

**HOME AT LAST**



The ribbon-cutting for the opening of the Central Cities Navigation Center in Garden Grove was held on Wednesday. The new facility will serve the unhoused populations of Garden Grove, Fountain Valley and Westminster. It has dorms with beds for 55 men, 22 for women and six beds for couples. There are two “flex rooms” with two beds. The 11,363-square foot facility has 85 beds and can be expanded to 100. In addition to providing shelter, the CCNC will offer services for employment, mental health and more.



**■ GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

**Housekeeping agenda for a Tuesday evening**

A fairly routine agenda of “housekeeping” items will greet the Garden Grove City Council when it meets on Tuesday. There will be a drowning prevention presentation from the Orange County Fire Authority, as well as:

- adoption of a proclamation recognizing June 19th as Juneteenth in Garden Grove;
- adoption of resolutions for the municipal general election to be held Nov. 5;

- awarding of a contract to Cabco Yellow, Inc. for the Senior Mobility Program Transportation Services at a cost of \$240,000;
- introduction and first reading of an ordinance to adopt the paramedic tax override rate for the fiscal year of 2024-2025.

The rate will remain the same. The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

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**‘Bad Boys’ & Will Smith Back Again**



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**■ WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL**

**Censure and Public Speech on the Agenda**

Also, Viet war vets to be honored

Issues of conduct and speech will be at the forefront of Wednesday’s meeting of the Westminster City Council.

Councilmembers Carlos Manzo and Vice Mayor Kimberly Ho are requesting that the council issue a resolution of censure, “based on the actions of Councilwoman Amy Phan West (District 1).”

The allegations made by Manzo and Ho are she has violated the code of ethics, been disruptive, refused to honor the role of the chair in maintaining order, was not civil, placed self-interest over that of the public, violates confidentiality

and tells lies, among the list of 21 accusations.

In recent years, other city council members have passed resolutions of censure against each other and – in one case – repealed censures once they came back into the majority.

Also on the agenda is a proposal by West and Councilmember NamQuan Nguyen to increase the time for public speaking during oral communications from three minutes to five minutes.

The meeting will also include the honoring of Vietnam Veterans in at-

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**■ STANTON CITY COUNCIL**

**Adoption of budget, and ‘branding’ efforts**

The adoption of the City of Stanton’s 2024-25 operating and capital budgets goes before the city council when it meets on Tuesday, June 11.

Proposed for all city funds is \$50.1 million, which included cost of living salary increases of 2 to

5 percent depending on an employee’s salary grade and \$585,000 in funding to “begin implementation” of the city’s new “branding initiative” to improve Stanton’s image.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 7800 Katella Ave

# New asst. superintendent

Dr. Dan Bryan has been appointed as the assistant superintendent of human resources and Dr. Morgan Smith as the director of certificated human resources for the Huntington Beach Union High School District, pending school board approval.

Bryan has served the HBUHSD community for the last 21 years, with his most recent tenure as the director of certificated human resources since 2021.

Prior to this role, he was the director of student services from 2015-2011, the principal of Ocean View High School from 2009-2015.

He was also the assistant principal at Westminster High School from 2003-2009, where he over-

saw supervision, activities, and guidance.

# Westminster

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tendance.

There will be a study session at 4 p.m. and the open session at 6 p.m. in the council chambers at 8200 Westminster Blvd.

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# News & Views

## Sky may not be blue but city isn't quite in the pink

Oh, it just gets better, doesn't it?

That is, if you're the kind of person who enjoys train wrecks and traffic accidents.

I speak in these vague terms about Tuesday's meeting of the Huntington Beach City Council, wherein some members

continue to support the community's emerging image as the new "Arkansas By the Sea."



### Retorts Jim Tortolano

As you may have read or heard, the tail-end

of the council meeting was ensnared in a controversy over proposals that affirmed a) the sky is blue and water is wet and/or that the council feels really good about the U.S. Constitution and especially the parts about free speech and guns.

Councilman Dan Kalmick proposed (and later withdrew) the first one, and Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns the second one. On that proposal, the three liberal members of the council – Kalmick, Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton – walked out, leaving the other folks to vote it in.

