

Psychiatric hospital seeks partial dismissal of patient's case

■ A patient at College Hospital-Cerritos claims she was prematurely discharged and dumped on the street.

By City News Service

NORWALK – A Cerritos psychiatric hospital is seeking dismissal of most of the allegations in an alleged “patient dumping” lawsuit brought by a special education teacher with a bipolar disorder who alleges she was discharged in 2017 with little ability to care for herself.

The plaintiff, in her late 30s, is identified only as Jane Doe in the Norwalk Superior Court lawsuit she brought against College Hospital-Cerritos in May 2019. The suit has been twice amended since then.

“By discharging a mentally unstable woman to the street, defendants failed to protect plaintiff from the health and safety hazards to which a psychiatric patient is especially vulnerable upon discharge and abandoned and dumped plaintiff to the streets before her condition had stabilized,” the suit alleges.

But in court papers filed Friday with Judge Olivia Rosales, hospital lawyers dispute Doe's version of events and are asking the judge to dismiss the plaintiff's causes of action for dependent adult abuse and neglect, professional negligence, unlawful business practices and intentional infliction of emotional distress, citing both the statute of limitations and the hospital's legal immunities. They also say Doe cannot recover punitive damages.

“Plaintiff's lawsuit reflects her retrospective, if not feigned, dissatisfaction with the determination by a certification hearing officer who protected her constitutional liberty rights, requiring her discharge,” the hospital lawyers maintain in their court papers.

After being taken by law enforcement to the hospital and being admitted in May 2017, management sought to extend Doe's 72-hour hold to 14 days, but she objected and wanted to be discharged after a full due process hearing, the hospital lawyers further state in their court papers.

Prior to her release, Doe was instructed regarding her discharge orders and told about available post-discharge care and treatment options, but she declined them all and left “on her own volition,” the hospital attorneys argue in their court papers.

Dr. Manolito Fidel, who was Doe's treating psychiatrist at the hospital and signed her discharge order, has filed a similar motion, saying he was not added to the case until nearly four years after it was filed and that all the claims against him are barred by the

statute of limitations.

According to the suit, Doe has a psychiatric history of manic depression and generalized anxiety since 2008, with recurrent mania psychosis. In April 2017, Doe, who worked as a special education teacher, went missing from her Canoga Park home, leaving her cellphone, identification and her dog, the suit states.

Doe was arrested shortly thereafter by Huntington Beach police for speeding and evading a peace officer and given a citation, the suit states. She was later released by the HBPD and subsequently was reported missing by her mother, according to the suit.

Doe was found by Fountain Valley police in May 2017 and told them she was homeless, the suit states.

The Crisis Stabilization Unit of the Orange County Health Care Agency placed Doe at College Hospital-Cerritos, the suit states. While Doe was a patient at College Hospital, the staff failed to obtain an accurate patient history and neglected to provide adequate treatment and post-discharge care, the suit alleges.

Doe's mother learned of her daughter's whereabouts and was promised by a staff member that Doe was not to be discharged before she got there, the suit states.

However, as Doe's mother left the administration building of the hospital with two College Hospital supervisors, she saw her daughter walking through the parking lot by herself leaving the hospital, the suit states.

Doe “began to run and disappeared into the streets of Cerritos,” the suit states.

“Because of College Hospital's utter neglect, plaintiff's mother was unable to keep her promise to Plaintiff that she would not let her end up on the streets again,” the suit states. “During the several days plaintiff spent homeless, cold and wandering the streets, she was injured and suffered greatly, including by being sexually assaulted twice,” the suit alleges.

After she was “miraculously” located in Culver City, Doe's psychiatric state caused her to be placed on another involuntary psychiatric hold, the suit states.

Following months of intensive in-patient treatment, Doe returned home, where her mother served as her full time caregiver, living with her daughter for several months and taking care of Doe, her dog, her property and all other decisions concerning her daughter's affairs, including finding her a new treating physician, according to the suit.

Fidel's motion is scheduled for hearing April 30, followed by the hospital's on June 11.

Downey sports bar calls city's dress policies unlawful

■ Ojos Locos is demanding a refund of \$4K in fines it paid, calling Downey's dress policies unlawful and unenforceable.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Ojos Locos has challenged the city over its city-wide dress code, which was implemented in anticipation of the restaurant's arrival.

Ojos Locos, a Dallas, Texas based Mexican food sports bar known for its scantily-clad waitresses, opened in Downey in September last year, much to the chagrin of residents and council-members alike.

Specifically, there were concerns that the restaurant's female servers would be wearing as little as bras, panties, and lingerie, as had been seen on the social media accounts of other Ojos Locos locations, though Ojos Locos denied that this was the case.

In response, a city-wide dress code was approved in March 2022. Under the ordinance, food handlers are not able to expose any portion of the midriff, any portion of the chest three inches below the clavicle, and/or any portion of the leg less than three inches below the buttocks. Violators – which could include the establishment and the employee themselves – are subject to fines of \$500 for a first offense, \$1,000 for a second offense, and \$2,000 for any following offenses.

