

HAPPY FEET IN THE GARDENS



DANCING WAS the order of the evening on Thursday at the Sunken Gardens in the Westminster Civic Center at The New Originals band pop concert as part of the city-sponsored free concert series. The hoofers above were dancing to the beat of Michael Jackson's hit "Billy Jean" (Orange County Tribune photo).

Federal agents stage raids in investigation of a non-profit

Federal agents raided a home in Garden Grove and a restaurant in Westminster on Thursday as part of a widening investigation into allegations that a non-profit organiza-

tion used funds intended for the relief of the elderly during the coronavirus pandemic for personal use.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

and the Internal Revenue Service's criminal investigation section served search warrants on a home owned by Rhiannon Do, an executive of the Viet-America Society.

She is the daughter of Orange County Supervisor — and former Garden Grove city council member — Andrew Do. He directed federal funds received by the county to the VAS to provide food to elderly Vietnamese.

The supervisor did not inform fellow county supervisors that his daughter was a leader of the VAS; he said he didn't know he should have.

According to a lawsuit

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where the city is seeking to replace vacant and distressed properties with new residences.

That building was seriously damaged by a fire believed to have been

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Battle Against Graffiti May Get More Help

Daily efforts to curb rogue paint may be approved

— a total increase of \$255,000.

What the city will get is two operating graffiti removal trucks seven days a week for not just public property but also private property facing public streets.

Typically the program had two such trucks, one on duty six days a week and one three days a week, focusing on the public right-of-way.

A pilot program that ran from June 24 to July 23 of this year with three trucks (two on duty seven days a week and one three days a week) produced impres-

If it seems that graffiti is disappearing from walls and buildings across Garden Grove faster than ever, you're not wrong.

On Tuesday night, the city council will take up an expansion for the city's efforts based on the success of a pilot program.

The council will be asked to approve an amendment to an agreement with Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc. worth \$482,427

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Demolition is sought of a nuisance building

Approval for the demolition of a problematic vacant building will be considered by the Stanton City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

The council may take action on a proposal to immediately level one of the detached garages at 8930 Pacific Avenue, an area

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sive results including about 98 percent of all reported graffiti cleaned within 24 hours and a reduction of code enforcement cases generated for graffiti on public property.

Also on the agenda will be the

second reading and adoption of an ordinance which will clear the way for eight pool tables to be installed at The Wharf restaurant on Main Street.

The city council will meet in its chambers at 11300 Stanford Ave. at 6:30 p.m.

Federal agents stage raids

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filed by the County of Orange, VAS used at least some of that money for personal enrichment, including the purchase of that home.

The VAS repeatedly missed deadlines for a specific account-

ing of its actions and expenses as requested by the county.

The lawsuit alleges “pervasive self-dealing, pocketing local and federal funds.”

No criminal charges have been filed and no arrests made.

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started by transients. Now those who had been trespassing and breaking into that structure are now begun doing the same time into 8940 Pacific Avenue, another neighboring vacant four-plex building.

Numerous complaints have been lodged at City Hall, and one staff member sent to investigate was threatened by a man “brandishing a wine bottle as a weapon.”

The cost of the demolition will be \$96,000, to be paid to Interior

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Also on the agenda is the lease of three more solar-powered camera trailers to deter the demand for prostitution and the illegal sale of sex. Two such units are already in place,

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News & Views

Prospecting for the superficial look of justice

Enough controversy about changing genders ... it's tough enough changing names.

Just got word that my old university's school (Long Beach State) paper has changed its name from The Daily Forty-Niner to the Long Beach Current. I am almost upset.

The school opened in 1949 so the name "Forty-Niners" seemed appropriate for the sports teams and hence the student



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paper. The San Francisco 49ers also trace origins of their name to the anniversary of the great Gold Rush that began in 1849.

The problem is that the "Gold Rush" era, called "Forty-Niners" (also known as prospectors and Those Who Washed Rarely) handled the indigenous people roughly and therefore is a name forever tainted. I wonder how people born in 1949 feel about this.

Making the problem more keenly felt is that CSULB is built on a piece of land - Pu-vunga - originally occupied by natives. While there didn't appear to be any mining for precious metals there, guilt by association has made the socially sensitive folks over on Bellflower Boulevard nervous, and the staff of the school paper voted to go bland with the name of "Long Beach Current."

Meh.

