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Vote your conscience

The annual "Best of Garden Grove-Stanton" contest is back. Select your fave pizza, nail parlor, toy store and more. The deadline is Monday, Oct. 22 at 4 p.m. Results will be published in our Nov. 22 issue. Clip out the ballot that you will find on Page 10.

WEATHER

High/Low	Wind	Humidity	Clouds	UV Index	Visibility	Barometer
68/52	10-15	75%	Partly Cloudy	3	10	30.05
65/50	10-15	75%	Partly Cloudy	3	10	30.05
62/47	10-15	75%	Partly Cloudy	3	10	30.05
59/44	10-15	75%	Partly Cloudy	3	10	30.05
56/41	10-15	75%	Partly Cloudy	3	10	30.05
53/38	10-15	75%	Partly Cloudy	3	10	30.05
50/35	10-15	75%	Partly Cloudy	3	10	30.05
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44/29	10-15	75%	Partly Cloudy	3	10	30.05
41/26	10-15	75%	Partly Cloudy	3	10	30.05

Recall aims at Trung Nguyen

By Jim Tortolano and Brittany Hanson
Garden Grove Journal

An effort to recall Garden Grove school trustee Trung Nguyen has been launched.

A notice of intent to circulate the recall petition has been filed with the Orange County Registrar of

Voters. Proponents of the recall included residents of Garden Grove and Santa Ana.

The notice says "we intend to seek your recall and removal from the office of Orange County Board of Education and to demand election of a successor in that office."

The grounds for the recall was given as "lack of leadership."

At Tuesday's meeting of the Garden Grove Unified School District's Board of Education, Nguyen said "I don't why, really," when asked why the recall movement had started.

"I'm still waiting for more papers. At this point I

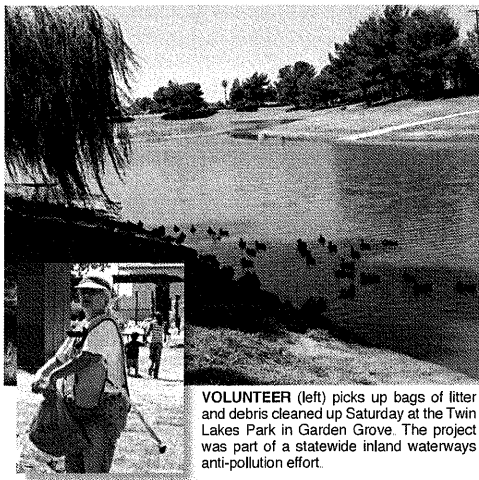
need to constrain my comments until I have further information."

Nguyen narrowly lost election to the Orange County Board of Supervisors to then-Garden Grove Councilwoman Janet Nguyen (no relation) in a special election last year. They are expected to be opponents in the next election.



TRUNG NGUYEN
Recall target

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VOLUNTEER (left) picks up bags of litter and debris cleaned up Saturday at the Twin Lakes Park in Garden Grove. The project was part of a statewide inland waterways anti-pollution effort.

ADOPTING A PAIR OF PRETTY TWINS

VOLUNTEERS WORKED SATURDAY TO CLEAN UP A GARDEN GROVE PARK. IT'S PART OF A STATEWIDE PROJECT/By Brittany Hanson

For the third year in a row, volunteers met Saturday at Twin Lakes Recreation Park at 12952 Lampson Ave. (at Haster Street) in Garden Grove for the eleventh annual Inner-Coastal and Watershed Cleanup Day. The event was held in conjunction with the statewide cleanup, the California Coastal

Commission's Coastal Cleanup Day.

"We had a very enthusiastic bunch that covered the whole park... they picked up trash as well as recyclables," said A. J. Holman III, who is the City of Garden Grove's streets and environmental manager.

Coastal Cleanup Day is the California Coastal Commission's premier clean-up event.

According to its website, "since the program started in 1985, over 750,000 Californians have removed more than 12 million pounds of debris from our state's shorelines and coast."

Volunteers collected a total of 230 pounds of recyclable litter and around 400 pounds of trash and debris. The park cleanup project itself started in Garden Grove 11 years ago as a campaign to protect the quality of water that enters the city's storm drain that leads out to the ocean.

Each year the percentage of improvement has risen. "I've been coming to this for three years, maybe a little more," said Tomoko Stehnik, 75.

"It's great, I'm very excited to help make the park beautiful and keep it clean for others to enjoy," she said.

According to Holman,

Casino Deal May Not Be Quite Dead

Door might be open for gaming in the future

By Jim Tortolano
Garden Grove Journal

When the Garden Grove City Council voted 5-0 last week to choose a development firm to build a hotel, water park and retail project on Harbor Boulevard, it seemed to many to be the end of speculation that a casino might be coming to the Big Strawberry.

It ain't necessarily so. Although the council picked McWhinney Enterprises as the developer for the "central hub" portion of the city's "International West" aspirations for Harbor, it set aside only 25 acres of the 40-acre site for that development.

Does that mean that a casino might still be developed on the remaining land?

"That's exactly what it means," said Councilman Mark Rosen.

Rosen's comments were echoed by both the casino proponent and the city's economic development director.