Waitresses at the Downey chain wear short skirts and low-



Ojos Locos sports bar says it paid \$4,000 in fines for violating the City of Downey's dress code. (Ojos Locos photo)

cut tops that do not cover the midriff.

Now, Ojos Locos is starting to push back.

According to a letter sent to the city by Ojos Locos General Counsel Dawn Diaz, two administrative citations have been administered to the restaurant. However, Diaz says that the citations were for the same violation which was double billed due to there being two company officers, thus resulting in \$4,000 being paid to the city through the appeal

process.

Diaz continued, calling the city's dress code “both unenforceable and unlawful.”

“We are requesting that the city not target and discriminate against the female gender that we hire as Chicas, immediately refund all fees paid, and revoke said ordinance,” she said.

The city council discussed the issue in closed session at their meeting on Tuesday, however no action was announced.

Former Jalisco mayor visits Downey

■ Pablo Lemus met with local small business owners and political leaders.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The city of Downey was paid a visit by former mayor of Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico and pre-candidate for the Movimiento Ciudadano party for governor of Jalisco Pablo Lemus on Tuesday.

During his visit to the city, Lemus met with business owners and city council members. He was also meant to be honored at Tuesday's city council meeting, however due to a scheduling conflict will return at a later date.

Downey and Guadalajara have been affiliated under the Sister Cities program since 1960. Downey was the first city to establish a sister city relationship with a community in Mexico.

Mayor Mario Trujillo said it was “a special visit for us.”

“We are the first sister-cities ever, and for him to take time from his busy schedule really says a lot about the fact that he



Pablo Lemus, left, speaks with Downey mayor Mario Trujillo. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

knows who we are, and values us enough to take time to come here and say hello to us,” said Trujillo.

In a post on Instagram, Lemus said that his California trip was “full of learning.”

“Since 1960, work with our Jaliscian capital is constant, it's up to us because in 2022 we tackle public policies in the field of security and civil protection,” Lemus wrote. “The bonds with this beautiful California town are stronger than ever, and I can

assure you that our brotherhood will last for many years.”

Trujillo described the relationship between Downey and its sister cities as “a plus.”

“It's important for us to maintain those relationships, again, because it talks about what an accepting, diverse community Downey is, and that we treasure these relationships that we've formed since 1960 with our different sister cities.”

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 65°

Saturday 65°

Sunday 65°

ON THIS DAY

1773:

The oldest public museum in the United States was established in colonial Charleston, South Carolina.

1915:

The United States House of Representatives rejected a proposal to require states to give women the right to vote.

1932:

Hattie Ophelia Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

1966:

The live-action TV series “Batman” premiered on ABC; a huge hit, it starred Adam West as the Caped Crusader.

1969:

Quarterback Joe Namath, having “guaranteed” victory, led the New York Jets to a 16–7 win over the favored Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III.

1971:

The groundbreaking television series “All in the Family” debuted on CBS; the sitcom became known for its frank and satirical treatment of sensitive or important topics.

1981:

The television soap opera “Dynasty” premiered on ABC.

1999:

Britney Spears released her first album, “...Baby One More Time.”

2001:

Downtown Disney opened as part of the Disneyland resort in Anaheim.

2005:

The U.S. space probe Deep Impact was launched, and in July it shot a 810-pound mass into the nucleus of the comet Tempel 1 in order to study its cometary structure.

2010:

A magnitude-7.0 earthquake devastated Haiti, especially Port-au-Prince, killing more than 200,000 people and leaving more than 1,000,000 homeless and touching off a massive international relief effort.

2023:

Lisa Marie Presley, the only child of Elvis, died of cardiac arrest at 54.

BIRTHDAYS

Radio host **HOWARD STERN** (70), Amazon founder **JEFF BEZOS** (60), comedy actress **RACHAEL HARRIS** (56), R&B singer **AMERIE** (44), Dodgers broadcaster **DONTRELLE WILLIS** (42), actress **ISSA RAE** (39), “Jersey Shore” star Deena **NICOLE CORTESE** (37) and pop singer **ZAYN MALIK** (31).

A simple way homeowners can save on their property tax bill

■ Homeowners should sign up for the Homeowners Exemption (HOX) to reduce their assessed tax burden by \$7,000.

By Jeff Prang
Los Angeles County Assessor

This month I want to take a moment of your time to visit a specific property tax savings program my office offers that is just waiting to reduce your budget.

We do manage several programs for seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and non-profits, resulting in \$724 million in tax savings last year alone.

Since 1974, the state's Constitution has tried to give homeowners financial relief against the high cost of housing through the Homeowners' Exemption (HOX) that can automatically reduce your assessed tax burden by \$7,000, if the home is your primary residence as of Jan. 1. That translates to an actual reduction of \$70 to a homeowner's tax bill. And all the homeowner has to do is fill out the application at assessor.lacounty.gov and they are good to go. The deadline is Feb. 15 to get the entire savings but if you miss the deadline, please file anyway and you will get it prorated this year and the full amount the following years.

Homeowners need only apply once in order to receive these savings each year. The savings continue until a change (such as a sale) is recorded.

It's important to remember that when the Homeowners' Exemption was created in 1972 and then formally enacted in 1974, the median sales price for



a single family home was about \$34,000 statewide. The median sales price of a home now is about \$800,000.

