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## Is sleeping on a sidewalk a crime?

■ Opponents of anti-camping laws say they criminalize homelessness.

Others say they are necessary to get people off the streets and into shelters.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES – A divided Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has voted to support an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court of a court case questioning if cities and counties can legally enforce outdoor camping restrictions in an effort to clear homeless encampments, and is joining an Oregon city's call for action Wednesday.

Supervisors Kathryn Barger and Janice Hahn introduced the motion calling on the county to support the city of Grants Pass, Oregon, in its appeal to the Supreme Court of two 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rulings that struck down cities' ability to enforce public camping restrictions against the homeless unless there is adequate alternative shelter space available.

"I want to be clear that this is not an advocacy push for the criminalization of homelessness, but rather a call for comprehensive, compassionate action," Barger said in a statement after the board's 3-2 vote in support of the appeal. "This motion encourages the Supreme Court to clarify our state and local governments' ability to protect and support the rights of our housed and unhoused constituents alike.

"If local governments are restricted from regulating the presence of encampments on public property, we are left powerless when trying to effectively address our worsening homelessness crisis. This motion advocates for a balanced solution that urges cities to help people access services, shelter, and support while also protecting the broader community from the public health and safety issues that stem from encampments."

Hahn added that interpretations of the appeals court rulings "have tied the hands of cities and counties in imposing common-sense time and place restrictions on some key public spaces to keep people safe and move those who want assistance into shelter. We have no interest in or intention to criminalize homelessness. We simply need the clarification about what tools we have to address this crisis and keep people safe."

Critics of local anti-camping laws have criticized them as a criminalization of people who are involuntarily homeless -- citing people for camping outdoors when there are no alternative places for them to stay. Multiple homeless advocates urged the Board of Supervisors not to get involved in the Grants



A person smokes a cigarette inside a tent on a public sidewalk. L.A. County is supporting court action to allow local cities to enforce outdoor camping restrictions. (Photo by Eric Pierce)

Pass litigation, saying it should instead be prioritizing efforts to provide shelter and other resources to guide people out of homelessness.

"We all agree that the status quo is unacceptable," Jennifer Hark Dietz, CEO of People Assisting the Homeless, said in a statement ahead of the board vote. "Living outside is not safe -- the weather is proving that as we speak. Fortunately, Los Angeles is leading on the clear and proven strategy to permanently resolve these dangerous conditions through the Pathway Home and Inside Safe initiatives. Instead of signing onto a court case that

runs counter to the county's success, we ask that the Board of Supervisors demonstrate to the nation that L.A. County already has the clarity and commitment to solve homelessness."

Supervisors Hilda Solis and Lindsey Horvath both opposed the motion. It passed when Supervisor Holly Mitchell agreed to vote in favor -- but only after she added an amendment clearly stating that the county does not support the criminalization of homelessness.

Horvath said she was concerned the Grants Pass case "would further enable cities to push people from community to community, without a

commitment to housing or services."

"Relying on this case is not a solution to homelessness," she said. "The only meaningful way to end the homelessness crisis we are seeing nationwide is to invest in safe, affordable housing options that include supportive services for our most vulnerable community members."

Solis said she believes the rulings by the 9th Circuit protect the homeless "from being punished for sleeping outside."

"If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the city of Grants Pass, Oregon, people experiencing homelessness may lose this

constitutional protection," she said. "Furthermore, it could lead to the criminalization of people who are simply trying to survive. We know that anti-camping ordinances will be implemented unevenly across the county by some cities who refuse to be a part of the solution -- resulting in more people cycling in and out of our carceral system. We can and must do better by addressing the root causes of homelessness rather than taking the easy way out by citing, fining, and incarcerating our most vulnerable neighbors."

## Norwalk begins talks on 5K

■ Developing plans for the first Norwalk 5K were heard by the council Tuesday.

By Vincent Medina  
Contributor

NORWALK – Norwalk City Council listened as recreation superintendent Sonia Batres explained the planning updates for the first Norwalk 5K Run during their meeting Tuesday evening.

The Recreation Parks Services Department (RPSD) carefully planned the date for the run by referencing when neighboring cities had their 5K events last year to avoid conflicting schedules. They determined the best day for the Norwalk 5K Run and the children's 1K dash is Sunday, June 2.

