

■ HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Resolutions On Library Approved

2025-26 budget is OK'd

By **Jim Tortolano**
Orange County Tribune

After hours of public comments on both sides of the issues, the Huntington Beach City Council voted unanimously in favor of a resolution “affirming that the public library will not be sold and that books will not be banned.”

The resolution that comes a week before the June 10 election on Measures A and B, voter-initiated initiatives which would eliminate the “parent-community review

board” for books and require that privatization of the library system would have to be approved by voters.

That resolution was put forth by council members Chad Williams, Don Kennedy and Butch Twining.

The vote was 7-0. Although the last day of voting is next Tuesday, residents have been casting ballots for several weeks by mail and at drop-off centers.

Controversy over issues related to the library have been in the news for

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Homicide reported near the Civic Center

Detectives and forensic staff of the Westminster Police Department are investigating the death of a male Monday evening which is considered to be a homicide.

According to Commander Andy Stowers of the WPD, police responded to the 8200 block of 13th Street around 6:15 p.m. to

assist the Orange County Fire Authority in checking on the welfare of a person who was “down and unresponsive” outside a public building south of the Civic Center.

The person was declared dead by the OCFD.

The crime appears to be isolated and there doesn't

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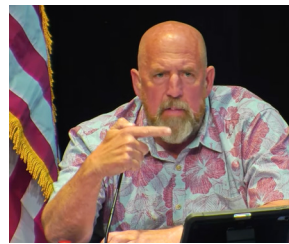
THE 65th Garden Grove Strawberry Festival was blessed with sunny skies over the Memorial Day weekend, but also a new record in fund-raising, according to festival officials. Above is civil rights pioneer Sylvia Mendez, the parade's theme grand marshal. (Tribune photo).

It's 'Surf City,' not 'sanctuary'

Hey, Department of Homeland Security. It's “Surf City” not a “Sanctuary City.”

In a very ironic turn of events, Huntington Beach last week was incorrectly listed as one of over 500 “sanctuary jurisdictions” across the nation.

“Sanctuary cities” are generally described as municipalities that have decided or declared themselves to have limited



MAYOR PAT BURNS

cooperation with federal authorities who are seeking to identify or deport people who are allegedly

illegal immigrants.

The Huntington Beach City Council in January 2025 passed a resolution declaring the city “a non-sanctuary city.”

“I've done plenty of media interviews on this,” said Mayor Pat Burns. “There should be no confusion whatsoever that we are a non-sanctuary city.”

Others misidentified by DHS, he said, are Bal-

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Suspect held in stabbing in GG

A 29-year-old Santa Ana man was arrested on Saturday after he allegedly stabbed a man in Garden Grove

According to Sgt. Josh Olivo of the GGPD, the inci-

dent took place in the area of the 11000 block of Walden Circle (south of Katella Avenue between Euclid and Brookhurst streets).

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located a man with several stab wounds to his torso and one to his neck. They rendered medical aid until Orange County Fire Authority personnel arrived.

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weeks. City council members have accused the "Friends of the Library" of possible violations of charitable and campaign finance laws.

Later the council voted to ask the city attorney to investigate the possibility of a violation by

the Ocean View School District Board of Trustees which has endorsed a "yes vote" on Measures A and B.

Also on Tuesday night the council approved the 2025-2026 budget which requires the appropriation and transfer of \$4.8 million from reserves to be balanced.

'Surf City,' not sanctuary

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timore, Las Vegas and Shasta County in California.

Huntington Beach, with a conservative city council, is the only Orange County city on the list.

In an Associated Press dispatch, it was reported that "Meanwhile, those with policies protecting immigrants also pushed back, saying they are doing right by their communities."

"This is simply the latest attempt by the Trump administration to strong-arm cities like Seattle into changing our local policies

through bluster and threats to critical federal funding for public safety and homelessness," Bruce Harrell, the city's mayor, told The AP in an email.

Homicide

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appear to be any threat to the public, according to Stowers.

Anyone with information related to this case is asked to contact Detective Figueroa at (714) 548-3783 or the WPD Watch Commander at (714) 548-5767.

