friday through its ambassador to the United States.

According to The New York Times, that was connected to maintaining the still-new peace agreement between the U.S. and Iran. Hezbollah is a militant Muslim group allied to Iran.

However, the ambassador said that Israel would reserve the right to act on “violations or threats.”

Israeli forces will remain in the southern part of Lebanon. ‘If Hezbollah honors the agreement and ceases its hostilities, they will be met with quiet,’ said Ambassador Yechiel Leiter in a social media post. But, “like any normal country, will never compromise our security.”

Great Thoughts

“He who is brave is free.”
– Seneca

“Impossible is for the unwilling.”
– John Keats

“Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.”–
– Babe Ruth

“Your thoughts shape your reality. Focus on the good and watch it grow.”
– Anonymous.

Weather: Middle-of row temps, then some warming arrives

A slow warming trend in West Orange County will take us to the upper 70s by next week. The forecast calls for a Saturday daytime high of 74 with an overnight low of 60 with mostly sunny skies. Sunday will be similar at 74 (61) with partly sunny skies. Monday will warm slowly to 76 (61) with partly cloudy skies. Mostly sunny skies will be with us on Tuesday along with a high of 78 and a low of 63.

USA defeats Australia 2-0 in soccer World Cup action

The American soccer team defeated Australia 2-0 in World Cup group play in Seattle on Friday to improve their record to 2-0.

Australia scored first, but into the wrong direction, with Cameron Burgess tallying an “own goal.” The U.S. team got a clinching score by Alex Freeman. They played without star Christian Pulis-

ic, who was injured.

The win clinches a spot in the knockout round for USA.

The Americans now have a 2-0 record in Group D and will face Turkey on Thursday, June 25 at SoFi Stadium. The Turks are 0-1 so far.

The game (in English) will be televised on Fox and Fox One, as well as on Telemundo and Peacock in Spanish.

Arts & Living

Toys Are In Trouble in 'Toy Story'

How will they survive threat from digital?

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

The "Toy Story" movies, like "Star Wars" and those games Michael Jordan played with the Washington Wizards, pose a problem of canon.

The first three movies are a near-perfect trilogy: a series that spanned a childhood: from bedroom playtime to college, from enchantment to loss. The scope didn't seem epic. The movies rarely strayed much further than the pizza joint down the road or Al's Toy Barn. Yet those first three films, so attuned to the pangs of both childhood and parenthood, seemed to stretch to infinity and beyond.

But, of course, narrative neatness is not an abiding principle in modern-day Hollywood franchise guardianship. Nine years after "Toy Story 3" — an ending as flawless as Jordan's almost-goodbye jumper in 1998 — came "Toy Story 4." It made a billion dollars, easy, and blew up the artful arc of "Toy Story." The less said about "Lightyear" — for sure the Washington Wizards chapter of "Toy Story" — the better.

Yet as much as my bitter heart wanted to reject "Toy Story 4," I had to grant that it was pretty good. There is only so much moral grandstanding I can do in the face of Tony Hale as a fork and Key and Peele as plushies. And "Toy Story 4" also had a decent point. If the original trilogy suggested the story ends when the kid reaches adulthood, the fourth movie is about Woody, the empty nester. Tom Hanks' cowboy and Annie Potts' Bo Peep find out life goes on after Andy. They might as well have moved to Florida.

This is my belabored way of saying "Toy Story 5" is, also,



"TOY STORY 5" tells about how digital attractions threaten physical toys (Walt Disney).

Movie Review

a crime against humanity and, also, pretty good. It may fall shy of the first three and probably ranks as the fifth best of these movies. But "Toy Story" has a high bar and the quality and thoughtfulness that has long distinguished Pixar is very much present here in the film directed and co-written by Andrew Stanton, a Pixar stalwart who goes all the way back to 1995's "Toy Story."

There are some basic things going for the latest "Toy Story" movie. This one moves Joan Cusack's Jessie, the cowgirl, closer to the center, and she's always been a hoot. The cute-as-a-button Bonnie (voiced by Scarlett Spears) is an upgrade over Andy. (Sorry, Andy.)

But most of all — as the movie's "toys vs. tech" advertising has made abundantly clear — "Toy Story 5" is predicated on an extremely relatable conflict for kids and parents, alike.

In "Toy Story 5," tablets arrive

just as ominously as weapons did in "2001: A Space Odyssey." Bonnie's parents, fearing their child is being left out, cave in and get her a Lilypad ("Lily," voiced by Greta Lee). When Bonnie brings Lily to a sleepover, the toys, peering through a basement window are appalled to find them "just sitting there." Alarms are sounded. "The age of toys is over!" shrieks

Good ★ ★ ★

a nearby forlorn toy. Later, the dinosaur Rex (Wallace Shawn) exclaims: "Extinction! Not again!"

