

26-Unit Condo Project Gets Final Approval

To be located at Kerry and Russell streets

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

A proposed 26-unit condominium complex won approval from the Garden Grove City Council.

At Tuesday's meeting the council voted 6-1 in favor of the adoption of an ordinance for the construction of the project on a 1.8-acre parcel at the southeast corner of Russell Avenue and Kerry Street.

The ordinance calls for a change in zoning from single-family to multiple residential and planned unit development.

Councilmember George Brietigam (District 1) cast the sole dissenting vote..

Garden Grove City Council

Also approved was an agreement with Chipman Relocation & Logistics of \$80,000 for moving services associated with the relocation of the police department to its new facility at Euclid Street and Acacia Parkway.

The move won't be simple; it's estimated to take place over "multiple weekends."

Additional personnel from the Orange County Fire Authority from Fire Station 81 will be moved to accommodate hazard materials abatement and demolition of the existing GGPD building.

The OCFA personnel and equipment will be

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RETURNING TO RANCHO



It's back to school time for the Garden Grove Unified School District and many other public school systems in and around Orange County. Above, cheerleaders from Rancho Alamitos High school form a pom-pom arch to welcome students to the Vaquero campus (GGUSD photo).

No vote on the hotel wage measure

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

LOCAL ELECTION
2026

One of the two proposed ballot measures backed by members of the local hotel workers union won't be appearing on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The other — calling for a public vote on the proposed Nickelodeon hotel on Harbor Boulevard — is

in the process of its petitions being evaluated by the Orange County Registrar of Voters.

According to the Garden Grove City Clerk's office, a petition on the hotel with 9,674 signatures was

submitted. Typically, the gathering of signatures includes some persons signing who are not residents of the city, or who are not registered voters, either of which would disqualify them.

The Registrar will now seek to validate the signatures. If sufficient, the proposed initiative would

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Trash pickup costs will be rising

Stanton City Council

The cost of having trash picked up is going to rise a bit in Stanton.

At Tuesday night's meeting for the city council, a public hearing was held, followed by the approval of a 3.5 percent increase for single family residen-

tial customers and a 8.3 percent rise for commercial customers. The vote was 5-0.

Both price increases were

blamed on the "increased cost of complying with certain new organic waste mandates."

Also on Tuesday night, the council approved the second reading and adoption of amendments to

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Candidates for Westminster City Council

Here's the revised list of candidates for mayor and city council in Westminster for the Nov. 3 election.

Mayor: Kimberly Ho, Carlos Manzo, Nguyen Hung, Chi Charlie Nguyen (incumbent) and Charles Shipp.

City Council District 1: David Johnson, Amy Phan West (incumbent) and Michael Fenton.

City Council District 4: Loan Nguyen, Kelly Daniels, NamQuan Nguyen (incumbent) and Khai Dao.

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returned to Station 81 once the facility is ready to be occupied.

Much of the early portion of the meeting was involved with public meeting comments in which most of the speakers expressed there frustration with what they felt was the "inaction" of the city and the city council regarding the hazmat crisis at GKN Aerospace facility in May.

Trash pickup

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the municipal code to improve the enforcement and monitoring of vacant and foreclosed properties in the city.

In recent months, homeless persons have been occupying some of those unused structures and that has resulted in fires and the sale of drugs.

The next meeting of the Stanton City Council is set for Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Wage measure

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go before Garden Grove voters. The other proposed initiative called for a raise in the minimum wage for hotel workers.

Details about why that initiative won't advance was not available at our deadline.

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News&Views

Yes, but does school teach you how to think?

Editor's Note: This is a column from May of 2025 about the most important thing about teaching and learning: the development and use of critical thinking. It came from remarks made by Garden Grove Unified School District trustee Bob Harden when addressing the graduating students at La Quinta High School. I liked his comments so much, we are presenting it here as school resumes this week and next.



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

It All Adds Up Dept. I was delighted to hear Bob Harden's remarks at the La Quinta High School commencement ceremonies at Bolsa Stadium on Wednesday.

