

New Life For Bolsa Pacific Development

Westminster Mall site is purchased by Shopoff

By Jim Tortolano Orange County Tribune

Just a few weeks ago, all the news about Westminster Mall was mournful. At one time Orange County's largest enclosed shopping center, the retail mecca closed its doors for good at the end of October and its skeleton was beset by vandals and thieves.

But the story of that land at Bolsa Avenue and

Goldenwest Street alongside the San Diego (405) Freeway may now be taking a different turn.

On Monday, Shopoff Realty Investments announced it had acquired the remaining land on which the mall is located, potentially clearing the way for its replacement as the ambitious mixed-use Bolsa Pacific development.

The 83.3-acre site is



ARTISTS RENDERING of the Bolsa Pacific mixed use development planned to replace the closed Westminster Mall (Shopoff).

planned to include 2,250 housing units (for sale and market-rate and affordable housing), a hotel and 220,000 square feet of new retail. Over 15 acres will be devoted to open space.

"Bolsa Pacific will play a key role in strengthening Westminster's economy

and revitalizing the city and its surrounding neighborhoods," said William Shopoff, CEO of Shopoff Realty Investments president and CEO in a statement.

Final approval of the project will have to come from a successful review by the City of Westminster.

The demolition of the remaining mall is expected to take place in the first quarter of this year, with the Target store continuing to operate.

Construction of Bolsa Pacific could begin as early as the fourth quarter of 2026.

Escape plan didn't hold water for them

If you can't outrun the cops, maybe you can out-swim them.

That may have been the reasoning of at least one of two out-of-towners riding in what Huntington Beach police determined to be a stolen car.

It didn't pay off. According to the HBPD, shortly before 10 p.m. on Sunday, an officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation and

learned that the car had been reported stolen.

The driver of the vehicle briefly pulled over, but then the two people in the car decided to "test their luck" and led officers on a short pursuit through the numbered streets of downtown before turning onto Pacific Coast Highway.

With help from HB1—the HBPD's helicopter—the vehicle was tracked and



TIRES ON stolen vehicle are ripped as Huntington Beach units close in (HBPD photo)

police deployed spike strips, deflating the speeding car's tires, ending the chase.

Both suspects bailed out of their disabled car. The passenger—a woman—was quickly arrested, but

the driver—a man—ran onto the beach and into the ocean. Officers converged on the suspect, who was illuminated by the HB1's spotlight, and the runaway surrendered without further incident.

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H. Beach man dies snorkeling in Hawaii

A Huntington Beach man snorkeling at Makana Landing on the Hawaiian island of Oahu drowned on Saturday,

According to authorities, Frank Archuleta, 69, lost consciousness and was brought to shore by bystanders, who attempted lifesaving measures.

First responders were on the scene at around 11:45

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Threat puts Marina High in 'shelter' mode

A threatening telephone call was received at Marina High in Huntington Beach on Monday, prompting the campus to be briefly placed on a "a shelter in-place" status.

According to the HBPD, police

officers conducted a "thorough" search of the campus, finding no threats.

Police presence on the campus will remain increased in addition to the school resource officer already staffed for MHS.

Details of school threats are usually not made available to

the public in an effort not to encourage perpetrators from making threats to get attention. Anyone who spots suspicious activity is asked to call 911.

Twas a wet end

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ther incident.

Arrested were:

- Alysha Marie Turner, 36, of Los Angeles, charged with vehicle theft, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, possession of controlled substances and theft with prior convictions;

- Eric Gregory Hoppenstand, 42, of Los Angeles, charged with 12 counts including vehicle theft, evading a peace officer with wanton disregard for safety, grand theft, resisting or obstructing a peace officer and four counts of possession of narcotics paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

Snorkeling

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a.m. but were unable to revive him. There were no signs of foul play, say police, and an autopsy has been scheduled.

Makena Landing is in Makena State Park on the southwestern coast of Oahu.

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News & Views

Kim gets an A and freeway sign gets an F-minus

Back Patting and Nit-Picking Dept.: There's been a predictable amount of grumbling about the pay increase given last week to City Manager Lisa Kim by the Garden Grove City Council.

Two points here: Lisa is doing a heck of a fine job and the city manager is on call 24/7, not to mention being responsible for "everything above and below ground" within city limits.



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The City of Youth and Ambition has had two outstanding CM's in a row – Scott Stiles (now sunning himself in Palm Springs) and Ms. Kim. Good leadership is gold. Holding on to it is worth the price.

