



Edinger Avenue and the San Diego (405) Freeway were closed for hours on Thursday when a man climbed over the freeway fence in a possible suicide attempt. HBPD negotiators – after two hours of conversation they were able to talk him into safely coming down and accept assistance (HBPD photo)

After talk, he didn't jump

A tense situation in which a person was “experiencing a mental health crisis” on the Edinger Avenue overpass of the San Diego (405) Freeway in Huntington Beach on Thursday ended safely.

According to the HBPD, the incident took place around 1 p.m.. A man had

climbed along the exterior of the fencing. Edinger Avenue and the north- and south-bound lanes of the freeway were closed while officers worked to resolve the situation safely.

Anaheim Fire and Rescue responded with its Rapid Air Cushion in case

the man attempted to leap off the overpass.

The HBPD Crisis Negotiation Team Responded and spoke to the man for more than two hours.

They eventually convinced the man to safely come down and accept assistance.

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HBPD Ready For A Warned Teen-Takeover

Copypat prank or real threat a la Newport?

A “teen take-over” of the Balboa peninsula in Newport Beach resulted in the arrest of over 400 mostly young people last week.

Can the same thing happen in neighboring Huntington Beach?

A flyer posted on social media such as TikTok and Instagram has called for a similar “take-over” of Surf City on Saturday, Aug. 1. A copypat prank or not, the HBPD has declared it is ready to cope with it.

In a Facebook post, the HBPD revealed that its Special Investigations Bureau had “already identified individuals believed

to be involved in organizing and promoting this event, and those investigations are ongoing.”

It notes that anyone who “incites violence, vandalism, theft, etc.” could be prosecuted and both minors and their parents can be held liable for damages.

Newport Beach officials estimated that the crowds were “in the thousands” and that nearly half of those arrested were from Arizona.

According to Newport police, “as the crowd quickly grew ... dangerous and unlawful behavior escalated, blocking roadways, preventing emergency access and putting families, visitors and first responders at risk.”

Over 350 law enforcement officer from sev-

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Crackdown on vacancies

A new fee schedule would raise the costs

A set of new fees intended to deal with problems associated with vacant properties connected to issues of homelessness and vandalism will go before the Stanton City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

A one-time charge of \$45 will be charged for the ap-

Stanton City Council

plication fee for processing a vacant parcel fee.

An annual vacant parcel registration fee for parcels considered stable will be \$300. For properties con-

sidered “at-risk” the fee will be \$5,000 annually. For properties considered “failed” the annual fee will be \$9,600.

If adopted by the council, the new fees will go into effect on Sept. 12.

The council will also con-

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'Teen-takeover' threatened for Huntington

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eral agencies were employed to control the situation and several were injured.

'As the crowd quickly grew ... dangerous and unlawful behavior escalated, blocking roadways, preventing emergency access and putting families, visitors and first responders at risk.'

New vacancy fees in Stanton on the council agenda

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sider an ordinance requiring that vacant properties be registered, maintenance and security be enhanced and be classified based on risk. Improved enforcement tools would also be provided.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in its chambers at 7800 Katella Ave.

He didn't jump

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Assistance was provided by the Huntington Beach Fire Department, Anaheim Fire and Rescue, Westminster Police Department and California Highway Patrol.

Anyone struggling with mental health challenges or a crisis can call or text 988 to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline 24 hours a day.

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News&Views

WTH is this proposed new RCV voting?

It seems as if the Huntington Beach City Council, chastened by courtroom setbacks and shifts in the political winds, has shifted its emphasis away from partisan issues and is steering a course that emphasizes more local concerns such as the surfing museum and upgrading of the sports complex.

But there's a big one yet to deal with and it could have a big impact on the political scene in Surf City going forward.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Back in June, a Superior Court judge ruled that Surf City needs to abandon its at-large voting system, with four seats filled for four-year terms, alternating with three seats filled for four-year term.

This is – apparently – considered an alternative to the by-district elections which most cities and school districts in Orange County now use. This move came from pressure to change elections to provide better representation for minority groups.

But if there is no majority, then the ranked choice voting comes into play.

Under this system, when the ballots had been cast, each voter ranked their candidates as first choice through last choice. The candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. The ballots that had voted for that candidate as their first choice, now will change to their second choice. Those new votes will go to the remaining candidates. A candidate that now has over 50% of the votes will be the winner.

Or a math teacher have to be called in to sort it all out.

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ALL TOGETHER NOW



Firefighters from the Orange County Fire Authority and the Anaheim Fire and Rescue combined to battle a blaze in Stanton at a storage facility of Beach Boulevard. The fire was reported at 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday. The fire was knocked down in 19 minutes and prevented for spreading, thus protecting other storage units and the belongings within (OCFA photo).