The \$70 exemption taken off the property tax bill is entirely inadequate in providing any relief for the California homeowner. We cannot forget that the property tax bill also includes local bond debts and fee assessments, including water and school districts that have nothing to do with assessed value of the home under Proposition 13.

Yes, obviously it is long overdue for an increase to the Homeowners' Exemption. As a hypothetical example, if the

state Legislature increased the current homeowners' exemption from \$7,000 to \$25,000 for everybody and perhaps even up to \$500,000 for qualified low-income homeowners, that translates into a savings of \$250 for all and \$5,000 for those qualifying low-income homeowners.

I encourage our state Legislature to study this issue and increase the Homeowners' Exemption, even modestly. At a minimum, they should attach an escalator clause that will keep the Homeowners' Exemption in line with inflation.

Having said that and at the current savings of \$70, nearly

one in three homeowners in Los Angeles County still do not take advantage of this program, leaving \$30 million unclaimed each year. Across the County, an additional 435,000 families can be saving on their tax bills.

The Homeowners' Exemption is even more important than ever before because of Proposition 19. Prop. 19 has changed the rules that apply to transfers between parents and children or in some cases, even grandparents to grandchildren.

Prop. 19 abolishes transfers of any property not being used as a primary residence. It also eliminates the current parent-to-child and grandparent-to-grandchild exemption in cases where the child or grandchild does not use the inherited property as their principal residence, such as using a property as a rental house or a second home.

However and this is most important: The child receiving the home has one year from the date of transfer to acquire the Homeowners' Exemption, if the parent did not have it at the time of the transfer. If the home does not have the Homeowners' Exemption, the children will not receive the tax benefit, and they could be stuck with a huge property tax increase.

I am providing regular briefings on the latest updates and our website will be continuously posting new information on Proposition 19 that may assist taxpayers.

For more information on Prop. 19 or other tax savings programs, visit assessor.lacounty.gov or call 213/974-3211.

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Do you feel an overwhelming and uncomfortable urge to move your legs - particularly at night? Does the feeling only get worse when you try to relax or lie still? Does moving them help? Does this (understandably!) keep you awake? You may be experiencing restless legs syndrome (RLS). Yes, it is a real disease, and is also known as Willis-Ekbom disease.

Restless legs syndrome affects up to 10% of us, including about a million children. Women are twice as likely to have it, and while symptoms can begin at any age, it can be more severe as we become middle-aged and older.

Common triggers include inactivity - like sitting for a long car trip, plane flight, or movie; being immobilized in a cast; or even while doing relaxation exercises. RLS tends to be worse at night. It may go away for days or months, before a new relapse. Symptoms tend to become more severe over time... however, they may also disappear.

Most cases appear to have a genetic component, but the causes of RLS are puzzling. No cause-and-effect relationship has been proven, but other conditions often occur along with RLS, including varicose veins, folate and/or magnesium deficiency, fibromyalgia, sleep apnea, kidney failure, diabetes, thyroid disease, Parkinson's disease, certain autoimmune disorders, celiac disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and peripheral neuropathy. Surprisingly, either iron deficiency or elevated levels of iron are found in most cases! And, a Mayo Clinic study showed that people with very frequent leg movements were more likely to have thick hearts, a condition that makes them more prone to cardiac problems, stroke and death.



Some medications make RLS symptoms worse, including anti-nausea meds, antipsychotic drugs, certain over-the-counter antihistamines, and some anti-depressants. Other factors that can aggravate RLS include being in the last trimester of pregnancy, detoxing from opioids, alcohol use, sleep deprivation, and undergoing surgery.

While lab tests can rule out conditions such as vitamin deficiencies or other movement disorders, and sleep studies can rule out sleep apnea, no lab test actually diagnoses RLS. Your doctor will focus on your description of symptoms, triggers, what gives relief, and the pattern it follows through the day and night.

The goal of treatment is to decrease the number of days and nights with symptoms, to lessen the severity of the symptoms, and to reduce the frequency of nighttime awakenings. Current treatments include:

- Resolving any underlying condition.
- Taking iron supplements, for the 20% of cases associated with iron deficiency
- Using dopamine agonist medications, including Requip (ropinirole) and Mirapex (pramipexole), which has been helpful for some.

- Taking certain medications used for neuropathy, including gabapentin and Lyrica, which have recently demonstrated some success.
- Lifestyle changes may make a real difference. This might include reducing the consumption of caffeine, alcohol and tobacco; maintaining regular sleep patterns; getting exercise, including stretching and walking; massages; and taking relaxing baths.

Unfortunately, restless legs syndrome is a chronic condition with no perfect cure. Research continues.

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Welcome to the end of college football as we know it

Greed is further eroding college football, and we suffer for it.

By Will Leitch

Will Leitch is a contributing editor at *New York Magazine*, the founder of the late sports website *Deadspin* and the author of six books, including the novels "How Lucky" and "The Time Has Come."

On Monday night, college football as we know it came to an end. Now that Michigan has defeated Washington in the College Football Playoff Championship Game in Houston, the sport will fundamentally reconstruct itself.

