

Little Saigons May Join Into A District

Garden Grove, S. Ana and Fountain Valley involved

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

■ **GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

A first step toward tying several “Little Saigons” across West and Central Orange County into one powerhouse of tourism and ethnic pride may be taken at Tuesday’s meeting of the Garden Grove City Council.

The council will be asked to approve a memorandum of understanding among the cities of Garden Grove, Fountain Valley and Santa Ana to

“support economic revitalization, job creation and cultural preservation of Vietnamese-American communities within their jurisdictions.”

Additionally, the council will be asked to award a contract to New City America, Inc worth \$205,000 to investigate – and perhaps help to form – a business improvement district. Also, \$95,000 would go to Clarity of

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SIGN ON BROOKHURST STREET south of Trask Avenue in Garden Grove referring to the Little Saigon area in the southern part of the city (Shutterstock photo).

■ **STANTON CITY COUNCIL**

A need for more help vs. crime?

Does Stanton need more public safety services than are being provided by the Orange County Sheriff’s Department?

At Tuesday’s meeting of the City Council, there will be discussion of Councilmember Victor Barrios’ suggestion that a request for proposal for temporary contract security guard services be created.

Such security guards would be employed to patrol city parks, facilities, streets and rights-of-way.



SHERIFF’S DEPUTIES serve Stanton (OCSD photo)

Stanton does not have its own police department. Police services are provided by the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, which operates out of the former SPD offices in the Stanton Civic Center.

In recent months, there has been discussion at

council meetings about public safety issues including increases in homelessness and prostitution.

Also on the agenda is a proposed resolution requiring applicants for commercial cannabis business assignment to

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Surf City will sue over redistricting

Two issues related to elections caught the attention of the Huntington Beach City Council on Tuesday night.

In another step in the council’s feud with Sacramento, the council voted 7-0 to take legal action against Gov. Gavin Newsom’s proposed redistricting of California seats in the House of Representatives.

Newsom was acting in response to a move by the State of Texas (requested by President Donald Trump) to redistrict House seats in an effort to increase Republican representation in the lower house, possibly by five

■ **HUNT. BEACH CITY COUNCIL**

seats.

In reply, Newsom urged the state legislature to respond in kind and to hold an election to increase the Democratic delegation by five or more seats. Illinois (a “blue” state) and Missouri (a “red” state) are considering joining the fray.

A special election is scheduled in California on Nov. 4.

Councilmember Gracey Van Der Mark originally proposed a resolution opposed to the special election.

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Three Little Saigons may join hands

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Place to provide a “destination opportunity assessment” for Little Saigon

Garden Grove will be the lead city on this project.

Westminster, which has the

highest concentration of Vietnamese in America, is not part of the projected district at present; it’s involved in its own efforts to improve and promote its Little Saigon – and is located primarily along Bolsa between Brookhurst

and Magnolia streets – known as the largest in Orange County. Money for the project won’t come from the general funds of the cities but from about \$550,000 in grant funding from the State of California.

The city council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

Security guards for Stanton?

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pay a fee of \$22,566.98.

Commercial cannabis operations have been pitched to Stanton as a way to boost – perhaps dramatically – tax revenue to the city.

But there have been some instances in which such operations allegedly have not fully complied with the agreements with the city.

The council will meet in closed session at 5:30 p.m. with the regular session scheduled for 6 p.m. in the City Hall, 7800 Kattella Ave.

HB will sue CA over redistricting

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Also on Tuesday night, the city council on a 7-0 vote agreed to direct the city manager to return with an estimate of the cost of implementing Measure A, a voter-passed initiative requiring voters to present identification when voting in Huntington Beach city elections.

The State of California and Surf City are locked in a legal battle over that requirement.

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News & Views

Take off your mask; you'll look better

Target has the Halloween costumes out, and I think Walmart does, too.

It's the time to think about masks and pretending to be someone else, if only for an evening.

As a kid, wearing a mask was part of the sugar-centric holiday of All-Halloween's Eve. I was Zorro, Superman and once – as an adult – Kwai Chang Caine (anyone remember the Seventies TV show, “Kung Fu”?).

While not all costumes require covering your face, they all are about disguising who you are. Some people find it fun. Some find it disturbing.

Many years ago, one chilly October I was leaving driving home from work. At a red light, a motorcycle policeman looked at me and said, “You know, I could arrest you.”