Harden, the longest-serving member of the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education, said that – like countless high school students before him – he had been told that much of what he learned in high school would stand him in good stead in later life.

But, he told the students, he actually remembers next to nothing of the mathematical equations or chemical formulas he had to study in those four years and that was OK with him.

What he did learn was critical thinking. The process of evaluating and understanding the choices, problems, challenges of life.

The ability to determine truth from a lie, the just from the unjust, the faithful from the faithless, the promising from the dumb-as-a-barrel of hair business opportunities.

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GLAD TO BE PALOMINO



An historic ceremony took place last week when Rosita Elementary School in Santa Ana – a part of the Garden Grove Unified School District – was officially renamed as Frank and Irene Palomino Elementary School. They were plaintiffs in the landmark case of *Mendez v. Westminster*, which banned racial segregation in public schools in California, and led to *Brown v. Board of Education*, in which the U.S. Supreme Court banned such segregation all across the United States. Speakers included two school board members, a fifth-grade student, members of the Palomino family and Superintendent Gabriela Mafi (GGUSD photo).



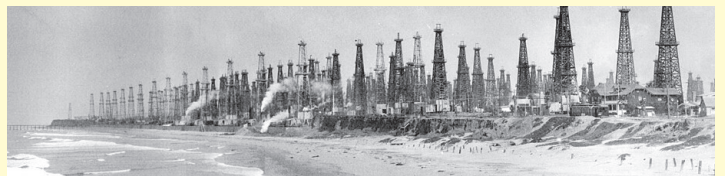
IT WAS MAGIC, IN MANY WAYS

The story of Aladdin and his magic lamp is centuries old, but it still thrills audiences, such as the ones who saw performances last week at Marina High's Youth Theatre of Aladdin's musical version of the story. The show included singing, dancing and colorful costumes of the period in which the legend was set (HBUHSD photo).

History Minute

The late-blooming city on the shore

If you're driving that stretch of Pacific Coast Highway in Huntington Beach north towards Long Beach, you're passing along some of the most valuable real estate in California. Tucked inside "Surf City" are some homes



HUNTINGTON BEACH in 1926.

selling for upwards of \$5 million, and many more "affordable" at only \$3 or \$4 million. Such a traveler might find it hard to imagine this beautiful "Surf City" was one of the ugliest

and least desirable places to live in all of otherwise affluent Orange County.

The Huntington Beach Oil Field dates back to 1920 and

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NewsUpdate

ICE To Use Electric Shock Gloves

ACLU warns about potential for some abuse

Gloves that can zap people with painful electric shocks are on the shopping list for the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, according to the Associated Press.

The gloves – for which ICE plans to spend as much as \$20 million, are formally called a “conductive distraction and de-escalation device” – would be used for its officers and agents as soon as March 2027.

Some of these devices – marketed as “The G.L.O.V.E” (Generated Low Output Voltage Emitter) are already in use by some police departments and jails.



ICE AGENTS will be equipped with gloves that can deal an electric shock (Shutterstock).

The manufacturing company compared the impact to “like a bee sting.”

Jenn Rollick Borchetta of the

ACLU commented that, “ICE spent the last year showing this country they are too quick to use force. Now they will be able to

deploy electric shocks with the slight touch of a button that maybe nobody else can see them do.”

Syrian judge issues penalty of death to Bashar al-Assad

Exiled former dictator of Syria, Bashar al-Assad, has been sentenced – along with eight others – to death after a court in Damascus found him guilty of premeditated murder, torture, arbitrary detention and other “crimes against humanity.”

According to United Press International, Assad and his regime were toppled in December 2024. However, members of the group sentenced are considered unlike-

ly to have to face execution, as they are believed to be out of the country with Assad believed to be living in Moscow, having been granted asylum by Russia.

The offenses of which they were convicted included torturing teenagers who sprayed anti-government graffiti.