I'm not going to try to debate the relative merits of the resolutions other than to point out that the sky is not always blue, especially during "June gloom."

I refer mostly to events earlier in the meeting when the council dealt with the importance of tourism to the city, and the municipal budget.

Long story short, the city is heading toward a financial crash and a pond and – soon after – a lake of red ink. At the same time, the council heard a report about how much black

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**SERGIO BOCANEGRA** of Rancho Alamitos High School was the 2023 winner of "The Voice of Garden Grove" (City of Garden Grove)

## Contestants are sought for GG's "Voice" contest

Do you sing well, in the school choir or maybe while driving along or studying American History?

The Garden Grove Community Foundation is looking for vocally talented local high school students to compete in the 12th annual The Voice of Garden Grove singing competition for a chance to win \$500 and the title "The Voice of Garden Grove 2024." Another \$500 will be donated towards the winning student's high school choir.

To be considered an official contestant of The Voice of Garden Grove, students must be in grade level 9-12 and enrolled in a Garden Grove Unified School District high school, or attend private school or homeschool and live in Garden Grove.

There are two more in-person auditions scheduled for this year's competition, located at the Community Meeting Center (11300 Stanford Ave.): Thurs-

day, June 6 from 1-2 p.m. and Monday, June 10 from 3-4 p.m..

Students may also submit a virtual audition tape in-lieu of attending one of the in-person auditions, via email at [thevoice@ggcity.org](mailto:thevoice@ggcity.org), from now through 5:30 p.m. on June 10. Students who are interested in auditioning MUST fill out an online interest form, which can be found at [ggcf.com/thevoice](http://ggcf.com/thevoice).

### WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

## Veterans are honored at council meet on June 12

The City of Westminster will honor veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (ARVN) at the June 12 City Council meeting at 6 p.m.

The recognition ceremony will be part of the "Special Presentations" section of the City Council meeting agenda, and members of the public are welcome to attend.

The event will include remarks from the City Council, special recognition of the ARVN veterans in attendance, and light refreshments.

On April 10, 2024, the City Council adopted a resolution to designate June 19 annually as "Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Day" to formally honor and thank all ARVN veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

RSVPs are not required. However, any ARVN veteran who would like a special certificate of recognition at the day of the event must RSVP to Linh Doan, city manager's Office, at [ldoan@westminster-ca.gov](mailto:ldoan@westminster-ca.gov) by Tuesday, June 11 at 5 p.m.

For more details about the event, visit [www.westminster-ca.gov](http://www.westminster-ca.gov) or call the City Manager's office at (714) 548-3178.

## Semi-summer vacation for Tribune

Summer is approaching and that means vacation time for some.

That includes some members of The Tribune staff, so we will be not publishing our e-newspapers on Wednesday, June 12 and Saturday, June 15.

We are planning on continuing to update our website – [www.orangecountytribune.com](http://www.orangecountytribune.com) – to the best of our ability during that time.

We expect to return to our regular e-paper schedule with the issue of Wednesday, June 19.

# NewsUpdate

## Biden Wants More Gas Mileage

### New goal is 65 miles a gallon in “real world” driving by 2031

Rules announced Friday by the Biden administration will require that new vehicles sold in the U.S. must average roughly 65 miles per gallon in what’s called “real-world” driving conditions by 2031.

The current standard is for approximately 29 miles per gallon. There will be an annual increase of 2 percent annually, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In an effort to slow climate change, which is caused in part by fossil fuel emissions generated by cars with internal combustion engines burning gasoline or diesel, the federal government has set a goal of one-half of all new vehicles being sold in the U.S. to be electric-powered by 2032.

Currently, EVs represent 7.6 percent of sales.



**AUTOMOBILE MILEAGE** required to hit 65 miles per gallon by 2031.

## Justice Thomas accepted luxury travel worth \$500k

An amended financial disclosure statement by Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas reveals that he accepted luxury travel from a billionaire and took a trip to an island in Indonesia and an all-male club in Northern California.

Although the trips were

taken five years ago, they have just been reported. While no cash value has been attached to them, Pro Public estimates they had a value of \$500,000.

