

Decorum Law Advances, But No Decorum

Another rowdy session with insults and yelling

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

■ WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

Discussion of a proposed ordinance intended to be more decorum to be more decorum to famously-raucous meetings of the Westminster City Council on Wednesday night ended up being an example of the lack of such.

After nearly an hour, the council voted three to two in favor of the introduction and first reading of the law which would allow for chronic disrupters to be removed from the council chamber and/or charged with a misdemeanor.

In favor of the ordinance were Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen, Vice Mayor Kimberly Ho and Councilmember Carlos Manzo. Opposed were Councilmembers Amy Phan West and NamQuan Nguyen.

Manzo opened the discussion by noting that recent meetings had turned into a circus-like "side show" with constant shouting and interruptions. And that's what followed. West – and to a lesser extent, NamQuan Nguyen – hurled insults

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Fire hits commercial bldg. in central Westminster

Firefighters from three agencies combined to knock out a fire earlier this week in central Westminster.

According to the Orange County Fire Authority, the blaze broke out on Sunday and was reported at 12:18 p.m. in the 14000 block of Beach Boulevard at West-

minster Boulevard, about a block from the Civic Center.

The blaze, centered in a commercial structure, was quickly spreading into adjoining units as firefighters from the Orange County Fire Authority arrived. The attack on the

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TOIL, TROUBLE AND TRUNKING



WESTMINSTER'S "SPOOKTACULAR" Halloween event featured music, food and a lot of "Trunk or Treating" in the Civic Center on Friday evening. The three witches above handing out candy were reminiscent of Shakespeare's "MacBeth." (Orange County Tribune photo by Jim Tortolano).

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Do offers apology after guilty plea to bribery charge

Disgraced former Orange County First District Supervisor Andrew Do has offered an apology after resigning his post and pleading guilty to accepting \$550,000 in bribe money for helping to divert federal funds intended to provide meals for the elderly into private hands.

According to the Associated Press, an attorney for Do – a former Garden Grove City Councilmember – said "it is appropriate to convey Andrew Do's sincere apology and deep sadness to his family, to his constituents in District One and to his colleagues," in an e-mail.

The case comes after a long-running investigation into the organization Viet America Society, where Do's daughter, Rhiannon Do, was

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at the council majority, interrupting other members and defying efforts by the mayor to conduct the meeting.

West, who has been previously censured and sanctioned by the council majority, complained that she was a victim of "bias" and accused the mayor of financial misdeeds.

Her ally, NamQuan, called members of the council major-

ity "jerks" and "liars." Tangled in the discussion were West's comments about her bathroom needs during meetings and other departures from the measure at hand.

After the council majority defeated a proposed substitute motion to "take no action," the final vote was held.

If approved at its second reading, the ordinance would take effect in 30 days.

Fire near the Civic Center

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fire commenced as a search was made for occupants.

A second alarm brought in more firefighters from the Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach fire departments. There were no

injuries and OCFA investigators worked on determining the cause.

Westminster police closed southbound Beach Boulevard lanes from Westminster Boulevard to 13th Street during the incident.

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listed as an officer. The County of Orange filed a civil lawsuit this year saying the group misused funds received during the COVID pandemic to feed elderly and disabled people, instead spending the money to buy real estate.

"The scheme essentially functioned like Robin Hood in reverse," said U.S. Attorney Martin Estrada. "Mr. Do and his

conspirators stole money from the poor to give to themselves — and this money was intended to provide meals to the people who needed them most in our community."

Federal authorities seized \$2.4 million in connection with the probe, and Andrew Do agreed to forfeit any interest in that money and two homes in Orange County, Estrada said.

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News & Views

Aren't we much better off now, compared to ...

One of the phrases very popular in political campaigns is "Are You Better Off Now Than You Were Four Years Ago?" Originated by Ronald Reagan (or his speechwriters), it was a brilliant zinger that is still employed every even-numbered fall.