Suspect arrested in stabbing

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The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was listed in stable condition and is expected to survive. Police say the incident stemmed from an "altercation" between the two men.

Arrested was Randy Van Bach, who was located nearby and taken into custody. He is charged with attempted homicide.

Anyone with more information on, or was a witness to the incident is asked to contact Detective Camara at (714) 741-5824 or GGGPD Dispatch at (714) 741-5704.

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News & Views

The DHS mess makes one sort of wonder ...

One doesn't know whether to laugh or cry about the recent fiasco in which an error-filled "list" of "sanctuary jurisdictions" was posted – and quickly deleted – on the Department of Homeland Security website, causing an uproar.

Aside from those folks who grind their teeth at the prospect of the current administration's immigration policies, many such "jurisdictions" that



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are loudly and clearly against the concept of sanctuary cities made the list, which is like telling Cubs fans that they really favor the White Sox, only a lot worse.

The local angle on this, of course, is that Huntington Beach made the lineup of sanctuary cities. A bigger swing and a miss couldn't be imagined, to continue my baseball metaphor. Mayor Pat Burns seems to be pretty upset.

There were literally dozens of errors in the list, which leads to the inevitable conclusion that the folks who now run DHS – which includes ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) – are not quite ready for prime time.

There have been credible reports of people picked up on the street, or at church or other semi-public places on evidence no more accurate or solid information than the now-infamous list.

Now, being of Italian ancestry, my epidermis is a tad darker than your typical Swede. People, from time to time, have considered me Hispanic. Sometimes real Hispanics have

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ARVN RANGERS fighting in Saigon in 1968 during the Tet Offensive (Wikipedia)

ARVN veterans to be honored on June 11 by Westminster council

Veterans of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (ARVN) will be honored at the June 11 meeting of the Westminster City Council.

The recognition ceremony will be part of the "Special Presentation" section of the city council meeting agenda and members of the public are welcome to attend. The event will include remarks from the city council, recognition of the ARVN veterans in attendance and light refreshments.

On April 10, 2024, the city council adopted a resolution to designate June 19 annually as "Veterans of the Republic of

Vietnam Armed Forces Day" to formally honor and thank all ARVN veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

RSVPs are not required. However, any ARVN veteran who would like a special certificate of recognition on the day of the event must RSVP to Linh Doan in the city manager's office at ldoan@westminster-ca.gov by Monday, June 9 at 5 p.m.

The meeting will take place in the council chambers at 8200 Westminster Blvd. at 6 p.m. For more details about the event, call (714) 548-3178 or go to www.westminster-ca.gov.

Suspect held after stabbing attack in GG Saturday a.m.

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Free summer meal program through the GGUSD

The annual free Summer Meal program will be offered again in June and July by the Garden Grove Unified School District.

It will provide free summer meals to GGUSD students who are in summer school and summer extended learning programs as well as to all school-aged children during designated times offered at 13 campuses and one public library.

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NewsUpdate

Musk Calls Bill ‘Abomination’

Says proposed legislation is ‘pork-filled’

One of President Donald Trump’s most prominent and controversial supporters turned his back on Tuesday against the president’s “big beautiful bill.”

Billionaire Elon Musk, who led the semi-official Department of Government Efficiency, called the proposed legislation a “disgusting abomination.”

According to the Associated Press, Musk issued his remarks on X (formerly Twitter).

“I’m sorry, but I just can’t stand it anymore,” he wrote. “This massive, outrageous pork-filled Congressional spending bill is a disgusting abomination. Shame



ELON MUSK sounded off Tuesday on the “big beautiful bill” Shutterstock).

on those who voted for it: you know you did wrong, You know it.”

In a follow-up post, Musk

wrote, “In November next year, we fire all politicians who betrayed the American people.”

Musk’s switch and remarks

“doesn’t change the president’s opinion,” the White House replied.

Great Thoughts

“Oh, how I hate to get up in the morning,
Oh, how I’d love to stay in bed.
For the hardest blow of all, is to hear the bugler call:
“You’ve got to get up, you’ve got to get up, you’ve got to get up this morning!”
– Irving Berlin, songwriter.

