



JANET PELAYO of Garden Grove's Community Services Department speaks about the potential for programming at the new Civic Center Park at Tuesday's open house at the Courtyard Center in Garden Grove (Orange County Tribune photo).

Water element, new stage are possible for new park

By **Jim Tortolano**
Orange County Tribune

Plans for the Civic Center Revitalization Project for Garden Grove came into sharper focus at Tuesday's open house in the Courtyard Center on Main

Street. City officials were on hand to brief members of the public on the \$152 million development – now under construction – that will bring a new three-story police building at Euclid Street and Aca-

cia Parkway, an adjacent parking structure and a new park.

"I think input is always welcome," said Community Services Director John Montanez, referring to the planned park. Construction of the police facility has removed the streams and pools in the former park and displaced animals who made that their habitat.

Many citizens and even three members of the city council have advocated for a water element, and that's under consideration. "The big issue is the budget."

Also on hand was Hongjoo Kim, designer for both the park and all the landscaping that will tie the

Double H & R Suspect Faces Felony Charge

Two collisions on G. Grove streets in a single day

p.m. at Euclid Street and Garden Grove Boulevard. In that instance, Hudson is accused of ramming the car in front of him with his vehicle.

A man accused of being involved in two hit-and-run collisions in Garden Grove in a single day is set for a pre-trial hearing on Thursday.

According to Sgt. Nick Jensen of the GGPD, Dietrich Hudson – born in 1980 – allegedly took part in two such crashes on Monday, July 15. One crash – considered a "road rage incident" – took place around 2:30

There were seven people in that automobile, but none were injured. Before that, Hudson is accused of a hit-and-run crash at Westminster Avenue and Harbor Boulevard. There were no reported injuries there, either.

Hudson has pled "not guilty" to seven felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon and two misdemeanor counts of hit-and-run with damage to property.

STANTON CITY COUNCIL

Alcohol sales in new mixed-use areas Ok'd

An ordinance that would set standards for the sale of alcohol in mixed-use areas of the city was approved for first reading by the Stanton City Council on Tuesday night.

The vote was 5-0 for the ordinance, which would change existing city zoning standards that banned the sale of alcohol in residential neighborhoods. Mixed-use zoning allows for residential, commer-

cial and office uses in the same area, or same building.

Also on Tuesday night, the council voted 5-0 in favor of extending by 10 months and 15 days an existing temporary moratorium on the establishment, enlargement or alteration of any new or existing medical services devoted to treatment of chemical addictions.

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HONGJOO KIM, landscape architect (Tribune photo).

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project together.

Residents talking with Kim asked about the possibility of adding a water element – fountain, waterfall or even a splash pad – and without committing to the type or making a promise, he said: “There’s an 85 to 90 percent possibility” that the money for such feature would be available.

Somewhat more certain for the park is the addition of a permanent stage. The idea is to

“activate the park” with various functions including concerts, festivals and other attractions that would take the space beyond just passive use.

Such a stage would circle back historically to a bandshell in the former Euclid Park (now Village Green) constructed by the WPA (Works Progress Administration) during the Great Depression and torn down in the late 1970s.

Stanton City Council meets

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The intent is to give the city time to craft a new ordinance to curb possible “negative impacts.”

Finally, the council discussed the concept of a “social host ordi-

nance” which would hold hosts of social events responsible for the possible misdeeds of guests. Staff was directed to proceed with research on such an ordinance and bring it back to the council for review at a future meeting.

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News & Views

Age is just a number: a big looming number

Now that Old Joe Biden is getting ready to soon step into the history books as ex-president and almost-as-old Donald Trump is still being ... Trump-ish, the question of age is in the public discourse.

Stripped of its technicalities, the issue is this: how old is too old to do ... you know ... stuff.

Belonging, as I do, to the Baby Boomer generation (born 1946 to 1964)



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

I grew up with a bunch of folks who were lionized for our youth. We sculpted the culture with our enthusiasm for certain kinds of music, clothing and attitudes about relationships, spirituality and politics.

Unlike our parents' [Greatest Generation], we expected a kind of eternal youth. Now in our 60s and 70s, we have followed our folks' path with careers, children and a certain amount of carousing (they hid it, I suppose, while we flaunted it).

But I think we expected to reach a kind of stasis and never grow "actually old" and be smoothly vigorous until ... well ...

