

THE RUNNING OF THE MATADORS



THE BOLSA GRANDE HIGH football team opened their 2025 season with a 66-0 win over the visiting Savanna Rebels on Thursday night. Another photo and coverage of area prep's football on pages 6 and 7 (Orange County Tribune photo).

\$250,000 grant for Little Saigon

A grant worth \$250,000 has been awarded to the City of Westminster for the economic development of the Little Saigon business district along Bolsa Avenue, located chiefly between Magnolia and Brookurst streets. The funding comes from

the State of California's Jobs First Regional Investment Initiative.

"This grant supports Westminster's commitment to building a robust and sustainable local economy in Little Saigon," says Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen.

"The funding will help us lay the groundwork for projects that will create new opportunities for our residents and businesses. We are grateful for this support."

Plans for the use of the grant include:

- hiring a full-time Little Saigon outreach coordinator focused on economic development and business growth;
- establishing public-private partnerships;
- implementing strategic marketing and community engagement, including integration with the archway design;
- piloting a "Soap and Water" program to refresh the Little Saigon district.

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consider the formation of an ad hoc committee of two council members for the review and selection of a qualified consultant for the design and develop-

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Seek an arch designer?

Long-dormant plans for an archway over Bolsa Avenue to signify the "Little Saigon" business district in the City of Westminster may be coming to life again.

When the Westminster City Council meets on Wednesday, it will con-

Resolution On 'Harmony And Safety' Seen

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

Do GG police cooperate with ICE agents?

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

A proposed resolution "promoting community harmony and safety" regarding crackdowns on immigration status goes before the Garden Grove City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

The resolution, put forth by Councilmember Ariana Arestegui (District 6), would stipulate that "the City Council of the City of Garden Grove fully supports the chief of police and the Garden Grove Police Department in not requiring officers to check, request, and/or verbally obtain proof of legal status



ARIANA ARESTEGUI
Councilmember

in the execution of their duties, unless a suspect's legal status is directly related to the incident leading to law enforcement intervention."

Additionally, the proposed resolution states that the GGPD "does not participate in or assist

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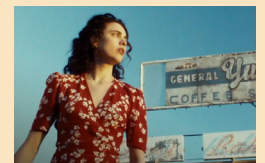
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'Harmony' resolution at GG city council

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with immigration enforcement activities subject to well-established California law."

The resolution surfaced in re-

sponse to "the fear and concerns expressed by many members of the community in response to the increased federal law enforcement presence in our city."

The Garden Grove City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in its

chambers at 11300 Stanford Ave., east of Euclid Street.

Committee to pick designer is proposed

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ment of a the archway, as well as provide direction on who will serve on the committee.

The archway was recently in the news as the County of Orange is seeking to get back the \$1 million it granted to the city – at the direction of former Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do – for the structure, which has never been built, and which remains in city coffers.

The council will meet in the Rose Center Theater, 14140 All American Way with a closed session at 4 p.m. and an open session at 6 p.m.

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News & Views

Deportation? Do it the right way, Uncle Sam

Do It Right Dept. There was an incident recently near a Garden Grove public school in which immigration agents seized a man, handcuffed him, and held him in a van for about an hour before releasing him when he was able to prove his status.

This is not just about illegal aliens. There are estimated to be about 11 million “undocumented workers” in the United States.



Retorts Jim Tortolano

While I can feel sympathy with people who felt compelled to make a dangerous and risky entry into the U.S. to escape extreme poverty, narco-terrorism or political chaos, there never was a guarantee of success.

You live with the decisions you make.

And it’s not a partisan issue, either. In President Barack Obama’s two terms, it’s reported that around 1.5 million illegals were deported – or to use the more polite term – “repatriated.”

In fact, he received considerable criticism from some Hispanic leaders, who called him “deporter-in-chief” mockingly.

This is about the law and our Constitution. People – regardless of skin color or occupation – are entitled to the due process of law. Arrests or “detainment” should be made based on “probable cause,” not because you are brown.