Washington, UCLA, USC and Oregon will join the Big Ten; Oklahoma and Texas will join the Southeastern Conference (SEC). The College Football Playoff will expand to 12 teams, while the Pac-12, a conference that originated in 1915, just three years after Arizona became a state, will wither and die.

This is the end. And it is also, of course, just the start.

What did 2023 teach us about what we should be prepared for in the years to come? Here are six lessons from The Last Season Of College Football As We Knew It.

TV executives are the new commissioners and now run everything

Stewart Mandel, one of the top college football reporters at The Athletic and one of the emerging unofficial deans of the sport's conventional wisdom, has taken to saying that college football's ideal fan is no longer a crazed Auburn message board poster or the sort of guy who sets up his weekend tailgate sometime around Wednesday afternoon. It's instead a bored, distracted, unaffiliated gambling aficionado who doesn't really care about college football but will look up from his phone when the television is showing a game with a brand-name team he recognizes.

All that drives decision-making in college football now is television ratings, to the point that conferences are hiring former television executives as their commissioners. This trend reached its logical, and most mercenary, conclusion when Florida State, an undefeated champion of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), was left out of the College Football Playoff (CFP) in favor of Alabama, a team that had lost a game and had been ranked behind the Seminoles all season, in large part because leaving an SEC team out of the playoff would be disastrous for the CFP's ratings. (Attempts by CFP committee members to construct other rationales consistently fell on deaf ears.)

Was it "fair?" Of course not. But the people in charge showed this year that "fair," or even "competition," were at best happy accidents that took a backseat to the real driving force here: name-brand competition that gets as many dudes as possible to look up from their phones.

The death of conferences is only beginning

The death of the Pac-12, a conference that went from having its own cable channel to no longer existing seemingly overnight, is one of the more stunning things to happen in college sports in decades. Its disappearance leaves only four major conferences, but if you're in the Big 12 or (especially) the ACC, you shouldn't breathe all that easy just yet.

As college football has veered closer and closer to the NFL model, it has long been speculated that the logical end game for all this change is not four conferences but two:

essentially, much like the NFL, an Eastern Conference and a Western Conference, a consolidation of only the sport's biggest names. It stands to reason those conferences would be the SEC and the Big Ten, the conferences currently soaking up all the oxygen (and money, which is more important in college football than oxygen).

This is already starting to happen. Florida State was so stung by its exclusion from the CFP that it is reportedly trying to figure out ways to get out of its grant-of-rights contract with the ACC, a conference it has long battled with over financial issues. We've already seen that the SEC and Big Ten will pounce when other conferences seem weak. A future where they are the only two conferences standing is well within sight.

'Little' schools will be banished to the minor leagues, and 'little' may just mean your alma mater

The biggest losers of college football realignment this year were unquestionably Washington State and Oregon State. After years in the Pac-12, their conference imploded around them, and while everyone else found safe havens, they were stuck in the mid-tier Mountain West ... with their days of national relevance likely behind them forever.

But if you feel bad for them, don't get too comfortable: Your school could be next. An inevitable result of a two-conference, NFL-style system will be a consolidation of schools, which will mean, with geography no longer a determining factor, only the schools that get big TV ratings will get to play on the biggest stage. That's immediate bad news for schools like Northwestern and Vanderbilt, small private schools that have benefitted from their history with their conferences, but if the number of schools in these conferences is whittled down to 48 or even 32 teams, the meat will be cut much closer to the bone.

Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Ohio State, Michigan, they'll all be fine. But at 32 teams — which is the direction all this is going — well, does that leave room for, say, Missouri? Kentucky? Purdue? Illinois? Arizona State? Kansas? If your team isn't a member of that 32, it will be as irrelevant as Washington State or Oregon State is now. If you didn't stand up for them this time, who will stand up for you then?

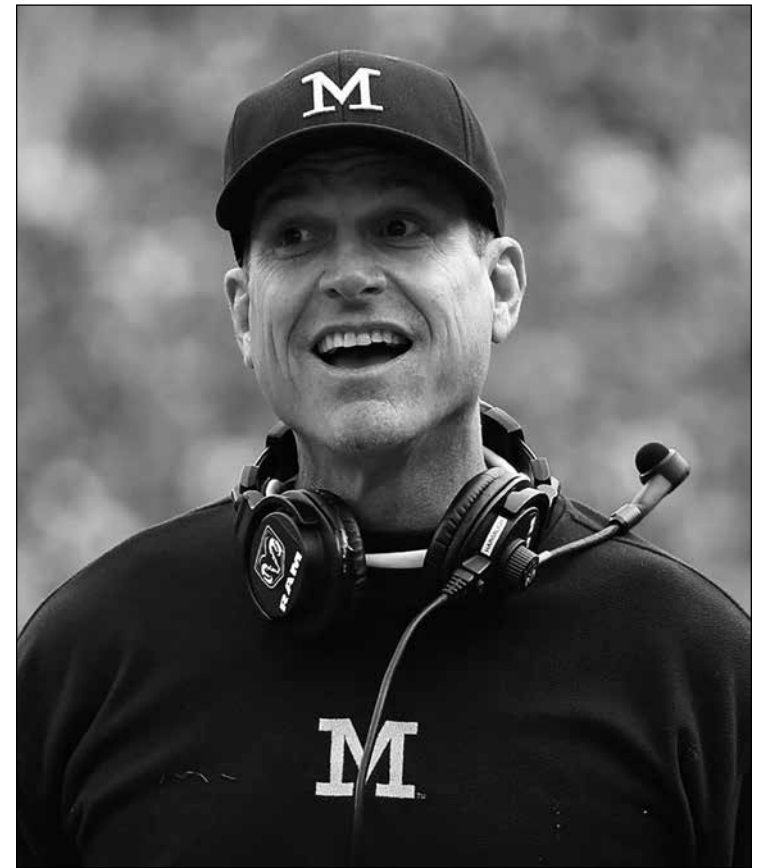
The college football video game is going to change everything