The school has apparently dumped the old team name overboard as well. Most uniforms have been emblazoned with "The Beach," and the baseball team is called "The Dirtbags." There also appears to be a move toward call-

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Crackdown on e-bike excesses

Police taking aim at reckless e-bike riders

You've seen them on the streets - and sometimes on the sidewalks - careening their electric bicycles and electric motorcycles speeding along boulevards and neighborhood streets, cross-crossing through lanes of traffic without much evident regard for their own safety and that of others.

The Huntington Beach Police Department has launched a crackdown on such reckless driving and made a noteworthy arrest on Wednesday.

The cyclist - a juvenile male - free-wheeled across lanes on Pacific Coast Highway near downtown, streaking up Main Street further north.

But he didn't realize he was being tracked not only by an



HBPD catches up with a reckless electric-cycle rider in downtown Huntington Beach (HBPD photo)

HBPD patrol unit but also the HB-1 helicopter.

Police say the cyclist fled when officers tried to stop him, "committing numerous vehicle code violations." He was eventually apprehended and detained. Being a minor he was released to

his father's custody with a citation for reckless driving and resisting an officer.

His illegal "cycle" was towed away and impounded for 30 days because it was not road-legal and he didn't have a motorcycle license.

WELCOME TO THE MOAT



MARINA HIGH SCHOOL in Huntington Beach on Wednesday introduced incoming freshman to "Moat Life" for their first week on campus. There was cheerleading, mass selfies and other spirit-raising activities. The term "Moat Life" refers the flood control channels that run alongside the campus at 15871 Springdale St. (HBUHSD photo).

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NewsUpdate

RFK Jr. Drops Out of Race, Will Support Trump

Effect on election unclear; he's been polling at about 5% in recent surveys

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. announced on Friday he was suspending his long-shot presidential campaign and endorsed former president Donald Trump.

Kennedy, whose political ambitions have been disowned by much of the rest of the famous family, is polling around 2 to 5 percent, according to recent polls.

His candidacy has been controversial as he expressed doubt about the usefulness of vaccina-

tion – including for COVID-19 – and revealed that at one time he had a dead worm inside his brain and that he had dumped the body of a bear cub in New York's Central Park.

He later joined Trump on stage at a rally in Phoenix, where he listed issues of free speech, the war in Ukraine and "a war on children" are what drove him, he said, to leave the Democratic Party, run as an independent and



ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR. (Shutterstock).

finally "throw my support to President Trump."

Because of the lateness in the

election calendar, Kennedy's name will still appear on the ballot in several states.

Five U.S. Secret Service agents reassigned after assassination attempt

Five U.S. Secret Service agents have been reassigned to "administrative duties" as part of an investigation into the July 13 attempted assassination of former president Donald Trump.

The agents are not discharged and will still be paid. Four of the agents were from the Service's Pittsburgh office – the incident took place in Butler, Pennsylvania – and one from Trump's per-

sonal security detail.

Ten days after the attempted assassination, Director Kimberly Cheatle resigned her post. The Service is conducting an internal investigation and there are other official inquiries being made.

The would-be assassin – Thomas Matthew Crooks – was able to get within close shooting distance from a rooftop before being killed by counter-snipers.

Great Thoughts

"A man who wishes to make a profession of goodness in everything must necessarily come to grief among so many who are not good."

— Niccolo Machiavelli

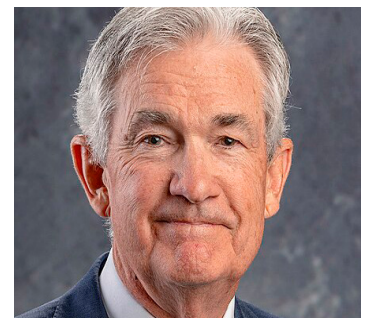
Interest rate reduction may be coming very soon

The Federal Reserve may soon cut interest rates. Chairman Jerome Powell said on Friday in a speech in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

He said that "the time has come for policy to adjust" the rates as inflation had declined to an annual average of 2.5 percent.

He expressed his confidence that as the economy grows inflation is on its way to 2 percent, a goal of the Federal Reserve.

An interest rate cut in September could have an effect on the presidential campaign, as in-



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flation and management of the economy is a major issue for many voters.