Assad was the undisputed ruler of Syria for 15 years and was supported and supplied with weapons by Russia.

Weather: Cooler, but not exactly cool in our West Orange County

Cooler doesn’t mean cool, exactly. Temperatures in the West Orange County area will be lower as we approach the weekend, but not exactly sweater time. Wednesday is expected to be mostly cloudy with a daytime high of 86 with an overnight low of 69. Thursday will dip to 78 (69) with more cloudy skies. Friday goes to partly cloudy with a rise to 80 (67). Sunny skies are expected by Saturday with temps of 81 (67).

Darline Graham has slight lead in Republican primary for S. Carolina Senate seat.

The Republican primary for a vacant U.S. Senate seat for South Carolina is turning into a tight race. The post had been held by Lindsey Graham, who died recently.

With the polls closed, his sister – Darline Graham – had a narrow lead with 29.8 percent of the vote, followed by 27.2 percent for Russell Fry and 22.4 percent for Ralph Norman.

However, the field of 10 candidates means she may be unlikely to achieve a majority – 50 percent plus one – to avoid a runoff. She has the endorsement of President Donald Trump, according to The New York Times. South Carolina is solidly Republican, so the winner of this primary is considered a solid favorite to keep the seat for the GOP.

Great Thoughts

“A single hand can change a night; how you play it changes your life.”

– Jack Marlowe

“Luck tips the scale, but skill keeps it steady.”

– Laura Bannett

“Gambling is a way of buying hope on credit.”

– Alan Wykes

Arts&Living

'One Night' Is A Tease, But ...

Stars shine in an otherwise mediocre movie

By Jake Coyle
AP Film Writer

"The Purge" for sex is the best way to describe the premise of "One Night Only" unless you prefer Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery" for one-night stands.

As the movie announces right away: The U.S. government has passed a mandate that premarital sex is illegal except for one night a year. For the past three years, sex out of wedlock has been off limits except for an annual 12-hour reprieve. "It's been a lot," reads the opening title cards.

Such a concept, naturally, spawns a lot of questions. How could such a policy be policed? Where, exactly, are the lines drawn? And why hasn't everyone moved to Canada?

But "One Night Only," directed by Will Gluck ("Easy A," "Anyone But You"), is less interested in extrapolating the potentially very bizarre ramifications of its dystopian concept than it is selling a surprisingly tame romantic tale. "One Night Only" may be dressed up as a raunchy sex comedy, but it's a rom-com at heart, and a chaste one at that.

That makes "One Night Only" a disappointingly denuded comedy without the gumption to interrogate its satirical gimmick. And yet its charming leads, Monica Barbaro and Callum Turner, do enough to keep "One Night Only" pleasantly watchable.

The health of the rom-com is perpetually debated, but one of the genre's most abiding benefits is in giving young stars an uncluttered big-screen stage to shine on. Turner, the Bond-rumored British actor, has already appeared in one (also monogamy-friendly) rom-com in last year's "Eternity."

But "One Night Only" is an especially welcome showcase for Barbaro, who has thus far stood



MONICA BARBARO and Callum Turner star in "One Night Only" (Universal Pictures).

Movie Review

out largely in male-dominated ensembles ("Top Gun: Maverick," "A Complete Unknown," "Crime 101"). So, while "One Night Only" is unlikely to be a standout in her filmography, it's the one that most proves her lead-actor incandescence.

One of the biggest stretches in a movie full of them is that these two — neither of whom are exactly hard on the eyes — are among the only ones striking out on a night dedicated to scoring.

Owen (Turner), who runs a Manhattan pizzeria, has his engagement plans thwarted when his longtime girlfriend (Maya Hawke) says she plans to sleep with someone else. Allie (Barbaro), meanwhile, is a single singer (she gets paid to belt out pharmaceutical jingles) who has to be coaxed by her friends into even going out.

Both are romantics on a night for flings. After bumping into each other and meeting on the street, they spend the night traversing New York, separately but often together, through nightclub escapades and condom shortages.