Hasn't quite turned out that way. When I was a kid, I fell off my bike a hundred times. When I fell off a few months ago, I was limping and grouching for all those months.

Playing basketball in the driveway with son Michael and the grand-sons, I was wide open, went up for a shot and ... the ball traveled about two feet before it fell pitifully short of the rim. I couldn't even clank it. And I used to be a decent shot.

Where's my phone? Where's my iPad? What day is it? Who

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D-land workers authorize strike

Employees ask for more money, better conditions

ANAHEIM (AP) — Thousands of workers at Disney's theme park and resort properties in California voted late Friday to authorize a potential strike, as contract negotiations drag on over wages, sick leave and other benefits.

The strike authorization was approved by an overwhelming margin, nearly 99% of the members who cast votes, according to a union statement. The election was held by a coalition of four

unions, which represents 14,000 Disney ride operators, store clerks, custodians, candy makers, ticket takers, parking attendants and other employees.

The vote does not mean a strike will happen, only that union leaders now have the option to call a strike in the event that they are unable to negotiate a new contract deal with Disney. Leaders from both sides returned to the bargaining table starting Monday. "We greatly appreciate the important roles our cast members play in creating memorable experiences for our guests, and we remain committed to reaching an agreement that focuses on what matters most to them while positioning Disneyland Resort for

growth and job creation," the company said in a statement.

Elizabeth Gonzalez, a day custodial cast member at Disney California Adventure, said in the union statement that she knows colleagues who work two and even three jobs or live in a car to make ends meet.

"I am worried as a future mom for the family I'm creating right now," she said. "Disney can't call themselves a family friendly company while so many cast members and their families are struggling."

Union members have been in talks with Disney over wage increases, safety measures, attendance policies and other benefits since April.

GG's CERT Academy to open Sept. 11

Garden Grove 2024 CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Academy is scheduled for four dates in September. The Academy will be held at the Purcell Bldg., 11277 Garden Grove Blvd. The dates are Sept. 11, 18, 25 (all from 6-9 p.m.) and Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CERT is composed of volunteer citizens trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

CERT members learn skills to take care of themselves and family, friends and community during and after a disaster.

CERT Academy is open to people 18 and older who live or work in the city of Garden Grove. Teens 14 and older may attend with legal parent or guardian.

Attendance during all class times is required for successful academy completion and certification.

For more, visit www.ggcity.org/cert or call (714) 741-5994.



CERT teaches light search and rescue (City of Garden Grove)

Luau planned for seniors

Are you a senior citizen who's always dreamed of a trip to Hawaii but never quite got around to it?

The City of Westminster Senior Center is offering a simulated taste of Polynesian life (and food) with its annual "Luau Luncheon" on Aug. 16, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are \$5 and will get you a selection of Hawaiian fare and live entertainment from Panjive and a celebration of the "Aloha spirit."

The event will run until 1 p.m. at the Senior Center, 8200 Westminster Blvd, Westminster. For more information, call (714) 895-2878.

NewsUpdate

And Now, it's Harris vs. Trump

Presidential race lineup reset as VP seeks White House

Declaring that the 2024 presidential election – presumably between Donald Trump and likely Democratic candidate Vice President Kamala Harris – was a choice between “freedom” and “chaos,” Harris held her first rally for the White House on Tuesday.

Speaking in the swing state of Wisconsin, she said, “In this campaign, I promise you, I will proudly put my record against his any day of the week. We believe in a future where every person has the opportunity not just to get by, but to get ahead.”

She has recently rounded up enough delegate support to be officially named the Democratic



VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS (Shutterstock)

candidate at the convention in August.

Harris has picked up support from Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Mi-

nority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and fund-raising efforts are reported to have raised \$100 million.

In a related development, Presi-

dent Joe Biden will address the nation on Wednesday to speak on his decision to end his reelection campaign.

Sen. Menendez will resign post in August

After a conviction on bribery charges, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez (D-New Jersey) will resign from Congress, effective in late August.

He was facing an effort by the Senate Ethics Committee to expel him.

Instead, he will be replaced by an appointee of Gov. Philip Murphy, also a Democrat, who will

serve until January.

In a letter to Murphy, Menendez said his presence in the Senate would muddle efforts to clear his name.

It's still possible he may seek to run for reelection as an independent.