Other justices revealed their financial disclosures as well, including Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson getting a book



**CLARENCE THOMAS**

advance of \$893,750 and Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh a book advance of \$340,000.

## Now, this is summer

Mild temperatures and sunny skies are forecast for our West Orange County area well into the coming week. The forecast for Saturday is for sunny skies and a daytime high of 74 with an overnight low of 64. The next three days will have mostly sunny skies with highs ranging from 72 to 74 and nights from 62 to 63.

### Great Thoughts

“I wouldn’t want to be a member of any club that had me as a member.”

– Groucho Marx

## The economy added 272,000 jobs in May



**NON-FARMING** employment rose by 272,000 jobs in May (Shutterstock).

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics – part of the Department of Labor – announced Friday that non-farm employment increased by 272,000 jobs in May.

The unemployment rate remained at 4 percent, which has traditionally been considered “full employment.”

President Joe Biden took some credit for the news, touting the statistics by saying, “The great American comeback continues, but we still have to make more progress.”

He added that the total number of people employed has risen by 15.6 million during his term in office.

# Arts&Living

## “Bad Boys” Back Once Again

It's fourth time for Lawrence and Smith

By Jake Coyle  
AP Film Writer

“Bad Boys: Ride or Die,” the fourth installment in the Will Smith-Martin Lawrence action-comedy series, is about a fight to redeem a tarnished legacy.

No, not that one. The reputation of Conrad Howard (Joe Pantoliano), the beloved captain of detectives Mike (Smith) and Marcus (Lawrence), has been posthumously besmirched. After his death, Conrad is framed as an informant for a Mexican drug cartel as a way to cloak more sinister corruption. Our detectives set out to clear his name.

Of course, the real image restoration that's going on here is for Smith. “Ride or Die” was in development in 2022 when Smith strode onto the Oscar stage and smacked Chris Rock. The film was temporarily put on hold. Options were weighed. But 2020's “Bad Boys for Life” made a hefty \$424.6 million before COVID-19 shut down theaters. *Wacha gonna do?*

The result is the first movie Smith has made in that era defined as Post Slap. Here he is, back in the driver's seat and flying around the Miami waterfront with Lawrence riding shotgun. That's to say: Smith is very much back in his element.

“Ride or Die,” which opens in theaters Thursday, is an attempt to pretend there haven't been any bumps in the road along the way. More than that, this “Bad Boys,” coming 29 years after the original, would like very much to act as if nothing much has changed in not just the last two years but in the previous three decades.

Some signs of age is creeping in “Ride or Die.” Marcus has a heart attack on the dance floor



WILL SMITH AND MARTIN LAWRENCE are back in “Bad Boys: Ride or Die” (Columbia Pictures)

### Movie Review

and Mike is suffering from panic attacks. But with the exception of a drone or two, this is a movie that feels like it exists in the 1990s. Jerry Bruckheimer is still a producer, while original director Michael Bay has, as he did in the previous one, steps aside for Adil El Arbi and Bilall Fallah. (Bay returns for a cameo.)

But “Ride or Die,” set against Miami nightclubs and alligator-crawling hideouts, has largely stuck to its old buddy-cop formula with all the requisite explosions and slow-mo'ed car chases mixed in.

As before, the key is the comic chemistry and endearing bond between Smith and Lawrence. And, really, as much as the response to “Ride or Die” is sure to be taken as a referendum on Smith's recalibrated drawing power, Lawrence is the MVP of these movies.

It's his manic comic energy that propels them. The schtick may be a little stale at this point, but no one can deliver a line like “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang!” in a gunfight with quite the same

panache. “Ride or Die,” scripted by Chris Bremner and Will Beall, knows to prioritize crafting ripe situations for Lawrence. After his heart attack, Marcus wakes up with a new zest for life and a foolhardy feeling of invincibility.

The same might have once been said of Smith's bulletproof screen presence, of course. Here, Smith seems a little less cocksure than he once did; those panic attacks keep coming for Mike. Smith is also playing more of a straight-man to Lawrence. If the slap caused a reassessment of Smith as a movie star, “Ride or Die” is the kind of the tailor-made vehicle that reminds you there haven't been many better male American action stars in the last few decades.