Weather: A slow warming trend

Temperatures in our West Orange County area will climb modestly over the weekend and then begin a decline into the new week. The forecast for Saturday's afternoon high is 77 with an overnight low of 62. Sunday will heat up a bit to 81 (62) and again on Monday to 82 (64) before declining to 81 (62) on Tuesday. Skies will be partly cloudy.

Arts & Living

'Temples' Is Beautiful Music

A screwball comedy that's a very fun mess

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

In Nathan Silver's divinely disordered screwball "Between the Temples," Jason Schwartzman plays a grieving cantor who, after the death of his wife, can't sing anymore but who finds a strange kinship with a much older widow (Carol Kane) seeking her bat mitzvah.

Yes, that old story. But even that brief synopsis doesn't really begin to hint at the singularity – or the delight – of "Between the Temples." The movie's grammar – 16mm, improvisational, shot purposefully erratically by Sean Price Williams – is just as antic as its story. In this winningly chaotic comedy, you can almost feel the characters and filmmakers, as one, resisting order and pushing back against convention.

That makes for an experience as volatile and hilarious as it is sweet and profound. That's particularly due to Schwartzman and Kane who, as a pair with some echoes of Bud Cort and Ruth Gordon in "Harold and Maude," make for the best canter-elderly bat mitzvah student duo you've ever seen, or, more simply, the most memorable on-screen duo of the year.

This is Silver's ninth feature and possibly his finest. "Between the Temples," playful, loose and dead set against any moment coming off as too polished or rehearsed, is always very close to falling into shambles. Or maybe it does, perpetually, but has the spirit, or foolhardiness, to keep going. With disaster ever present, "Between the Temples" ambles its way toward a scruffy, endearing magic of its own.



JASON SCHWARTZMAN and Carol Kane star in "Between the the Temples" (Sony)

Movie Review

Ben Gottlieb (Schwartzman) works at a synagogue in upstate New York, but after losing his wife to a freak accident, he's lost his singing voice and, maybe, his faith.

Ben has moved back in with his mother Meira (Caroline Aaron) and her meddling wife Judith (Dolly de Leon). In the movie's opening moments, they

introduce Ben up with a young woman, a doctor. He doesn't get that this is a date; he assumes she's a therapist. When he learns she's a plastic surgeon, he asks his mom: "Do you think I need work done?"

But the work Ben needs goes deeper than that. "Even my name's in the past tense," he sighs. After listlessly sitting through temple alongside Rabbi Bruce (Robert Smigel, inspired casting), he walks outside and

Good: ★★★

lies down in traffic. Nursing his grief over a mudslide at a bar (a drink the barman perceptively chooses for him), he gets into a fight.

After Ben gets clocked, the woman who picks him up, having finished her karaoke performance, is Carla (Carol Kane). She helps him through a drunken

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Now on stage at Gem: "Seussical"

The latest production at Garden Grove's Gem Theater, "Seussical The Musical," is now on stage. It's based on the works of "Dr. Seuss" (Theodor Seuss Geisel), author and artist for a series of beloved children's books including "Horton Hears a Who" and "Green Eggs and Ham."

This production will be performed Thursdays (8 p.m.) to Sundays (2 p.m.) through Sept. 29.

The Gem is located at 12852 Main St. in the Village Green, near Euclid Street. For more information, go to thegemoc.com or call (714) 741-9550.

TheSportsPages

Rewarding the winner; appeal of relegation

Editor's note: Jim Tortolano's brain has the day off. Here's a favorite column from August 2023 about "relegation," as made popular by Ted Lasso from "Ted Lasso."

Coming to Major League Baseball next year: the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs and the Worcester Red Sox. Debuting in AAA Minor Leagues are the Oakland A's and the Colorado Rockies.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Seem unlikely, or some sort of massive AI malfunction?

Of course, the best teams at the second-best level of baseball don't get promoted to the big leagues and the tail-enders in the MLB don't get sent to the bus leagues.

But it's a common practice in world football (i.e. soccer) that goes by the name "relegation." Although it's still on the far horizon for most American sports, the topic is being raised here and there on this side of the Atlantic.

Contrast the systems. In European soccer, the bottom two teams get dropped or relegated to the next lower level and the top two in the second level get promoted to the big league.

Thus, doing well means you get rewarded, and dogging it means that poor performance gets punished.

In American sports, the best teams stay where they are and the worst get rewarded by getting the pick of the best new players coming out of colleges and high schools in the draft. Failure gets a boost.