But I think that's too short a time frame, if you really want a sense of societal progress.

So, if I was talking to a high school history class,

I would lecture them on "Is the Typical Orange County Person Better Off Now Than 50 Years Ago?"

- The air was much dirtier, and "smog alerts" were common, warning you not to go outside, exercise or – in certain areas, try to breathe.

- Cars were deathtraps. Few had power brakes or power steering, padded dashboards or collapsible steering columns. Seat belts were there, but not shoulder straps. Drunk driving was widespread and winked-at by many, despite the fact that in a typical year, more Americans died in drunk-driving accidents than were killed in the entire Vietnam war (about 58,000).
- Gay people continued to be the target of widespread discrimination and even violence. The term "gay marriage" was a punch line for many comedians and outstanding employees could legally be fired for no reason other than real or suspected homosexuality.

- The streets flooded. Much of Orange County grew so fast in the 50s and 60s that most cities paid scant attention to storm drains and flood control



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

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HEART TO MISS



OCTOBER is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so City of Huntington Beach municipal vehicles such as fire engines, police patrol cars and more were decorated pink (City of Huntington Beach photo).

■ AREA NEWS BRIEFS

Time to give back your drugs on this Saturday; get compost on Nov. 9

Need to shred some papers and/or pick up some compost?

The City of Stanton has just the event for you. The event will be held at Stanton Park, 7800 Katella Ave. (behind the Civic Center and near Beach Boulevard) from 7-10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9. The event is hosted by CR&R Environmental Services.

Southern Californian Shredding will be on-site to provide free document shredding with these guidelines:

- a limit of four standard-size file boxes per vehicle;
- prohibited items are binders, wet documents, hanging file folders, cardboard, plastic media, magazines or newspapers.

The event is conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the trucks are full, the event will close so arriving early is advised.

Give those drugs back!

National Drug Give-Back Day is Saturday.

This free event helps prevent prescription drug misuse and accidents and accidental poisoning.

No liquids, needles, "sharps" or pressure canisters will be accepted.

In Huntington Beach the location is 19081 Goldenwest St. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In Garden Grove, the drugs will be accepted at the police facility at 11301 Acacia Parkway, also 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Senior Halloween Luncheon

A spooky time for seniors will be held on Thursday, Oct. 31 at the Westminster Senior Center, 8200 Westminster Blvd. from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be drinks, dancing and live music. Tickets are \$5.

Time to drop off some bulk

No, we don't mean a weight-loss program. The City of Garden Grove will be sponsoring a free bulky item drop-off site on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m.

The location is the Garden Grove Municipal Service Center, 13802 Newhope St. (between Trask and Westminster avenues).

Hit-and-run takes the life of pedestrian in Westminster

A hit-and-run accident took the life of a pedestrian Monday night in Westminster.

According to Sgt. Alan Aoki of the WPD, officers were dispatched to the area of Westminster Boulevard and Yockey Street around 10:18 p.m. in response to a report of a man down in the eastbound lanes of Westminster Boulevard.

Arriving officers and Orange County Fire Authority personnel performed life-saving measures on the man, but he was pronounced dead at the scene. He was identified only as a male Asian, 45 to 50 years old.

The vehicle involved in the incident had left the scene before officers arrived.

It was described as a newer-model dark sedan last seen eastbound on Westminster.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the WPD watch commander at (714) 548-3767.

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NewsUpdate

China seeks to hack Trump, Vance phones

More interference in U.S. elections, says the FBI

In another instance of alleged foreign interference with American presidential politics, Chinese hackers are believed to have attempted to hack into the cell phones used by former president Donald Trump, his running mate J.D. Vance and key figures in the Kamala Harris campaign, according to the Associated Press.

What sort of data has been obtained is unknown, but the FBI reports that it was looking into “unauthorized access to commercial telecommunications infrastructure by actors affiliated with the People’s Republic of China.”