On the other side of the ledger, the worst, most dangerous sign is the freeway onramp signs on eastbound Trask Avenue between Brookhurst and Magnolia streets.

It's so faded you can't even see the green background. Is it inviting to you to west or east? Can't tell.

It's long been a faint image of what it should be, but now it's as faded as Greg Bonino's chances of getting elected mayor of Minneapolis.

I realize the sign may be the responsibility of CalTrans, but that agency is notorious for its sluggish response to complaints and crises.

Little things like signs can mean a lot.

Those responsible could show they mean to do the right thing by quickly replacing that disastrous excuse for signage before we hear the wail of the ambulances.

Measles threat in Orange County

International visitor came in from LAX into Disneyland

An alert of possible exposure to measles has been issued by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

The OCHCA reports that on Wednesday, Jan 28 an international traveler with a confirmed case of measles arrived at Los Angeles International Airport and visited Orange County.

That person – while still in an infectious condition – visited:

- Goofy's Kitchen in Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Disneyland Park and Disney California Adventure Park, from 12:30 p.m. to closing.

The agency states that people who were at these locations dur-



ing that date and time may be at risk of developing measles from seven to 21 days after being exposed.

- If exposure occurred less than 7 days ago: Talk to your health care provider about vaccination

or immune globulin for prevention. Immunoglobulin is recommended for certain individuals, such as infants under 12 months, pregnant people without immunity, or those with weakened immunity.

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Pedestrian is fatally hit by car in H. Beach

A pedestrian was fatally injured in Huntington Beach on Saturday when struck by an automobile.

According to the HBPD, the incident took place around 9 p.m. near the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Heil Avenue. The walker, a 31-year-old Huntington Beach man died after a collision with a grey BMW 330i sedan.

The driver of the car was a 23-year-old Reseda man.

Arriving officers found the pedestrian unconscious in the roadway. Paramedics responding to the scene found him deceased at the scene.

Police say the driver of the BMW cooperated with police and impairment doesn't seem to be a factor. The preliminary investigation indicates that the

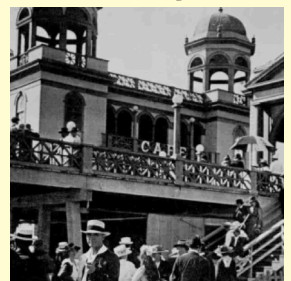
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History Minute

When Seal Beach was 'Sin City'

Seal Beach is now regarded as a quiet, somewhat quaint and affluent small city nestled between the large and louder cities of Huntington Beach and Long Beach.

But about a century ago, the town – then known as Bay City – was a kind of "Sin City" combining the wildness and vulgarity of Las Vegas and Asbury Park. Philip Stanton, who gave his name to Stanton, developed land



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DUI checkpoint in GG nets two arrests and 13 citations

Two persons were arrested by Garden Grove police at a DUI checkpoint on Friday night for driving under the influence. According to the GGPD, over 700 vehicles were screened. In addition to those arrested, 13 citations for various vehicle code violations were issued.

The checkpoint by the Neighborhood Traffic Unit is part of a continuing effort by the GGPD to reduce instances of motorists driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

NewsUpdate

A Government Shutdown Ended

Funding for DHS is the next battlefield

A partial government shutdown was ended on Tuesday when President Donald Trump signed a roughly \$1.2 trillion appropriations bill, setting the stage for a debate in Congress over funding for the Department of Homeland Security.

According to the Associated Press, the bill passed the House of Representatives by a 217-214 vote.

“This bill is a great victory for the American people,” said Trump.

Tuesday’s action provides money to run the federal government through Sept. 30, but funding for Homeland



RISK OF shutdown avoided for now, but ...(Shutterstock).

Security for only two weeks, while Congress wrangles over the proposed changes in the controversial practices of Border Patrol and Immigration

and Customs Enforcement agents.

Democrats in Congress want – among other things – those agents to cease wearing masks,

to wear visible identification and to wear body cameras when conducting their immigration enforcement activities.

Trumps’ approval now at 41 percent, say the polls

The average of public opinion polls taken by a variety of public research firms shows President Donald Trump’s approval rating at 41 percent and 55 percent disapproving.

The New York Times’ compilation showed that Trump’s popularity dipped into negative territory when major tariffs were announced in the spring. He had begun his term with a 52 percent approval.