“Rudeness is the weak man’s imitation of strength.”
– Eric Hoffer, longshoreman

Harvey Milk’s name to come off U.S. Navy ship

The name of slain gay activist Harvey Milk will be removed from a U.S. Navy ship, The New York Times is reporting.

According to The New York Times, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth has ordered the name removed and the ship – a replenishment oiler – renamed in order to “re-establish the warrior culture” in the U.S. military.

The USNS Harvey Milk was

named in 2016 by Ray Mabus – then the Secretary of the Navy – as part of the John Lewis class of oilers to be named after those who fought for civil and human rights.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said the move by Department of Defense reveals “Trump’s contempt for the very values our veterans fight to protect.”

Does coffee have health benefits for some women?

A study from Harvard University suggests that middle-aged women who drink caffeinated coffee get some health benefits as they age.

United Press International reports that research over a 30-year period indicates that women who drank moderate amounts of coffee in those years may have “continued mental strength and

sharpness in their later years.” Those benefits didn’t show up in drinkers of tea or cola.

“Healthy aging” was defined in the study as reaching 70 years of age and older without having any of 11 chronic diseases, keeping mental and physical function, including no “memory complaints.”

Weather: Mid-70s for days

.In our West Orange County cities, conditions won’t change much except for a slight warming trend. The forecast for Wednesday is for a daytime high of 74 with an overnight low of 61.

There will be clouds in the morning and sun in the afternoon. Partly cloudy skies will be in place from Thursday through Saturday with daytime highs climbing from 75 to 78 and overnight lows from 61 to 62.

Arts & Living

An Intriguing ‘Phoenician Scheme’

Wes Anderson’s newest offbeat motion picture

By Jocelyn Noveck
AP National Writer

“They say you murdered my mother,” the young would-be nun tells the shady tycoon. “I feel the need to address this.”

There’s something about the deadpan delivery and the clear-eyed manner that makes you sit up and take notice of Liesl, and even more of Mia Threapleton, who plays her in “The Phoenician Scheme.” (And there’s another thing, too obvious to ignore: Boy, does she ever resemble her mom, Kate Winslet.)

A vivid presence despite her dry-as-dust tone, Threapleton makes a splendid Andersonian debut here as half the father-daughter duo, along with Benicio Del Toro, that drives the director’s latest creation.

Their emerging relationship is what stands out amid the familiar Andersonian details: the picture-book aesthetic. The meticulous production design (down to those fascinating closing credits). The chapter cards. The “who’s who” of Hollywood cameos. And most of all the intricate — nay, elaborate; nay, labyrinthine — plot.

Indeed, Anderson seems to be leaning into some of these characteristics here, giving the impression of becoming even more, well, Wes Anderson than before.

He will likely delight his most ardent fans but perhaps lose a few others with the plot, which becomes a bit exhausting to follow as we reach the midpoint of this tale.

But what is the Phoenician scheme, anyway?

It’s a sweeping, ambitious, somewhat corrupt dream of one Anatole “Zsa-zsa” Korda (Del Toro), one of the richest industrialists in Europe, to exploit a



“THE PHOENICIAN SCHEME” is typical Wes Anderson fare: strange but good (Focus Features)

Movie Review

vast region of the world. We begin in 1950, with yet another assassination attempt on Korda’s life — his sixth plane crash, to be exact, which occurs as he sits smoking a cigar and reading about botany.

Suddenly, in a hugely entertaining pre-credits sequence, Korda’s in the cockpit, ejecting his useless pilot and directing his own rescue, asking ground control whether he should crash into a corn or soybean field.

The media mourns his passing — and then he turns up, one eye mangled, biting into a husk of corn. As usual, reports of his death have been ... you know.

Recovering at his estate, with some truly fabulous, tiled bathroom floors, Korda summons Liesl from the convent where he sent her at age 5. He wants her to be his sole heir — and avenger, should his plentiful enemies get him.

His plans are contained in a series of shoeboxes. But Liesl isn’t very interested in the Kor-

da Land and Sea Phoenician Infrastructure Scheme. What she wants to know is who killed her mother.