Menendez was found guilty of 16 federal crimes on July 16 as part of a bribery operation that



SEN. ROBERT MENENDEZ (Wikipedia photo).

included selling his political influence for money and interfer-

ing with criminal trials on behalf of friends.

Hotter and then a bit cool-ish

As predicted earlier, our West Orange County cities will heat up and then cool off towards the weekend. The forecast calls for the heat to rise to a daytime high of 88 on Wednesday (with an overnight low of 67) under sunny skies.

The warmth will peak to 89 (67) on Thursday under sunny skies. But Friday will see a decline in heat to 84 (68) as warmer temps begin to set in, also with partly cloudy skies. On Saturday the thermometer will sink to 80 (63)

Secret Service director to quit

One day after refusing Congressional calls for her to resign, U.S. Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle announced on Tuesday that she will step down.

Referring to the attempted assassination attempt against former president Donald Trump, she said “I take full responsibility for the security lapse. In light of recent events, it is with

a heavy heart that I have made the difficult decision to step down as your director.”

She had been berated for the failure to protect the Republican presidential candidate by allowing a shooter to set up within the distance of a football field – an easy shot for a good marksman – of Trump, who was wounded in his right ear.

Arts & Living

New Generation Storms 'Twisters'

A disaster film that's big and fun and more

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Football Writer

We have a complex relationship with disaster movies. Just look at the discussion about a "Twisters" poster, which became a perfect encapsulation of our love-hate tendencies.

In the promo for the film, in theaters Thursday, actors Daisy Edgar-Jones, Glen Powell and Anthony Ramos are standing in front a massive, menacing cyclone. It not only contains various objects swirling in mid-air, from houses to trucks, but also appears to be on fire. Some people wondered why the stars weren't looking at said tornado. Others said if you're asking questions like why the tornado is on fire, this movie isn't for you.

Both lines of thought can be true though. Maybe their coexistence is essential. This makes no sense! Also, sign me up immediately! Disaster movies are almost required to be graded on a curve. And filmmaker Lee Isaac Chung's entry into the canon is perfectly paradoxical.

It might not be fair, or rational, but there is something about the genre that inspires otherwise reasonable moviegoers to giddily give themselves over to a wild premise — the more ridiculous and illogical the better. There is something to be said about the joy of collective laughter where there wasn't an intentional joke, or a spirited post-movie debate about the flawed logistics of a plan and exactly how many people have died from being sucked into a tornado. These are the movies that are hard to see clearly the first time but tend to become sneaky favorites over the years.

Such is the case with "Twister,"



"TWISTERS" is neither a sequel nor a reboot (Universal Pictures).

Movie Review

Jan de Bont's film about storm chasing and remarriage.

The modern collective love for it would probably surprise even the critics who reviewed it favorably in 1996. Part of that is certainly the fact that in the 28 years since it was released we lost both Philip Seymour Hoffman and Bill Paxton.

But it's also just fun to watch with fresh eyes, to see the internet remember (or realize for the first time) that one of the storm chasers was played by Todd Field, the man who would go on to write and direct "Tár." I re-watched it recently on plane and had a blast. I'd forgotten the insane opening but remembered Dusty's impassioned foot chant.

There's been a lot of cautious optimism surrounding "Twisters" that's felt different from a

lot of the reboots and "new chapters" (anything to avoid calling it a sequel) that have come and gone in recent years.

Audiences are craving something big and fun, but worried that it won't live up to their idea of what it should be. This is inherently flawed because "Twister" has earned its reputation, its quotability, across many viewings and many years. "Twisters" we're just meeting. It's hard to get too excited about a first date.

But Chung, a filmmaker best known for the comparatively small "Minari," has made a solid film with escalating action sequences that look great on the big screen. There is once again a crazy opening that gives Edgar-Jones' tornado-obsessed Kate a trauma origin story. Her hubris in thinking she could "tame" a tornado with science backfired and people died; But five years later her old friend Javi (Ramos) convinces her to come back to

Good: ★★★

Oklahoma's Tornado Alley to attempt a different kind of study.