Nearly all the poll sites showed the president’s popularity “upside down,” but there was some wide disparity. The You Gov poll conducted for The Economist showed Trump’s performance in the White House disapproved by a margin of 20 percent (57 percent to 37 percent), compared to Insider Advantage, which showed the president with 50 percent approval and 49 percent disapproval.

Weather: Temps up, down and up

The warm days in our West Orange County cities will continue on Wednesday with a daytime high to 89 and an overnight low of 58 under sunny skies. Then there will be a sharp drop in temperatures starting on Thursday, which will be 72 (58) with cloudy skies. Friday will be similar at 72 (53) with morning clouds and afternoon sun. Saturday is expected to be almost identical at 72 (52) and mostly sunny.

New CEO for Walt Disney Co. is announced; affective on March 30 it’s Josh D’Amaro

A new chief executive for the Walt Disney Co. was announced on Tuesday, according to United Press International.

The top leader of the huge corporation that includes Disneyland and Disney’s California Adventure in Anaheim, will be Josh D’Amaro, currently chair of the company’s “experiences” division, which includes amusement parks.

He will replace Bob Iger, who is retiring.

D’Amaro will take over as chief executive officer on March 18.

“Josh D’Amaro is an exceptional leader and the right person to become our next CEO,” said Iger.

“I am immensely grateful to the board for entrusting me with leading a company that means so much to me and millions around the world,” D’Amaro said in a statement.

Great Thoughts

“No one ever told me that grief felt so much like fear.”
– C.S. Lewis

“Each man has secret sorrows which the world knows not; and often times we call a man cold when he is only sad.”
– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“A best friend is the only one that walks into your life when the world has walked out.”
– Shanon I. Adler

Arts & Living

'Arco' a Different Kind of Apocalypse

Animated film nominated for an Oscar

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

In all the dystopian visions of the future that the movies have trotted out over the last few decades, the one that sticks the most, surprisingly, is "WALL-E."

That's not just because of the chastening sight of an over-polluted Earth or those sedentary humans glued to their screens. It's because those quite plausible possibilities mean something different in a kids movie. It's their future, after all.

Some of the same can be said about Ugo Bienvenu's "Arco," a charming and dreamy sci-fi animated movie where environmental catastrophe and cartoony fun collide. Like "WALL-E," there are heroic robots in "Arco," an Oscar nominee for best animated feature.

But it's the film's plucky young protagonists that give Bienvenu's future-set film its heart.

The film opens in a distant future where a family lives on "Jetsons"-like platforms in the clouds. They wear drab onesies (fashion sense has seemingly been lost along with the Earth's surface) but sport rainbow cloaks that enable them to fly through time, leaving a rainbow streak behind.

Though 10-year-old Arco (voiced by Juliano Krue Valdi in the English dub) has been told he can't fly until he's older, he sneaks off with his sister's cape and, hoping for a glimpse of the dinosaurs, accidentally crash lands in 2075.

"Arco" is the unusual movie to exist in two future times, never our present. And it can take a moment to acclimate to both its jumbled timeline and the sheer amount of rainbows.

But Bienvenu, a French comic-book artist making his directorial debut, richly imagines a 2075 fu-



"ARCO" deals with the separation that a digital world may bring (Neon).

Movie Review

ture of recognizable extremes.

Storms have become so violent that homes now have protective bubbles around them.

Adults work such long hours in a distant city that they are usually mere holograms to their kids — an image that will send shudders down the spine of any parent who Zooms from a work trip.

For Iris (voiced by Romy Fay) and her baby brother, the family robot does most of the parenting. In fact, robots do most things: teaching, construction, medical aid.

Iris, a sharp young girl, sees Arco's rainbow fly into the woods and runs to find him. At the same time, three bumbling, oddly dressed fellows, dressed in primary colors and wearing rainbow glasses, come looking for him.

This trio — voiced in the English dub by Will Ferrell, Andy Samberg and Flea — are a goofy and very French addition to the movie. Ferrell and company are a marked improvement from the original.

But there's no harm in giving "Arco" some Saturday-morning-cartoon slapstick to go with the

apocalyptic doom. Those three, believing they're hot on a time-travel trail, stay in pursuit while Arco and Iris develop a friendship and learn about each's eras.

Parents remain largely absent. In "Arco," kids are left to fend for themselves in a world of technology and ecological disaster. (In one of the movie's most damning moments, the kids find refuge in a library because no one goes in there anymore.)

But while there's no shortage of films that comment on our overly digital lives, technology is far from a villain in "Arco." It is closer to the savior.

