

■ WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

Censure Issue For West Is Not Over Yet

Tuesday meeting goes to Wednesday

By **Jim Tortolano**
Orange County Tribune

What could be another marathon meeting of the Westminster City Council will again take up the question of whether or when to censure Councilmember Amy Phan West at an adjourned version of Tuesday night's special meeting "during" Wednesday's regular meeting.

A special meeting of the

council was called for Tuesday evening, with the chief purpose being to "revisit" the earlier decision of the council at its June 12 meeting to censure West for an array of alleged misconduct, but delay the final resolution to Sept. 11, hoping for improved behavior.

West and ally Councilman NamQuan Nguyen were absent at Tuesday's

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\$146.9 million budget is up for an approval

The proposed city budget for 2024-25 goes before the Westminster City Council when it meets on Wednesday.

Revenue for all funds are projected to total \$141.1 million, with budgeted expenditures at \$146.9 million.

The difference would be made up by tapping reserves.

Also on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting are a request to implement a policy for the placement

of urgency items by city council members and a request to move the order of oral communications for non-agenda items to the beginning of the meeting.

The council will meet in closed session at 5 p.m. and the open session at 6 p.m. in its chambers at 8200 Westminster Blvd.

Since the meetings of July 10 and 24 have been cancelled, the next regular meeting of the city council will be on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

A PAINTIN' PLACE



STUDENTS at Westminster High School finish a mural on the Lion campus, based on the art of Sam Lo of Singapore. It's the seventh campus mural under the guidance of art teacher Daina Ellis. See story, additional photo page three.

Cameras to curb trade in street prostitution approved

Another weapon in the struggle to reduce the prostitution trade in some areas of the community was approved at Tuesday's meeting of the Stanton City Council.

On a 5-0 vote, the city council authorized leasing two solar-powered

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camera trailers that are intended to "decrease the demand for prostitution and human trafficking by increasing the risk of detention and arrest for buyers of illegal sex," according to a staff report.

It may also deter illegal dumping, auto theft and other issues. Location of the cameras is not specially noted in the report, but they will be located on public streets adjacent to public sidewalks in "hot spot" areas known for

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Arrests made in "fake ICE" cases

Two men who allegedly posed as immigration officials while robbing people in Anaheim were arrested in Fullerton last week.

Similar incidents have been reported in Westminster and may be tied to robberies across Orange

County and the Western U.S.

According to the APD, officers responded to two robberies on Thursday, June 20 between 5 and 6 p.m. in which the suspects approached victims, identified themselves as Im-

migration and Customs Enforcement agents, demanded cash from the victims and fled in a blue sport utility vehicle.

About five hours later APD investigators found the suspect vehicle in

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Fullerton and arrested Laurentiu Baceanu, 19, and Vasile Alexandru, 19. They were booked for several counts of robbery and being held without bail.

It's believed that they targeted Hispanic victims and may have used different vehicles, including a gray Volkswagen Atlas SUV and a blue Audi Q7 SUV. Anyone with more information

about these robberies is asked to contact Robbery Detective John Carey at (714) 765-1973 or JCarey@anaheim.net or the Robbery-Major Assaults Detail

at (714) 765-1947.

A related article is on page three of today's edition of The Orange County Tribune.

Censure decision continued to Wednesday city council

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special meeting, and it was expected that, in lieu of waiting until September, the remaining council majority would move the resolution up, perhaps to Aug. 14.

That would be because of West's reported continued defiance, but Vice Mayor Kimberly Ho wanted to add two items to the resolution, namely removing West from city committees and boards and de-

claring her responsible for legal expenses connected to her conduct.

The three remaining council members voted to continue Tuesday's meeting to Wednesday.

The regular meeting – which will include consideration of the 2024-25 city budget – will commence at 6 p.m., stop at 8 p.m. and resume after the continued meeting is concluded.

Stanton City Council action

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prostitution and relocated based on need.

The video (there's no audio) will not be live streamed and it will be available to the public for free.

In the past, certain stretches of Beach Boulevard has been a center for sex solicitations.

The rental cost for 12 months

from Wireless CCTV, LLC totals \$37,200 and the lease is part of a cooperative purchasing agreement with the city of Palmdale.

Also approved was the award of a contract to demolish two vacant buildings at 8930 Pacific Avenue east at a cost of \$96,000.

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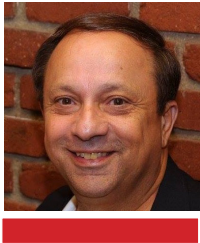
Defending that “city on a hill” at Talbert Street

“The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.”