Proposing such an idea will get you hooted down today

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It Was the Grandest Slam

Shohei wins the game and makes the record books

By Pete Zarustica
Orange County Tribune

Call Cooperstown: Is it possible to send an active player to the Baseball Hall of Fame?

Shohei Ohtani made a good case for an exception to the rules on Friday at Chavez Ravine when he hit a grand slam, game-winning walkoff home run that gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 7-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Not only did he hit a dramatic, crowd-thrilling dinger, he became the sixth player in big league baseball history to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season with a swiped base earlier in the game.

And he did it earlier in his career than any other player had.

"He's definitely known for the dramatics and this is something I'll remember for a long time," Los Angeles manager Dave Roberts said. "What a way to cap off a great night."

The victory kept the Dodg-



SHOHEI OHTANI hit the game-winning grand slam as he became just the sixth player in MLB history to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season (AP photo).

ers ahead by four games over the surging Arizona Diamondbacks, now second in the National League West.

The San Diego Padres are also in the race, just 4.5 games back. The Rays led 3-0 after three innings, but the Blue Crew tied it up with a three-run home run in the fifth inning by Enrique Hernandez.

That was where it stood until the ninth when a hit batsman, a single and a walk set the table for Ohtani's mighty blast.

That brought 45,556 fans at Dodger Stadium to their field, as one more page is written in the history books by Shohei Ohtani, on his way into an almost-certain spot in the shrine of baseball.

Angels blow another lead, fall 5-4

By Arthur David
Orange County Tribune

For the Los Angeles Angels, no lead is too big and no skid is too long. They proved that on Friday night in Toronto.

The Halos jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in the second inning, thanks to doubles by Anthony Rendon and Jo Adell.

However, the Blue Jays pecked away and closed to within 4-3 when the bottom of the ninth rolled around.

With nobody on and nobody out, Joey Loperfido homered to

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centerfield to tie the game at 4-4. The very next batter, Addison Barger slammed the first pitch into stands in right center field and the Blue Jays (61-68) got a walkoff 5-4 victory and the visiting Angels (64-75) got their third straight loss and their ninth defeat in 11 games.

The team remains in fifth and last place in the American League West.

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AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	69-59	.539	—	6-4
Seattle	65-64	.504	4.5	2-8
Texas	60-69	.465	9.5	5-5
Oakland	55-74	.426	14.5	5-5
ANGELS	54-75	.419	15.5	2-8

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	77-52	.597	—	7-3
Arizona	73-56	.566	4	7-3
San Diego	73-57	.562	4.5	6-4
San Fran	65-65	.500	12.5	4-6
Colorado	47-82	.364	30	3-7

Bumpy opening for West County teams

Locals win just four games in season openers

Week Zero opened the local high school football campaign, and it was a bumpy one for teams in our West Orange County area, winning just four games.



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THURSDAY

Football
Godinez 10, Loara 3
Los Amigos 46, Santiago 7
Costa Mesa 35, Magnolia 0
Mater Dei 42, Centennial/Corona 25

FRIDAY

Football
Marina 23, Westminster 0
Los Alamitos 71, Western 0
Kennedy 21, Pacifica 0
Clovis West 29, Edison 0
Garden Grove 42, Bellflower 0
Huntington Beach 56, Orange 42
Fountain Valley 21, Ocean View 6
Savanna 34, Bolsa Grande 28

Flag Football

Huntington Beach 39, Mira Costa
Huntington Beach 31, LB Poly 19
Aliso Niguel 26, Edison 19
Edison 20, Warren 6
Loara 19, Los Amigos 7



SANTIAGO DEFENDER tackles Los Amigos ball carrier Thursday night at Monsoor Stadium (Tribune photo)

On Thursday, Los Amigos defeated its former Garden Grove League rival Santiago 46-7. On Friday, Marina blanked Westminster 23-0, Huntington Beach bested Orange 56-42 and Garden Grove defeated Bellflower 42-0 in a strong debut for new Argonaut coach Matt LemMon.

Brady Edmunds of Huntington Beach High had an outstanding game, passing for 185 yards and four touchdowns. On the other side of the ball, Starlone Thomas – a freshman – threw for 442 yards and four scores for the Or-

ange Panthers.

Oiler special teams made the difference, as they scored on an interception and two kickoff returns.