She also mentions she and her father haven’t seen each other in six years. (“I apologize,” he says.) And she wonders why none of his nine sons, young boys he keeps in a dormitory, will be heirs. But Korda wants her.

They agree to a trial period. We do get the creeping feeling Liesl will never make it back to the convent — maybe it’s the red lipstick, or the affinity she’s developing for jewels? But we digress.

We should have mentioned by now the tutor and insect expert, Björn. In his first Anderson film but likely not the last, Michael Cera inhabits this character with just the right mix of commitment and self-awareness.

“I could eat a horse,” he muses in a silly quasi-Norwegian accent before lunch, “and easily a pigeon!”

Now it’s on the road they go, to secure investments in the scheme. We won’t get into the financial niceties — we writers

Good: ★ ★ ★

have word-length limits, and you readers have patience limits. But the voyage involves — obviously! — a long line of characters only Anderson could bring to life.

Among them: the Sacramento consortium, aka Tom Hanks and Bryan Cranston, two American guys who hinge their financial commitment on the outcome of a game of HORSE.

Next it’s to Marseille Bob (Mathieu Amalric), and then to Marty (Jeffrey Wright), leader of the Newark Syndicate (we’re not talking Jersey here, but Upper Eastern Independent Phoenicia), who offers a blood transfusion to Korda because, oh yes, he was shot by terrorists at the previous meeting. (Don’t worry, the guy’s indestructible.)

Then there’s Cousin Hilda (Scarlett Johansson, continuing the cameo parade), whom Korda seeks to marry to get her participation in the investment.

And then back on the plane, the group is strafed by a fighter jet.

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TheSportsPages

Play hard but remember to also play it cool

Callllllm down
I know you're excited because you won the game or think you won the game, but callllllmm down.

I refer in these general term to the semifinal game in the College Softball World Series between UCLA and Tennessee in which a lack of reserve might have cost the Bruins a chance for a national championship.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

We were watching the game because Pacifica alum Kaniya Bragg was playing and wanted to see how she and her team did.

(By the way, it's not the College Women's Softball World Series; since there's no men's softball World Series it's just the College Softball World Series).

The Bruins were trailing 4-2 in the sixth when UCLA's Megan Grant blasted a two-run home run to tie the game up. Sort of. Coming around third, she saw her teammates clustered around the plate. In her enthusiasm, she stepped over and not *on* the plate.

One of her Bruin pals pushed her back onto the platter, but since she didn't touch home before leaving the diamond, isn't she out? No home run?

Well, as it turned out – after a long delay – the home run stood; (Tennessee ended up winning anyway) but there was a big lesson here. Celebrate smart.

Over the years I've seen players injured in the dogpile after a win. I've seen a player break a foot by stomping too hard on the plate. I've seen over-eager bench warmers rushing onto the court, leading to a technical foul and heartbreak.

Act in haste and ... you know ...

Happy Halos: Mike's Back



LOS ANGELES ANGELS' Mike Trout is back in the lineup for the team and is showing signs of his all-star form, hitting a home run and raising his batting average from .179 to .225 and showing some speed on the basepaths (Angels photo)

All-time Angel superstar off to a good return

By Joe Reedy
AP Sports Writer

Mike Trout originally expected to return to the Los Angeles Angels' lineup in Monday in Boston.

It turns out the timeline was moved up one series and three days.

Trout was activated off the injured list and went 1 for 5 as the designated hitter in last Friday night's 4-1 win over the Cleveland Guardians.

He followed that with a 3-for-4 night in an Angels' 4-2 loss to Cleveland, followed by three-run home run in Boston and two singles.

Going into Tuesday's game with the Mets, he was batting .225 (up from .179) with 10 home runs and 23 RBIs. It's his 13th consecutive season with at least 10 home runs.

The Angels slugger missed 26 games with soreness in his left

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Angels and Dodgers both get wins in extra innings

After a slump of five losses in a row, it looks like the **Los Angeles Angels** are back on track, winning three of five games.