– Albert Einstein

The conservative majority – OK, we’ll call it that for now – on the Huntington Beach City Council that sought to “out-

source” or “privatize” the city’s library system – seemed genuinely shocked at the level of negative reaction it received at the June 18 meeting.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

I don’t really know those four folks, so I don’t know to what degree they are library fans, but there are a lot of us who are library fan-atics and would prize librarians more highly than well, let’s not be mean about this.

There are few institutions in any community that have such a huge effect as libraries. For me, going to our small branch library on Euclid Street in Garden Grove a few blocks away was a treat. All those books and you could read any of them well, almost any of them ... for free.

From grade school through high school and beyond I haunted the halls and later – after the new, larger library was built – I was one of those still stuck in the caverns of book shelves when the librarians had to flash the lights to warn us that the joint was closing in 10 minutes.

Most of what I learned wasn’t in a classroom but from books – and sometimes newspapers and magazines – in libraries, there and later in college. My university library had seven stories. Seven stories! Santa Maria, it

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ARTIST Sam Lo, WHS teacher Daina Ellis and Luis Barajas. Barajas was the artist for the 2022-23 mural (HBUHSD photo).

Wraps come off seventh colorful campus mural at Westminster High

Westminster High School is becoming known as a “school of murals,” and its seventh piece of public art was recently completed on the Goldenwest Street campus.

It was a collaboration between visiting artist Sam Lo of Singapore and WHS art students led by teacher Daina Ellis. “Art transcends boundaries,” said Ellis. “It weaves an inclusive tapestry that reveals a common thread of our shared community.”

Lo said, “Painting with the students at Westminster High has been nothing but wholesome,

and I certainly learned a lot from my time there,” said Lo. “Thank you for having me; these are memories I’ll always cherish.”

This year’s installment is seventh under Ellis’ leadership, having worked in the past with artists from Southern California, Canada Spain and the Republic of (South) Korea.

WHS is part of the Huntington Beach Union High School District.

It serves all of Huntington Beach and parts of Fountain Valley, Garden Grove and Westminster.

Phony ICE agents are sought by local police

Westminster police are warning members of the public to be wary of suspects who claim to be immigration officials as a cover for committing robberies.

According to the WPD, there have been two such incidents in the city, one on Saturday, June 15 and another on Wednesday, June 19.

The first one took place at around 12:30 p.m. in the area of Newland Street and Westminster Boulevard. A male adult bicyclist was approached by two adults in a blue sport utility vehicle. They stopped the cyclist and – claiming to be undercover immigration agents – demanded that he give them money or be deported. After taking the money, the suspects left the scene eastbound on Westminster Boulevard.

The second incident occurred around 4:30 p.m. when a second male adult victim was walking through a parking lot in the 14000 block of Magnolia Street (south of Westminster Boulevard). He was approached by two suspects in a blue SUV who claimed to be immigration agents; one of them could possibly be wearing a replica ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) badge.

The victim told police he could see a black pistol “in plain view” on the center console of the vehicle.

The suspects demanded the victim’s wallet and took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled. The suspects are described as:

- a male Hispanic, 25-30, 5-foot, 6 inches tall with brown hair and brown eyes;
- a male Hispanic, 25-30, 5-foot, 4-inches tall, 210 lb, black hair and brown eyes.

Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to call Detective Sam Gradilla at (714) 548-3778.

NewsUpdate

Gag order curbed in ‘Hush Money’ case

Trump may again talk about witnesses and jurors now

The gag order on former president Donald Trump has been partially lifted in the “hush money” trial in New York.

Now that Trump has been convicted on 34 felony charges of falsifying business records, Judge Juan Merchan agreed to allow Trump to be able to speak about the jurors

and witnesses in the case.

He is still restricted from comments about lawyers and others in the New York state attorney’s office until his sentencing scheduled for July 11.

Trump’s campaign criticized the ruling, saying it was “unlawful” and has promised to challenge it in court.



FORMER PRESIDENT Donald Trump (Shutterstock).



PRIMARY VOTING in New York, Utah, Colorado.

Primary elections in three states

Political observers will be watching the returns from primary elections Tuesday (today) in New York, Utah and Colorado for possible hints into the Nov. 5 general elections.

Among the most closely-watched races is in Colorado’s Fourth Dis-

trict, where controversial Rep. Lauren Boebert is in a six-way race for the Republican nomination, after having left the Third District, where she achieved a close victory over her Democratic opponent in 2022.

Also being watched

closely is New York’s 16th District seat in the House of Representatives, where incumbent Democratic Rep. Jamaal Bowman – a frequent critic of Israel – is challenged by pro-Israel George Latimer, who is leading in recent polls.

