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Tuesday: 96/74 mostly sunny

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Proposed Bill Would Address Hazmat Issues

Rep. Tran wants 'transparency' on safeguards

The GKN Aerospace hazmat incident that led to the evacuation of 50,000 people from Garden Grove, Stanton and Westminster has prompted proposed federal legislation.

Rep. Derek Tran, a Democrat representing the 45th Congressional District in central Orange County, has introduced legislation to require additional transparency and accountability measures for industrial facilities that handle hazardous materials.

House Resolution 10108, the "Hazardous Materials Transparency Act," would mandate that these facilities "properly and regularly "notify the communities they operate in about the safety measures that are taken to avoid danger to residents and small businesses.

The bill also requires facilities working with hazardous materials to establish a coordination plan with first responders and to have a community liaison able to provide timely information in the case of an emergency.

This legislation was introduced in response to the chemical crisis at the GKN Aerospace facility on Western Avenue in West Garden Grove that displaced over 50,000 residents and shuttered 5,000 small businesses over Memorial Day Weekend.

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THE ROSE CENTER THEATER in Westminster is likely headed for a new operator. The front-runner looks like Latin-Asian Hospitality of Campbell, California. The council may decide this week (File photo).

Finalists for the operator of the Rose Center are now revealed

From a staff writer

Westminster City Council

The future of the Rose Center in Westminster may be decided on Wednesday when the city council considers which – if any – of the top "proposers" to become the new operators will be chosen to take over as management of the facility as a "multi-cultural" center.

The council will meet at 6 p.m. in its chambers at 8200 Westminster Blvd.

Ranked by a committee as the top-four were Latin-Asian Hospitality Group, Friends of the Rose Center (the current operator), TLC.Inc. and Coffee Whipped.

Latin-Asian scored 43, followed by Friends (22), TLC (21) and Coffee (21).

Leading the group was Latin-Asian, located in Campbell, a small city in Northern California south of San Francisco. It advertises Asian-fusion food and – from its web-

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Police contract raises financial fears

Hunt. Beach City Council

A proposed pay increase of 17 percent over three years for Huntington Beach police officers has raised the prospect of bankruptcy for the city.

At Tuesday's meeting of the city council, the Memorandum of Understanding between the city and the Huntington Beach Police Officers Association was debated and a divided council eventually voted 4-3 to create a council subcommittee to look into the impact of the agreement on the city's general fund.

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Westminster Rose Center on agenda

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site – operates a restaurant, food trucks and catering services.

Campbell is a diverse city with some similarities to Westminster. The 2020 U.S. Census indicates the city has 24.1 percent Asian population and 19.2 percent Hispanic or Latino.

The Rose Center, opened in 2006, includes a 419-seat theater and additionally space that can be used for conferences, meetings, parties, etc.

The current operators contract runs out at the end of 2026.

Hunt. Beach and proposed police contract

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Opposed were Councilmembers Andrew Gruel, Gracey Van Der Mark and Chad Williams.

In favor were Mayor Casey McKeon and Councilmembers Pat Burns, Don Kennedy and Butch Twining.

The proposed contract calls for an 8 percent pay raise for this year, a 4 percent raise next year and a 5 percent increase in the third year.

Supporters of the deal argued that it helped retention of police officers; skeptics worried that the city budget – which required tapping $15 million from reserves to be balanced – was in trouble.

The council majority directed the city manager – in conjunction with the city treasurer – to prepare a five-to-10-year analysis of the city's finances in light of the MOU and bankruptcy risk in the light of the memorandum and other issues including unfunded liabilities.

Also, the city manager and city treasurer were directed to prepare "a series of financial options" to avoid bankruptcy and return them to the council by Sept. 1.

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News&Views

A place for a city to call home for Stanton



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

In the most recent issue of The Tribune, in this column I offered some unsolicited (and likely ignored) advice about a specific goal or project that a candidate for city office could use to get attention and separate him- or herself from a field.