The AP noted that China has



J.D. VANCE and Donald Trump campaigning in Georgia (Shutterstock)

been engaged in “cyberespionage” against the United States for years, targeting not just political figures and government officials but also American companies and infrastructure.

It’s believed that Russia and Iran have been involved in campaign interference, with Iran opposed to Trump and Russia favoring him.

China is considered “neutral,” but interested in lower-level elections in which candidates have taken a public stand on its support for Taiwan.

Washington Post, LA Times won’t endorse

The Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times, two of America’s leading liberal newspapers, will not endorse a presidential candidate this time.

Each paper has backed the Democratic nominee for decades, but new ownership – billionaires – have shifted away from that, according to a report from The New York Times.

Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, wrote that his decision

was not “a tacit endorsement of one candidate” or a “condemnation of another” but simply a desire to be independent.

The Times had been planning to endorse Harris, according to the Associated Press but received instructions from owner Patrick Soon-Shiong blocked that move. The paper did endorse candidates for other races, including the U.S. Senate race backing Rep. Adam Schiff, a Democrat.

Great Thoughts

“The best state is that in which bad men are not allowed to hold office, and good men are not allowed to refuse office.”

– Pittacus of Lesbos, sage

75 people infected from e.coli outbreak linked to McD burgers

Onions supplied by a California farm are believed to be the source of an E. coli infection that’s struck 75 people who ate McDonald’s “Quarter Pounders.”

According to United Press International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say the outbreak has spread to 13 states, including Michigan, New Mexico and Washington.

At least one person has died from the infection, reports UPI.



Other fast food chains are pulling onions supplied by Taylor Farms; they include KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken), Pizza Hut, Burger King and Taco Bell.

Weather: Getting cooler now

Our West Orange County counties are headed toward jacket and hat weather as October runs out. The forecast for Saturday is for fog in the morning and clouds in the afternoon with a daytime high of 78 and an overnight low of 58. Sunday will cool a bit to 76 (60) under cloudy skies.

On Monday, we’ll have clouds in the morning and sun in the afternoon with a high of 68 with a low of 53. Tuesday is expected to warm slightly with a high of 70, low of 50 and sunshine.

Arts & Living

It's All About Politics in 'Conclave'

Fiennes and Tucci stand out in this movie

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

In Edward Berger's "Conclave," the selection of the pope is no holy affair. Instead, it's a petty, political campaign carried out in secrecy, where gossip flows, agendas are malleable and loyalties are fleeting.

All are there to serve God, they say. But we all know how helpful that has been in conflicts throughout history. "Conclave" might not have much new or interesting to say about the Catholic Church, but it is a deliriously fun watch in the way that tense, smart thrillers with an ensemble of great actors can be.

It's fitting that Peter Straughan, who co-wrote the script for "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy," was the one to adapt Robert Harris' 2016 novel, taking audiences inside the secretive halls of the Vatican in the immediate aftermath of the pope's death.

The film opens abruptly and effectively on Ralph Fiennes' back, walking somewhere briskly. Nothing is said. You don't even see his face. But between Volker Bertelmann's heightened score and Fiennes' pace and tensed shoulders, the mood is set. This, it is clear, is not going to be a straightforward affair. Plus, something seems a little fishy about this death.

Fiennes plays Cardinal Thomas Lawrence, the dean of the College of Cardinals, whose duty is to oversee the election of the next pope. That means gathering a group of 100-some clergymen in Rome to vote.

With many dreaming of ascending to the position, they're secluded from the outside world and left to their own devices to lobby for support.



RALPH FIENNES stars in "Conclave" (Focus Features).

Movie Review

There are some formidable forces at play following the death of a more liberal-minded pope. Stanley Tucci's Aldo Bellini is a progressive hoping to evolve the church dramatically.

Sergio Castellitto's Goffredo Tedesco thinks they've gone astray and wants to bring it back to the days of Latin Mass and Italian leadership. There's also Lucian Msamati's Joshua Adeyemi, from Nigeria, who stands to make history as the first Black pope but whose views on homosexuality worry the progressives.