Los Amigos' win over Santiago was powered by a potent running attack. Raul Cruz rushed for 89 yards and Issac Galindo ran for 86 yards. They totaled five touchdowns.

The sole Cav score came on a 54-yard run by Ozzy Granados.

Garden Grove High's football team had an impressive opening night with Jayden Dean and Quentin Pacelli powering a strong ground game.

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night before they realize she was his music teacher in elementary school. "Little Benny!" she exclaims once the memory returns. Carla soon appears at the synagogue and tells Ben she wants a bar mitzvah. He doesn't agree until she persists, but they soon find they fluctuate to some similar wavelength of grief and oddballness. Whether she's an appropriate age for the coming-of-age ceremony is one question, but it's also not entirely clear if Carla is even Jewish. While the Torah plays a role in the unfolding friendship, their connection – whether it's love is hard to say – is only partly

related to Judaism. They share stories of their dead spouses over burgers that Ben learns, while chewing, aren't kosher. Silver films the scene in close-ups of their mouths. What seems clearer, in the script by Silver and C. Mason Wells, is that the two are together finding their way through a hard chapter of life and into another of their own making. Along the way, there are surreal flourishes, moments of supreme awkwardness and comic high points. One scene, with Carla's skeptical son and his family at a steak house, is adorned with ridiculously large menus. Silver has apparent affection for filmmakers like Rainer Werner Fassbinder and John Cassavetes, but

scenes like that one reminded me of Elaine May. There is a wonderful feeling in "Between the Temples" that anything can happen at any moment. That's particularly true in another dinner scene, one sensationally awkward, that brings all the characters together, including the more age-appropriate Gabby (Madeline Weinstein, terrific), the rabbi's daughter. Yet in a movie filled with strange noises (Ben's door shrieks more than creaks) and snuffed-out singing voices, nothing sounds as good as the patter between Kane (who still says "Geez" better than any human being alive) and Schwartzman. The unique rhythm of their voices pushes "Between the Temples," a film

about finding your own faith, to something beautiful. "Music," Carla says, "is the sound that you make."

"Between the Temples," a Sony Pictures Classics release is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for language and some sexual references. Running time: 111 minutes.

History is somewhat flexible

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ing the teams the "Sharks," after a hated marine animal often compared to dishonest gamblers, pool hustlers and lawyers.

I'm not opposed to renaming when appropriate. The Washington Redskins name outlived its time. The Cleveland Indians had such an insulating caricature of a Native American ("Chief Wahoo") that you can see that, too.

But the Chicago Black-hawks, Kansas City Chiefs and Florida Seminoles survive. In each instance, the name has been adopted out of respect for the courage and prowess of the First Peoples of North America.

And let's not forget, that there's probably not an inch of land from Nantucket to Puget Sound that wasn't once inhabited by natives. Anybody willing to give Santa Barbara back? (Victorville? Maybe).

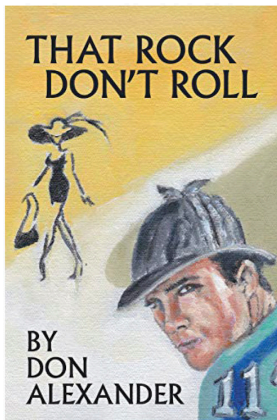
What tires me a bit is that to me it's just a gesture, easily done for self-congratulation. It doesn't honor history; it seems to erase it. And feeds the "Current" – see what I did there? – collegiate enthusiasm for glib answers to complex questions.

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here, and don't be surprised if your car gets keyed. A billionaire who spent a billion to build a new stadium wouldn't take kindly to trading in his schedule playing the Yankees or Dodgers – who bring in big crowds – for three games with the Gwinnett Stripers or a double-header with the Tacoma Rainiers.

Fans used to rivalry games such as Green Bay vs. Minnesota wouldn't be quite as excited when viewing Round Rock vs. Sugar Land.

(I must admit to being interested in seeing how the Oakland A's, with the worst record in MLB, would do against the Iron Pigs – tied for best in the International League).

Yes, a long shot. But so, once also were night games, designated hitters and "Money Ball." The future is always full of surprises.

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Angels fall

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Tagged for the deciding runs and the loss and the blown save was Roansy Contreras (2-3)

The two teams will play again on Saturday with Carson Fuller (0-4) scheduled to make the start for the Halos.

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