Planners to take on three public hearings

Three public hearings are on the agenda for the July 16 meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission.

They are:

- a request by Tony Lam to approve a new two-story apartment building at 13042 Safford St. consisting of five units on a 0.35-acre lot

- a request by Dan Vy Ngoc Nguyen for a one-year time extension on a site plan for the construction of six three-story multi-family residential units with two-car garages on a 0.37-acre lot at 12771 Lorna St.

- a site plan by Michael Dao for a one-year time extension for the construction of a five-story mixed-use development at 10201 and 10231 Garden Grove Blvd. with 5,312-square feet of retail space, 3,548-square feet for an art gallery, 10,745-square feet for medical use and 52 apartments.

The panel meets in the Community Meeting Center at 7 p.m.

CDL/DUI checkpoint in HB on July 24

A checkpoint to confirm that motorists in Huntington Beach have valid driver's licenses and aren't driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be held on Friday, July 24 from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. the next morning. The checkpoint will be held at an undisclosed location within

city limits.

According the HBPD, checkpoint locations are chosen based on the history of drunk driving crashes and arrests. During the checkpoints, officers will look for signs that drivers are under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

Funding for the program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Safety Admin.

History Minute

Do you know the way to Verano?

If you were somehow time-traveled back to the West Orange County of the pioneer eras could you find your way around?

Probably not, if you relied on the street signs. Come to think

of it, there probably were few actual street signs in the 1870s and 1880s.

But setting that aside, where is Almond Avenue? Well, now it's known as Westminster Boulevard. And how about the intersection of the Anaheim Road and Ocean Avenue? That's where what's now where Euclid Street and Garden Grove Boulevard in Garden Grove connect now.

Anaheim Boulevard, by the

way, was originally Los Angeles Street. Lost yet? There once was a Huntington Street in Garden Grove, but it's now Nelson Street. The former Bryant Street in Garden Grove has been rechristened Orangewood Avenue.

And whatever happened to Verano Street in Garden Grove? It was absorbed by Euclid Street in the Great Realignment in the Sixties, which also saw Wright Street consumed by Brookhurst.

NewsUpdate

Trump Will Let housing Bill Pass

*A response to
'Save America'
Act' stall in Senate*

In a post on social media, President Donald Trump announced on Friday he would allow a bipartisan housing bill passed by Congress to become law without him signing it.

According to the Associated Press, his decision not to sign the bill came from his disappointment that Congress didn't pass the "Save America Act" which included a national voter ID requirement.

"I will not sign the Housing Bill ... in PROTEST over the fact that the United States Senate is not capable of passing THE SAVE AMERICA ACT," he



PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP will let housing bill pass without his signature (File photo).

posted.

The voting bill was passed narrowly by the House of Represen-

tatives, but defections by some Republicans stopped efforts to pass the voter ID requirement,

which Democrats claim would be unconstitutional and discourage voters.

Last members are fired from Federal Election Commission

The Federal Election Commission, created in 2002 to help states to administer elections and assist voters in participating, is now without any commissioners.

United Press International is reporting that several other news organizations have stated that the last two Democratic members of the commission have been fired by the president and the last Republican has resigned.

With no sitting members, the commission can't function.

In response, Democratic lawmakers are claiming that Trump is trying to "take over" the coming midyear elections, which polls suggest could be favorable to Democrats.

Trump has claimed that if Democrats retake control of Congress, he will be impeached for the third time

Weather: Temps are expected to warm up West Orange County

The general trend of weather in our West Orange County cities is a warming trend.

The forecast is for a steady rise toward the high-80s. Saturday should be mostly cloudy with a daytime high of 89 and an overnight low of 66. Sunday will warm a bit to 82 (67) with morning clouds and afternoon sunshine.

The warming trend advances on Monday and Tuesday are to 85 and 89 during the day, with overnight lows of 68 and 69.

Platner withdraws from the Maine U.S. Senate race

Graham Platner, a controversial Democratic candidate for a Maine seat in the U.S. Senate, has officially withdrawn from the race.

According to USA Today, Platner's action gives Democrats time to nominate another candidate before the deadline.

Platner, who won his state's Democratic primary election in June, was called upon to leave

the race when allegations surfaced that he had sexually assaulted an ex-girlfriend almost five years ago.

He denies the allegations, claiming the alleged incidents were mutually "consensual."

Before that allegation, he was considered a strong candidate to unseat moderate Republican incumbent Sen. Susan Collins.

