

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS GAME 5:
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PARTY PLANS LEFT ON ICE

Kings will try again to clinch on Friday.

SPORTS

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Chaka Khan, right, and Brian McKnight headline weekend shows

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WATCHDOG

OFFICERS UNDERCUT BY SYSTEM

Report related to O.C. killings says GPS tracking of criminals is constrained by technology, laws.

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Federal probation officers charged with supervising two Orange County sex offenders who are accused of four killings were overworked, underfunded and hampered by GPS systems that did not communicate, an internal inquiry concluded Wednesday.

The report also blamed state and local laws for exacerbating oversight problems, including sharply restricting where sex offenders can live and pushing many offenders into homelessness.

"The number of locations meeting both requirements was limited, and the offenders found themselves in close proximity to each other and to other homeless sex offenders," the report said. "Consequently, as in the prison setting, the problem of criminal association and planning was ever present."

The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts - which supervises federal probation - defended the officers overseeing Steven Dean Gordon and Franc Cano, saying they did all they could to "contain the risk presented by these repeat and

Federal recommendations to improve oversight

- 1:** Explore policy, procedure and technical changes to identify when sex offenders meet.
 - 2:** Track date and time of contacts with offenders during off hours.
 - 3:** To reduce officer stress, consider rotating assignments, offering additional training, requiring time off.
- Source: Administrative Office, U.S. Courts

Jan Harzan heads an organization that searches for evidence of aliens.



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Jan Harzan is the national director of the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON, that recently moved its headquarters to Newport Beach.

This 1965 photo taken by Rex Heflin in Tustin shows a hat-like object in the air with a dark band that he estimated was 20 feet in diameter.

UFO expert waits for ship to come in



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Jan Harzan is the kind of guy you want to sit next to at a dinner party.

What's he been up to lately?

Oh, investigating alien abductions, looking for extraterrestrial motherships a quarter-mile long and running tests on possible fragments from a UFO crash.

And that's all before 10:30 a.m. on a typical day.

"People ask me, 'Do you be-

lieve in UFOs?' " said Harzan, 59, of Newport Beach. "My answer is, 'No, I don't believe. I know.' A knower is someone who's seen one so close up, in your face, you can't deny it."

Ever since his own close encounter at age 10, Harzan's dream has been to find evidence of an unidentified flying object. That drove him, as a child, to try to build his own rocket ship; as a young man, to study nuclear engineering at UCLA; and later, as an IBM executive, to seek out a certain type of corporate re-

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REX HEFLIN

Mission Viejo family mourned

The investigation into a suspected murder-suicide at a Mission Viejo home continued Wednesday as authorities worked to officially identify the four people whose bodies were found at the residence.

Meanwhile, the community mourned the family believed to have been killed - Mark and Lydia Sheer, their adult son, Michael, and their teenage daughter, Amy.

One neighbor described them as "literally the nicest family I have ever met in my life." **Local 1**



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Randy Flores, left, and Martin Garrido read in the hallway outside their Nova Academy English class.

MOST-IMPROVED SCHOOLS

They may not score the highest, but a handful of Orange County's schools are beating the odds, outperforming others with similar obstacles.

New state data reveal the schools throughout the county that made the greatest leaps in test scores despite challenging circumstances. Schools including Eader Elementary in Huntington Beach and Glen Yermo Elementary in Mission Viejo reveal their secrets to success on the state rankings. **Local 1**

Warm up your resume for hot jobs

Is it worth going to college? Consider this: Biomedical engineering jobs are expected to nearly double in Orange County over the next six years. And new hires are paid a median \$45 an hour. That's just one of the jobs that will be hot in coming years, according to state and federal data. Others include logistician (they coordinate distribution for factories), currently paying a median \$74,000 a year, and convention planners, at \$50,000. **Business 1**

MAYA ANGELOU
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Her voice rose above

Maya Angelou, a child of the Jim Crow South who rose to international prominence as a writer known for her frank chronicles of personal history and a performer instantly identified by her regal presence and rich, honeyed voice, died Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C. She was 86. **News 4-5**



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