And finally, John Lithgow's slick but earnest Joseph Tremblay, who, unlike Bellini, wears his ambition on his sleeve. He also happened to be the last official meeting on the pope's schedule before he died and delayed before calling Lawrence with the news.

In a film business where youth still reigns supreme, "Conclave" is a symphony of lovely aging faces. These actors whose forehead lines don't disappear at rest are in full

command of their instruments showing a world of experience, doubt and regret in any given glance. Fiennes gets the majority of the close-ups, as a man who is having to manage this increasingly unwieldy proceeding while also grappling with his own internal crisis. He reveals to Bellini, who he hopes will be selected, that he recently attempted to resign. His request, he said, was denied.

And now he's left dealing with a bunch of babies in a conclave that is stretching on longer than anyone would like.

There are rumors of a withdrawn report of gross misconduct, a sabotage plot and the surprise arrival of a cardinal no one knew existed: Carlos Diez's Vincent Benitez, who was secretly appointed archbishop of Kabul.

With turmoil both on the streets and inside their claustrophobic and gossip-ridden surroundings, everyone is going a little mad wondering if they'll have to simply settle for the least worst choice. Even Isabella Rossellini's head nun, who is supposed to be a silent participant, gets involved

Good: ★★★

(thank goodness for us).

Berger, a German-Austrian filmmaker who last made the stunning adaptation of "All Quiet on the Western Front," keeps the audience on the edge of their seats for the duration as you try to piece together the clues to figure out who is holding the strings.

The specific setting of the Vatican adds mystery and dramatic flair — the filmmaker seems to take great pleasure in the elaborate and frequent costume changes and ceremony of it all — but this is also a classic story that could have easily been set near any seat of power.

"Conclave" is sure to ruffle some Catholic feathers — provocation is in its DNA. But for the rest of us, this juicy, smartly crafted thriller, is simply a great watch.

"Conclave," a Focus Features release in theaters Friday, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association for "thematic material and smoking."

TheSportsPages

Leave skipper in peace in the dugout, please

From dugout to sideline to comfortable couch in front of the TV ... A few observations about the world of sport.

Get Out of the Dugout Dept.

Following on the irksome practice of interviewing football coaches as they try to hustle to the locker room at halftime comes the practice of allowing — and featuring — a TV guy interviewing the team manager during the game ... during an at-bat!



Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

A few years ago, this would have been unthinkable. A manager, the “skipper” is supposed to be zeroed in on the action so as to not miss a detail that could be a factor in the game’s outcome.

But now you’ve got the dugout dweebs firing dumb questions — especially that annoying guy with the bowtie — at poor Dave Roberts, who bears it manfully. But I suspect the Dodger leader would rather be doing his job rather than providing entertainment.

It brings to mind the scene in the old Woody Allen movie “Bananas” in which Howard Cosell interviews a Latin American dictator who has just been shot and is lying bleeding on the steps of his palace with a microphone shoved in his face.

Hooray for McVay Dept.: It may have passed the notice of many Rams fans, but with the team’s stirring 30-20 victory over the Vikings on Thursday that Sean McVay is now the all-time leader in wins for the franchise.

He’s notched 80 wins for the team, one better than John Robinson. He’s taken the team to two Super Bowls and won one

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Freddie’s Grand Finish

Bases-loaded homer in 10th means 6-3 win

By Pete Zarustica
Orange County Tribune

It was a little bit Kirk Gibson with his limping heroics in the 1988 World Series. And it was a lot like Robert Redford’s Roy Hobbs in “The Natural.”

Yes, a Hollywood finish does describe what happened Friday night in Chavez Ravine when the Los Angeles Dodgers won the first game of the 2024 World Series over the New York Yankees 6-3 on Freddie Freeman’s walkoff 10th inning grand slam home run.