Apparently California has a law against adults going out (or had) masked in public in public, a remnant of methods to cope with vigilante groups such as existed in the 1850s and 1860s to curb lawlessness in San Francisco, and the Ku Klux Klan, which sought to suppress not only Blacks, but also Catholics, Jews and Asians.

He also apparently also forgot it was October 31, but I don't argue with a man with a gun and a helmet.

In general, I agree with him. I find masks kind of creepy. But I have some sympathy with people – adults as well as children – who have the urge to take on a new identity, and I don't mean just for the holiday.

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Retorts

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Grand Theft Try Fails Grandly

Three arrested in robbery in HB on Labor Day holiday

Three suspects were arrested Monday in Huntington Beach in what police are calling an “organized grand theft” operation.

According to the HBPD, the incident took place in the 7000 block of Edinger Avenue around 4:30 p.m.

A detailed description of the getaway car allowed police to make

a traffic stop and make arrests.

The stolen merchandise was found inside the car and all the suspects – the alleged getaway driver, lookout and the one who entered the store provided false names, say police, but were discovered to have outstanding warrants.

While being processed at the jail, one suspect was found to be in possession of illegal narcotics. Arrested and charged were:

- Freddie Joe McCoy, 38, of Compton, for: bringing a controlled substance into a prison or jail; acting as an agent for an

organized retail theft; possession of narcotic paraphernalia; theft with prior convictions and grand theft;

- Frank Covarrubiastruj, 36, of Compton for: acting as an agent for an organized retail theft, making false identification to a peace officer;

- Felicia Dionne Gordon, 38, of Gardena, for acting as an agent for an organized retail theft, theft with minor convictions (shoplifting), possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of personal identifying info with intent to defraud, and petty theft.



THE AUDITORIUM at La Quinta High School in Westminster. GGUSD photo).

\$2.4 M to make LQHS into a ‘community school’

Garden Grove Unified School District has announced that the State of California's Department of Education has approved La Quinta High School as the district's newest Community School with the addition of \$2.4 million in state grant funding.

With this funding, GGUSD now has 22 Community Schools—the most in Orange County—and has received a total of \$32.3 million from the California Community Schools Partnership Program

since 2022.

Community Schools provide integrated academic, social-emotional, health, and family support services designed to meet the unique needs of each school community.

In GGUSD, this includes Community School Teacher Coaches at every site who lead the development and coordination of strategies to “strengthen school communities and ensure all students thrive.”

28 GGUSD schools are very ‘Positive’

Twenty-eight schools in the Garden Grove Unified School District have been recognized with 2024-2025 PBIS State Awards for their excellence in fostering positive and supportive learning environments.

California PBIS Coalition honored schools across GGUSD for their outstanding implementation of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, which encourage constructive student behavior and promote thriving school cultures.

- **Platinum Awards:** Bryant, Hazard, Heritage, Lawrence, Mitchell, Sunnyside, Violette, Bell*, Doig*, Lake*, McGarvin, and* Ralston*;

- **Gold Awards:** Cook, Excelsior, Paine, Peters K-3, Rosita, Wakeham, and Fitz Intermediate Language Academy*;

- **Silver Awards:** Allen, Eisenhower, Garden Park, Northcutt, Parkview, Post, and Irvine Intermediate*;

- **Bronze Awards:** Anthony and Murdy.

Schools with asterisks are intermediate schools; all others are elementary.

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NewsUpdate

Trump: Weak Jobs Numbers 'Rigged'

Fires the official; 22,000 hires in August 2025

After a weak jobs report on Friday, President Donald Trump claimed the numbers were "rigged" and fired the official in charge of assembling the statistics.

The New York Times reported that the U.S. economy added a modest 22,000 jobs in August. Additionally, June's numbers were revised downward into a net loss of jobs.

The result is that the unemployment rate rose from 4.1 percent to 4.3 percent.

Economists told The Times that tariffs put in place by the president have driven up costs for



22,000 JOBS were added in the U.S. in August, considered a modest increase. The unemployment rate rose from 4.1 percent to 4.3 percent (Shutterstock).

companies and prices for consumers, dampening the need for hiring more employees.

Fired from her job was Erika McEntarfer. She will be replaced – if confirmed by the

Senate – by E.J. Antoni, described as a conservative economist and ally of the president.

475 people detained in a raid on a plant in Georgia

A reported 475 people were detained at a Hyundai manufacturing site in Georgia on Friday by immigration enforcement officials, reports the Associated Press.