For **Garden Grove,** I recommended a revival of the former "Kid's Haven" fishin' hole on Chapman. For **Huntington Beach,** I suggested an outdoor sports (football or soccer) stadium for Golden West College and the community.

Now, taking a look at **Stanton**, what I see is a town that – because of circumstances beyond its control – lacks the civic buildings that most other cities have: there are no high schools (which have stadiums, gyms, theaters, etc), no community theaters, no downtown to speak of.

I frequently drive along Lampson Avenue at Beach Boulevard, passing a long-empty former Sam's Club building. It was an attempt to counter Costco with uneven success. It's a big building: upwards of 50,000 square feet and maybe more. It could accommodate – with appropriate partitions, etc – room for basketball and volleyball courts, a theater for community performances, ceremonies, movie nights, etc.

Space could be rented for food sellers, political candidates, church groups, etc. There's even room for an innovative indoor park with a fountain, some greenery and benches. Considering that that space

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GARDEN GROVE school board and Superintendent Gabriel Mafi (Tribune photo).

Back-to-school efforts reviewed

By Amberly Nguyen
Orange County Tribune

GARDEN GROVE
School Board

With final preparations for the new school year finished, the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education met Tuesday night to review the opening efforts which culminated in the start of the 2026-27 school year on Aug. 10.

During the summer, trustees participated in community events, highlighting the district's effort to support students and staff for the new school year. Superintendent Dr. Gabriela Mafi joined with board members and welcomed and introduced the new staff this year as well.

Trustees also attended the opening of the district's food services operations as employees prepared for the students' return to the district. One of the summer's community events was a backpack giveaway at Wakeham Elementary School.

"I think the smiles of appreciation of nearly 200 students definitely put a smile on my face and made my day," said board member Teri Rocco.

A notable highlight from the summer came from Board President Bob Harden, who recalled the historic civil rights case involving the Palomino family and their fight for educational equality—a legacy honored through the renaming of Rosita Elementary to Frank and Irene Palomino Elementary School.

"It was a groundbreaking case in the civil rights movement," Harden said. "Those folks are heroes in our community."

Board members also attended the ribbon-cutting and renam-

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Pay raise for council dropped

WESTMINSTER
City Council

If you're wondering why there was no article in the Wednesday edition of The Tribune about a proposed ordinance before the Westminster City Council to more than double the salary of the mayor and the council members …

That's because it was taken from the agenda at the request of Councilmember Namquan Nguyen.

The proposal was supposed to go before an adjourned meeting of the city council on Monday, but that was as far as it went.

Under the proposal, the mayor would see his monthly salary go to $2500 and $1900 for councilmembers.

That would have been an increase for the council from

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History Minute

Westminster's hero: Lt. Sidney Goldstein

The Sid Goldstein Freedom Park in Westminster is probably best known for its Vietnam War Memorial in the Civic Center area.

Less known is who was Sid Goldstein, and why was the park named after him?

Mr. Goldstein was a 24-year-old second lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II, fighting in Italy against German troops.

On Sept. 21, 1944 he led a small force of infantrymen in charging up a hill under fire, capturing 62 of the enemy. Some of them surrendered quickly; the balance gave up when Goldstein approached the top German officer to accept his surrender.

He was honored with the Dis-

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MAJOR SIDNEY GOLDSTEIN

NewsUpdate

Building May Continue on Ballroom

Chief Justice Roberts makes temporary ruling



CONSTRUCTION may continue on the $400 million White House ballroom (Shutterstock).

Construction will continue on the controversial $400 million White House ballroom, Chief Justice John Roberts ruled on Friday. The ruling is temporary, reports the Associated Press, while the whole court considers an emergency appeal from lower court rulings that ordered a halt to the construction.

Those rulings stated that congressional approval was needed. Despite previous rulings, building activity at the site has continued seven days a week and 20 hours daily.