In the world of "Toy Story," as in ours, the onset of "screen time" is a legitimately cataclysmic event.

The concerts of summer '26

The 2026 Free Summer Concert Series is underway at Eastgate Park in Garden Grove. On Thursday it was DSB (a tribute to Journey), with the next on June 25, a special event as Garden Grove celebrates USA 250 with The Answer (classic rock) performing at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the city and Community Foundation.

TheSportsPages

Starting to be a soccer for world football

After years of grumbling about soccer, suggesting it was sort of ... well ... boring, I have finally decided that "world football" has its merits and am starting to enjoy the World Cup.

As someone who admittedly is not much of an expert, here's a few of the things I have enjoyed so far.

* The challenge to announcers trying to A) have something to say when there's not much going on and B) trying to keep up with action then there's too much going on.

* The footwork of USA's Christian Pulisic, who is able to



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manipulate the spheroid with the artistry of Elton John (or Hoagy Carmichael) at the piano.

* Smiling at the way the foreign broadcasters mispronounce

"Los Angeles" and "Seattle." On the other hand, imagine what trouble the U.S. announcers have with "Leicester" or "Argenteuil."

* Reflect on the sinking feeling felt by the Haitian team as its members contemplate a Group C match against Brazil. I guess it's a honor just to be nominated ...

* Anyone who thinks that the World Cup isn't the biggest deal in sports should consider this: It's estimated that betting volumes for the Cup will reach \$50 to \$60 trillion. That's bigger than Elon Musk!

* What will be considered a "good" performance for Team USA? Well, in 2022 the team reached the quarterfinals. But the real topper would be the performance in 1930 with a third place finish.

Leading With The Left

Another tweak in Herbert's new look for 2026

By Dan Greenspan
Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO (AP)—New Los Angeles Chargers offensive coordinator Mike McDaniel wanted to change Justin Herbert's footwork, so he has taken the football out of his star quarterback's hands for parts of the offseason program.

While it might seem counterintuitive, McDaniel believes Herbert can better focus on learning those adjustments when not throwing.

"To change it, and in one offseason, make it something that's in the unconscious that you're not thinking about where you have to think about a lot of other things, you really have to take an intentional attack on it. So I think he understood the extreme measures," McDaniel said.

McDaniel is teaching Herbert to lead with his non-dominant left foot, with the right-handed passer having put his right foot forward



LOS ANGELES CHARGERS Justin Herbert is training to lead with his non-dominant left foot (Chargers photo).

when first handling the football in each of his previous six seasons in the NFL.

McDaniel initially took notice of the off-foot technique as an assistant to Kyle Shanahan with Houston in 2007. Brett Favre had been using it throughout his Hall of Fame career, and Tom Brady adopted it for the 2007 season when he threw 50 touchdowns passes, setting a then single-sea-

son league record that has since been broken.

Shanahan, who was the Texans quarterbacks coach at the time, and McDaniel extensively studied the possible benefits in the approach before adopting it, including when they continued worked together in Washington and San Francisco. McDaniel also took it to Miami when he

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Dodgers win late; Angels lose late

Both games were close and exciting, but only one local team came away with a win on Friday night.

Athletics 12, Angels 11: The Los Angeles Angels built an early 11-4 lead at Sutter Health Park in West Sacramento but what looked like a blowout turned into a heartbreak.

The home team rallied for eight runs, grabbing the winning score in a wild 10th inning. Two stolen bases, a hit batsman and a walk gave the A's a stunning victory.

Home runs —five of them — weren't enough.

Logan O'Hoppe had the best night at bat for the Halos, going 3-for-4 (including a homer) with three RBIs and a run scored.

But the Angel pitching let down the side. Jose Soriano lasted five innings, giving up six hits and four runs. He struck out six batters but walked four.

The Angels are now 30-47 and last in the AL West; the A's squared their record at 38-38 and in second.

Dodgers 6, Orioles 5: A three-run rally in the bottom of the ninth lifted the Blue Crew to a dramatic win at Chavez Ravine.

Dalton Rushing's line drive single brought in two runners and a throwing error brought in the third for the win.

Mookie Betts was hot, batting 3-for-5, including a ninth inning home run that set the table for the dramatic rally.

Tommy Edman was 3-for-5; the Dodgers totaled 12 hits.