Surgeon General: Gun violence a ‘health crisis’

Gun violence is a national “health crisis,” the U.S. Surgeon General declared on Tuesday.

Vivek Murthy, who has recently warned about the mental health conse-

quences of social media, noted that firearm-related deaths are on the rise and those most affected are African Americans and young people.

About 50,000 people die



from gun violence annually in the U.S., and he urged better access to mental health services and increased “secure storage” of guns to deter suicides or accidental fa-

talities.

Since 2020, gun violence has become the leading cause of death among American children and teenagers.

Sun makes a U-turn

The slow decline in the thermometer reading should reverse itself moderating in our West Orange County area soon.

Wednesday’s forecast calls for a daytime high of 81 (with an overnight low of 65) will dip to 80 (65) on Thursday, but rise to 82 (64) on Friday and Saturday.

All of that will take place under partly cloudy skies this week with a 5 percent chance of rain.

White House race: Still close

President Joe Biden has crept into a small lead in 538.com’s latest average of recent national polls on the 2024 presidential election.

Biden’s support is 40.9 percent to 40.7 percent for former president Donald Trump. The margin of 0.2 percent isn’t much, but its significance may come from it’s the first time the Democrat has held any lead since mid-April.



BIDEN AND TRUMP CLOSE (Shutterstock).

Arts & Living

'Inside Out 2' Takes on Puberty's Role

This sequel is better than most second chances

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

Sequels have been a touchy subject when it comes to Pixar, but it's hard to deny the natural premise of "Inside Out 2." It's been nine years since "Inside Out," yet in the span between that film and its new sequel, Riley, the young girl with a head full of emotions, has gone from 11 years old to 13. She's just grown up a little.

Or maybe a lot. In the middle of the night, the old gang of Joy (Amy Poehler), Sadness (Phyllis Smith), Fear (Tony Hale), Disgust (Liza Lapira) and Anger (Lewis Black) are roused from their beds by a soft beep, like a fire alarm in need of a new battery, but soon it's sounding an all-out emergency.

On their console a red light blinks. "What's that?" one says. "Puberty," the button reads. Soon, construction workers are swarming the control room for "demo day," with wrecking balls making room for "the others."

In come a new gaggle of emotions said to be more sophisticated: Anxiety (Maya Hawke), Envy (Ayo Edebiri), Embarrassment (Paul Walter Hauser) and Ennui (Adèle Exarchopoulos). The next morning, Riley wakes up to find herself unusually stinky. Life, as they say, comes at you pretty fast. "Inside Out 2" turns out to be not just a modest, inch-things-along sequel but a follow-up of cataclysmic proportions.

Tempting as it is to take any revisiting of "Inside Out" — a high water mark for not just Pixar but '10s American movies — as sacrilegious, its sequel is deftly sensitive to one of the most awkward chapters of life. The giddy sense of imagination is a little



'INSIDE OUT takes on the touchy subject of the onset of puberty (A Walt Disney Co. release).

Movie Review

less boundless this time.

One could certainly look at "Inside Out 2" like a parent eyeing a teenager and thinking the younger version was cuter and less whiny. But the filmmakers of "Inside Out 2" have managed again to filter complex psychological developments into a bright, entertaining head trip that in its finest moments packs an emotional wallop.

I would peg Joy as the real protagonist of the first "Inside Out." That movie, really, hinged on the blue-haired sprite's desperate race to preserve all the happiness of childhood. Aided especially by Poehler's brilliant voice work, Joy — a kind of stand-in for parents wanting only the best for their kids — was less just another emotion than an unflagging guardian learning that sometimes letting go is best.

This time, Riley feels more the main character, though Anxiety,

an excitable, orange, bug-eyed Muppet-like thing, is increasingly calling the shots. Riley (voiced by Kensington Tallman) is now taller, has a few good friends and is still playing hockey.

Her internal landscape is shifting, too. Boy Band Island is done, for one. And out of her pools of memories, new strands are growing a tree-shaped Belief System. Just who Riley is, at her core, gets tested and reshaped in "Inside Out 2."

Some of the brain trust on the film are also new. Kelsey Mann, a longtime Pixar veteran, takes over directing from Pete Docter (now the Pixar chief) to make his debut feature. The script is by Meg LeFauve, who co-wrote the original, and Dave Holstein.

My recollections of "Inside Out" — if my memory orbs have been correctly filed — are mostly of all those glowing balls of the past and Joy and Sadness' mad dashes through the back of Riley's mind, a pun-filled inner space both literal and metaphorical. Plus, we can't forget, Rich-

Good: ★★★

ard Kind's voice as Bing Bong. Much is the same in "Inside Out 2" (though, alas, Bing Bong sleeps with the fishes). But the film is a little more tilted outside Riley's mind. As the school year is coming to a close, Riley heads to a weekend hockey camp that's a preview of her high-school life to come.