The majority of people were from South Korea, where Hyundai is based, said Steven Shrank, special agent in charge, Homeland Security Investigations.

He called the raid the "largest single site enforcement operation in the history of the HHS."

The factory makes electric vehicles. To date, few of the sites raided and persons deported were from Korea. There were no figures available about how many of the detainees were held for deportation.

Great Thoughts

"There is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather."

— John Ruskin, writer

"To appreciate the sun, you gotta know what rain is."

Joni Mitchell, singer-songwriter

"If you don't like the weather, wait a minute."

— Mark Twain, writer

Down to the 70s ... eventually

After weeks in the 80s and even sometimes in the 90s, somewhat autumnal weather is in the offing for our West Orange County cities. The forecast is for a daytime high of 83 on Saturday with an overnight low of 66. Sunday will warm slightly to 85 (66) and Monday again to 87 (65). But on Tuesday the thermometer is expected to cool to 79 (66). The skies won't change, though, with partly cloudy conditions each day.

Trump calls for end to 'Democrat Epstein hoax'; release of files is asked

Posting a long message on his Truth Social website, President Donald Trump called on the public to "end the Democrat Epstein Hoax."

United Press International reports that Trump wrote "the Department of Justice has done its job," rejecting calls for the release of information related to sex trafficking accusations tied to

the late financier Jeffrey Epstein. Both Republican and Democratic legislators in Congress have been urging the release of more files related to Epstein.

He was found dead in his prison cell in 2019 after being convicted on a variety of sex charges, including solicitation of prostitution with a minor under the age of 18.

Arts & Living

Mirren Mirrors Lansbury Here

‘The Thursday Murder Club’ has all-star cast

By Jocelyn Noveck
AP National Writer

First of all, is this really what retirement looks like?

If so, perhaps we should all sign up, no matter our age. In “The Thursday Murder Club,” an amiable, cozy, pleasantly entertaining adaptation of Richard Osman’s mystery novel, the lucky club members live in a retirement home that resembles Downton Abbey.

The food at this dreamy manor house nestled in the English countryside is scrumptious, with a choice of wines at lunch. The apartments are huge, the antiques tasteful, the archery and life-drawing classes top-notch. And the emotional support animals are llamas. Yes, llamas.

This is the setting, quaintly called Coopers Chase, in which four retirees, led by Helen Mirren in her no-nonsense plaid blazers, depart from yoga and Sudoku each week to consider cold cases. Old folks solving cases — and outthinking police — is nothing new in our popular culture. Let’s recall “Murder, She Wrote,” in which Angela Lansbury’s Jessica Fletcher solved cases in tiny Cabot Cove, Maine — where close to 300 murders somehow occurred during the show’s 12-year run.

The crime-busting seniors in “The Thursday Murder Club,” directed by Chris Columbus, are nowhere near that fortunate in terms of body count. But they approach their weekly meetings with gusto. Mirren’s Elizabeth has skills from a career in “international affairs” (smells like espionage). Pierce Brosnan’s Ron is former trade unionist, and Ben Kingsley’s Ibrahim a former psychiatrist. As we begin, the trio is considering a case from



HELEN MIRREN leads an all-star cast in “Thursday Murder Club” (Netflix).

Movie Review

the ’70s in which a woman fell out a window under mysterious circumstances.

But they need medical expertise, and thus they recruit new resident Joyce (Celia Imrie), an expert baker and former trauma nurse. We meet her as she’s showing off the grounds to her haughty daughter, who manages a hedge fund and can’t eat Mom’s cakes because she’s perimenopausal. “Everybody’s doing llamas these days, Mum,” she says, unimpressed with the surroundings.

But Joyce is thrilled to join the club, and even more thrilled when, one morning, news comes that an actual murder has occurred — a co-owner of Coopers Chase, actually. “Now we’ve got a real case to solve!” she gushes, with “Disco Inferno” suddenly playing on the soundtrack (that’s a little much), as she pulls Ron from aqua aerobics for a meeting. “Isn’t it wonderful!” But no, it isn’t all wonderful — the deceased had promised to protect the retirees from the plans of another co-owner to demolish the home and make

an event space. The shady Ian Ventham (David Tennant) also intends to uproot the cemetery. Ron organizes a noisy protest. And then, yet another murder happens.