When the crackdown on illegal immigration was launched at the beginning of this administration, much of the justification was to get rid of criminals among the migrants. I’m all for that. Scoot them out.

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WELCOME BACK!



HERITAGE COMPUTER SCIENCE ACADEMY in Garden Grove was one of many area schools having colorful back-to-school observances last week (GGUSD photo).

Seek public help solving a hit-and-run

The public’s help is being sought in helping to solve a fatal hit-and-run incident from earlier this month.

According to the APD, the incident took place in the area of Knott Avenue and Orange Avenue just before midnight. A pedestrian was struck by an automobile and suffered severe injuries. He died from them on Aug. 12.

He is believed to be a 58-year-old Stanton man

The vehicle left the scene shortly after striking the man. Witnesses identified it as a red or maroon sedan.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Investigator Padilla at (714) 765-1474.

Suspect killed by police was a co-employee with two HB co-worker males

Additional details have surfaced in what police are calling a double attempted murder incident earlier this week in Huntington Beach.

According to the HBPD, the incident – which concluded in a shooting by South Gate police of a suspect in the Huntington Beach murder attempts – was reported to police as shots fired at the California Closets warehouse at 5921 Skylab Road.

Arriving officers found an adult male victim with multiple gunshot wounds. They provided medical care, including the application of tourniquets.

The victim was transported by Huntington Beach Fire Department paramedics to a nearby trauma center.

He’s expected to survive; the second male victim was not hit.

Identified as the suspect was

California Closets employee Lucero San Pedro-Castro, 29, of Baldwin Park. The two victims she shot at were also California Closets employees. She had fled the scene before police arrived.

Detectives scoured the scene but were unable to find the gun. Several hours later a South Gate Police Department officer attempted a traffic stop on the suspect. She pointed a gun at the officer. He fired at her, and she died from her wounds.

Anyone with information related to the incident in Huntington Beach is asked to contact Detective Sgr. Anthony Pham at (714) 878-5640. Anyone with information about the South Gate incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Homicide Bureau at (323) 890-3500.

History Minute



More of the name game for the OC

Many Orange County communities started with names different than those used today. They included:

- Richland is now Orange (above);
- Shell Beach is now Huntington Beach;
- Fairview is now Costa Mesa;
- Mackerel Flats: Newport Beach;
- Dairy City: Cypress
- Talbert: Fountain Valley

NewsUpdate

FBI Searches Bolton Office, Home

Had been backer of Trump, but now a critic

The Washington office of John Bolton, who served as national security adviser during Donald Trump's first term in the White House, was searched by FBI agents as well as Bolton's home in Maryland.

Bolton, once a major supporter of Trump, is now a frequent critic of Trump, according to The New York Times.

The search may be to determine whether Bolton illegally shared or possessed classified documents.

The searches were authorized



JOHN BOLTON, formerly national security adviser (Wikipedia).

by two federal judges Bolton could be accused also removing the material from government offices, both of them a federal offense. Sources suggest that

Bolton may be accused of leaking classified material unflattering to the president to the news media.

Trump denied knowledge of

the searches, saying that he first learned about it by watching TV. He did say that he "never liked Bolton: and he considered him a "kind of a low-life."

Crime 'crackdown' for Chicago and New York?

Efforts to battle crime in Washington, D.C. may soon be extended to Chicago and New York, President Donald Trump said on Friday

United Press International is reporting that the president added, "After we do this, we'll go to another location and we'll make it safe, also."

Critics of the "crackdown" and allegations of crime out of control point out that those cities

each have Democratic mayors and in states that typically vote Democratic.

He added that while he appreciated the work done by National Guard troops, but "we're willing" to use regular military "if we have to."

Federal law prohibits using the military in law enforcement roles except in emergency circumstances.