"The primary goal is to encourage and foster health and wellness within our city," Batres said. "It's open to all ages and skill levels, and residents from beginners to professionals are invited to bring their families and friends."

RPSD set aside \$93,000 for the special event. The run will also create revenue from runner registration and sponsorships. As the event is four months away, early bird registration for the 5K is available for adults (\$25) and youth (\$15) until March 31. Children ages four to

12 are also \$15 for the 1K early registration.

The 5K regular registration fee is \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth. Meanwhile, the children's 1K regular and same-day registration is \$20. Same-day registration for adults and youth is \$40.

The 5K Run has 2,000 spots available, while the 1K dash can have 500 participants.

Councilmember Jennifer Perez encouraged Batres to seek out local businesses to fund and support the event. Sponsors would also receive promotions and advertisements from the city.

"I think it's going to be a great opportunity for our city," Perez said. "I know we have so many businesses and nonprofits that would love to be a sponsor for this type of event."

Councilmember Rick Ramirez jumped in and pledged to help sponsor the event with a starting minimum of \$500, noting his donation might be more.

The four sponsor categories are determined by how much each business and organization will give the event with Champion at \$2000, Professional at \$1500, Rookie at \$1000, and Trainer at \$500. While each sponsor would receive promotion and advertisement from the city on social media, merchandise and flyers, each business would receive a booth at the Exhibitor Expo during the race.

Additional event details are still being developed as the map for the race will be determined by Feb. 23.

Ramirez also expressed

concern the race would be inaccessible to disabled participants. He encouraged the department to create more accessible routes for others with support needs.

The event organizers are considering inclusion measures for people with special needs, indicating a commitment to ensuring the event is accessible to all community segments.

"I want to see if we could possibly include our adaptive program or kids with support needs," Ramirez said. "If it's a smaller, shorter route, for children or adults, we have to be inclusive."

The RPSD will also determine if the event would welcome pets, as their behavior may be unpredictable during a large event.

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#### 1825:

After no candidate received a majority of electoral votes in the presidential election of 1824, the United States House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams as President.

#### 1861:

Jefferson Davis was elected the Provisional President of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

#### 1870:

President Ulysses S. Grant signed a joint resolution of Congress establishing the U.S. Weather Bureau.

#### 1907:

More than 3,000 women marched in London, demanding the right to vote.

#### 1932:

In Finland, prohibition was abolished with more than 70% of voters opting to repeal the law.

#### 1942:

Year-round Daylight Saving Time was reinstated in the U.S. as a wartime measure to help conserve energy.

#### 1943:

The Battle of Guadalcanal, a series of land and sea clashes between Allied and Japanese forces, ended with an Allied victory.

#### 1964:

The Beatles appeared on the "Ed Sullivan Show," making their first live US television appearance.

#### 1996:

German physicist Peter Armbruster and his team of scientists synthesized chemical element 112, a heavy transuranium element that was later named copernicium.

#### 2002:

Princess Margaret—who, as the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II, struggled to balance her independent spirit with her duties as a member of Britain's royal family—died at age 72.

### BIRTHDAYS

Songwriter **CAROLE KING** (82), tough-guy actor **JOE PESCI** (81), R&B singer **BARBARA LEWIS** (81), actress **MIA FARROW** (79), "Who's the Boss" star **JUDITH LIGHT** (75), "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" star **CHARLIE DAY** (48), "The Avengers" star **TOM HIDDLESTON** (43), "Black Panther" star **MICHAEL B. JORDAN** (37) and "One Day at a Time" actress **ISABELLA GOMEZ** (26).

# For the Dodgers, it's championship or bust

■ The Dodgers assembled a dream team of talent but the payoff must come in October.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

When the Los Angeles Dodgers signed Shohei Ohtani back in December, I wrote that he couldn't be the only big splash of their offseason; they needed to get greedy.