Naomi Ackie is appealing as a police officer who aches for exciting work, and Daniel Mays very funny as her clueless boss. As for the plot — well, the rather dry storyline is not what brings pleasure here.

No, that pleasure is derived from seeing these veterans strut

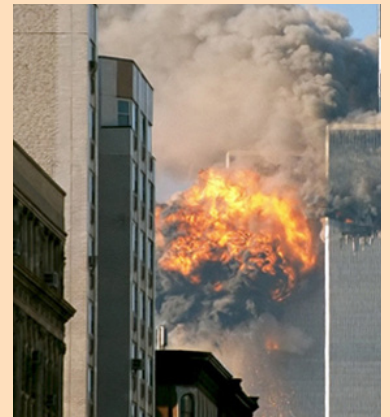
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their stuff, foremost among them Mirren. (Kingsley, alas, gets almost no good lines). Her most delicious moment is a direct nod to her Oscar-winning role as a different Elizabeth. Heading out on an incognito mission with Joyce, she dons a silk headscarf, a comfy cardigan, a tartan skirt and a walking stick. “You look like the Queen!” notes her hus-

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Honor Patriots on Sept. 11

The victims and heroes of the 9/11 attacks in 2001 will be honored at a Patriots Day ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Pier Plaza (Huntington Beach Pier) at 6 p.m. The event is co-hosted by the City of Huntington Beach and American Legion Post 133. There will be a moment of silence, remarks from public officials and a rifle salute by the HBPD honor guard.



TheSportsPages

It's time to blow the whistle on Caitlin cruelty

We've been over this ground ... er, hardwood... before and things seem to be getting worse.

Caitlin Clark, arguably the most important player in the history of Women's National Basketball Association, won't play the rest of the Indiana Fever's season, a victim of repeated injuries and – in my opinion – fatigue from being the punching bag of the up-and-coming league.

Clark, in her second season, is out with a left quadriceps strain on top of an earlier groin strain. After a spectacular college career, she's done more to bring women's hoops to the public's attention than anyone ever has. She puts people in the seats and millions of dollars into the pockets of the TV people who broadcast her games.

But watching her games is a painful act, quite literally. Sports Center and You Tube have made a cottage industry out of showing her being tripped, elbowed, shoved, punched and taunted by rivals who are trying to out-muscle than outplay her.

It's worse than that. One tried-and-true dirty trick is to shove the other player (such as Clark) and when she retaliates, that's all the ref sees. She's stuck with Hobson's choice: either way she loses and sometimes gets the gift of a technical foul.

It used to be said that NBA game officials "protected" star players with their whistle with the understanding that what was good for the league – keeping star players intact and on the court – was good for them, too. Take a lesson, WNBA. A once-in-a-lifetime player doesn't come along ... well, you get the idea.



Sports Retorts

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Bolts Want A Deep Run

High hopes for Jim Harbaugh's team in 2025

By Beth Harris
Ao Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO (AP) — Los Angeles Chargers (11-6)

Expectations

A deep playoff run in coach Jim Harbaugh's second season. He rebuilt the roster and coaching staff while transforming the team's culture and reputation in his return to the NFL, which resulted in a playoff appearance.

Now, a team that hasn't won the AFC West since 2009 is looking to compete for the title. The Chargers will try to bounce back from the blows of losing left tackle Rashawn Slater for the season and new running back Najee Harris' eye injury, which kept him out of action.

New Faces

RB Najee Harris, G Mekhi



JUSTIN HERBERT threw only three interceptions in 2025, the fewest in the league. In the season opener on Friday in Sao Paolo, Brazil, the Chargers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 27-21 (Chargers photo).

Becton, TE Tyler Conklin, DL Da'Shawn Hand, CB Donte Jackson, C Andre James, DL Naquan Jones, QB Trey Lance, LB Kana'i Mauga, CB Benjamin St-Juste.

Key Losses

CB Eli Apple, LB Joey Bosa, WR DJ Chark, RB J.K. Dobbins, RB Gus Edwards, WR

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Angels blow lead vs. A's: Dodger bats silent in loss

The **Los Angeles Dodgers** continued to stagger through the stretch run of the 2025 pennant race, losing 2-1 to the Orioles in Baltimore.

Freddie Freeman got the sole Dodger run with a home run in the top of the sixth, and Samuel Basallo won the game with a home run in the bottom of the ninth for a walkoff win.