Weather: Slow cooling trend

We won't call it cool, but the next few days in our West Orange County cities should be progressively cooler. The forecast for Saturday will be for a daytime high of 86 with an overnight low of 68 under partly cloudy skies. Sunday will warm a bit to 87 with an overnight low of 69. Monday will cool a bit to 84 and Tuesday to 81 with partly cloudy skies each day.

U.S government takes a 10 percent share in Intel, computer chip maker

The federal government has taken a 10 percent share in Intel, a U.S. chipmaking company.

USA Today reports that the value of the shares to be owned by the U.S. is between \$10 and \$11 billion. In exchange Intel will receive about \$10 billion in federal funds to supply funding for building chip plants in the United States.

The deal is intended to provide employment in America and also to lessen U.S reliance on foreign computer chips which run everything from kitchen appliances and jet fighters.

The Intel deal is one of several new public-private partnerships intended to help America compete with foreign firms subsidized by their governments.

Great Thoughts

"Failure is not the opposite of success; it's part of success."
- Ariana Huffington

"Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those doing it."
- Chinese proverb

"Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow."
- Mark Twain.

Arts & Living

'Honey, Don't!' is Fun and Gory

Margaret Qualley shines in this semi-noir film

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

The skies are blue, the sun unrelenting and the body count escalating in the Bakersfield, California, of "Honey Don't!," where Margaret Qualley's private investigator tries to get a handle on the nefarious goings-on in her city with a small-town feel.

It's the second film in Ethan Coen and Tricia Cooke's so-called "lesbian B-movie trilogy," and while this shaggy caper might not add up to anything significant — perhaps part of the "B-movie" point — it is fun and immensely watchable. That's thanks in large part to Qualley's turn as the smoothly confident Honey O'Donahue, kind of a Philip Marlowe, or maybe Veronica Mars, in cherry-red lipstick, high heels and silks (inspired choices for the sweltering setting by costume designer Peggy Schnitzer).

Honey is meant to be strikingly "other" in this very downtrodden Bakersfield of eccentrics, dropouts and lost souls, where missing teeth seem to be more prevalent than pedicures. It's a carnival of very memorable, very Coen-esque misfits, like a grumpy bartender played by Don Swayze and Charlie Day's clueless police officer Marty Metakawitch. Marty is not the only man in town who has trouble accepting that Honey will never be interested in him. You could play a drinking game with how many times she has to tell hapless men, "I like girls."

Not only is queer literacy low in this Bakersfield, but many in town seem to have come under the influence of a church leader played by Chris Evans, the Rev. Drew Devlin, whose high-



MARGARET QUALLEY stars as a private eye in "Honey, Don't" (Focus Features).

wattage smile and proclivity for flirting have made him a local celebrity. Evans, who seems to be having fun in a weirder role, plays the Rev. Drew as a charismatic creep, an ego-driven and possibly sex-addicted influencer who is also peddling drugs and arranging hits around town. He too has a boss, or bosses, known only as "the French," which is amusingly underexplained. And he's often completely, or nearly, naked and involved in some cringey, experimental acts with his naive followers.

Not unlike the new "The Naked Gun," this saga begins with a suspicious vehicular death. The deceased was an almost-client of Honey's, which sets her off poking around and looking for answers.

Most of her cases are of the cheating spouse type, and this is just more interesting. Meanwhile, others start dropping dead too. Some of these deaths feel spiritually, comedically similar to the Mark Pellegrino sequence in "Mullholland Drive" (not the only Lynchian nod). And all signs are pointing back to the church, though Honey gets a bit distracted with a new fling in

Aubrey Plaza's lustful cop MG Falcone and some family drama with her wayward niece Corinne (Talia Ryder).

"Honey Don't" might play more like a pilot episode of a television series than a contained film, but it is a step up from Coen and Cooke's previous effort, "Drive Away Dolls," which felt constructed of comedic parts whose shelf life expired 20 years ago. This script, written by Coen and Cooke, is probably just as vintage, technically speaking, but it feels more timeless. With a stable of memorable side char-

acters, including Josh Pafchek as the reverend's assistant and Jaccier as a skittish new drug dealer named Hector, "Honey Don't" is gory, unapologetically sexual, quippy and dark. It also clocks in at under 90 minutes — they knew just when to get out.