“It was like I was 5 years old playing ball in the backyard,” said Freeman a few moments after he turned fantasy into his-



FREDDIE FREEMAN
A dream come true (AP photo)

tory with a swipe of his bat that rocketed a pitch into the right centerfield stands.

Trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the 10th, the Dodgers were able to set the table for the injury-slowed Freeman (sprained right ankle). With two runners on, Shohei Ohtani fouled out to

2024 World Series Best of Seven

- Game 1: Friday, Dodgers 6, Yankees 3
- Game 2: Saturday, Yankees at Dodgers.
- Game 3: Monday, Dodgers at Yankees.
- Game 4: Tuesday, Dodgers at Yankees.
- Game 5: Wednesday, Dodgers at Yankees.
- Game 6: Thursday, Yankees at Dodgers.
- Game 7: Saturday, Yankees at Dodgers.

Alex Verdugo, but his spectacular catch carried him into the stands allowing the base-runners to move up 90 feet.

The Yankees decided — with first base open — to give an intentional pass to Mookie Betts and pitch to Freddie. Then Nestor

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It’s The Time to Celebrate

A season that looked lost now seems pretty bright

By Greg Beacham/AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two victories in five days have completely altered the atmosphere around the Los Angeles Rams.

A team that appeared to be ill-equipped on both sides of the ball before its bye week is now looking like a possible playoff contender — at least if the Rams can build on their breakthroughs in those back-to-back games at SoFi Stadium.

After the defense showed its greatest competitive fire of the year with four takeaways in a 20-15 win over Las Vegas last Sunday, the offense had its most complete game of the season in Los Angeles’ 30-20 victory over the Vikings on Thursday night. The return of Cooper Kupp and Puka Nacua from long injury absences against Minnesota showed exactly what the Rams can cook up — if Sean McVay has all of his ingredients.

“I believe in this group,” McVay said. “I believe in the coaches. I believe in the players. I saw resolve. I didn’t see a flinch. And we still

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RAMS CELEBRATE Kyren Williams’ touchdown against the Vikes (Brevin Townsell photo).

Mariners win sets up Omicron showdown

Los Amigos has at least a tie for Sigma crown

Friday wasn't a great night for our West Orange County high school football teams, with most of them suffering defeats. But there were a few bright lights.

In the marquee matchup of the night and a battle for the initial Alpha League title, Mission Viejo thumped Edison High 49-24. In one of the best outcomes of the night, Pacifica defeated Katella 42-0 and is in position to play for the Omicron League title against Portola next week.

The Mariners started the season 1-4, but have since won four games in a row.

Los Amigos, co-champs of the Garden Grove League last year, have clinched no worse than a tie for the Sigma League title. The Lobos blanked Santa Ana Valley 35-0 and have a 9-0 overall record and 4-0 in league.

They will play second place Calvary Chapel of Santa Ana (3-1) next week.

Anaheim (4-0, 7-2) won the Tango League title with a 35-18 victory over Bolsa Grande, but the playoff picture is tangled as four teams – Bolsa, La Quinta, Santiago and Costa Mesa – are tied for second with 2-2 confer-

High School Football Results

THURSDAY

Calvary Chapel, Rancho Ala. 29
Kennedy 20, Marina 14

FRIDAY

Mission Viejo 49, Edison 24
Tustin 34, Western 21
Crean Lutheran 38, Hunt. Beach 14
Aliso Niguel 30, Orange 14
Esperanza 35, Westminster 6
St. Margaret's 38, G. Grove 8
Pacifica 42, Katella 0
Los Amigos 35, Santa Ana Valley 0
Estancia 40, Ocean View 0
Anaheim 35, Bolsa Grande 18
Santiago 27, Loara 24
Costa Mesa 48, La Quinta 43

ence marks.

Here are other Friday results by league.

Delta: Tustin defeated Western 34-21.

Epsilon: Crean Lutheran bested Huntington Brach 38-14.

Foxtrot: Aliso Niguel defeated Orange 30-14.