■ Prep Sports Spotlight

12 locals names to CIF All-Star baseball, softball

Twelve local athletes have been named to the All CIF-SS teams in baseball and softball.

Softball

Division 1: Mia Valbuena (Marina, pitcher, senior).
 Division 2: Bree Carlson (Huntington Beach, infield, senior).
 Division 3: Kaila Araki (Edison, infielder, senior).
 Division 8: Scarlett Poitra (Orange, pitcher, junior).

Baseball

Division: 1: Jason Grindlinger (Huntington Beach, pitcher-outfielder, senior).
 Division 6: Evan Gonzalez (Orange, infield-pitcher, senior).
 Division 7: Khai Anderson (Garden Grove, utility, senior).
 Division 8: Diego Matuzima (Los Amigos, outfield, junior); Anthony Garcia (Los Amigos, shortstop/pitcher, freshman); Henry Garcia (Rancho Alamitos, pitcher-first base, senior); Ethan Shepherd (Rancho Alamitos, catcher-pitcher, sophomore).
 Division 9: Lucas Flores (Westminster, pitcher-first base, senior)

'Toy Story 5' review

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art of other recent animated movies. ("The Mitchells vs. the Machines" and "Ron's Gone Wrong" are among the many that come to mind.)

But taking up the topic means something more in a "Toy Story" movie — and not just because Pixar was the Bay area-based pioneer of digital animation.

These films have done so much to capture childhood that they almost seem like part of all our own. And given just how profoundly screens have inserted themselves into the experience of growing up, the paradigm-shift storyline gives "Toy Story 5" something most sequels can't claim: a reason for being.

Lily is a threat not just to the toys, but to 8-year-old Bonnie, too. She soon stops playing with her toys and becomes addicted to the device.

We experience this as a kind of tragedy not just because it leads Bonnie even further into loneliness but because she's doing it to fit in. Like a plague, none of

the other kids play with toys, either.

That humans never catch the toys in motion has always been a reliable gag in the "Toy Story" movies. But there's an actually haunting scene this time. When the adventure ramps up, and a small band of toys take a short cut through a house, they go unnoticed because everyone inside has their heads buried in screens.

There's also a parent on a Zoom call in "Toy Story 5" and something like cyberbullying, in toddler form. The fallout of Bonnie's Lilypad experience sends Jessie and Bullseye to the farmhouse where Emily, Jessie's first child, once lived. There now is a horse-riding, creative 9-year-old named Blaze (Mykal-Michelle Harris).

It's not hard to see the answer to the toys' existential doom: a playdate. Getting Bonnie and Blaze together becomes a rescue mission for Jessie, her familiar pals (including a visiting Woody) and a small group of Blaze's own lost playthings.



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Left foot is the best foot forward, is the theory

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was the Dolphins head coach for four seasons until being fired in January, leading the left-handed Tua Tagovailoa to start with his right foot forward.

"You have your pros and cons for anything that you do from a technique perspective, but having the non-throwing-hand foot forward, there was some advantages that I kind of lean toward. By the time we got to Washington (in 2010), we started training quarterbacks that way," McDaniel said.

With McDaniel installing a quicker passing game that emphasizes allowing receivers to accumulate yards after catch, the tweak in footwork is intended to maximize the timing Herbert needs to get the most out of those

opportunities.

"I kind of look at it like you're trying to find the margins where you can improve, and you have a quarterback of high achievement like Justin, who wants to make gains in this game. You find the most margin that you can improve upon, and identifying that, and it being shorter time throws and footwork, there's a necessity to really focus on footwork from the ground up," McDaniel said.

That meant asking Herbert to

spend portions of organized team activities working with a large green exercise ball instead of a football. He also ceded throws in 7-on-7s and other periods to backups Trey Lance and DJ Uiagalelei, leaving Herbert to simulate drop-backs.

McDaniel's aim was to put the emphasis on process rather than result.

"It's as simple as where your focus is, and when you don't watch a ball go, you don't attribute any emotions toward, 'Oh, that was a good throw. Oh, that was a bad throw.' You only can really lean into one thing, and that's the footwork that you're doing. You're not thinking about it at all," McDaniel said.



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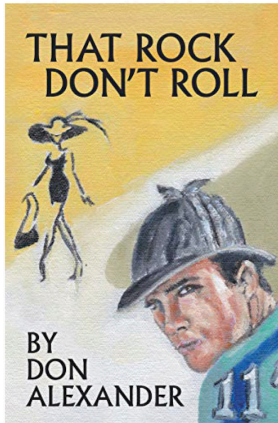
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