They've done just that. Since landing Ohtani, the Dodgers have also signed Yoshinobu Yamamoto (widely believed to be the best pitcher in this year's free agent class despite not throwing a single pitch in the MLB yet) to a 12-year, \$325 million contract, traded for Tyler Glasnow and Manuel Margot (immediately signing a five-year, \$136.5 million extension with the former), added former silver slugger and All Star Teoscar Hernandez for a year (\$23.5 million), and recently signed and resigned pitchers James Paxton and Ryan Brasier.

And oh yeah, Clayton Kershaw is coming back sometime this season too.

There is no question that Dodgers President of Baseball Operations Andrew Friedman and the Guggenheim Baseball Management group mean business this season.

Yet the only guarantee is



that there are no guarantees, and money doesn't necessarily buy you the Commissioner's Trophy when everything is said and done (just ask the New York Mets and San Diego Padres last season).

At Dodger Fest this past weekend, Dodger second baseman and 2023 MVP runner up Mookie Betts said that "every game is going to be the other teams' World Series," and he's absolutely right; every team is going to want to beat the team to beat.

The Dodgers have all the tools to bring a championship back to Los Angeles. But with every new signing, rumor and article, the 29 other targets on the Dodgers names and

numbers become that much more laser focused.

Despite their renewed wealth of talent, it's going to take extreme patience, diligence, focus and commitment to bring it all home.

First of all, there needs to be less emphasis on the regular season.

I'm reminded of a quote from one of my favorite movies, Moneyball: "If we don't win the last game of the series, they'll dismiss us."

The Dodgers have won an astonishing 10 National League West Division titles during their 11 consecutive postseason appearances.

The one they didn't win? It took a miraculous, herculean 107-win effort by the San Francisco Giants to unseat them (the 106-win Dodgers would come back as a wild card team to send their rival home in the divisional series regardless).

The regular season is not the issue.

Where the Dodgers falter is where it counts –under the brightest lights.

Despite a decade of post season ball, the Dodgers have only managed to bring home one World Series championship (and critics will wrongfully say it doesn't count).

Especially in the last couple of years, the Dodgers seem to charge through from late-March through September, only to lose steam and make unexpected early exits in October.

They have to find a way to keep the momentum going, even if it means potentially pumping the breaks a bit as the post season approaches.

The Dodgers will go through rough patches. Players will get injured. Some will slump. Others may even not perform to expectations.

That's baseball.

Part of the Dodgers strength lies in their incredible talent pool and seemingly endless depth; get past Betts, Ohtani, and Freddie Freeman, you're still looking down the barrel of Will Smith, Teoscar Hernandez, Max Muncy, Jason Heyward, James Outman, and Gavin Lux (not to mention all the rookies and prospects chomping at the bit to make their mark).

As sure as the sun rises, you can almost assuredly bet that the Dodgers will take care of business during the regular season and punch their ticket to October. They just need to be ready when they get there.

Speaking of being ready for October, let's talk about the Trade Deadline.

You probably think I'm a bit nuts to be thinking about the trade deadline before Spring Training, but I have reasoning for it.

I knew the season was lost last year when the Dodgers whiffed at the Trade Deadline.

With pitching already on shaky legs, the Dodgers biggest accomplishment at last year's deadline was grabbing Joe Kelly, and even that, admittedly, was more of a sentimental, morale win more than anything. Friedman and manager Dave Roberts understandably tried to play it off, confident in what the

organization saw as talent they had coming back from injury.

Shortly thereafter, pitching crumbled, reinforcements never arrived, and the Dodgers found themselves with only a shell of a rotation heading into an eventual sweep by the division rival Arizona Diamondbacks.

Naturally, we don't currently have any clue what teams will be thinking by then; who's selling, who's buying, there still is a lot of ball that needs to be played before we figure that out.

Still, come the deadline this year, the Dodgers need to approach it with the same hunger and aggressiveness that they had this offseason. Roll with the punches that the season brings you, yes, but don't be afraid to actively address an issue as well; no prospect or player should be safe.

Despite where they may be in the standings, the Dodgers can not afford to sit in a state of comfort and whiff when the teams around them will be playing catchup and pushing to improve.

Ultimately though, it comes to the players on the field, and despite all the success up to this point, something has to give.

Every player needs to play like they have something to prove, because they do.