Roberts signed the order because the chief justice handles emergency appeals, according to the AP.

The Trump administration has claimed that the president has the unlimited power to build or alter federal buildings and that the ballroom was a necessary necessary project for national security.

Economic war vs. Iran may be rhe next U.S. campaign

Faced with criticism of diminishing stockpiles of weapons as the six-month war with Iran continues, the Trump administration is now talking about a huge financial campaign.

The AP reports that America's economic pressure will mean an "economic D-Day." The economic warfare that is promised is aimed at forcing the Iranian leaders to agree to American demands to abandon a nuclear development program and to "fully reopen" the Straight of Hormuz to the transporting of oil and natural gas tankers.

So far, the Tehran government has withstood a wide variety of economic sanctions, including the freezing of Iranian assets in the United States. and allied countries.

Great Thoughts

"Happy is the land that breeds a hero? No, unhappy is the land that needs a Hero."
– Bertolt Brecht

"No one is a villain in their own story. We are all the heroes of our own stories."
– George R. R. Martin

"A hero is someone who, in spite of weakness, doubt or not always knowing the answers, goes ahead and overcomes anyway."
– Christopher Reeve

Weather: It will be hot, hotter for days in West Orange County

The warmest weather all year is coming to our West Orange County cities. The forecast calls for daytime temperatures from Saturday through Tuesday (and perhaps beyond) from 91 to 94 and overnight lows from 70 to 73. Saturday is expected to be partly cloudy with temps of 91 (70). Sunday will rise to 93 (70) and mostly sunny. Monday will be similar at 93 (73) and sunny. Tuesday will see more sun and 94 (73) on the thermometer.

Jones gets cut in damages owed in Sandy Hook story

An appeals court in Texas has cut the amount owed by broadcaster Alex Jones from $49 million to $6 million over his false theories about the Sandy Hook massacre.

The New York Times reports that the court ruled that the parents of the children killed in that incident were entitled to compensatory damages but not the $43 million the court had awarded in punitive damages.

Jones had alleged in his Infowars broadcast that the Dec. 12, 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut was not real and that it was a hoax by the government and the parents using paid actors.

Twenty children and six educators died in the incident.

Jones still owes $1.4 billion from a separate lawsuit in Connecticut from parents whose children were killed.

Arts&Living

‘Don’t Say’ Is Good For a Cry

Corny, but very heart-tugging kid-theater film

By Jocelyn Noveck
AP National Writer



CAST OF “DON’T SAY GOOD LUCK” (Netflix).

Movie Review

Good ★ ★ ★

“She is gone, but she used to be mine,” go the words of Sara Bareilles’ poignant and powerful anthem from “Waitress,” the quintessential Broadway 11 o’clock number. For musical theater fans, the mere sound of those opening chords is enough to send tear ducts into overdrive.

So when at the beginning of “Don’t Say Good Luck,” high schooler Sophie Birenbaum gets the lead role of Jenna in “Waitress,” we immediately know what’s eventually coming: a tear-jerking scene where “She Used to Be Mine” takes center stage. Everything that comes before? Just the appetizer.

“Don’t Say Good Luck,” directed by Julia Hart, is one of those movies that knows its audience. Starring sweet-natured Sunny Sandler, 17-year old daughter of Adam (who produces here, along with wife Jackie), the film is aimed squarely at those who get goose-bumps at the idea of playing the lead in the school play, and don’t find anything corny about the “Let’s put on a show!” spirit of theater kids.

Certainly, there are many corny moments in “Don’t Say Good Luck,” in which Sophie’s breakout moment plays out against a family tragedy. The script, by Hart, Laura Hankin and Jordan Horowitz, makes easy work of any imagined conflicts. Nobody is nasty for more than a nanosecond, and plot complications — for example, tensions between Sophie’s mother (Melanie Lynskey) and grandmother (Broadway vet Bebe Neuwirth) — are resolved without much ado.