Ask anyone who works in the college football media business: The quickest way to juice your traffic is to write about the upcoming EA Sports College Football video game, scheduled for release this coming summer. The game, which stopped production back in 2013 because of issues involving the use of players' names, images and likenesses (and leading to the NIL revolution that has transformed college athletics in the wake of the Supreme Court decision two years ago), is expected to revolutionize college football once more, with players now receiving financial remuneration for the game and schools licensing their own names, logos and stadiums for it.

The game is likely to have a rise-all-boats explosion of popularity that could mirror the success of the FIFA franchise, which is widely credited with expanding soccer's ubiquity globally, and especially in the United States. In many ways, college football has come to resemble a video game in recent years. Now the game will come back to return the favor.

The sport has reached its end-stage-capitalism period

You might have heard Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh and his team talk about all the "adversity" it has overcome, but remember that all this "adversity" has of course been self-imposed. Harbaugh himself has been suspended for half of



Michigan head football coach Jim Harbaugh.

his team's games this season for two different scandals, one involving illegal recruiting tactics and the other involving sign-stealing allegations. (Harbaugh has denied knowledge of any alleged in-game interception of opposing teams' play calls.) His punishment, ultimately, has been a huge shrug followed by a "Michigan vs. the World" narrative that has been embraced by ESPN, ABC and anyone with a financial interest in selling Monday night's game.

In any sane, just, orderly and downright healthy sport (or organization, really), Harbaugh and his team would be engulfed in scandal. In college football, though, as long as you're winning and bringing in the ratings (both of which Michigan did), none of that makes a difference.

In the long term, these changes to college football seem potentially fatal. Sure, in the short term, they'll work: I'm as excited to watch next year's 12-team College Football Playoff as anyone. But in the long term, when you pattern yourself after the NFL in order to get some of their television juice, when you jettison the traditions and orthodoxies that made people fall in love with the sport in the first place, you stop being college football: You simply become Minor League NFL. And no one cares about minor league anything.

The people who run the sport — the executives, the conference commissioners, the athletic directors, occasionally (but rarely) even the school presidents themselves — know this can't last forever. A reckoning is coming. So they're getting everything they can while they can, before the party is over and the dance floor is cleared. Rules, tradition and sentiment be damned.

In the end, only the Pop-Tart will endure

I do not know what will happen to college football. But I do know that the Pop-Tart, the breakout star of this bowl season who celebrated the first-ever Pop-Tarts Bowl by sacrificing himself, "Midsommar"-style, to be eaten by the victors, will ultimately survive us all.

I, for one, welcome our new Pop-Tart overlords. I'd like to remind them, as a trusted internet personality, that I can be helpful in rounding up others to toil in their underground toasted pastry sugar caves.

Newsom defies Supreme Court ruling on right to bear arms

By Jacob Sullum

Jacob Sullum is senior editor at *Reason* and a nationally syndicated columnist.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom thinks the Constitution should be amended to accommodate the gun regulations he favors. But in the meantime, he is trying out a different strategy: If we ignore the Second Amendment, maybe it will go away.

In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right to carry guns in public for self-defense, saying states could not require residents to demonstrate a "special need" before allowing them to exercise that right. Newsom responded to what he called a "very bad ruling" by backing a new law that makes carry permits easier to obtain but nearly impossible to use.

Senate Bill 2 bans guns from 26 categories of "sensitive places," including parks, playgrounds, zoos, libraries, museums, banks, hospitals, houses of worship, public transportation, stadiums, athletic facilities, casinos, bars, and restaurants that serve alcohol. The list also covers any "privately owned commercial establishment that is open to the public" unless the owner "clearly and conspicuously posts a sign at the entrance" saying guns are allowed.

S.B. 2 "turns nearly every public place in California into a 'sensitive place,' effectively abolishing the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding and exceptionally qualified citizens to be armed and to defend themselves in

public," U.S. District Judge Cormac Carney noted last month, when he issued a preliminary injunction barring California from enforcing many of the law's provisions. "California will not allow concealed carry permit holders to effectively practice what the Second Amendment promises. SB2's coverage is sweeping, repugnant to the Second Amendment, and openly defiant of the Supreme Court."

