

■ HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

‘Twin City’ Partnership Is Approved

The final vote was 5-0-2

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

Without the controversy that accompanied a previous meeting in which a “Twin City” relationship with Ramat-Gan in Israel was discussed, the Huntington Beach City Council on Tuesday approved a resolution connecting the two coastal communities.

The vote was five in favor – Mayor Gracie Van der Mark, Vice Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns and Councilmembers Casey McKeon, Tony Strickland and

Rhonda Bolton in favor and two – Councilmembers Dan Kalmick and Natalie Moser – abstentions.

Kalmick wanted a less formal relationship with the 200,000 population city until all the formal paperwork of the sponsoring Israel Global Foundation – including tax-exempt status – was completed, but his substitute motion was defeated.

Moser expressed some skepticism about the motivation of the council

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THEY'RE TOASTING THE FUTURE



Mark Surmanian (left), CEO for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove shares a toast with Don Nielsen, chair of the board at Saturday's wine-tasting and fund-raising event at Kiwanisland Park in Garden Grove (Orange County Tribune photo).

Press release approved to battle with ‘misinformation’

After a contentious special meeting that lasted nearly three hours, the Westminster City Council voted 3-2 Monday to send out a press release to rebut what it called “misinformation” about possible future “upzoning” of cer-

■ WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

tain areas of the city Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen, Vice Mayor Carlos Manzo and Councilmember Kimberly Ho voted

in favor of the press release, with Councilmembers Amy Phan West and Namquan Nguyen opposed.

At issue was a flyer that has been distributed at mobile homes headlined

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Suspect held in HB att. murder

A 48-year-old Huntington Beach man was arrested for attempted murder after a stabbing incident at Bolsa Chica State Beach on Monday.

According to Jessica Cuchilla, public affairs officer for the HBPD, at

about 4:45 p.m. police received a request for assistance from California State Parks to aid state parks peace officers at the Bolsa Chica State Beach Visitors Center.

SPP officers there had already detained a suspect.

A second adult male, suffered from stab wounds, was transported to a local trauma center by the Huntington Beach Fire Department.

Detectives from the HBPD Major Crimes

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'Twin City' for Hunt. Beach

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majority for the Twin City proposal. "I do question the timing of this," she said. Israel is now involved in a war with Hamas and Hezbollah that has brought criticism from Palestinian and other quarters over humanitarian concerns.

Strickland said he regularly spoke with members of the Jewish community in Huntington

Beach and that the Twin City proposal was not political and had support in that community. Ramat-Gan (Garden Height) is a city in the Tel Aviv District of Israel. It was established as a communal farming settlement in 1921.

Today it is best-known for the Diamond Exchange Center, featuring many skyscrapers and high-tech businesses.

Press release vs. 'misinfo'

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"Eviction Notice" which suggested that residents of such housing might lose their homes because of such development.

"Entire neighborhoods, includ-

ing yours, could be demolished, displacing many Westminster residents as eviction notices are issued citywide," reads the flyer.

Public comments were lengthy and loud; discussion among council members was angry and there was much cross-talking among them.

The press release will state that what was approved at the Sept. 11 meeting was authorization of a study on mixed-use development, not a decision on the issue.

Such releases will be printed in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

For commentary on the meeting, see Retorts page 3.

Att. murder

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Unit took over the investigation and arrested Michael Ryan and booked him on one charge of attempted murder.

He is now in custody with bail set at \$500,000.

The identity of the victim is not being released.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to call MCU Detective Sgt. Anthony Pham at (714) 878-5640.

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News & Views

The sad circus of chaos in the council chamber

“Oh, what a circus!”

That’s the opening line from the musical “Evita.” It certainly fits Monday’s “special” meeting of the Westminster City Council, which was “special” only in the sense it reached a new low in conduct of both the members of the council and speakers from the public.

Just about every provision of the “Rules of Conduct and Decorum at Public Meeting” in the city’s municipal code was violated, ignored and mocked.

Profanity was used several times and disorder reigned. At one point it appeared that every member of the council was speaking at once, and Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen was powerless to stop it, even though he’s the presiding officer.

At one point, he shouted, “I’m running this meeting!” and Councilmember Namquan Nguyen replied “No, you’re not!” and offered to take over the duty.

At issue was a flyer distributed to mobile home residents titled “Eviction Notice,” implying that those people were at risk of losing their homes because of a study on the possible expansion of mixed-use development.

“Entire neighborhoods, including yours, could be demolished, displacing many Westminster residents as eviction notices are issued citywide,” reads the flyer.