In Travis Braun's high-concept script, the cleverest parody isn't of conservative political intervention in private sex lives. It's of a swipe-right sex culture, where old-fashioned romance is hard to find. But "One Night Only" — populated in product placement ads from Durex to K-Y — has little about it that suggests something particularly sincere.

Instead, "One Night Only" constantly feels like it's narrowing its many possibilities. Early on, one character notes the night belongs to the straights because gay people

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long ago learned to circumvent repressive restrictions. Instead of widening its satire into contemporary sex life, Gluck's film turns throwback, even leading to a climax atop a New York landmark.

So "One Night Only" isn't bawdy or trenchant enough for its concept or quite sweet enough for its romance. It's more successful as a meta comedy about a pair of charismatic Hollywood stars

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Tributes galore at Garden Amp



At the Garden Amp in Garden Grove's Village Green Park on Friday will be the "Natural Science" concert, a tribute to Rush. Also on the bill are Hysteria (Def Leppard tribute), Sin City (AC/DC tribute) and Jethro Tull (Tribute to Joan Jett).

The Village Green is at Euclid and Main streets in downtown. The show starts at 5 p.m.

TheSportsPages

New to the club? Nashville and maybe Portland

There have been rumblings in the board rooms lately of Major League Baseball owners and organizations.

It's been 1998 when the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Tampa Bay (Devil) Rays joined the big leagues and there are several forces encouraging another expansion.

First off, the expansion fee charged to a new team means millions of dollars for each organization for doing nothing other than voting "yes." The rules changes and the excitement from new stars like Aaron Judge and Shohei Ohtani have boosted TV viewing, which is

what brings in the most revenue to America's pastime.

There are lots of issues to consider: the right city (or area), the right owner (lots of money, some business



Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

experience), the right facility (does a new stadium need to be built, now or eventually?) and does the proposed franchise impinge on the territory of another?

There's also the adjacent issue of possible geographical alignment. Imagine a West Coast Conference composed of the Dodgers, Angels, Giants, Padres, D-Backs and Athletics? Has possibilities, doesn't it?

But the most fun is in guessing who the next two might be. Expansion teams don't always do well. The Seattle Pilots failed and moved to Milwaukee as the Brewers. The Montreal Expos became the Washington Nationals, a switch which meant not only changing nations but also swapping leagues.

One source names — in descending order — the most

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New Vibe for Bolts?

Mike McDonald is the offensive coordinator

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Mike McDaniel has brought his Miami vibe to Southern California, both on and off the field.

The Los Angeles Chargers' new offensive coordinator showed up for a pre-practice news conference last week at the University of San Diego wearing sunglasses, as well as his customary rolled-up joggers and a pair of bright gold Nikes.

"I'm really excited to be here. I'm not excited that I'm completely unprepared for an indoor press conference as I'm wearing sunglasses inside," McDaniel said Tuesday morning, explaining that his transition lenses "are failing right now, so I meant to have not sunglasses on.

"I am prepared for practice, though, which I think is better news. And Ron Burgundy wasn't lying. This place is sweet."

McDaniel invoked the fictional newscaster from "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" before the Chargers wrapped up their two-day visit to their former hometown with a light practice at 6,500-seat Torero



MIKE McDONALD has coached with the Miami Dolphins. Now, he's a Charger (Wikipedia).

■ Pro Football

Stadium, where Jim Harbaugh began his head coaching career 22 years ago.

Harbaugh, heading into his third season as the Bolts' coach, hired McDaniel less than three weeks after he was fired as head coach following a four-year run

with the Dolphins. McDaniel went 35-33, with wild-card losses after each of his first two seasons.

The idiosyncratic McDaniel is one of the top offensive minds in football. He's bringing his speed-based schemes and high-flying attacks to a Chargers

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Angels win, Dodgers walk-it-off

■ MLBbaseball

The Angels got strong pitching started by Ryan Johnson, who went 4.1 innings, yielding three hits and one run. He struck out five batters and walked two.