As Ethan Coen finds his groove as a solo director, "Honey Don't" might not be "The Big Lebowski" or "Raising Arizona," but it is a swing in the right direction. At this rate, if we get the pleasure of seeing a third film, it might just be a classic.

'Honest Abe' comes to HB

"Civil War Days" comes to Huntington Beach's Central Park on August 30 and 31 (Saturday and Sunday), commemorating the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War (1865-2025). The event will feature living history programs, battles, activities, music and more, including a recreation of the suttender at Appomattox, the Gettysburg Address and presentations from historians from all over the nation. The hours at the event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Park (East) is located at Goldenwest Street and Talbert Avenue, near the city's Central Library.



TheSportsPages

Mike Trout: he's always Most Valued Player

Some time in the next week, or the week after, Mike Trout will hit his 399th and 400th home run and the sports world – from the newspapers to those 24-hour sports network's professional chatterers – will spend many hours and column inches talking about how Trout used to be the greatest player in baseball, the greatest of his generation and ... well ... he was.

Which begs the question. Is the greatest player ever to wear the Halo now a guy whose future is behind him?

Mike has a life-time batting average of .296. But this year he's hitting .241. The year previous was .220 and before that .263.

He hasn't played a full season since 2019, when he appeared in 134 games. But as recently as 2022, although he only played 119 games, he still crashed 40 home runs. Even now, having been moved to right field and hampered by injuries – as he has been for the last several years – he's hammered 20 homers and driven in 52 runs, he's still an above-average player.

But, you know... for how long?

Every athlete's career has a peak and then a slide downward. Age, injuries, club priorities change and – overnight – the 18-year-old phenom becomes the 40-year-old old-timer. It's possible that one of Mike's best traits is what's held him back. He's always played hard and stretched his skills to the max, contributing to his many injuries. On top of that, he was never implicated in any scandals and he stayed loyal to his team and never chased Bigger Money just for its own sake.

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Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

Matadors Are No Bull

Bolsa opens the season with 66-0 romp over Rebs

From staff writers

On a warm muggy night at their home stadium, the Bolsa Grande High football team on Thursday night proved to be even hotter than the weather as the Matadors opened the 2025 season with a 66-0 win over the visiting Savanna Rebels.

Anthony Bell rushed for 108 yards on 12 carries and scored on runs of 67 and 15 yards. The Matadors raced out to a 28-0 first quarter lead and were never seriously challenged the rest of the way, giving new head coach Doug Cooper a win in his first game.

The Matadors will next take on Ocean View on Friday, Aug. 29.

Edmund-Kurtz peel Orange

Brady Edmunds passed for three touchdowns – all of them to Steel Kurtz – as the Huntington Beach Oilers defeated



THE BOLSA GRANDE defense played a big role in the Matadors' 66-0 win over Savanna Thursday night at home (Tribune photo). Above (in blue) are Tue-Minh Ho-Hoang (15) and Alan Pech (23).

the Orange Panthers 35-18 on Thursday at Fred Kelly Stadium.

The orange-and-black go for a second straight win when they visit Trabuco Hills next Friday

night.

Vikes win late vs. Knights

Francis Saporito threw for two touchdowns on Thursday as the Marina Vikings rallied to de-

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Dodgers fall to Padres; Angels lose to Cubbies

The **Los Angeles Dodgers** tumbled back into a tie for first place in the National League West race after a 2-1 loss to the San Diego Padres on Friday night.

Both teams are 73-56. The squeaker at PetCo Park came down to Teoscar Hernandez striking out swinging with two out and Freddie Freeman on third base in the top of the ninth inning.