The story is credited to Joseph Kosinski (who was once going to direct) and the screenplay to Mark L. Smith ("The Revenant") and none of them can get the original out of their heads. Yes, these are all new characters (including Powell's YouTube star storm wrangler Tyler) and the only real connection to the first movie is that the Dorothy technology exists. But it is so referential as to be distracting: Literal lines of dialogue ("I'm not back"); An attempt to make Tyler's crew a gang of Dustys (which underserves actors like Sasha Lane and Katy O'Brian); Making David Corenswet wear what's essentially a recreation of Carey Elwes' baseball cap

TheSportsPages

Whom is no. 1? For now, it is Big Game James

Who's number one?
Ah, the question that launched a thousand million arguments. This particular query touches on the question of who was the greatest roundball/orangeball/basketball player of all time.

There are many nominees: Wilt Chamberlain, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Kobe Bryant, etc. but for today's fans the final two, of course, are Michael Jordan and LeBron James.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Advocates of each can wage a statistical battle all day long, and I was leaning toward MJ until this week. The U.S. is ranked number one – see what I did there? – going into the Paris Summer Olympics and played a few games to “warm up” their bevy of superstars.

With a few exceptions, the American team usually waltzes through the Games, blowing out opponents by 20 to 30 points. But the world is catching up, especially by emphasizing the three-point shot, and the walk-overs have left the building, metaphorically speaking.

The USA team played an “exhibition” game a few days ago against South Sudan, a team from a nation that didn't even exist until 2011, and was gasping for breath.

Maybe our guys had underestimated the South Sudanese; maybe they hadn't jelled as a team.

They were trailing in the final seconds, but “Big Game James” took the ball inside and scored the winning layup for a 101-100 win that saved Uncle Sam a major hoops embarrassment.

And then a few days later, the

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UNITED STATES' forward LeBron James waves to the crowd after the end of an exhibition basketball game between the United States and South Sudan, at the o2 Arena in London, Saturday, July 20, 2024. (AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

Carrying the Flag For USA

By **Tim Reynolds**
AP Basketball Writer

LeBron James wasn't totally sure what the opening ceremony was all about when he was picked for his first Olympics in 2004.

This time, he'll be one of the stars of the show.

James has been picked by his fellow U.S. Olympians to serve as the male flagbearer for the Americans in Friday night's

opening ceremony for the Paris Games. He becomes the third basketball player — and the first men's player — to carry the U.S. flag at the start of an Olympics, joining Dawn Staley for the Athens Games in 2004 and Sue Bird for the Tokyo Games that happened in 2021.

“It's an incredible honor to represent the United States on this global stage, especially in a moment that can bring the whole world together,” James said.

“For a kid from Akron, this responsibility means everything to not only myself, but to my family, all the kids in my hometown, my teammates, fellow Olympians and so many people across the country with big aspirations. Sports have the power to bring us all together, and I'm proud to be a part of this important moment.”

The 39-year-old James got word of the honor Monday in

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Dodgers, Angels rolling along

The Los Angeles Angels are not in a pennant race, but are certainly having an impact on a team that is.

On Tuesday night, a five-run outburst in the top of the fifth inning led to a 5-1 victory over the Mariners, keeping them from rising out of a first place tie with the Houston Astros in the American League West.

The Halos got a strong start from Luis Soriano (6-7), who pitched

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

7.2 innings and yielded just three hits and one run. He struck out three batters and walked one.

At the plate, the Angels made the most out of four hits and two fielding errors by the M's. The key blow was a double by Luis Rengifo that brought in two runs and improved his batting

average to .314.

This second consecutive win over the M's improved the Angels record to 44-57, still fourth in the American League West. They'll go for a sweep of the series and a fourth straight win on Wednesday.

Dodgers still hot after break

With Tuesday's 5-2 win over the San Francisco Giants at

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‘Big Game James’ to carry the USA flag

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London, a few hours before the U.S. men’s team was scheduled to play its final pre-Olympics exhibition game against World Cup champion Germany.

Fellow U.S. star and first-time Olympian Stephen Curry, on behalf of the U.S. men’s team, nominated James for the flag-bearer role.

“We understand how much of

an honor it is to be in that position and I think Bron’s entire career, on and off the court, speaks for itself as him being worthy of that honor,” Curry said in the nomination video.

“He has represented what it means to be excellent both on and off the court in his commitment to service and to uplifting the community in all ways that he knows how has been a life-long passion,” Curry added. “And the work speaks for itself.”

The female U.S. flagbearer is expected to be revealed Tuesday. The International Olympic Committee decided in 2020 that national delegations would have two flagbearers — one male, one female — at the opening ceremony at an Olympics, a move to promote gender parity. The U.S. is expected to have nearly 600 athletes in the Paris Games, about 53% of them female.