None of this is enough to lift “Ride or Die” beyond its paint-by-numbers plotting, or prevent the film from being inevitably tethered to the Slap — not least because the film climaxes with Marcus smacking Mike with an open hand. But the directing duo of Adil & Bilall keep the pace moving quick enough to prevent you from dwelling too much on ridiculous details — like that

### Good: ★★★

Mike, as revealed in the last film, is the father to an imprisoned cartel assassin named Armando (Jacob Scipio), a prominent character this time around. And silliness is more of a feature than a bug in movies like “Bad Boys.”

You end up questioning less why Smith and Lawrence are still making “Bad Boys” movies than wondering why such breezily watchable genre movie-star platforms more or less don't exist any longer.

This summer will also bring back “Beverly Hills Cop,” with Eddie Murphy, another reminder that — outside something like the “Fast and Furious” films — the movie industry just hasn't produced anything like these guys for years now. Will Smith might not be going anywhere, after all.

“Bad Boys: Ride or Die,” a Columbia Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for “strong violence, language throughout and some sexual references.”

# TheSportsPages

## Playing a road game at home vs. the Yankees

The Dodgers are in the Big Apple for a series with the Yankees. It's a pretty big deal, considering those are not only the "glamour" franchises in Major League Baseball, but they're also division leaders who might just meet in the World Series.

The famous "boo birds" of the Bronx will be in full throat when the Dodgers come to bat, creating a challenge to concentration. But it could be worse.

They could be playing back at Chavez Ravine.



**Sports Retorts**  
Jim Tortolano

You see, the Yankees, by virtue of having been the most consistent winners in pro baseball history, have fans all across the country. Some are transplants from the Empire State, but others are just the kind of people who like to identify with the Big Shots as a way of pumping up their own egos.

I've been to games at Angel Stadium where — judging by noise alone — the Yankees had a lot more fans than the hometown Angels did.

Now, also, some teams "travel well," which means that Raiders fans, for example, will buy up tickets and fill seats at SoFi. Dallas Cowboys fans are similar.

Even though professional athletes are paid tradesmen (and women) and some college athletes nearly so, they're all still people with emotional reactions. The crowd — think the Seattle Seahawks "12th man" concept — can have an effect if vociferous enough.

It's long been opined that players from Southern California were soft and spoiled because of our good weather

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# An 11th Hour Classic



**AARON JUDGE** was 2-for-3, drove in one run and walked twice but the New York Yankees lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers 2-1 in 11 innings on Friday night (Wikipedia)

## Teo Hernandez ends pitching duel with double

By Pete Zarustica  
Orange County Tribune

East Coast vs. West Coast. LA vs NYC. Hollywood vs. Broadway. Division leaders.

The long bi-coastal rivalry between the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Yankees popped up again in the Big Apple on Friday and fans got their money's worth. Provided they were paid by the hour.

Excellent pitching performances by both teams kept two usually powerful offenses in check, but the Blue Crew finally broke through in the 11th inning and won, 2-1.

"Man, what a game," said Dodgers manager Dave Roberts. "Wow. Dodgers, Yankees." The Dodgers prevailed on Teo Hernandez' two-run double in the final inning, but they wouldn't have got there if it wasn't for Yoshinobu Yama-

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**THE LONDON METS** are the top Great Britain team.

# No, it's not cricket; it's baseball in Great Britain

By Ken Maguire  
AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — This might be the year, mate. The London Mets are the defending champs, but they're looking beatable.

The London Capitals have been close, and they've got ace pitcher Masa Hashiguchi.

Talk about a subway series. These two National Baseball League teams meet for the first time this season later this month.

And they might meet at the pub afterward.

Baseball at the highest club level in Britain is competitive, but it's a league in which babysitters are just as important as balls and strikes. Teams are a mélange of locals and expats — some with college and minor league experience. Only one guy throws 90 mph. Just about everyone works or goes to school.

Sometimes just getting to mid-week practice is a task.