Carney's response to *May v. Bonta*, a lawsuit challenging S.B. 2, was not surprising. New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Hawaii have attempted similar end runs around the Supreme Court's decision, provoking lawsuits that in each case resulted in a court order blocking at least some of the challenged restrictions.

Undeterred by those warnings, Newsom and his legislative allies are hoping that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, which historically has been highly sympathetic to gun control, will bless their blatant trickery. On Saturday, the appeals court dissolved an administrative stay that briefly blocked Carney's injunction, which means the new gun-free zones are on hold until it decides the case.

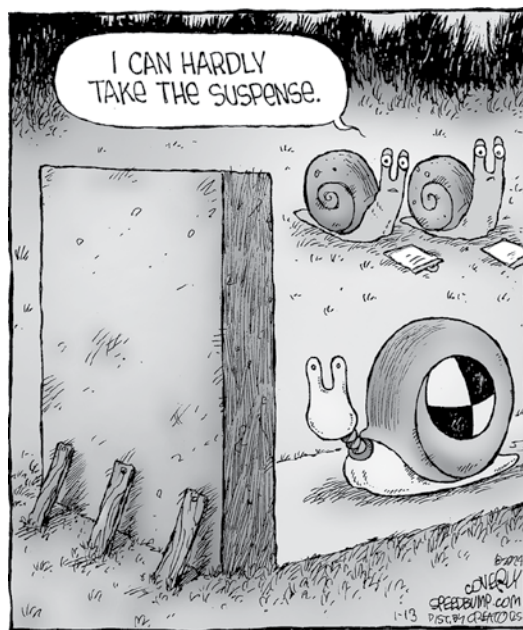
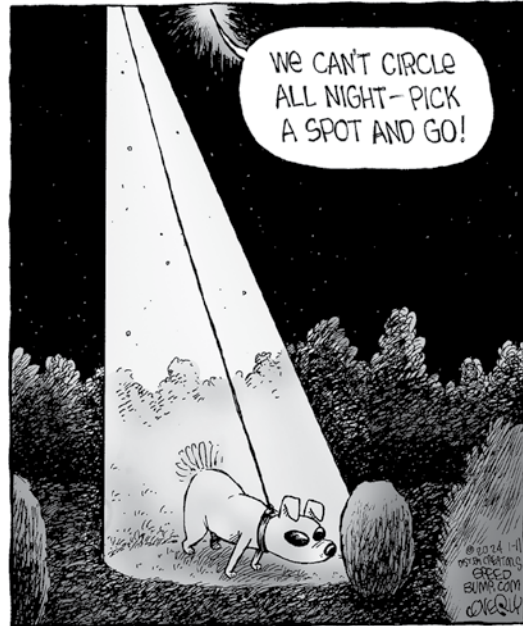
California has the burden of showing that each of its location-specific gun bans is "consistent with this Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation" — the test that the Supreme Court has said gun control laws must pass. But even without a detailed analysis, the overall impact of the state's new rules is plainly inconsistent with the right recognized by the Supreme Court.

Under S.B. 2, the plaintiffs in *May v. Bonta* note, "Californians who desire to exercise their enumerated right to carry are essentially limited to some streets and sidewalks (so long as those public places are not adjacent to certain other 'sensitive' places), plus a few businesses willing to post a 'guns allowed' sign at the risk of potentially losing other customers by doing so." The law "creates a patchwork quilt of locations where Second Amendment rights may and may not be exercised, thus making exercise of the right so impractical and legally risky in practice that ordinary citizens will be deterred from even attempting to exercise their rights in the first place."

That, of course, is the whole idea. S.B. 2 itself notes that restricting the discretion of licensing officials, as the Supreme Court's ruling required California to do, could have opened the door to "broadly allowing individuals to carry firearms in most public areas." Deeming that outcome intolerable, legislators instead decreed that guns may not be carried in most public areas.

At the press conference announcing the introduction of S.B. 2, the complaint in *May v. Bonta* notes, Newsom "used air quotes when discussing the 'right' to carry firearms outside the home, making his contempt for the Constitution clear." Newsom might as well have held up a single finger, aimed directly at the Supreme Court.

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Norwalk Community Calendar

MONDAYS

1st Mon., 6 pm - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers
2nd Mon., 7 pm - Relay for Life meetings - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant

TUESDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 1 pm - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
1st & 3rd Tues., 6 pm - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd Tues., 5:45 pm - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS

1st & 3rd Wed., 7 pm - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd Wed., 10:30 am - Norwalk Woman's Club - Faith Church
2nd & 4th Wed., 1:30 pm - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th Wed., 6 pm - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom
2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 pm - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th Wed., 11:30 am - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS

7 pm - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd Thurs., 6 pm - 605 Kiwanis Club - Mr. Rosewood Family Restaurant
2nd Thurs., 7 pm - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.
2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm - Golden Trowel - Norwalk Masonic Lodge