Aided by three Red Sox errors, the Halos (now 28-32) posted a 4-3 victory in Fenway Park on Tuesday night in 10 innings. The winning run came when Zach Neto scored from third on a ground ball double play executed by the BoSox in a bases-loaded situation.

The Angels jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the third on RBI singles by Neto and Nolan Schanuel. The Red Sox caught up with one

THE ROUNDUP

run in the third and two in the sixth.

Travis d'Arnaud led the hit parade with a 3-for-4 night. Reid Detmers got the save, working the 10th yielding no baserunners with two strikeouts.

Back at Chavez Ravine, the **Los Angeles Dodgers** and the New York Mets also battled into extra innings when Max Muncy hit a home run – his second of the night – in the bottom of the ninth to tie the score at 5-5. The Dodgers won 6-5 in the 10th.

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	33-27	.550	—	7-3
Seattle	32-27	.542	0.5	4-6
Texas	29-32	.475	4.5	3-7
ANGELS	28-32	.467	5	3-7
Athletics	23-39	.371	11	1-9

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	37-24	.607	—	5-5
San Diego	35-24	.593	1	7-3
San Fran.	33-28	.541	4	3-7
Arizona	29-31	.483	7.5	3-7
Colorado	11-50	.180	26	2-8

Freddie Freeman's double to deep left field brought home Tommy Edman with the winning run as the Blue Crew improved its record to 37-24.

It Was a Golden Year for Local Preps

West OC teams won CIF-SS gold and even a state title in 2024-25

It was surely a golden year in many ways for West Orange County high school sports teams. Gold in the sense that there were plenty of championships won at both the league and CIF-SS level.

The latest is the Marina High softball team, which won the CIF-SS Division III softball championship. The Vikings won the division crown despite finishing third in the Sunset League.

They grabbed the gold with an 8-1 win over Westlake in the final.

Santiago High School's boys basketball team won the CIF-SS 4AA championship with a 64-49 win over the Ramona Rams.

The Cavaliers made it to the finals with a 50-43 semifinal win over Garden Grove school

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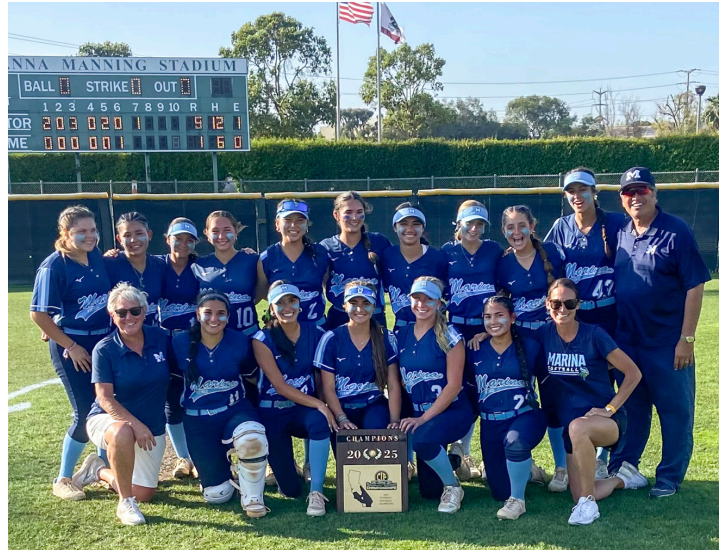
district rival Pacifica.

Overall nine local boys' teams made the playoffs and seven girls' teams did as well.

Although they won no titles, Marina finished third in Division 4A, while Santiago was second and Bolsa Grande third in Division 4A (coed) in CIF-SS traditional cheerleading.

Edison may have topped them all by winning a state football title, defeating Central High of Fresno 21-14 for the Division 1-A championship, the school's first California crown.

The Chargers earlier won the CIF-SS Division 3 trophy with a 35-32 win over Simi Valley



THE MARINA HIGH softball team won the CIF-SS Division III title with an 8-1 win over Westlake High of Westlake Village (HBUHSD photo).

High.