But Sandler, who starred in the wonderfully titled “You Are So Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah,” has a winning enough presence to neutralize the corny stuff. She’s a pleasure to watch, even if her stage persona is at times a bit too intimate — she sings softly when she could be belting — befitting a movie actor more than a stage actor.

We first meet Sophie, a sensitive and less-than-confident sophomore, practicing her audition song before school. Her mom, loving and encouraging, wishes her luck, and Sophie admonishes her with an old theater adage. “Don’t say good luck!” she says. Just say, “Break a leg.” Mom says she’d be so sad if Sophie were to break a leg.

Sophie’s parents run a deli, and there’s a motif about the deli struggling with the need to serve healthy options, like kale wraps, which nobody likes. Jon Lovitz, as the cook, provides occasional comic fodder, but is underused — as is Steve Buscemi, a welcome presence as the grandfather.

At the audition, Sophie’s trying out for the supporting role of Dawn, because it’s obvious that the lead — Jenna, waitress and pie-baking whiz — will go to Mallory, the confident blonde. But while waiting to go on, Sophie inadvertently learns some terrible news — her mother’s cancer has returned.

Sophie needs to absorb this, just as she climbs the stage to audition. She imbues her song with genuine pathos, and soon finds out she’s unexpectedly won the role of Jenna.

The plot of “Waitress” is not exactly school-appropriate: It’s about pregnant Jenna’s torrid affair with her gynecologist, while she’s in an abusive marriage with a violent husband (wisely absent from this high-school version).

The gynecologist is played by Jack, resident high-school heartthrob (Jack Champion), who’s only ever played a prince before. There’s some romantic tension between him and Sophie, but it’s fleeting.

The deepest relationship here is

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“Rebellion’ is coming to Amp

The Echoes of Rebellion” concert is at the Garden Amp today (Saturday, Aug. 22).

Tribute bands included will be those honoring Linkin Park, Tool Ratm, Pearl Jam, and Disturbed. The concert starts at 4 p.m. in the Village Green at Euclid and Main in Garden Grove.



TheSportsPages

Be true to your school if the money's right

When I heard this remark by a coach a year or so ago, I had two reactions. The first one was, "Yes, that's right!" And the second one was, "Who are you kidding?"

The quote which gave me such heartburn was this: "The name on the front of your jersey is more important than the one on the back."

That is, the team or school or nation that you represent should mean more to you than the glory (or money) that you get for playing for that team.

There was a court ruling this week that said that a college athlete having completed his (or her) four years of eligibility can sign with a pro team, go to the workouts and the preseason, but if he (or she) is cut from that roster, that athlete is entitled to a fifth year of eligibility.



Sports Retorts
Jim Tortolano

Sure. Why not? How about finding a weak-minded jurist who will rule that after graduating, a jock can spend a couple of seasons in the NFL or NBA, decide that he/she doesn't like playing in Buffalo or Sacramento and is now entitled to a fifth-and-sixth year back in college. Or two colleges.

The line between academic "patriotism" and professional gold-digging has always been thin, and now – with NIL, the "portal" and elastic eligibility – it's becoming increasingly likely that we are not far from the day when an athlete can play for the Lakers on Monday, the Spurs on Wednesday and New Mexico State on Saturday.

Or how about the ultimate in "free agency"? Chargers in the first half, then a loyal Ram afterwards?

The 5-Year College Plan

Courts helping to treat school as 'fall-back'

By The Associated Press

Several athletes, including some who signed contracts with NFL teams, were granted a temporary restraining order by a Louisiana court that would make them eligible to return to college athletics, ESPN reported Wednesday.

F ormer Oregon State running back Anthony Hankerson (Seattle Seahawks), former Florida and LSU pass rusher Jack Pyburn (Tampa Bay Buccaneers) and ex-Mississippi starters Dae'Quan Wright (Cleveland Browns) and Wydett Williams (Arizona Cardinals) are on NFL rosters and were part of the lawsuit.