The Angels are 46-74, still in fifth place in the ALW. The Rangers are 60-60, a half-game out of first.

Dodgers win it in 10 on Muncy's walk-off

Max Muncy's bases-loaded single in the bottom of the

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AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	61-60	.504	—	5-5
Texas	60-60	.500	0.5	5-5
Seattle	56-62	.467	4.5	3-7
Athletics	47-73	.392	13.5	2-8
ANGELS	46-74	.383	14.5	4-6

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	72-46	.600	—	3-7
Arizona	64-57	.529	8.5	5-5
San Diego	64-57	.529	8.5	7-3
San Fran.	50-70	.417	22	3-7
Colorado	47-73	.392	25	4-6

■ Prep Sports Spotlight

Edison kicks it all off this week from Hawaii

Week Zero is anything but for a zero for fans of the Edison High School football team.

That's the game that's played before (almost) everyone else does and for good reason. The Chargers will open the 2026 season for our West Orange County teams with a dream of a "road trip" by taking on 'Iolani High of Honolulu on Saturday.

It won't be a season opener for the Raiders, though. They started last week with a 27-6 win over the Baldwin Bears of Wailuku.

'Iolani was 3-4 last year, while Edison is coming off a 7-6 season, 0-3 in the tough Alpha League, losing to Los Alamitos, Mission View and San Clemente, but still reaching the third round of the CIF-SS playoffs where they defeated Huntington Beach and Inglewood before falling to Palos Verdes in the Division 3 semifinals. They lost 23-10 to a team they had beaten earlier in the season in a non-league contest.

The green-and-gold will have five pre-league games – including a re-re-match with Palos Verdes on Sept. 11 – before starting conference play in the Alpha League on Oct. 2 when they travel to Mission Viejo.

MaxPreps.com ranks Edison 39th in California and 20th among CIF-SS teams.



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Chargers new offensive coach

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offense that ranked 12th in the NFL last season.

He's working to get franchise quarterback Justin Herbert to make quicker throws, in large part to help keep him upright. Herbert absorbed the most sacks and hits of his six-year career last season, culminating when he was sacked six times in a 16-3 AFC wild-card game loss to the New England Patriots. It was the second playoff one-and-done under Harbaugh, who's gone 11-6 in each of his two seasons with the Bolts.

"I think one of the attractive things coming to the Chargers was the roster that was already built as, you know, all the recent draft picks were targets of mine on the other side of the country," McDaniel said. "As a group, I talked to the offense the first day of the offseason back in April, about being fast, physical, with elite technique."

"So what that looks like is, it doesn't mean with your 40 time that you're a fast guy. It means everyone playing to their full speed, shocking the defense at the snap, a physical brand of football with elite technique and fundamentals." Tuesday was the team's first practice in pads.

Earlier in the offseason, McDaniel said Herbert was a bit nervous making throws earlier

in his reads.

"To be clear, he wasn't as nervous as he was proposing," McDaniel quipped, referring to Herbert's recent engagement to Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Madison Beer.

"But he was still nervous. Absolutely. You know, I think that's been my favorite part of practice, that alongside some of the growth we've had up front in terms of our line of scrimmage play," McDaniel said. "But with Justin, full lean-in, full buy-in. And I can't stress it enough. It's very difficult for high performers to do things outside of what has given them success."

Herbert threw an interception on Tuesday and McDaniel was OK with it.

"What you're asking a quarterback to do is not succumb to the compass of results," McDaniel said. "It's the process of how we're doing things and his investment and full immersion into that process. Yesterday, he threw a pick, simply because he's leaning into the process and getting comfortable with all the different things we're asking him to do."

"On that particular play, he has his eyes set on an eligible here and reset the throw and got an incredible learning experience that will benefit him in the

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History Minute: Huntington Beach, late-blooming city

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the extraction of the greasy stuff had a big impact on the growth of the community. The towering oil derricks arrayed along PCH in the downtown area brought in lots of money to investors, but also made the parts of the small community look tawdry and unwelcoming.