Pacifica had a banner football season as well, making it to the Division 10 semifinals. Los

Amigos finished with a perfect 10-0 gridiron season, won the first-ever Sigma League title and finished 11-1.



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Angels' heart is back with Mike

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knee eventually diagnosed as a bone bruise. The three-time American League MVP had two operations last year on the knee after tearing his meniscus.

"Felt good," he said, after that initial hit. "Struck out on two at-bats, but other than that felt all right," said Trout, who batted fifth for the first time in 1,532 starts.

Trout lined a base hit to left-center in the fourth inning. He

thought he had a hit in his first at-bat in the second inning, but Cleveland third baseman José Ramírez made a nice grab on a low line drive.

"I thought he had some good at-bats considering that he hadn't seen live pitching in a while," manager Ron Washington said. "He hit the ball hard three times today. They made some good pitches when he struck out. But welcome back, Mike." Trout's return also helped the Angels snap a five-game losing streak.

It was the first time since Sept. 26, 2011, Trout's rookie season, he started a game hitting lower than third.

Washington is happy to have Trout back, especially since he noted Trout wasn't aggressive in rushing in his return. Washington also knows that Trout isn't ready to return to his normal spot batting second or third.

"He hasn't seen anything. So when you look at what we have, that's where he sits," Washington said before the game. "It doesn't make sense for him to protect (Logan) O'Hoppe. So I'll put Mike behind him to protect O'Hoppe. He's not ready to be at the top of the lineup, especially with those guys up there. As we go along the next couple of days, he's not going to remain fifth."

Even though Trout has shied away from wanting to be the designated hitter, he has done well in that spot. In eight games this season, as DH he is 9 for 33 (.273) with six home runs and nine RBIs.

Trout said whether or not he plays more games than originally planned at DH the remainder of the season is something that remains to be seen.

"Bone bruises are tricky. I know I am going to be sore but I can deal with it," he said. "I definitely have to be cautious, especially the first couple games."

Trout has missed 404 of the Angels' 665 games — almost 60% — since May 17, 2021, when he tore his calf muscle against Cleveland and was sidelined for the rest of that season. This is the fifth straight year he has had a stint of at least 25 games on the IL.

He missed five weeks of the 2022 season with a back injury, and all but one game after July 3 in 2023 after he broke a bone in his hand on a foul ball. Trout played in 29 games last season before the meniscus injury.

"There's so many games that any sense of newness or something to make you excited is something that you'd latch on to. So today is definitely a moment like that," O'Hoppe said about Trout's return. "He's the heart of this organization. So we're happy to have our heart beating again for sure."



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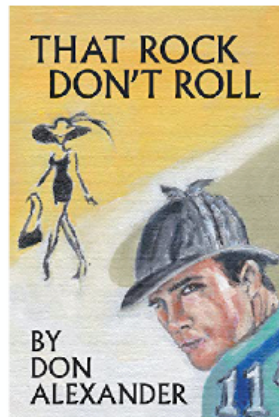
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walked up to me and started conversing, or trying to.

Suppose some DHS guy — maybe the one who wrote the list and was demoted to the field — decided that my real name might be Jaime instead of James. How could I prove on the spot that I am an American citizen? I don't carry my birth certificate on me. Silly Jim.

And even if I did — under the strange logic of the attempt to end "birthright citizenship" — if I couldn't prove my parents' status (long gone) maybe even that birth certificate wouldn't be enough.

The question of how to have fair and effective immigration policies and enforcement is a sensitive issue and complex. But I hope we can agree that the folks who can make a list of offenders and ship you to a foreign country ought to have — at the very least — an accurate lineup.

What they're doing now is undermining public confidence in their mission. As for me — just to be safe — I'm considering keeping my passport in my pants at all times. In today's atmosphere, one never knows when one is going to have to take a trip in a hurry.

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Soon, it'll be revealed that one of them is a mole. We won't tell you who, although it's hard to tell if anything is really a spoiler here — like the part when Benedict Cumberbatch appears

with a very fake beard as Uncle Nubar, who may be someone's father or may have killed someone, and engages in a slapstick fight with Korda, complete with vase-smashing.