The sole Dodger run came on a third inning home run by Alex Freeland, one of only three hits by the Blue Crew. San Diego

THE ROUNDUP

grabbed the lead with two runs in the bottom of the fourth and the rest of the game was a duel of pitching and defense.

Yu Darvish (3-3), a former Dodger, pitched six innings of one-hit ball for the winners. He struck out five batters and walked only one.

Dodger Slake Snell (3-2) pitched well, going seven innings and yielding six hits and the two runs. He struck out five batters and walked two. The series will continue Saturday and

AL West Standings

| | W-L | Pct. | GB | L10 |
|---------------|-------|------|------|-----|
| Houston | 71-58 | .566 | — | 4-6 |
| Seattle | 69-60 | .535 | 2 | 3-7 |
| Texas | 64-66 | .492 | 7.5 | 3-7 |
| ANGELS | 61-67 | .477 | 9.5 | 5-5 |
| Athletics | 59-71 | .454 | 12.5 | 6-4 |

NL West Standings

| | W-L | Pct. | GB | L10 |
|----------------|-------|------|----|-----|
| DODGERS | 73-56 | .566 | — | 5-5 |
| San Diego | 73-56 | .566 | — | 5-5 |
| Arizona | 63-66 | .488 | 10 | 5-4 |
| San Fran. | 61-68 | .473 | 12 | 2-8 |
| Colorado | 37-92 | .287 | 36 | 6-4 |

Sunday in San Diego.

In Anaheim, the **Los Angeles Angels** also lost a close one,

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Six local teams open with Week Zero wins

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feat the Foothill Knights 13-7 at Bill Boswell Stadium.

Next Friday the opponents are the Bruins of Woodrow Wilson High of Long Beach.

In another game on Thursday, Western bested Salesian High of Los Angeles 34-31 and will take on Villa Park next Friday.

Lobos outlast the Argos

On Friday night, district rivals Los Amigos and Garden Grove slugged it out on Friday night and the Lobos prevailed 42-36.

Starring for Argonauts was Quentin Pacelli, who rushed for 380 yards and four touchdowns. He averaged 18.1 yards per carry and excited the fans with a 90-yard run.

On defense Noe Calderon sacked the Lobo quarterback three times.

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THURSDAY

Bolsa Grande 66, Savanna 40
Western 34, Salesian 14
Hunt. Beach 35, Orange 18
Marina 13, Foothill 7

FRIDAY

Los Amigos 42, G. Grove 36
Saddleback 28, Santiago 7
Sun.Hills 28, Westminster 20
Edison 20, Clovis/West 13
Costa Mesa 56, Magnolia 0
Kennedy 35, Pacifica 13

The Argonauts next week will on Friday take on another district rival, playing Pacifica at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood in a game scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m.

The Lobos will play Silver Val-

ley on Friday.

Kennedy sinks Mariners

Pacifica opened its 2025 season with a 35-13 loss to Kennedy High

James Anema passed for two touchdowns for the Mariners, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Fighting Irish.

Pacifica plays Garden Grove next Friday at SoFi Stadium.

Lions caged by Lancers

Westminster lost its opener 28-20 to Sunny Hills on Friday night at home, after being tied 14-all at halftime.

The Lions will next visit Burna Park on Thursday.

Edison defeats Clovis/West

Relying on the passing arm of Sam Thomson, the Edison Chargers defeated West High of Clovis 20-13 on Friday night.

Next up for the green-and-gold will be a game on Thursday against Yorba Linda.

Sentinels shut out

Magnolia had a tough opener on Friday, losing 56-0 to Costa Mesa.

The Sentinels will try again next Friday, visiting Compton Early College.

Angels, Dodgers lose close ones to Padres, Cubs

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falling 3-2 to the Chicago Cubs. The game was deadlocked 2-all until Pete Crow-Armstrong hit a home run deep into right-center field in the eighth for the game-winner.

The Halos could only manage three hits in the game: a solo home run by Yoan Moncada (his 11th of the year) and two singles.