Despite the loss – their fourth in a row – the Dodgers (78-63) maintained their two-game lead in the National League West, as the second place Padres have lost five games in a row.

The two teams will play again

THE ROUNDUP

on Saturday.

The Blue Crew is winless in September and lost six of their last seven games. On top of that, they had a mediocre 15-14 record in August, allowing San Diego to get close.

A four-run first inning Friday night in Anaheim wasn't enough for the **Los Angeles Angels** as the Athletics responded with a seven-run third inning.

The A's went on to a 10-4 win against the Halos, whose record fell to 66-75. They remain in

AL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
Houston	77-65	.542	—	5-5
Seattle	73-68	.518	3.5	3-7
Texas	73-69	.514	4	7-3
ANGELS	66-75	.468	10.5	4-6
Athletics	65-77	.458	12	5-5

NL West Standings

	W-L	Pct.	GB	L10
DODGERS	78-63	.553	—	4-6
San Diego	76-65	.539	2	2-8
San Fran.	72-69	.511	6	9-1
Arizona	71-71	.500	7.5	7-3
Colorado	40-101	.284	38	3-7

fourth place in the American League West.

The Angels and A's will face off again on Saturday.

Chargers Win; Vaqueros Are 2-0

Sam Thomson threw three touchdown passes as the Edison Chargers bounced back from last week's defeat to dominate the Lakewood Lancers 31-0 on Friday night.

All three of those scoring passes were to Matthew Auau. The Chargers are 2-1 and will next face Palos Verdes (2-1) on Friday, Sept. 12.

Edison is the top-ranked team in our High Five.

Two area teams remain undefeated. Rancho Alamitos ran up a 28-7 halftime lead and went on to defeat Anaheim 35-17 on Friday to improve to 2-0.

La Quinta and Bassett of La Puente fought to a 6-6 tie. The Aztecs are 1-0-1.

In other games on Friday night, Pacifica (2-1) defeated Northwood of Irvine 20-14 and Ocean View (1-1) won a close one, edging Buena Park 28-27. Orange (2-1) squeezed by Los Osos 15-7.

Two undefeated area high school football teams are un-

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beaten no longer after Thursday's games.

In a clash of our High Five second- and third-ranked teams, Huntington Beach beat Western 48-7 to drop the Pioneers to 2-1. The Oilers are 2-1 now.

Los Amigos (now 2-1) lost 23-7 to University High of Irvine.

Garden Grove fell to 0-3 as the Argonauts lost 48-31 to Santa Ana. The red-and-white continue to show a powerful offense with a struggling defense, having been outscored 118 to 88 so far.

Grove will have a week off, and then try to get a win on Friday, Sept. 19 hosting University High of Irvine (1-1).

- Other Thursday scores:
- Arroyo Grande 34, Bolsa Grande 17
 - Santiago 26, Savanna 13.



ANTHONY BELL carries for Bolsa Grande. The Matadors lost 34-17 to Arroyo Grande (GGUSD photo).

• Area High School Results

THURSDAY FOOTBALL

Santa Ana 48, Garden Grove 31
 Arroyo Grande 34, Bolsa Grande 17
 University 23, Los Amigos 7
 Santiago 26, Savanna 13
 Hunt. Beach 48, Western 7
 Marina 23, Fountain Valley 10

FRIDAY FOOTBALL

Edison 31, Lakewood 0
 Ocean View 28, Buena Park 27
 Orange 15, Los Osos 7
 Pacifica 20, Northwood 14
 Cal. Chapel 27, Westminster 14
 La Quinta 6, Bassett 6
 Rancho Alamitos 35, Anaheim 17

FLAG FOOTBALL (Tu-Th)

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 Sonora 12, Garden Grove 6

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High Harbaugh hopes for Chargers in 2025

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Simi Fehoko, DT Poona Ford, DE Morgan Fox, CB Kristian Fulton, TE Hayden Hurst, G Brenden Jaimes, S Marcus Maye, C/G Sam Mustipher, LB Nick Niemann, WR Josh Palmer, LB Shaq Quarterman, LB Chris Rumph, CB Asante Samuel Jr., T Foster Sarell, TE Stone Smartt, QB Easton Stick.

Strengths

Justin Herbert threw just three interceptions last season, the fewest in the league, and now he gets a second year in the same system. Harbaugh's preference for the running game has taken pressure off Herbert while allowing the 27-year-old star to grow.