Kappa: Esperanza rolled past Westminster 35-6 and St. Margaret's handed Garden Grove its eighth consecutive loss, 38-8.

Sigma League: Estancia shut-out Ocean View 40-0.

Tango League: Santiago slipped past Loara 27-24 and Costa Mesa won a 48-43 shootout over La Quinta.

ON THURSDAY, Marina High's football team saw its unbeaten record get dinged against Kennedy in a Lambda League contest at Handel Field.

The Vikings lost 20-14 to the Fighting Irish to fall to 3-1 in league (8-1 overall.) But title hopes are not all lost. On Friday, first place Beckman (9-0, 4-0) defeated Valencia 48-27 on Friday,

Prep Sport Spotlight

setting up a big game on Nov. 1. If the Vikes can defeat the Patriots, that would lead to a two- or three-way tie for the crown, if Kennedy beats Sunny Hills next week.

Boys' polo playoffs to start

Two area high school water polo teams are seeded in the CIF-SS boys' water polo playoffs to start next week.

In Division 5, Garden Grove (17-12), champions of the Orange Coast League, is seeded first and Ocean View (13-12), the number three entry from the Golden West League, is fourth.

Here are the first round pairings, as posted on Friday.

Division 1 (Oct. 31)

Arcadia (25-2) at Huntington Beach (12-13)

Division 4 (Oct. 29)

Western (19-3) at Diamond Bar (16-11)

Division 5 (Oct. 29)

Garden Grove (17-12) has a bye

Cerritos (10-10) at Rancho Alamitos (10-11)

Ocean View (13-13) has a bye.

Sports Retorts: Ditch that dugout drama, darn it!

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of them. Twice he's revived the team from lousy seasons and went from being the "wonder kid" to "respected veteran coach."

If the Rams can knock off the Seahawks next week, the team will be 4-4 and tied for first place in the NFL West Division. Last to first in one month.

Not a bad accomplishment. Maybe he'd be interested in managing the Angels

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Rams' turnaround re-starts the season

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have a long way to go. We've won two games in five days, but it is just two games. We've done a good job of getting ourselves back to where we wanted to be."

The Rams are now 3-4, and they've got a slate of eminently winnable games into December. McVay and his players have made it clear to the front office that nobody should give up on this season just yet — and that means Los Angeles is increas-

ingly unlikely to trade away a top player in a rebuilding move, according to their coach.

Last week, the NFL rumor mill churned with talk of Kupp or Matthew Stafford leaving L.A. McVay condemned the rumors around his star receiver after Kupp made five catches for 51 yards and a TD against Minnesota, and he restated his position Friday morning.

"That's not a move that we want to make," McVay said. "There was conversation in regard to people reaching out about (Kupp's availability), but to say that we were proactively seeking that out, that was something that I had a hard time with. ... He's a Ram, and we expect it to stay that way."



COOPER KUPP had an impressive return (Rams photo).



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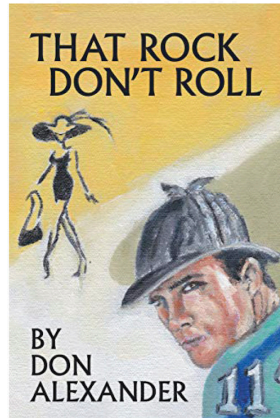
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Freeman's grand slam

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Torres threw one pitch that Freeman turned into a Hall of Fame moment, as scripted by Branch Rickey.

There's a Game Two on Saturday and lots of drama still ahead in this series. If it's anything like Friday's game, we can't wait. As they say in Hollywood, "action!"



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channels and every winter and spring your car was up to the hubcaps in rainwater.

- Most adults smoked and there were few "non-smoking" businesses or even colleges. The barrier between "smoking" and "non-smoking" sections in restaurants and airplanes was imaginary, no one having thought of "second-hand smoke."

- Men's pants had flared legs. And they were probably polyester, too.

See how good you have it now?