While the rest of Orange County was booming in 1960, the population of the city was only 11,492. That was just about the same as Stanton.

A turning point was the 1961 cleanup by the State of California of what had been called "Tin Can Beach," transforming it into Bolsa Chica State Beach. And as voracious develop-

ers gobbled up lots in inland Orange County – boosting the populations of Garden Grove and Westminster, for example – that made the vacant parcels in Huntington Beach – except for scattered oil wells and pumpers

– suddenly more valuable.

The delay in development was actually good luck; homes built earlier were typically two-to-three-bedroom ranch-style houses. Now came the popularity of more expensive two-

story, three-to-four bedroom homes.

By 1970, HB's population had reached 115,000 and is now nearing 200,000. Sometimes the tortoise does beats the hare.

Angels and Dodgers win

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10th inning gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-4 win over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night at Chavez Ravine.

The Blue Crew built a 3-1 lead until KC scored three runs in the eighth to take a 4-3 edge. Mookie Betts tied it up with an RBI single with two out in the bottom of the eighth.

In the 10th, Muncy's sharp single to center field brought home Shohei Ohtani with the winning run.

Betts had the best night, going 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two runs driven in.

Blake Snell had a strong start, going six innings and giving up just three hits and one earned run. He struck out 10 batters and walked just one.

The Dodgers are 72-48 and still in first in the National League West with an 8.5-game lead.

Movie review: 'One night'

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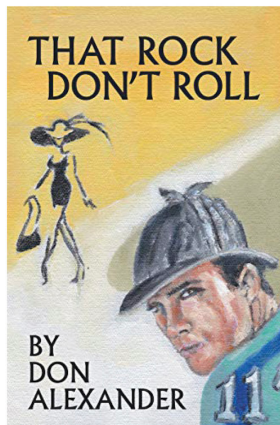
reckoning with their onscreen sex appeal. Sydney Sweeney, Glen Powell and Pete Davidson all make a kind of cameo. And on that score, neither Barbaro nor Turner have much to worry about. Hopefully, though, there are more "Purge" riffs to come. One night

only for ... backgammon? Just imagine the chaos.

"One Night Only," a Universal Pictures release in theaters Thursday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for sexual material, language and brief nudity. Running time: 102 minutes.

Some serious fun

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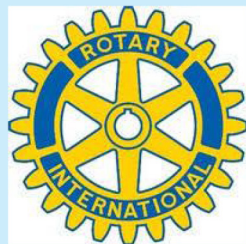
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Also known as "street-smarts," critical thinking seems to lag far behind the classic subjects of reading, writing and arithmetic in curriculums since at least when Moses was in middle school.

But that's not the education system's fault. The capital of Kansas is provably Topeka; the

right choices in life are capable of a thousand different viewpoints.

Still, it was nice to hear a respected education official put it all in context. Education itself can only take you so far.

You've got to do most of the heavy lifting – and thinking – on your own.

Sports Retorts: More MLB?

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likely prospects as Nashville, Tennessee; Portland Oregon; Charlotte/Raleigh, North Carolina; Austin/San Antonio, Texas; and Sacramento.

That makes sense. But don't forget Providence, Rhode Island. After all, the Grays won the World Series as recently as 1884.

New vibe for Bolts offense with a brand new coordinator

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game," McDaniel said.

"So it's to his credit. He's really progressing as fast as one could even picture, much faster than I was planning for. The Chargers organization is doing well by his daily effort, for sure."

Tackle Joe Alt, who is back after season-ending ankle surgery in November, spoke highly of McDaniel.

"I love coach McDaniel," Alt

said. "The way he approaches offensive game planning and playing has been really fun for me to learn.

"I look forward to being able to continue to work down this path through training camp and into games and continue to build because it's a lot of fun. I think a lot of guys will say it: He's a wizard. It's exciting to see what we'll be able to do."

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