NFL teams are deep into training camp, and rosters have to be cut to 53 players by Aug. 30. Many who don't make those clubs could look for a fallback plan in college football, barring a successful appeal by the NCAA.



COURT RULINGS are creating a situation in college sports where athletes can "turn pro"and then have a fifth year as an "amateur" (Shutterstock).

According to ESPN, 16 football players were part of the lawsuit that included 33 athletes across several sports who are seeking a fifth year of eligibility.

The NCAA has been dealt a series of legal setbacks regarding its eligibility rules.

"Courts across the country

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Dodgers win fourth in 10 innings

By Pete Zarustica
Orange CountyTribume

With an unusual slump now behind them, the Los Angeles Dodgers continued to return to winning ways with a 5-4 10th-inning victory over the Pittsburg Pirates at home.

It was team's fourth win in a row as the Blue Crew worked at undoing the damage done by a seven-game losing streak earlier this month.

The Pirates rallied from a 4-2 deficit with two runs in the top of the eighth on a homer by Ornell Cruz. The game was finally decided on a single to shallow left by Tommy Edmman that scored Enrique Hernandez with the winning run in the bottom of the 10th.

With the win, LAD has won seven of 10 games. At 78-51, the team now leads the second-place San Diego Padres by nine games in the National League West race.

The Dodgers broke into the lead in the third when Mookie

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AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	65-64	.504	--	5-5
Texas	64-65	.496	1	4-6
Seattle	61-68	.473	4	5-5
ANGELS	51-78	.395	14	6-4
Athletics	49-80	.380	16	2-8

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	78-51	.605	--	7-3
San Diego	69-60	.535	9	7-3
Arizona	68-61	.527	10	5-5
San Fran.	52-76	.406	2.5	3-7
Colorado	50-78	.391	27.5	4-6

Angels lose but still not in last

The Los Angeles Angels lost another frustrating one-run game on Tuesday night by the score of 2-1 to the Texas Rangers.

But the team and its fans can draw some consolation from the Athletics' 4-0 loss to the Houston Astros, their fifth defeat in a row, enabling the Halos to continue in fourth place in the American League West.

The Angels were able to keep even with Texas, losing in 10.

The sole Angel run came on a double by Denzer Guzman, driving in Jose Siri for a 1-0 lead.

But Houson countered in the bottom of the 10th when Ezequiel Duran singled in one run, with the game-winner coming on a throwing error by the Angels.

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Oilers, Mariners More than 0 in Week 0

A first look at how local preps will do in 2026

Brady Edmunds continued to polish his resume as one of the best high school quarterbacks in the nation as he led the Huntington Beach Oilers to a 42-14 win over Millikan High of Long Beach on Thursday night.

He threw for six touchdowns, running up a total of 434 passing yards.

The defense starred as well, holding the Rams to 113 yards total offense and getting three turnovers.

Another quarterback having an outstanding night was Joseph Pham-Ngoy of Pacifica.

A tight end last year, he ran for two scores from the QB position as the Mariners bested Beckman 27-7.

Overall, local teams won three of five games. In other contests, Santiago defeated Saddleback 23-12, while Los Amigos lost 20-14 to St. Bernard and Magnolia fell 47-7 to University High of Orlando, Florida.

On Friday, local teams broke even in games against out-of-the-area squads,

The Orange Panthers, led by Star Thomas, defeated North High of Torrance 49-14.

Bolsa Grande held off a late rally from district rival Garden Grove and won 23-19.

Western fell 42-14 to Salesian High of Los Angeles. The Pioneers fell behind 28-7 at halftime and and were unable to catch up.

Fountain Valley outlasted district rival Ocean View 27-21 and Westminster lost 20-13 to Sunny Hills.