Great Thoughts

"The body says what words cannot."
— Martha Graham

"Every human being is the author of his own health or disease."
— Buddha

"You have been criticizing yourself and it hasn't worked. Try approving of yourself and see what happens."
— Louise Hay

Arts&Living

'Minions & Monsters' Mostly Mash

References to old-time films fall mostly flat

By Mark Kennedy
AP Entertainment Writer

Every once in a while, Hollywood gets high on its own supply and makes a love letter to movie-making. It happened recently with Steven Spielberg's "The Fabelmans" and George Clooney's "Jay Kelly." Now it's time for the unlikely of love-letter writers: canary-yellow, gibberish-speaking, overall-wearing mini-monsters.

"Minions & Monsters" — the third chapter in the ongoing stand-alone adventures of the "Despicable Me" pint-sized enablers — is about the sheer greatness of moviemaking, and it's a navel-gazing misfire. Few industries — maybe journalism, sure — is as enamored at making its profession seem heroic.

The Minions this time find themselves at the dawn of both the movie business in Hollywood and the last push by suffragists to get the vote. It's a weird confluence that writers Brian Lynch and Pierre Coffin fumble.

The movie has playful references to old screen gods — Harold Lloyd dangling from the hands of a clock and Charlie Chaplin swallowed by the gears of a mechanical system — along Hollywood nods to "Casablanca" and the punny title "The Good, the Bad and the Stupid" — but the kids in the audience won't get them and their parents are just too tired. Harold Lloyd jokes don't hit as hard in 2026.

Two of the legion of faceless Minions step forward this time — best friends James and Henry, creative misfits amid a smear of yellow drones — to unite and make a movie. (Who knew there was a Minion counterculture?)

Things go very well at first — turns out adding a Minion or two to a cowboy or a heist movie makes them instant kings of the



"MINIONS and Monsters" want to make a movie (Universal Pictures).

Movie Review

box office — and they soon move into a Beverly Hills mansion and become insufferable. James dreams of winning an Oscar, which in this case is a statuette of a gold banana, a Minion obsession.

But they hit a wall when silent movies turn to talkies. And since they spout nothing but nonsense — "Fantastico" "miso soup" and "vamos" — can't make the transition. They're dumped out of the studio system.

That's when James and Henry finally get the plot going: Make their own killer monster movie by conjuring up real monsters. The first one they try turns out a little weird: The gigantic, fearsome octopus-dragon they request turns out to be a cute green Funko Pop-like critter called Goomi, voiced by Trey Parker. Goomi promises to find them some real monsters. But should we trust him?

Coffin, making his first solo directing effort after co-helming all three "Despicable Me" films

and the first "Minions," voices all the Minions — he must be fun to have at parties — and is an assured hand. The violence levels are a little high for PG, including a beheading and various impalings, plus the usual senseless mayhem. The screenwriters have included a romantic subplot involving a suffragette voiced by Zoey Deutch who falls for a robot-alien (stand-out work by Jesse Eisenberg) in a storyline that makes less and less

Fair ★ ★

sense. And the framing device — a museum tour guide explaining how Minions shaped Hollywood — sags awkwardly.

Adults can keep awake looking for the Easter eggs Coffin has left for serious cinephiles: "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," "Steamboat Bill, Jr.," "A Trip to the

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The concerts of summer '26

The 2026 Free Summer Concert Series is underway at Eastgate Park in Garden Grove. The next is on July 16, with the Kelly Boyz Band (country) and on July 23 it's Start Me Up (Rolling Stones). The annual concert series is sponsored annually by the city and the Garden Grove Community Foundation.

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TheSportsPages

When hitting .300 may not be that good ...

Who remembers the sarcastic Monty Python song, 'Always Look On the Bright Side of Life'?

Many fans and sports writers are knee-deep in lamenting the long stretch of disappointments being suffered by the Angels, especially in comparison to the Dodgers.

Well, let's look at the record and see if the Blue Crew has always been good as gold, so to speak.

As I write this, the Halos are under .400, which is generally considered to be crush depth for fan enthusiasm. But if you look at the Dodgers, they've



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Jim Tortolano

had six seasons in their history in the 300s.

As recently as 1992, they were 63-99, for a percentage of .389.

In 2010, they were 80-82 ... not bad at .494,

but still a losing record.

The Rams (including their time in Cleveland and St. Louis) have had 16 seasons under .300, with a 1-15 mark (.063) as recently as 2009.

But rebounds can follow collapses. In 2016, they had a 4-12 record (.250), then bounced back to 11-5 in 2017. Sometimes the good times don't last. In 2021 the team was 12-5 and won the Super Bowl, but followed that with a 5-12 season.