SATURDAYS

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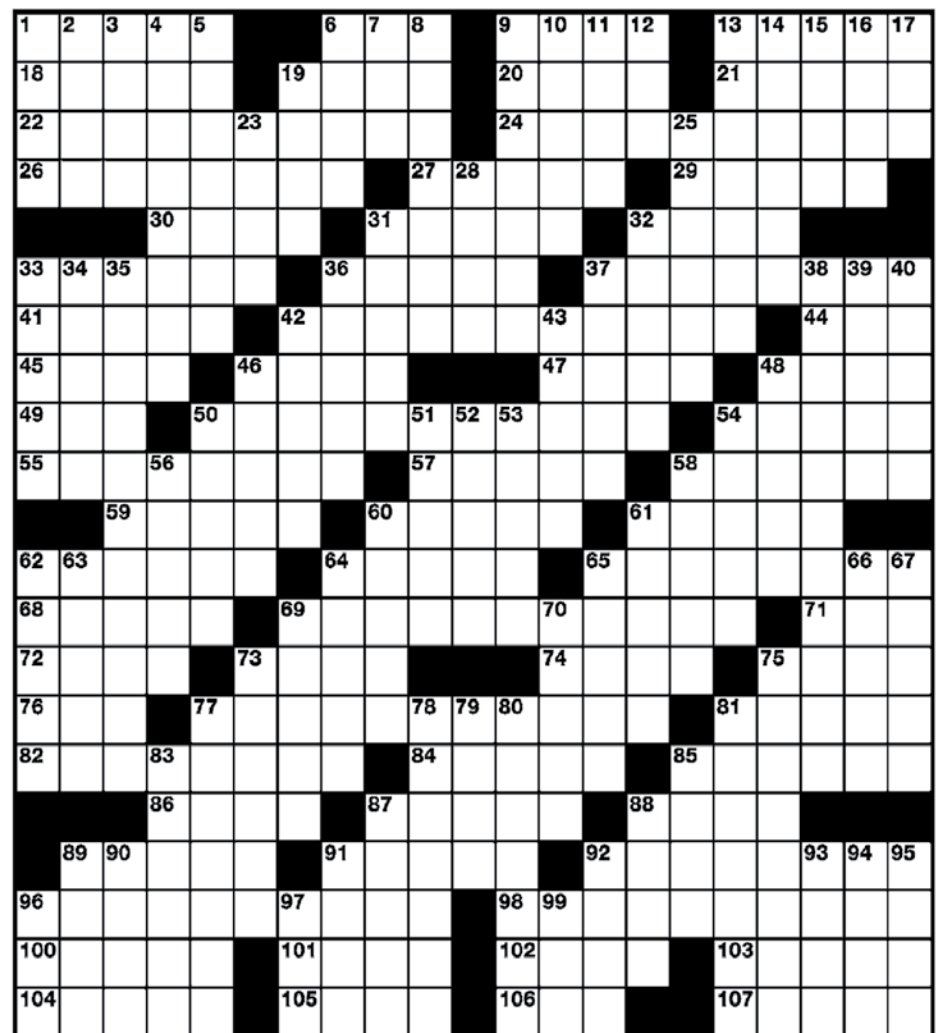
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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF NORWALK SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 Time: 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

Project Description: For the Planning Commission to consider the following application filed by Steve Rawlings ("Applicant") on behalf of Jackson's Food Stores Inc.;

Environmental Review Information: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project will not have a significant effect on the environment per Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Public Comment: Interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard regarding this matter. The agenda report for the above-described project may be reviewed at the City's webpage at: https://www.norwalk.org/city-hall/meeting-agendas-393.

More Information: Should you have any questions concerning the public hearing matter, please contact Erick Estrada, Planning Director, at (562) 929-5757; or Estrada@norwalkca.gov.

Accessibility: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in a City meeting or other services offered by this City, please contact the Planning Division at (562) 929-5744.

Dated this 12th day of January 2024.

John P. Ramirez, AICP Director of Community Development

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LIEN SALES

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

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1/24/2024 1:30pm

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Jordan Gonzalez Household items

Diane Flores Household items

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Frank Maldonado Household items

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage treasures.com.

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hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation: NORWALK PATRIOT DECEMBER 18, 2023

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROSE MARIE NENDORF aka ROSE NENDORF, ROSE NDORF, ROSE M NDORF aka ROSE MARIE NENDORF

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may be interested in the will or estate or otherwise, of ROSE MARIE NENDORF aka ROSE NENDORF, ROSE NDORF, ROSE M NDORF aka ROSE MARIE NENDORF

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 19, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Attorney for petitioner: BRETT WAKINO DEP COUNTY COUNSEL SEN 16247 DAWN HARRISON OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL 500 WEST TEMPLE ST STE 648 LOS ANGELES CA 90012

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Science Center moves fuel tank into position for vertical shuttle display

■ The fuel tank was moved to its new display location, part of a \$400 million center at Exposition Park.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES — A massive orange fuel tank was slowly moved about 1,000 feet through Exposition Park Wednesday, preparing it to be lifted into vertical position as part of the eventual upright, launch-ready display of the space shuttle Endeavour at the California Science Center.

Moving the tank, known as ET-94, was a delicate operation, taking roughly two hours for the relatively short journey. ET-94 is 154 feet long, 27.5 feet in diameter and weighs about 65,000 pounds, according to the Science Center. It is also the last remaining flight-qualified external tank in existence.