He'll be handing off to upgraded talent in Harris and rookie Omarion Hampton, and both

have proven durable. Harris was a 1,000-yard rusher in four straight seasons for Pittsburgh, while Hampton ran for nearly 3,000 yards and 30 TDs in his final two years at North Carolina. Receiver Ladd McConkey set franchise records with 82 receptions for 1,149 yards as a rookie and built a rapport with Herbert.

Veteran linebacker Khalil Mack and defensive back Derwin James Jr. led a unit that set a franchise record for fewest points allowed per game last season.

Defensive coordinator Jesse Minter, who came with Harbaugh from Michigan, guided a unit that was among the league's best in his first NFL season.

Weaknesses

How the team makes up for

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Chargers hope for a long playoff run

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the loss of Pro Bowler Slater is a key question for the offensive line. The defensive line took a hit with the loss of Poona Ford to the Los Angeles Rams and will look much different.

Teair Tart leads the group, but there is a need for someone to complement him and keep the defensive unit from being a shortcoming.

The team faces a tougher schedule than in past seasons, including opening against Super Bowl runner-up Kansas City in Brazil and facing Super Bowl champion Philadelphia at home on Dec. 8.

However, the Chargers can take confidence from their two losses to the Chiefs last season by seven and two points.

Camp Development

Slater's season-ending knee injury forced Trey Pipkins III to move to starting right tackle while Joe Alt, coming off a stellar rookie year, moved to left tackle.

RG Mekhi Becton missed three

weeks of practice with an undisclosed injury, putting his immediate playing status in question. QB

Fantasy Player to Watch

Until Harris returns, Hampton

is expected to be the focus of the run game with his explosive playmaking ability. He was taken in the first round of the draft and has huge upside.

BET/GM Book

Win Super Bowl: 28-1.

'Thursday Murder Club'

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band. "Do I?" she asks, cheekily.

But moments later, on the bus with Joyce, Elizabeth has a scene that rings false. Reading a text message, she asks her friend: "What does WTF mean?" Joyce explains, loudly, what it means, saying she learned it from her daughter. A young mother with a child nearby is shocked at the profanity. It's all too cute by half. We're supposed to believe razor-sharp Elizabeth doesn't know what "WTF" means?

It's a few moments like this that cause some discomfort, raising the question of whether these characters are being, well, caricatured. Columbus seems to acknowledge the issue with

an exchange where Joyce tells Elizabeth that she feels like she's in "one of those Sunday night dramas about two bright-eyed, feisty, old lady detectives outsmarting the police at every turn." Annoyed, Elizabeth tells her never to utter the words again.

In any case, there's a sadder undertone that provides some grounding here. Elizabeth's husband — poignantly played by Jonathan Pryce — is in the early stages of dementia, a fact Elizabeth is keeping from him. He has his good days and his bad ones, she explains to a friend. Sometimes he's his old self, and sometimes he's just gone.

It's a message that even if our main protagonists seem healthy and active, they're at a stage in life where every day is a bit more precarious. "Cherish the good moments," the friend tells Elizabeth.

"It's a good message, overall, for the movie. The script could certainly be sharper, the comedy more clever. But for two hours on Netflix, Coopers Chase is rather a comfy place to be, with some moments to cherish.

"The Thursday Murder Club," a Netflix release, has been rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association "for violent content/bloody images, strong language and some sexual references." Running time: 118 minutes.

GGUSD schools are 'positive'

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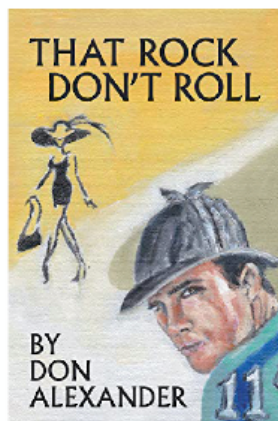
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Retorts: Don't need that mask

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People will react to what you show them, especially how you dress. Not only do we put on clothes to make people think better of you, we do so to fit in. I have always been amused by youngsters — or anybody, really — with nose rings, tattoos and Mohawks (did you lose a bet, or what?), who claim to be doing it to express their individuality.

No, my friend, what you are doing is expressing your conformity to something you saw on TV or at a rock concert.

One of the greatest missions in life, I believe, is to be yourself. No one else is better qualified, and learning to be comfortable in your own skin is a superpower as good as anything Spider-Man has.

And you don't need the mask.