My point is that ... an Angel fan can grasp at statistical straws to avoid always looking at the lousy side of the (baseball) life.

Never Give A Soccer an Even Break Dept.: The World Cup – still underway – has started with great enthusiasm in America, but the more you watch it, the more you realize

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College Fantasy Football?

Yes, it's the next big thing for fans, maybe gamblers

By Pat Graham
AP Sports Writer

How about Texas quarterback Arch Manning paired with Ohio State receiver Jeremiah Smith on the same college football roster. While at it, add Michigan tailback Jordan Marshall, too.

No transfer portal needed, either. Just some savvy drafting by a college fantasy football team owner.

Yahoo Sports is expanding more into college fantasy football this season by launching leagues that feature players from Power Four conferences along with Notre Dame.

So fill that QB1 slot with Heisman Trophy favorites Manning or the Fighting Irish's CJ Carr. Grab Marshall or LJ Martin of BYU to round out the RB spots. Pick up Smith or Cam Coleman of Texas at receiver.

These stars of the college game today could help you win a fantasy title later this fall. Down



COLLEGE FANTASY FOOTBALL may open up a new world of fan involvement, and perhaps wagering (Shutterstock).

the road, maybe even help your NFL fantasy team.

"This will be an interesting opportunity to really develop fandom not just of the sport, but also the players and the schools," Ryan Spoon, president of Yahoo Media Group, said in an interview before Thursday's launch of the leagues. "The content ... is now available to make a really robust, awesome experience."

There have been sites with college fantasy football leagues before. This takes it even more mainstream in this era of name, image and likeness. Yahoo is coming off a season in which it set all-time highs for most fantasy football users and teams.

"It's understandable to all fans," Spoon said, "not just the mega-college fan."

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Angels beat Twins; Dodgers fall

From a staff writer

MLBaseball

Could the Los Angeles Angels be breaking out of their slump?

After losing seven games in a row, the Halos have won two of three, the last being a 4-3 win over the Minnesota Twins on Friday night.

The Angels got a home run (his fifth of the season) from Vaughn Grissom in the top of the fourth, and the team scored another run to take a 2-1 lead. They extended the lead to 4-1 when Nolan Schanuel drove in two runs on a sharp line drive to right in the top of the fifth.

The Twins got to within one run win in the bottom of the sixth when Brooks Lee doubled in two runs. But that was all the

scoring they could manage.

With the win, the Angels are 38-57 and still in fifth and last place in the American League West. The Twins are 46-49 and third in the AL Central.

Grayson Rodriguez got the win to improve his record to 3-2. He lasted 5.1 innings, giving up six hits and three earned runs. He walked one batter and struck out none.

Diamondbacks 9, Dodgers 3: A 2-2 tie after the first inning turned out to be best the Blue Crew could do on Friday night at home. Arizona scored two runs each in the fourth through sixth innings and another in the eighth inning for a 9-2 lead.

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Texas	48-46	.511	--	6-4
Seattle	47-48	.494	1.5	5-5
Houston	46-50	.479	3	4-6
Athletics	41-53	.436	7	2-8
ANGELS	38-57	.400	10.5	2-8

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	61-34	.642	--	6-4
Arizona	47-47	.500	13.5	5-5
San Diego	46-48	.489	14.5	3-7
San Fran.	39-54	.419	21	4-6
Colorado	38-57	.408	23	5-5

The Dodgers raised hopes in the bottom of the ninth when Miguel Rojas doubled in Tommy Edman with a run, but that was it.

■ Prep Sports Spotlight

Santiago starting 2026 grid season v. Saddleback

Hoping to snap a three-year stretch of posting losing records, the Santiago High Cavalier football team will open the 2026 football season, hosting Saddleback on Friday, Aug. 28.

Last year the Cavs were 3-7 overall and tied for third in the Tango League.

Santiago plays its home games at Monsoor Stadium on the Garden Grove High campus.

Here's the 2026 schedule, as posted by maxpreps.com. League contests are marked with an asterisk.

- # Friday, Aug. 28 hosting Saddleback, 7 p.m.
- # Friday, Sept. 4 hosting Santa Any Valley, 7 p.m.*
- # Thursday, Sept. 10, hosting Savanna, 6:30 p.m.*
- # Friday, Sept. 18, at Rancho Alamitos, 7 p.m.
- # Thursday, Sept. 24, host Century, 7 p.m.
- # Friday, Oct. 1, hosting La Quinta, 7, p.m.*
- # Thursday, Oct. 8, hosting Bolsa Grande, 7 p.m.
- # Friday, Oct. 16, hosting Godinez, 7 p.m.*
- # Thursday, Oct. 22, at Magnolia, 6:30 p.m.*
- # Thursday, Oct. 29, at Loara, 7 p.m.*



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Moon," "Metropolis," "Citizen Kane" and "The Blob." Maybe the best moment in the movie is almost a throwaway: Director George Lucas, appearing as himself.