"I think the City Council did a very good job of selecting a developer for a portion of the site," said Jonathan Stein, chief executive officer of the Gabri-

"We can't rule it out for the future."

elino-Tongva Tribe, which had proposed building a casino-resort at the site, which is generally located west of Harbor and north of Garden Grove Boulevard.

"We found that in our outreach in the city with various groups that residents are in favor of a

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Hearing Friday on Main St. condos

Garden Grove Journal County Courthouse in Santa Ana beginning at 8 a.m.

After months of political and legal wrangling, the fate of a proposed 100-unit condominium complex planned to be built in a city parking lot west of Garden Grove's historic Main Street may be settled in court Friday.

Superior Court Judge David A. Thompson will hear the case in Department C28 in the Orange

The Garden Grove Downtown Business Association is seeking a writ to block construction of the project by the Sheldon Group The City of Garden Grove

has agreed to sell the parking lot to the developer for \$1.5 million, and to allow the five-story project

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'It's just too early'

Garden Grovers have yet to focus on presidential race

By Cynthia Horwitz
Garden Grove Journal

"It's just too early." Many Garden Grove residents are still unimpressed with the early campaign efforts of presidential hopefuls.

Kyuzo Arima, 28, is just one of numerous locals

hesitant to get behind any candidate just yet. "I'm reserving judgment," he said. "I've been burned before."

A diverse group of candidates is running in 2008. The list includes an African-American, a woman, a former Time magazine Man of the Year, a Nobel

Peace Prize nominee, a Mormon, and an ordained Baptist minister, among others. Their positions on issues like the Iraq war, immigration, and health care span the charts.

Whether the diversity will make voting easier or more difficult remains to

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HILLARY CLINTON
Democratic front-runner



FRED THOMPSON
Actor to president?

Main St. condo suit

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to be built. Opponents of the project argue that it will eliminate needed parking and have a negative effect on downtown's historic character. The city and developer reply that even with the addition of the condominiums, parking will be adequate for

Main Street's needs and that the housing could boost the street's vitality. Also controversial is the selling price of the property - critics say it's worth \$5 million - and the process of choosing the developer, which did not involve making a public request for proposals.

White House race doesn't inspire

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prevention of unintended pregnancies. Megan Jenkins, 21, doesn't know who she wants to win in '08, but she hopes it's not Democrat Hillary Clinton. "I don't like her. Women might have more rights if she was president, but I'm afraid things wouldn't be equal like they are now." Clinton has been outspoken about women's rights since her time as First Lady. Her campaign stresses issues such as equal pay for women, increased opportunities for women in the workplace, violence against women, and

Republican Mitt Romney gives Duffin mixed feelings. "I'm a man of faith, so in some ways I like Romney." Still, I don't share all of his beliefs, so I can't fully identify with him." Romney is well-known as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, but also made a name for himself when he took over the organization of the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. He was Governor of Massachusetts from 2002 to 2006. In July of 2006, A Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg poll found that one in three Americans said they would not vote for a Mormon for president. Tustin resident Lois Needham (visiting Garden Grove) said she does have a favorite candidate. She's supporting Republican John McCain. "He's got the military experience none of the others have." McCain was a Navy pilot. In 1967 he was shot down over Vietnam, and spent five years in captivity, two of those in solitary confinement. He is a strong supporter of the Iraq war. The battle for votes in Garden Grove is underway and it's still anybody's game. Candidates will have to hustle a little more this year, however. The California Primary Election has been moved up from June to Feb. 5, 2008.

Casino proposal not permanently rejected

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Grove, "we can't rule it out for the future." As currently envisioned, the McWhinney group, which has built several hotels and restaurants at Chapman Avenue and Harbor, would develop the 25 acres. Ten more acres are the subject of a proposed Westin Hotel project, leaving five acres that might someday be home to the controversial gaming proposal. Hundreds of people, most of them Vietnamese-Americans, attended two council meetings to protest the casino plan, claiming it would lead to increased crime as well as gambling addiction. The council chose the Mc-

Whinney plan, which calls for construction of themed hotels with 1,200 total rooms, a four-to-six acre partially enclosed water park, up to 80,000-square feet of meeting space and 120,000 square feet of retail, dining and entertainment. City staff recommended the McWhinney proposal in part because the group had the most experience in development and had a track record working with Garden Grove. But the project may not be a slam-dunk. "Their proposal is based on a zero land cost to them," pointed out Rosen. That means that the economics of the project is predicated on

the City of Garden Grove acquiring the land and essentially giving it to the developer in consideration of future tax revenue. The issue of land cost is "something we'll be negotiating over," said Yoshizaki. The central hub area is currently occupied by the Harbor Town and Country shopping center, a recreational vehicle camping lot and several small buildings. At present, the casino proposal is hampered by the legal obstacles for an Indian tribe to operate a casino without federal recognition. Proponents say that a change in the state law would permit such a gaming operation "in the future."

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Recall try
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 ponents again when the seat is up for election in 2008. Janet Nguyen denied any involvement in the recall. "I have absolutely nothing to do with the recall effort against Trung Nguyen," she said in a statement. "I do not support recalls except in cases of malfeasance in office or gross fiscal mismanagement, such as with Gray Davis."

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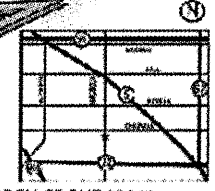
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