New stresses are developing. Her pals (voiced by Sumayyah Nuriddin-Green and Grace Lu) are headed to a different school, Riley learns. On the ice, what was once carefree play is becoming a more complicated experience plagued by self-doubt.

At camp, Riley really wants to impress an older star player named Val (Lilimar Hernandez). To do so, Anxiety, usurping Joy, increasingly sacrifices core beliefs to manically build Riley a new identity. Joy and others, booted from the control

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TheSportsPages

A little humor could go a long way for Redick

Just don't throw any chairs, OK? Regarding the revolving door at the head coach's office at the Los Angeles Lakers, I regarded with a skeptical eye the recent firing of Darvin Ham despite a quite respectable performance of two playoff trips and an advance to the NBA Western Conference finals last year.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

But this new guy – J.J. Redick – has changed my mind. A bit.

It's not that I disagree with the Lake Show's

habit of throwing every coach overboard who doesn't bring home a league title. I think it's short-sighted and counter-productive.

But, based on his introduction on Monday, I think his guy could be quite a find.

Redick, in case you didn't know, has no NBA coaching experience although he did play 15 seasons in the league.

He has been in the conversation because a) he had a podcast in which he impressed many listeners with a remarkable grasp of how the game is played, and b) LeBron James really likes him, having done that podcast with him.

All good points in his favor, but what puts me in his corner is his evident sense of humor. Let's face it; many, if not most hoops coaches – at any level – are wound tighter than a cheap watch. From 1966. They strangle game programs, throw chairs, scream at officials and their own players, and (sometimes) other players, fans, etc.

In high school we had a coach who plunged into the crowd to

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A New Look For Lakers



J.J. REDICK speaks after being introduced as the new head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers NBA basketball team Monday, June 24, 2024, in El Segundo (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes).

Redick expected to bring new ideas to team

By Greg Beacham
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO (AP) — JJ Redick says his extraordinary hiring as the Los Angeles Lakers' head coach means the end of his podcast with LeBron James. Redick hopes they'll be able to produce much more compelling content next season in a new incarnation of their partnership, chasing a championship together with the Lakers.

The Lakers formally introduced Redick as their coach on Monday, which also happened to be the 15-year NBA veteran's 40th birthday.

In a news conference with general manager Rob Pelinka at the Lakers' training complex, Redick humorously embraced the unlikelihood of his extraordinary hire as he looked across a gym filled with team employees, media members and some of his new players.

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And the locals shall beat the last...

If you hope to fatten your win-loss record, your chances are better if you face a last place team.

On Tuesday, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles Angels each played a cellar dweller – the Chicago White Sox in the American League Central and the Oakland Athletics in the American League West – and both came away with victories.

In Chicago, Shohei Ohtani was again the Blue Crew star. Batting in the lead spot, he hit his 24th homer and drove in what proved to be the winning run later with a single in the Dod-

gers' 4-3 win over the White Sox. Freddie Freeman hit his 12th home run and ended up with two RBIs.

The Dodgers are now 50-31 and in first place in the National League West. The ChiSox fell to 21-60 and remain in last place in the NLC.

Back in Anaheim, the Angels got a grand slam from Mickey Moniak in the fifth inning that helped boost them to a 7-5 win over the A's.

Tyler Anderson (7-7) had a shaky five innings for the Halos. He yielded five hits and

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AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Seattle	45-37	.549	—	4-6
Houston	39-40	.494	4.5	8-2
Texas	37-42	.468	5.5	4-6
ANGELS	32-46	.410	11	6-4
Oakland	29-49	.372	15	3-7

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	50-31	.617	—	7-3
San Diego	43-41	.512	8.5	6-4
Arizona	39-40	.594	10	6-4
San Fran.	38-42	.475	11.5	4-6
Colorado	27-52	.342	22	3-7

J.J. Redick plans to bring innovation

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“I have never coached in the NBA before,” Redick said with a straight face. “I don’t know if you guys have heard that.”

Redick’s coaching experience is confined to volunteering with his sons’ youth teams, but he plans to overcome that yawning gap with encyclopedic basketball knowledge, personal charisma, an experience-packed

coaching staff and an eagerness to innovate.

“This process has been surreal, to say the least,” Redick said. “I take this responsibility very seriously... The Lakers have some of the most passionate fans around the world, and the expectation is a championship, and so it’s my job to deliver a championship-caliber team. That’s what I signed up for.”