So while Bienvenu's film bears similarities to movies before it — Arco is far from the first future

Good ★ ★ ★

boy to fall from the sky — it's the first that I recall that so directly confronts ecological apocalypse and yet still finds a thrillingly optimistic note to end on.

Thrilling because it puts the future in the hands of the young, "Arco" dares to imagine a fate for them, somewhere over the rainbow.

"Arco," a Neon release in theaters Friday, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association for action/peril, mild thematic elements and a brief injury image. Running time: 89 minutes.

Love that lunch

The annual Valentine's Day Luncheon at the Westminster Senior Center is set for Wednesday, Feb. 11 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$15. There will be live music and dancing. The Senior Center is located at 8200 Westminster Blvd.



TheSportsPages

Worst call ever in Super Bowl? Maybe not ...

One of the biggest cliches about football is that “it’s a game of inches.” Another cliché is that “I’d rather be lucky than good.”

In the run-up to Sunday’s Super Bowl 60 you will doubtless – or have already heard – about the last time the Seahawks and Patriots played in The Big Game.

That contest in Super Bowl XLIX in 2015 also featured what’s been called the Worst Play Call in the

game’s history. For those of us who don’t remember the game that broke a million hearts in the Puget Sound area, the Seahawks were trailing the Patriots by 28-24 with 20 seconds left on the game clock.

Seattle had the ball mere inches from the goal line and time for one more play. Pete Carroll, considered one of the brainiest coaches in the NFL, had to make a decision.

His choices appeared to be between handing off to the legendary Marshawn Lynch, affectionately called “The Beast” and ... or handing off to the legendary Marshawn Lynch.

But instead, Carroll’s play called for agile quarterback Russell Wilson to seek success with a toss into the end zone. He had been pinpoint-accurate up to that point. On the other hand, it was Holy Writ back then that on a short yardage play with time expiring, you try to ram it up the middle (this was before the popularity – and legality – of the “Tush Push”). Carroll, no doubt, reasoned that the Pats would stack the line with defenders ... so why

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Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

And Now, There Are Two

Patriots and Seahawks and commercials

By David Brandt
AP Sports Writer

If the Super Bowl 60 matchup between the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks gives off a familiar vibe, it is completely understandable.

That’s because it’s a rematch of one of the most memorable Super Bowls in recent history: In 2015, the Patriots secured a 28-24 victory over the Seahawks after Malcolm Butler intercepted a Russell Wilson pass from the 1-yard line in the final minute.

Many Seattle fans are still incredulous that Marshawn Lynch didn’t get the ball on a handoff at the 1.

This year’s Patriots-Seahawks matchup features a new cast of characters on both sides. New England is seeking its NFL-record seventh Super Bowl victory and is led by young quarterback Drake Maye, coach Mike Vrabel and a stifling defense.

The Seahawks have veteran Sam Darnold under center, coach Mike Macdonald on the sideline and also boast one of the league’s best defenses. Seattle is trying to win its second Lombardi Trophy.

Here are a few more things to



SAM DARNOLD led Seattle to a narrow win over the Rams. Seahawks are favored over the Pats (Seahawks photo).

know about the Super Bowl:

How do I watch the Super Bowl?

The game will be aired on NBC and Telemundo. Mike Tirico will be the play-by-play announcer with Cris Collinsworth as the analyst. Melissa Stark, Kaylee Hartung and rules analyst Terry McAulay are also part of the broadcast team.

What time is the Super Bowl?

It will start at roughly 6:30 p.m.

EST on Sunday, Feb. 8. That’s 3:30 p.m. for us.

Which team is the Super Bowl favorite?

The Seahawks are a 4 1/2 point favorite, according to BetMGM Sportsbook.

What are the streaming options for the Super Bowl?

Some of the streaming options include Peacock, Hulu + Live TV, YouTube TV, NFL+ and DirecTV.

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Reaves is back and so are the Lakers

By Hugo Baker
Orange County Tribune

■ NHL and NBA

A missing part of the pretty good Los Angeles Lakers was back in the lineup at Barclay Center in Brooklyn on Tuesday night, and the crew in royal blue looked more like a very, very good team, blasting the Nets 125-109.

Austin Reaves, who missed the last five weeks with a calf strain, scored 15 points in 21 minutes

and grabbed four rebounds and blocked two shots.

He wasn’t the top scorer – that went to LeBron James with 25 points and Luka Dončić with 24 – but he brings more than just stats to the team.