The loss put the Angels record at 61-67 and in fourth place in the American League West, two games back of the third place Texas Rangers.

The series resumes on Saturday and Sunday.



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Coming soon: Women's Pro Baseball League

By Alanis Thames
AP Sports Writer

Hundreds of women flocked to Washington on Friday to take their first swings at turning pro baseball dreams into reality.

Some at the historic tryout are seasoned veterans and trailblazers in the women's game. Plenty others are beginners chasing a

shot at the pros.

They're meeting on the same field in a camp organized by the Women's Pro Baseball League. Set to debut next year, the league is holding the first pro women's baseball tryouts in more than 80 years this weekend in partnership with Major League Baseball's Washington Nationals. The U.S. hasn't had a pro women's league since the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League — the one immortalized in "A League of Their Own" — dissolved in 1954.

Players took part in drill-focused sessions, athletic performance testing and player evaluations at the Nationals' Youth

Baseball Academy over the first three days, and the showcase will culminate in a live game at Nationals Park on Aug. 25. In the end, 150 players will advance to the league's inaugural draft in October.

For co-founder Justine Siegal, the tryouts mark a crucial step in creating a true arena for female baseball players to compete against one another, which was the driving force behind her vision for the league.

"I didn't get to grow up and play girls baseball. I had to play baseball with the boys," said Siegal, the first woman to coach for an MLB team with the Oakland Athletics in 2015. "We have players who have been waiting a lifetime for an opportunity not to just have a chance to try out for a professional women's baseball league, but to be seen and to be given a

chance.

"It's very important to us that women know that we see them." More than 600 players registered for the four-day camp.

Here are some notable competitors to keep an eye on:

Mo'ne Davis:
right-handed pitcher, outfielder

At 13, Davis became the first girl to earn a win — and pitch a shutout — in the Little League World Series. She drew national attention and became an instant celebrity, gracing the cover of Sports Illustrated and earning AP Female Athlete of the Year honors in 2014.

Davis later played softball at Hampton University, where she last played competitively in 2020 before graduating in 2023. With few professional baseball avenues available, she sometimes wondered if her baseball career had ended.

"A lot of times I've talked to people in school," Davis told The Associated Press, "and ... they just kind of assume that I have everything planned out in life, which isn't true at all."

Davis, now 24, has provided commentary on ESPN for Little League games but recently has explored other career options, including flag football, basketball and content creation.

She hopes the next chapter of her career begins with the WPBL, where she will try out as a pitcher, shortstop and center fielder.

"I'm excited to get out there with all the women," Davis said. "Very excited just to play with each other, to share the field, to bring our love to each other and also to the fans watching."

Kelsie Whitmore
pitcher, outfielder

Whitmore became the first female player in an MLB-partnered league when she suited up for the Staten Island Ferry-Hawks in the Atlantic League in 2022. She first played on the U.S. women's national baseball team as a 14-year-old, helping earn a silver medal at the 2014 World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Women's World Cup and gold at the 2015 Pan American games.



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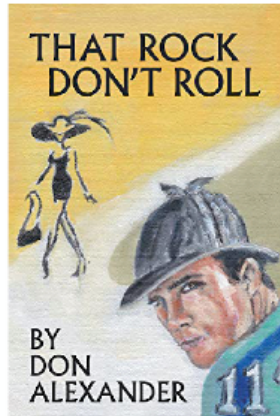
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I want to see him get his 400th and a few more and add to his 1006 RBIs. His bat and his glove have already prepared a place for him in Cooperstown. If the time has come, let's appreciate his prowess and character for one more season. He's been the American League Most Valuable Player three times. I'd like him to feel like we have long regarded him as our Most Valued Player in 2026.

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But — as has been said — "let's start with the murderers and not the landscapers."

If we are headed down a road where the well-tanned can be grabbed off the street by masked men and sent out of the country, all our rights are in jeopardy.

Who knows? I might be writing this column from Italy next week.