“Being selected by your teammates to carry the flag is a tremendous honor — and a testament to LeBron’s passion for Team USA and his dedication

to his sport,” U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland said.

James — a global icon, a four-time NBA champion and the league’s all-time leading scorer set to go into his record-tying 22nd NBA season — is set to play in the Olympics for the fourth time, after he was part of U.S. teams that won bronze in 2004, gold at Beijing in 2008 and gold again in London in 2012.

He walked in the opening ceremony at each of his three previous Olympics.

This time, he’ll float.

This will be an opening ceremony like none other in Olympic history: Thousands of athletes will be part of a flotilla sailing along the River Seine at sunset toward the Eiffel Tower.

It’s a 6-kilometer (3.7-mile) route, with about 320,000 guests set to watch from the river bank and about 1 billion more, Olympic officials estimate, watching on televisions around the world.

Sports Retorts: LeBron is number 1; for now at least

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Stars and Stripes fellas were getting schooled by the German team, when LeBron went into his Superman act.

He scored the team’s last 11 points, combining a three-point shot with brilliant inside play, leaving the opposing team standing around, almost sur-

rendering to his brilliance like a bunch, of, well, Frenchmen. Final score: 92-88.

Bear in mind that LeBron, at 39, is the oldest player in the NBA.

He’s been chosen as the USA male flag bearer at the Olympics, with more glory to be won.

It’s impossible to fairly compare MJ and LeBron, but at the moment it’s hard to argue against the big fella from Akron, Ohio.



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When is your number up? 77? 81? 100?

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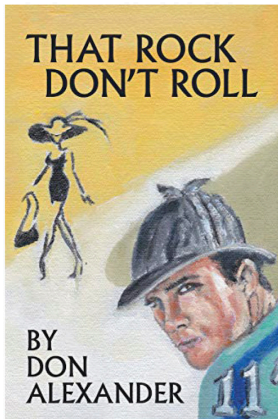
are these people? And yet I can recite the starting lineup of the 1973 Los Angeles Lakers.

I guess I thought that if I kept wearing blue jeans, frequented fast food joints and knew a few “cool” phrases – “how’s your bad self?” and “that’s what she said” – I was going to coast quite smoothly deep into the 21st century.

Now, I’m not saying that I have reached total decrepitude. I’m just saying ... wait .. what was I about to say?

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AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	52-49	.515	—	5-5
Seattle	53-50	.515	—	3-7
Texas	49-52	.485	3	6-4
ANGELS	44-57	.436	8	7-3
Oakland	41-62	.398	15	7-3

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	61-41	.598	—	6-4
San Diego	53-50	.515	8.5	4-6
Arizona	52-50	.510	9	7-3
San Fran	48-54	.471	13	3-7
Colorado	37-65	.363	24	5-5

Angels, Dodgers streak

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Chavez Ravine, the Los Angeles Dodgers continue to be the hottest team in the National League after the All-Star break.

The Blue Crew posted fifth consecutive wins and opened up an 8.5-game lead over the second place San Diego Padres.

Key hits were doubles by Gavin

Lux and Shohei Ohtani which each drove in two runs.

Landon Knack (2-2) pitched well, allowing only two hits and one run in five innings. He struck out six batters and walked two.

With five consecutive wins, the Dodgers are 61-41 and will take on the Giants (48-54) again on Wednesday and Thursday.

‘Twisters’ film review

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and earpiece. Don’t they want us to think of “Twisters” on its own terms?

But Chung clearly also had a vision, attempting to ground the insanity in a real place with regionally appropriate styles and music, and deeper characterization.

The supporting players were thoughtfully cast. Its leads, Powell and Edgar-Jones, are endlessly watchable with palpable chemistry, even as they’re

monologuing about sodium polyacrylate.

I wish I had the ability to know how “Twisters” will play 28 years from now, in 2052. Will the 12-year-olds seeing it this weekend go back to it as a comfort watch? Will it feel like it was part of the good old days of big studio movie making? Right now, it doesn’t necessarily feel like it’s destined for that kind of longevity. And I’d love nothing more than to be wrong about that.

“Twisters,” a Universal Pictures release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association for “intense action and peril, injury images, some language.” Running time: 122 minutes.



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