I don’t know which is more stunning: the flagrant lie in this document – coming, charmingly, just before an election – or the inability of the city’s elected leadership to act like adults.

This was not the death of the City of Westminster’s image but you can see it from there.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

A TOP TEACHER



Garden Grove Unified School District teacher Jordy Jahn has been named a 2025 California Teacher of the Year finalist. She teaches seventh grade AVID, English Language Arts and World History at Irvine Intermediate School and was one of six finalists from across the state. Jahn began teaching in GGUSD in 1996 and serves as Irvine Intermediate’s AVID Coordinator, manages the Scholars in Training after-school intervention, supports PBIS and the Drama Club, and much more (GGUSD photo).

GGUSD wins high marks from state test scores

Students get letter grades and public school systems get state standards. In results issued last week on the 2023-24 California Balanced Assessment Consortium assessments, Garden Grove United School District students got some pretty high marks.

In English Language Arts, 59% of GGUSD students met or exceeded state standards compared to 47% across California and 58% across Orange County. In mathematics, 49% of GGUSD students met or exceeded state standards compared to 36% across California and 48% across Orange County.

For the sixth consecutive year, GGUSD also maintains its rank as the fifth highest performing district among large California districts with 34,000 or more students.

Among the top 10 highest performing large school districts, GGUSD has the greatest percentage of English learners (31%) and students who qualify for free and reduced price meals (80%).

For the eighth consecutive year, GGUSD is also the highest performing district among comparable large urban school districts in the CORE group, which includes Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco, and Santa Ana.

“We take great pride in GGUSD’s ongoing achievement in academic excellence, consistently surpassing county and state test scores year after year,” said Board of Education President Teri Rocco. “Our teachers and staff are truly remarkable in all that they do each and every day to support students’ academic growth.”

The GGUSD serves most of Garden Grove as well as parts of Anaheim, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Stanton and Westminster.

Workshop set Thursday on City of Westminster’s needs in housing and development

A community workshop on Westminster’s most important housing and community development needs will be held on Wednesday evening.

The city receives Community Development Block Grants and Home Investment Partnerships funds from the federal government for housing and community development projects.

To get these funds, the city must

develop a five-year plan to assess and prioritize the community’s needs.

The workshop will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Miriam Warne Community Building, 14491 Beach Blvd., Suite B, Westminster.

There is also an online survey residents can take, with results due by Oct. 31. For more information, go to mson@westminster-ca.gov.

Outreach staffers in Stanton honored

Maria Beltran and Dianne Valtierra, outreach coordinators for the City of Stanton, were recently recognized by State Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton) for their work to address homelessness in the community.

The recognition followed a ride-along with a representative from Newman’s office, which provided a close look at the challenges faced by the unhoused.

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NewsUpdate

‘Election results must be certified’

Georgia judge rules that delays are not permitted



Election results must be certified by the deadline set by law and local officials may not set aside votes from certification even if error or fraud are suspected, a Georgia judge ruled Monday.

According to the Associated Press, Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert Burney issued the order, citing Georgia law that requires that county election officials “shall” certify election results by 5 p.m. of the Monday following an election.

Early in-person voting began Tuesday in Georgia. The judge’s ruling may have an impact on elections reporting. Fulton

GEORGIA LAW requires prompt certification of election results, a judge has ruled (Shutterstock)

County includes Atlanta, which has a large Democratic majority. In 2020, then-president Donald

Trump was leading until the Fulton County vote came in and now-President Joe Biden carried

the state, which helped him win an Electoral College majority and the presidency.

‘Honorable discharges’ coming to over 800 gay U.S. veterans

U.S. military veterans who were “administratively separated” from service under the old “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue” policy on homosexuality will now receive “honorable discharges,” the Department of Defense announced on Tuesday.

According to United Press International, more than 800 military veterans will be getting their dis-

charges shortly, although about 13,500 people overall were removed from military service for being gay.

The “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy was initiated by President Bill Clinton in 1993 as an “easing” of sanctions against gays serving in the military, but discharges continued based on sexual orientation.

Great Thoughts

“No good disliking ourselves – gives the world an excuse to do the same.”

– Kenneth Branagh, actor and filmmaker.

Israel warned by U.S. on humanitarian aid

Israel has been warned by the United States to increase the flow of humanitarian aid into the war-torn Gaza Strip within a month or face the prospect of losing American military assistance.

The New York Times reported that letters were sent Tuesday from the U.S. secretaries of state and defense. State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said that the level of “humanitarian assistance has not been sustained” and fallen by over 50 percent from its highest point.