Beginning at roughly 10 a.m. Wednesday, crews employed a “self-propelled modular transporter” for the tank’s 1,000-foot journey past the Science Center building and the Exposition Park Rose Garden to the site of the under-construction Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center, which will house the one-of-a-kind shuttle display.

With the tank in place, a heavy-duty crane will be used to lift it into the air and then lower it into vertical position alongside two already-standing solid rocket boosters. Vertical assembly of the twin 149-foot tall rocket boosters was



The space shuttle Endeavour fuel tank was moved to its new display location Wednesday. (Courtesy photo)

completed in early December. That assembly includes the aft skirts or base of the boosters, along with the 116-foot-long rocket motors and the “forward assembly,” or cone-shaped tops.

The lifting of the fuel tank is scheduled to occur sometime after 10 p.m. Thursday night, or possibly early Friday morning. Crews were monitoring wind conditions before committing to an exact time for the lift to occur.

The addition of ET-94 to the vertical display will leave the star attraction -- the shuttle Endeavour itself -- as the only component left to move.

It was unclear exactly when the shuttle will be moved from its existing horizontal display and lifted upright. Science Center officials said only that the move would occur in the “coming weeks.”

The Endeavour had been on display horizontally at the Science Center for more than a decade. Public access to the shuttle, however, ended on Dec. 31 so preparations could begin for its eventual move to the new exhibit, which will be the only launch-ready display of a former NASA space shuttle in the world.

Science Center officials have dubbed the months-long effort

to create the vertical shuttle display as the “Go For Stack” process.

The shuttle launch display will be the centerpiece of the 200,000-square-foot Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center, which will nearly double the Science Center’s educational exhibition space. The building will include three multi-level galleries, themed for air, space and shuttle. The new facility will also house an events and exhibit center that will house large-scale rotating exhibitions.

An opening date for the new \$400 million center has not yet been determined.

Literary Women Festival returning to Long Beach

LONG BEACH — The 2024 Literary Women Festival of Authors will soon make its much anticipated 42nd return to Long Beach.

The event will be held Saturday, March 9, at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center Ballroom and brings together the best of women’s literary talent. Tickets go on sale January 1, 2024, and can be purchased at literarywomen.org.

Attendees of the all-day conference will have the opportunity to listen to sometimes funny, often poignant stories from the event’s featured authors. Festival goers will be able to purchase books and have their books autographed by the authors.

This year’s festival will host the following featured authors:

Lily Brooks-Dalton, author of *The Light Pirate*

Diane Marie Brown, a Long Beach local author of her debut novel, *Black Candle Women*

Kim Fu, author of *Lesser Known Monsters of the 21st Century*

Rebecca Makkai, author of *I Have Some Questions for You*

Ann Napolitano, author of *Hello Beautiful*

Shelley Read, author of *Go as a River*

Warsan Shire, author/poet of *Bless the Daughter Raised by a Voice in her Head*

Shelby Van Pelt, author of *Remarkably Bright Creatures*

Featured authors will each speak for about 30 minutes, sharing their lived experiences and writing processes and for the first time this year, will also be presented on a simultaneous large screen projection to enhance the visibility for all.

Presentations are varied and speak to every kind of reader. Authors are chosen by the Literary Women Committee, which operates as a nonprofit and is entirely volunteer. The committee reads year-round to select a diverse group of both established and emerging writers whose books span a range of topics and genres.

The festival also invites local emerging writers nominated by local college faculty and institutions.

The ticket price, including morning coffee and lunch, is \$120. This fee is offset by donors and sponsors who are recognized in the program, promoted in media, and celebrated the day of the event.

Tickets and donor/sponsor information can be found at literarywomen.org

8 probation officers on leave from Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

DOWNEY — Eight Los Angeles County probation officers are on leave Thursday following a “significant incident” involving them and detained juveniles at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey, Chief Probation Officer Guillermo Viera Rosa announced.

Rosa said he was notified Jan. 4 by Eric Strong, the department’s chief safety and security officer, of the incident that occurred in December.

Rosa said Wednesday the eight probation officers were immediately placed on “ordered absence” until further notice.

“Sharing this information publicly is an important step forward in my commitment to bring new leadership, transparency, and accountability to the probation department,” Rosa said. “I am committed to providing a safe and secure environment that gives the youth committed to our care a clear path to rehabilitation.

“We are actively identifying and removing those who do not align with our core values and standards to eliminate the negative influences within our organization.”

To maintain the integrity of the investigation, the department’s Internal Affairs Office will not be involved in the investigation, Rosa said. Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna has agreed to Rosa’s request that the sheriff’s department conduct an independent



investigation, Rosa said.

The probation department cannot comment further because this is an ongoing investigation, Rosa said.

The Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall houses juveniles prior to their court dates.

POET'S CORNER

Being human is a guest house

This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness,
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows,
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honorably.
He may be clearing you out
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
meet them at the door laughing,
and invite them in.

Be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.

Jalal-ud-din Rumi, translated by Coleman Barks

Rumi, the Sufi mystic poet, wrote this classic poem in the 13th century. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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