Ocean View and FV were deadlocked 14-all at the halftime break.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

Thursday
H. Beach 42, Millikan 14
Pacifica 27, Beckman 7
Santiago 23, Saddleback 12
St. Bernard 20, Los Amigos 14
Uni (Fla.) 47 Magnolia 7

Friday
Bolsa Grande 23, G.Grove 19
Brea 35, Marina 14
Salesian 42, Western 14
F. Valley 27, Ocean View 21
Sunny Hills 20, Westminster 13
Orange 49, North (Torrance) 14

Dodgers continue to bounce back from that losing streak

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Betts' single brought in Shohei Ohtani and Hunter Feduccia. Edman batted 2-for-5 snd drove in the winning run. Ohtani was 1-for-3 with two runs scored and two walks.

Starting pitcher Yoshi Yamamoto worked 6.1 innings for the Dodgers, yielding five hits and two earned runs. He struck out nine batters and walked one.

The two teams will meet again on Saturday with Tarik Skull (7-7) making the start for Los Angeles.



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College athletes on the five-year plan

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granting relief to ineligible athletes who already had every opportunity to compete in college — sometimes without even having a hearing — are failing to appreciate the destabilizing effect their rulings are having on college sports," Tim Buckley, NCAA senior vice president of external affairs, said in a statement.

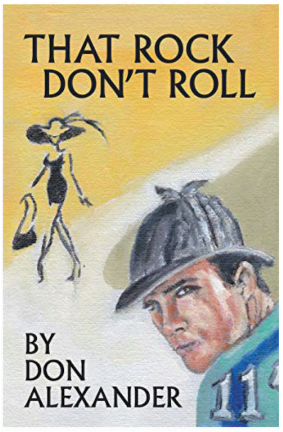
"The lawyers bringing these cases seemingly won't be satisfied until every professional athlete can treat college sports as a fallback option, regardless of the opportunities it strips from those who will never have a chance to begin their collegiate sports experience."

On July 31, a federal court in Denver ruled that all high school class of 2022 athletes who exhausted their fourth season of college eligibility this spring are eligible for a fifth season this academic year.

That decision came a little more than a month after the NCAA passed a rule that gives athletes five years to complete five seasons of competition, starting with those who enroll in the fall of 2027. The Colorado ruling eliminated the waiting period.

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Movie review: 'Don't Say'

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between Sophie and her mother, who's losing strength daily but still struggling to give her kids the support they need. The most enjoyable scene between the two takes place in a mall, where, to help Sophie with her character in the show, they try out Southern accents together on the shopkeepers.

Every movie about a theater production ends, of course, with the performance itself. Earlier in the action, the empathetic teacher (Stephanie Beatriz) who directs the show had mentioned that Sophie's rendition of "She Used to Be Mine" is "not quite there yet." Wanna take bets on whether she ends up making it work?

"She's imperfect, but she tries," go the lyrics. The movie, too, is imperfect, but the effort — and young Sandler's easy charm — will go a long way toward satisfying the theater geek inside many of us.

"Don't Say Good Luck," a Netflix release, has been rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association "for thematic material, some strong language, teen drinking, and sexual references." Running time: 95 minutes.

A pay raise proposal for the Westminster council dropped

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$850.50 a month, and from $1000.50 for the mayor. The total annual cost to the budget – salary plus benefits – would have been $77,551.

If approved by the Westminster City Council it would have gone into effect after the 2026 election.

History Minute

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tinguished Service Cross, and mustered out of the service as a major when the war ended.

Goldstein then came back to America where he married, fathered a son and a daughter and settled in Westminster, where he was active in civic and veterans affairs.

Retorts: what a city needs

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has been unused for literally decades, the owners might be willing to sign a lease at fire-sale prices.

Next city: Westminster, a tough one.

Back to school in the GGUSD

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ing ceremony for Palomino Elementary School, recognizing the school's new name and celebrating the community within the campus.

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

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