At the same time, Israel has reportedly promised the Biden Administration that it would not launch strikes at oil production facilities and nuclear enrichment



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plants in Iran, when it responds to missile attacks on Israel. Such strikes, many fear, would run the risk of enlarging and intensifying war in the Middle East.

The vow does not rule out hitting missile launchers, storage sites and factories that build weapons such as drones and missiles.

Weather: Cooler, chance of rain

Our West Orange County cities are expected to experience some cooler days and heightened chance of rain for a few days, leading to a forecast of sunny skies this weekend. Wednesday is expected to have a daytime high of 68 with an overnight low of 62 under cloudy skies and with a 11 percent chance of rain. Thursday will be similar with a high of 68 and a low of 56 with cloudy skies and a 13 percent chance of rain. Things will warm up on Friday as the day’s high reaches 72 (57) with partly cloudy skies. Saturday is expected to bring sunshine with a high of 75 and a low of 57.

Arts & Living

Life Flies By in 'We Live In Time'

Florence Pugh,
Andrew Garfield
in a romance

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

It's not hard to spend a few hours watching Florence Pugh and Andrew Garfield fall and be in love. In "We Live In Time," filmmaker John Crowley puts the audience up close and personal with this photogenic British couple through the highs and lows of a relationship in their 30s.

Everyone starts to think about the idea of time, and not having enough of it to do everything they want, at some point. But it seems to hit a lot of us very acutely in that tricky, lovely third decade. There's that cruel biological clock, of course, but also careers and homes and families getting older. Throw a cancer diagnosis in there and that timer gets ever more aggressive.

While we, and Tobias (Garfield) and Almut (Pugh), do indeed live in time, as we're constantly reminded in big and small ways — clocks and stopwatches are ever-present, literally and metaphorically — the movie hovers above it.

The storytelling jumps back and forth through time like a scattershot memory as we piece together these lives that intersect in an elaborate, mystical and darkly comedic way: Almut runs into Tobias with her car. Their first chat is in a hospital hallway, with those glaring fluorescent lights and him bruised and cut all over. But he's so struck by this beautiful woman in front of him, he barely seems to care.

I suppose this could be considered a Lubitschian "meet-cute" even if it knowingly pushes the boundaries of our understanding of that romance trope. Before the hit, Tobias was in a hotel, at-



FLORENCE PUGH and Andrew Garfield star in "We Live In Time," an R-rated romance from A-24. It opens nationwide on Friday (A24 Pictures).

Movie Review

tempting to sign divorce papers and his pens were out of ink and pencils kept breaking. In a fit of near-mania he leaves, wearing only his bathrobe, to go to a corner store and buy more. Walking back, he drops something in the street and bang: A new relationship is born. It's the ultimate metaphor for the out-of-body vulnerability required to fall in love.

There are several moments of mania that await both, particularly around a baby that just isn't ready to come out yet — until it is and they're nowhere near the hospital. I won't ruin it, but it is one of the funnier, more emotional and memorable birthing scenes I've ever seen on screen. It's one of those scenes where you don't expect tears, but there they are.

Speaking of tears, there is a certain expectation, or assumption, that a movie like "We Live

In Time" is going to leave you a wreck, heaving with full body sobs. This was not my experience. Tear count is not exactly a science or even a reliable metric for quality: There have been truly bad movies that have had that effect and great ones that haven't. But it did leave me wondering why, especially considering how Crowley knocked it out of the park with "Brooklyn."

Nick Payne's script also leaves some things to be desired, especially in its fleshing out of Almut. By 34 she's already a Michelin-starred chef and has a whole past life of athletic success that we learn about. And yet early in her relationship with Tobias when he asks her if she wants kids, she flips.

Now, there are bad ways to approach this topic with women, but her response felt unnatural, especially considering that it's entirely reasonable that adults who are getting serious have this conversation early. Instead, he's the one who comes back

Good: ★★★

and apologizes. Her decisions throughout are a little curious and will likely inspire some post screening chats.

The eventual child is also little more than a beautiful prop, with no spark or personality. We never see a tantrum, or a need or want from her that doesn't keep the adult story chugging along. She is simply a shorthand for what will be left behind if Almut does not win the cancer fight.

The main reason to see "We Live In Time" is not the promise of crying or the realities of having a young kid, though, but the quietly affecting performances from Pugh and Garfield, who seems to fit right into the nice guy mold we're all celebrating now thanks to Adam Brody's Hot Rabbi. It is charming and silly and sometimes cringey — other people's relationships always are — and in the end it works exceedingly

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TheSportsPages

Ben and Decoy aren't doggin' it this season

Two of the most talked-about figures in sports these days would make good running backs or base-stealers because ... they each have four legs.