Redick also said he got this opportunity with no help or advice from James, who must decide this week whether to exercise his player option to return to the Lakers next season or to become a free agent.

Although Redick didn’t break any news, he spoke extensively about the way he hopes to deploy James next season with the Lakers — including shooting more 3-pointers to capitalize on his high percentage.

Redick said he didn’t speak with James at all about Los Angeles’ lengthy coaching search until a 15-minute conversation after the Lakers offered the job to him last Thursday. But Redick has spoken extensively

with fellow Lakers star Anthony Davis, who was more involved than James in the team’s hiring process.

Redick and James won’t be speaking on microphone together anytime soon, however: Redick acknowledges that he’ll have to stop recording their podcast.

“For the time being — and hopefully it’s a very, very long time — I am excommunicated from the content space,” Redick said. “There will be no podcasts. We’ll do something when I have a breather from what I have coming up. I’m gonna be drinking from a firehose for the next month.”

The Lakers reached an agreement with Redick last week, about two weeks after UConn coach Dan Hurley turned down a lucrative offer to jump to the NBA from the back-to-back defending national champion Huskies. Neither Redick nor Hurley has ever coached in the NBA.

Redick said he met with Pelinka before the Lakers’ pursuit of Hurley, and he was on broadcast duty for ESPN while the saga played out.

“At no point was my ego or feelings hurt or bruised in any way,” Redick said. “Dan Hurley is a two-time national champion at UConn. I am a two-time 55 Swish League champion in the third- and fourth-grade division. I understood, you know?”

Redick played 15 NBA seasons for six teams as a productive shooting guard after a four-year career at Duke. He became the Blue Devils’ career scoring leader under Mike Krzyzewski.

After he retired in 2021, Redick embarked on a media career. In just the past several months, he started the “Mind the Game” podcast with James while also ascending to ESPN’s top commentary team.

Dodgers and Halos each post victories

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three runs, while walking five and striking out just two. The A’s rallied with two runs in the eighth but fell short.

The Angels are now 32-46 and remain in fourth place in the AL West.

On Wednesday the Angels will again host the A’s; the Dodgers will close out the series with the White Sox.



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was like one of the Seven Wonders of the World!

After college I moved to Huntington Beach – for a while – and discovered the gleaming new Central Library, set on a rise in the Central Park. It was – to me – a sign that this was a community that exceeded all others in its readiness for glory in the new century approaching.

I can accept that it's possible the measures aimed at the Huntington Beach library system – censorship and privatization – might not seem harmful to those that endorse them, but I hope that they can understand how precious those buildings and all the knowledge held within them are to other people.

Ronald Reagan, a bona fide

conservative, compared the United States to a “shining city on a hill.”

Huntington literally has a city of man's accumulated wisdom on a hill at Talbert Avenue and Goldenwest Street.

Who wouldn't want to defend that if you felt it was in jeopardy?

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confront a fan who was making too sharp a critique of the coach's strategies.

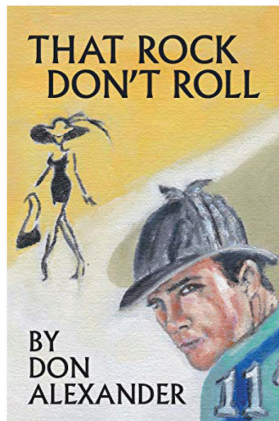
But J.J., he won hearts by this deadpan confession: “I have never coached in the NBA before. I don't know if you guys have heard that.”

He later listed his previous coaching triumphs as “I am a two-time 55 Swish League champion in the third- and fourth-grade division.”

Anyone who seems willing to throw off old coaching stereotypes might be able to throw off old ways of playing basketball. Good luck to you, J.J. Seriously.

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room, again have to work frantically to mount a resistance, while at the same time learning a lesson about the need to reconcile — not just try to forget — less happy memories.

“Inside Out 2,” which arrives after a period of soul-searching for Pixar, both recaptures some of the animation studio's magic and reminds us that rekindling the ambitious spirit of Pixar's heyday isn't so easy. The sequel stays close to familiar neural pathways.

There are new cerebral puns — the echoing depths of a Sar-“chasm,” a brainstorm that rains light bulbs — and a new cartoon relic of childhood to replace Bing Bong: a character named Bloofy, voiced by Ron Funches. It's easier to see where this “Inside Out” is headed and a little harder to be dazzled by what unfolds.

But it's aim is remarkably true. Confronting the struggles and realities of anxiety, particularly for teenage girls, could hardly be a more laudable undertaking.

And the care is taken here to illustrate how new impulses can

run roughshod over a young person and throw their internal compass out of whack.



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