“I think we’ve missed him in every facet,” coach J.J. Redick

said. “Both as an on-ball player, off-ball player, a connector, leadership on the court. So, of course, you’re going to miss him in a number of ways.”

With Reaves sidelined, the Lake Show was a so-so team with 10 wins in 19 games. Now the team is 30-19 and in fifth place in the NBA Western Conference and first in the Pacific Division by a half-game over the Phoenix Suns.

Here are some facts about the 2026 Super Bowl

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Who is performing during the Super Bowl halftime show?

Bad Bunny will bring his Latin trap and reggaeton swagger to the NFL's biggest stage: The Grammy winner will headline the Apple Music Super Bowl halftime show in Northern California.

Who is singing the national anthem at the Super Bowl?

The Super Bowl pregame show will open with a trio of standout performers: Charlie Puth will hit the stage to sing the national anthem, Brandi Carlile will take on "America the Beautiful" and Coco Jones will sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

ANOTHER FOR THE AZTECS



THE LA QUINTA AZTEC boys' basketball team has won its second consecutive championship, topping the Grove League with a 6-2 league mark and an overall 16-11 record. The blue-and-gold started the season slow with six losses in seven games, but then rallied, winning five of six contests, including a 58-53 overtime win over Saddleback in the Roadrunners' gym (GGUSD photo).

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"Garden Grove is strongest when we come together with open hearts and a shared commitment to compassion and service," said Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein. "The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is a meaningful opportunity to pause and reflect."

As part of the event, the City will present the Community Spirit Award to recognize a person or organization that has

made a positive impact on the Garden Grove community. A keynote message on unity will be shared by Pastor James Scheller of Faith Community Church, who also serves as a Garden Grove Police Department chaplain.

Check-in begins at 7 a.m., with the program running from 7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. A light breakfast and coffee will be served, and musical selections will be per-

formed by the Christ Cathedral Choir. Community members must

RSVP by Thursday, February 19, at ggcity.typeform.com/mayorspb.

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along the north coast of the OC and created the Joy Zone amusement park. It had one of the longest piers on the Pacific Coast and scaring roller coasters.

When Prohibition became law in 1920 it became a center of gambling, music and rum-running, the latter made easy by the nearby Anaheim Landing (now part of the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station).

It also became the preferred location for shooting slapstick silent films, including those by star Fatty Arbuckle. The coming of the Great Depression and the end of Prohibition took the steam out of the illegal liquor trade and its "sin-ful" past is now long forgotten.

Pedestrian fatally hit by a car

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BMW was moving northbound on Beach and struck the pedestrian south of the intersection with Heil.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the events leading up to it is encouraged to contact HBPD Traffic Investigator C. Houlston at (714) 536-5670.

Measles exposure in the OC?

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mune systems.

- If exposure occurred more than 7 days ago: Non-immune individuals should stay home and limit interactions with others for 21 days following exposure.

- Monitor for symptoms: Watch for fever and/or an unexplained rash from 7 to 21 days after exposure. If symptoms develop, call your health care provider immediately for guidance.

- If you suspect measles: Call your medical provider before visiting any health care facility to avoid exposing others.

The worst Super Bowl call?

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attack the "enemy" at its strongest point?

He called for a pass, a slant route to Tyler Lockette, one of the top receivers in the league at the time. All looked golden until ... Malcom Butler of the Pats jumped the route and intercepted the ball. Game over.

A writer for Sports Illustrated said that Carroll had suffered "the worst possible brain cramp at the worst possible time," and that call is now widely considered "the worst call in Super Bowl history."

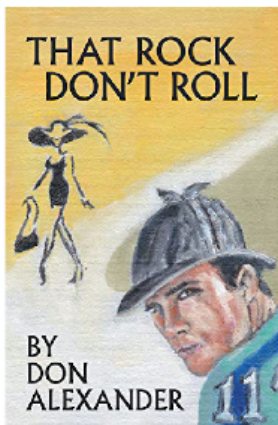
But was it really that bad a choice? Everyone in Phoenix that night expected Lynch to get the ball. So was trying something unexpected really such a bad idea?

I remember in high school watching our team lined up inside of the 5-yard line, game on the line, clock running out. Our coach tried four "up the middle" calls and each one failed (we didn't have a pass game, the coach being from Oklahoma). It seemed dumb then.

Maybe Pete wasn't dumb. He was just unlucky.

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