I'm talking about Ben, the Golden Retriever, a certified emotional support animal who accompanies sports broadcaster Kirk Herbstreit to college and pro football broadcasts.

Ben has his own press credential and makes frequent dozed-out appearances during televised games.

Of course, we think it's Ben, because Jim Tortolano Herbstreit actually owns four goldens, so maybe they've got their own platoon system.

The other canine sports superstar in Decoy, bestest buddy of Dodgers' superstar Shohei Ohtani. He is a – no kidding – Nederlandse Kooikerhondje, which is a Dutch dog who worked – still not kidding – as a duck decoy ... hence the name.

He debuted in public at the 2023 MLB American League MVP announcement and “threw out” the first ball of the 2024 baseball season by carrying the ball in his mouth from the pitchers' mound to the catcher.

There are now all kinds of spinoffs. You can buy a T-shirt with a color photo of Decoy on the front, and certainly the T-shirts, sweatshirts and even holiday tree ornaments are not the end of this.

This is good “scents.” Pro sports and broadcasting are high-pressure activities, so there's the comfort of being able to get licks of reassurance from your dog after striking out with the bases loaded that makes his salary – one chew bone every three innings – a bargain.



Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano



LOS ANGELES Dodgers' Shohei Ohtani reacts after flying out against the New York Mets during the fifth inning in Game 2 of the baseball NL Championship Series, Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Ashley Landis).

Can Dodgers Bite Big Apple?

Series tied at one victory each, resumes Wednesday

By Beth Harris
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The New York Mets weren't sure what they were going to get with the Los Angeles Dodgers sending out a parade of relievers in a bullpen game.

They found out right away.

Francisco Lindor and Mark Vientos homered as the Mets stopped the Dodgers' record-tying postseason scoreless streak in a 7-3 victory on Monday, tying the NL Championship Series at a game apiece.

Lindor added to his storybook season with a leadoff homer in the first inning against Ryan Brasier. Viento delivered during New York's five-run second, connecting for a grand slam against Landon Knack.

Before Lindor went deep, Los Angeles had a string of 33 consecutive scoreless innings. Jack Flaherty led the Dodgers to a 9-0 victory in Game 1 of the NLCS on Sunday night.

“I didn't know it,” Lindor said of the Dodgers' streak. “I was just trying to have a quality at-bat and get the guys going.”

Sean Manaea opened Game 2 with four shutout innings for New York. He was charged with three runs, two earned, and two hits in five-plus innings. Closer Edwin Diaz earned a four-out save.

“Having a lead like that just makes it a little easier,” Manaea said. “Just trying to attack guys and get ahead and go right after them.”

Dodgers superstar Shohei Ohtani was 0 for 3 with two

National League Championship Series

- Game 1: Dodgers 9, Mets 3.
- Game 2: Mets 7, Dodgers 2.
- Game 3: Wednesday, Dodgers at Mets.
- Game 4: Thursday, Dodgers at Mets.
- Game 5: Friday, Dodgers at Mets (if needed).
- Game 6: Sunday, Mets at Dodgers (if needed).
- Game 7: Monday, Mets at Dodgers (if needed).

strikeouts against Manaea and two walks, including one against Diaz. He is 0 for 19 with the bases empty in his first postseason.

“He's one of the best hitters in

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Flag football champions are crowned

In tackle version, Edison and LA face big games

No “new” sport in high schools has multiple as quickly as flag football has in Orange County. Since the CIF-SS authorized the sport – so far, for girls only – it’s become the hottest athletic activity in memory.

At last count, 260 teams are being fielded across the section, and all the schools serving our West Orange County cities of Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Stanton and Westminster are fielding teams.

On Tuesday, the initial ratings and rankings – based on offense, defense and strength of schedule – were released.

Huntington Beach is third in the whole CIF-SS and tops what would be a “High Five” for flag football.

So let’s make one:

1. Huntington Beach
2. Edison
3. Westminster
4. Santiago
5. Bolsa Grande

On the bubble: Garden Grove, Pacifica and Rancho Alamitos.

League play is over and play-off brackets will be out on Saturday. Rancho Alamitos won the Grove League title, and Santiago took top honors in the Orange League.

Speeding toward the CIF-SS playoffs

The “tackle” football season for preps is past the half-way mark and now come the “crunch” games for league titles and playoff berths.