"A Zoom call — I might have

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# Surprise! Baseball exists in Great Britain

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my baseball pants on and still a dress shirt on the top, getting ready to run out the door as soon as I can,” Capitals manager Cole Ryan said.

The destination is Finsbury Park, home to both the Mets and Capitals. They’re part of the same club — headlined by the Mets. The London Mets Baseball & Softball Club is the largest in the U.K. and the Mets have won the NBL title for seven years running.

The Capitals were dominating a lower division, so they moved up, and they’ve been giving the Mets a good run. Good enough to get to the finals, anyway, where they’ve lost to the Mets the past five years.

“It’s more like a big brother, little brother situation in a sense,” Mets coach Derrick Cook explained at a recent game in Enfield, just north of London. “It’s like, ‘Hey, the big brother is good at everything and the little brother is always trying to beat the big brother.’”

It’s as if the Mets are the New



**THE LONDON CAPITALS** are the chief rival of the Mets.

York Yankees, and the Capitals are, well, the Mets.

The New York version of the Mets were in town last weekend for a two-game series against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Soccer is the dominant sport here, with the current focus on England’s chances in the upcoming European Championship. There are also eyeballs on the cricket T20 World Cup.

Indeed, the Finsbury Park baseball diamond had been used for cricket until being abandoned because it was too easily waterlogged. Players unwind and install the outfield fence — a flimsy plastic piece anchored by stakes — before each game, and the leftover cricket pavilion has become handy as a baseball clubhouse with moss on the roof and Mets’ trophies inside.



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# Dodgers rally late to win marathon game vs. Yanks

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moto's excellent pitching performance.

He pitched seven innings, giving up just two hits and no runs. He struck out seven batters and walked two.

"Yoshinobu ... his best outing as a Dodger," said Roberts. "You could just see it. He felt it. He knew we needed it."

The Yankee pitching staff was nearly as good. Cody Poteet went 4.2 innings as the starter, yielding two hits. He struck out one batter but walked three. The relief corps would only give up two hits the rest of the way, including Hernandez' game-winner.



YOSHINOBU YAMAMOTO

While Teo's hit was enough for the win, it nearly wasn't enough. The Yankees scored once in the bottom of the 11th on Aaron Judge's single, bringing in Anthony Volpe.

But with the tying run on first, Giancarlo Stanton was called out on strikes.

The series continues on Saturday with Gavin Stone (6-2) making the start for the Dodgers and Nestor Cortes (3-4) for the Yanks.

## Sports Retorts: Home and away

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and therefore not as gritty and capable as their rivals from the Noo Yawk. I guess we'll find out this weekend.

## Retorts: Look out for the wave

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ink comes in from tourism.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, almost all of what the outside world has heard about Surf City has been "Tito Ortiz, no pride flags, protests against vaccination, book censorship and library outsourcing." Fair or not, public opinion "out there" may be hardening toward

an impression that Huntington Beach is turning into an inhospitable place for the hospitality business. Conventions, vacationers and locals may decide to spend their per diems and luxury budget in another town.

From a strictly economic standpoint, the council majority – if it cares a fig about the city's financial fitness – will ixnay the dustups – and get down to business.

You don't woo the fair maiden by kicking her dog. Or, as Plato said, "take a chill pill."

## Angels cant hang on, fall to Astros, 7-1

The Los Angeles Angels hung in there Friday night for six innings against the Houston Astros, but ended up losing 7-1.

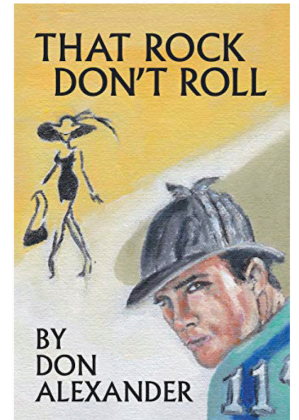
Kevin Pillar's solo home run in the second inning – his seventh home of the year – tied the game at 1-1, but the Halos couldn't generate much more offense after that.

The Astros broke the game open with five runs in the seventh and went on to the win.

Houston is now 29-35 and in third place in the American League West, while the Halos are 24-39 and in fifth in the ALW.

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