"Hooray for Hollywood" is on the soundtrack and that might have been the subtitle for the movie itself. There are some people whose eyes get moist thinking about picking up a film camera

and following their muse, having their work play in a dark theater to cheers. And then there are others who just want to get on with it already. "Vamos!"

"Minions & Monsters," a Universal Pictures release that opens in theaters July 1, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association for "violence/action, language, and rude/macabre humor." Running time: 90 minutes.

Fantasy college football?

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A lot like NFL fantasy football, only not quite

The college fantasy format is similar to the NFL version. It starts with the draft, of course, and then head-to-head matchups (scoring begins Sept. 3).

The 18-player rosters feature the Big Ten, SEC, Big 12 and ACC, along with Notre Dame. There's another wrinkle, too, with an "offense" position in play. Go ahead and draft, say, Buckeyes quarterback Julian Sayin along with the Ohio State "offense." That means bonus points for team TDs, total yards,

field goals and a win, along with deductions for losses.

It's a way to spice things up.

"We've run millions of permutations," Spoon said of testing formats and game structure. "The variability is the awesome part of this."

Iowa State running back Aiden Flora knows whom he would pick in a college fantasy draft. "Might as well trust myself," Flora said at Big 12 media days. "I feel like it's a thing that a lot younger people would love to

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The new frontier: college fantasy football leagues

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do, even though I feel like a lot of them (would) just try to get the guys that they are cheering for.”

It's also a way to keep up with players in this ever-changing college football landscape that includes the volatile transfer portal.

Martin, the AP Big 12 offensive player of the year last season, rushed for 1,305 yards and 12 TDs. He figures to be a high selection.

“I’m trying to go out there,” he said, “and get as many yards as I can every time.”

A word of caution

One thing Brody Ruihley, a professor of sport leadership

and management at Miami University (Ohio), cautioned was to keep in mind these are college students, first and foremost.

This is just fun and games.

NFL players have reported being contacted by fantasy football owners through social media in all sorts of ways.

“We need to remember that the college athlete is accessible in class, on campus, at poorly secured practices/games, and

pretty much anywhere on a college campus. They are young adults still finding their way just like non-athlete college students,” Ruihley wrote in an email. “Protection is and should be a primary function for state agencies when collegiate fantasy sport or sports betting is in play.”

Scrutiny has almost become part of the territory — no matter the level.

“If somebody drops the game-winning catch, you’ve got to know they’re going to hear about,” Arizona State running back Kyson Brown explained.

“We’ve been kind of going through the same things those guys have been going through.” Gambling in college football made headlines over the saga of former Texas Tech quarterback Brendan Sorsby. The Red Raiders had planned to let Sorsby

play even after the Cincinnati transfer admitted he placed bets on Indiana games when he was a freshman with the Hoosiers. Sorsby ultimately abandoned a legal effort to regain his eligibility and is expected to enter next year’s NFL draft.

This is gameplay

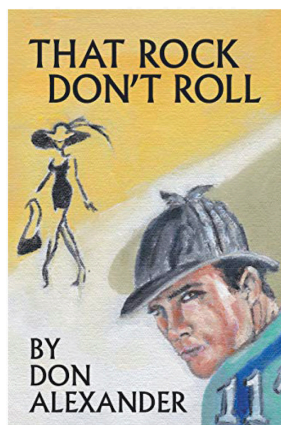
Spoon stressed this was gameplay.

“Obviously, there’s a subset of users, which is much larger today than it was five years ago, that is choosing through other operators to also place wagers or predictions, whatever those might be. That’s not us,” Spoon said. “Every passing year college (football) becomes bigger and more interesting and fandom increases.”

AP Sports Writers Stephen Hawkins and Schuyler Dixon contributed to this report.

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it's a close cousin to the other roundball sport, basketball.

We're talking the “flop.”

That's when a player – after contact with one player from the other team (no matter how slight) falls to the turf as if he has been hit by Sugar Ray Robinson.

Very common in the NBA, it

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Can you imagine a more confusing and arguably unfair system? It could lead to exhausting recounts, delays determining a winner and voter anger and apathy when the citizen with the most votes isn't the winner.

Furthermore, I don't see how minorities would benefit from this process. The only folks getting a boost from this would seem to be stores selling pocket calculators.



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