Topping the list of games this week is the initial Alpha League showdown between Edison and Los Alamitos (both 5-2) on Friday. Those teams that have dominated the Sunset League for years on the gridiron.

In the Sigma League, unbeaten Los Amigos (7-0 overall and 2-0 in conference) will host Estancia (6-1 and 2-0) at Monsoor Stadium on the Garden Grove High campus in a battle for the lead.

Here are the schedules and records for the teams serving our



RANCHO ALAMITOS flag football team won the Grove League title and will advance to the CIF-SS playoffs next week (GGUSDphoto).

Prep Sport Spotlight

area. As always, game times, locations, dates, etc. are subject to change without notice.

THURSDAY Tango League

Costa Mesa (4-2, 0-2) at Bolsa Grande (4-3, 2-0)

Santiago (3-4, 1-1) at Anaheim (5-2, 2-0)

Omicron League

Pacifica (3-4, 2-0) at Buena Park (4-3, 2-0)

Delta League

Western (3-4, 0-2) at Cypress (3-5, 0-2)

Lambda League

Fullerton (0-7, 0-2) at Marina (7-0, 2-0) at Boswell Field on the Westminster High campus.

FRIDAY

Alpha League

Edison (5-2) at Los Alamitos (5-2)

Kappa League

Garden Grove (1-6, 0-2) at Brea Olinda (7-0, 2-0)

Seegerstrom (5-2, 2-0) at Westminster (3-4, 1-1)

Epsilon League

Huntington Beach (4-3, 1-1) at Foothill (4-3, 1-1)

Sigma League

Estancia (6-1, 2-0) at Los Amigos (7-0, 2-0) at Monsoor Stadium.

Ocean View (2-5, 1-1) at Cal-

vary Chapel/Santa Ana (2-5, 1-1)

Rancho Alamitos (4-3, 0-2) at Santa Ana Valley (0-7, 0-2)

Tango League

Loara (0-7, 0-2) at La Quinta (6-1, 1-1)

Foxtrot League
Aliso Niguel (4-3, 0-2) at Orange (1-6, 1-1)

Zeta League

Godinez Fundamental (3-4, 0-1) at Magnolia (1-7, 1-1).

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Chargers control ball and the game

Bolts to visit Cards on Monday

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — Justin Herbert and the Los Angeles Chargers had to concern themselves with Patrick Surtain II for only a single snap Sunday.

After Surtain went out with a

concussion on Denver's first defensive play, Herbert directed a clock-chewing, methodical offense that capitalized on the superstar's departure for a 23-16 win over the Broncos.

"We've got a lot of respect for him as a defender, but it's always the next play," Herbert said. "We're not worried about who's out there. ... It's about us. As long as we're executing and doing everything we can as an offensive unit, I think we're going to like the result."

Chargers coach Jim Harbaugh,



JUSTIN HERBERT completed 21 passes for 237 yards on Sunday against the Denver Broncos (Chargers photo).

who missed the start of the game while being treated by the team's medical personnel for an irregular heartbeat, called it a "great and glorious win."

Harbaugh returned to the sideline in the first quarter after getting an IV and magnesium and coached the remainder of the game. He said he'd consult with his cardiologist Monday.

"He's tough," Herbert said. "He did a really good job of hiding because I was unaware of it."

Denver didn't blitz as much

minus Surtain and the Chargers (3-2) built a 23-0 lead after three quarters. They looked for much of the afternoon as though they'd hand the Broncos (3-3) their first home shut-out in their 65-year history.

NLCS series

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the league, but I've got really good stuff," Diaz said. "I just go after him. Hit the ball, if you get to two strikes, I will make you chase."

Manager Dave Roberts has no intention of moving Ohtani out of the leadoff spot.

"I want Shohei to get five at-bats a game," Roberts said. "I think he's our best hitter, and I want him up there five times." Game 3 of the best-of-seven series is Wednesday in New York.

"It's not a sprint," Manaea said. "It's definitely going to be a grind of a series."

Movie review

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well because of them and their wonderful chemistry.

"We Live in Time," an A24 release in New York and Los Angeles Friday and nationwide Oct. 18, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for "language, sexuality and nudity." Running time: 107 minutes.



Who helped eradicate the plague of polio?
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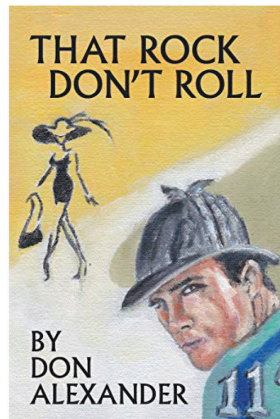
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