The Dodgers are a should-be dynasty; the fact that they've only won one World Series (and in a shortened season, no less) is nothing more than a head scratcher.

While the flurry of roster activity is exciting for fans, the Dodgers have effectively painted themselves into a corner.

They are "those guys," so now they have to be "those guys."

The chips are all on the table; Los Angeles, its ownership, its team, and its fans are all all-in, and they need to cash out sooner rather than later.

Anything short of blackjack, of a royal flush, of a World Series Championship, is a total bust.





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# The Jennifer Crumbley verdict is a powerful warning to parents

Parents can be held legally responsible for their children’s actions.

By Jennifer Tucker

*Jennifer Tucker, PhD, is a professor of History at Wesleyan University and the founding director of Wesleyan’s Center for the Study of Guns and Society.*

Jennifer Crumbley, the mother of a teenager who shot and killed four students and injured seven others at an Oxford, Michigan school in 2021, was found guilty Tuesday of all four counts of involuntary manslaughter. For this novel legal case, the jury of 12 deliberated for over 10 hours. Her son, Ethan Crumbley, who was 15 at the time of the shooting, pled guilty to one count of terrorism causing death, four counts of murder and 19 other charges related to the shooting and was sentenced last year to life in prison without parole. She’ll be sentenced on April 9.

Her defense attorney, Shannon Smith, said Ethan’s crime was so horrendous that “it was unforeseeable.” But prosecutors disagreed, saying that the teen’s parents were aware that he was in crisis and had access to a gun and willfully disregarded the warning signs anyway. They alleged the parents bought their 15-year-old a 9mm Sig Sauer SP 2022 pistol as an early Christmas gift, a purchase that violated Michigan law. In the judge’s instructions to the jury, the key concept in determining guilt was that of “gross negligence.”

Although parents of mass shooters have been prosecuted in civil court before, the trial of Jennifer Crumbley (and that of the father, James Crumbley, set to begin in March) marks the first time in US history that parents have been charged, and now one has been convicted in criminal court for a mass school shooting committed by their child.

Prosecutors alleged that the Crumbley parents willfully disregarded warning signs that their son was in crisis, did not heed concerns of school administrators, bought him a gun days before the shooting and failed to lock it up. On the morning of the shooting, a teacher found a drawing on Ethan’s desk of a gun, bullet and shooting victim with the words “blood everywhere” and “the thoughts won’t stop, help me.” The teacher notified school authorities, who warned both Crumbley parents and said their son would require counseling.

According to one prosecutor, both parents “resisted the idea” of their son leaving school at that time and “failed to ask if their son had his gun with them or where his gun was located and failed to inspect his backpack for the presence of the gun, which he had with him.”

The question of who may bear responsibility when a minor carries out a shooting has gained fresh scrutiny in recent years, and it’s not just parents under the microscope. Others who could potentially bear liability but remain as yet undetermined range from gun manufacturers that advertise to children to weapons makers that create locks that allow

customers to circumvent state bans on assault weapons. Attention has also fallen on Hollywood directors, who perpetuate false and misleading ideas about how guns are used in the real world.

Another trial currently underway in Buffalo, New York explores the role of social media platforms that are accused of emboldening another shooter, Payton Gendron, who was 18 when he killed 10 people and injured three others in a racist attack at a supermarket in May 2022. Most of the social media companies have generally been hesitant to comment publicly.

This case also involves novel legal theories, with plaintiffs arguing that social media and body armor companies enabled the killer. A representative for RMA Armament, the company that sold body armor to the accused Buffalo shooter, said in an email to the Buffalo News, “RMA Armament is saddened by the senseless act of violence that occurred in Buffalo ... Our products are intended for the protection of law-abiding private citizens, police departments and government partners.” The armor Gendron was wearing prevented a retired police officer at the scene from stopping the shooting.

Plaintiffs’ attorneys contend that, like opioid drug products, these social media platforms, which include White supremacist content, are designed to create addiction. Yet last week, the social media companies asked the judge to dismiss the case, arguing they cannot be held responsible for actions of third-party users. Like gun manufacturers, weapons dealers and others, they lay blame at the feet of only one person: the teen shooter.

## Stemming the tide of gun violence

As gun laws are relaxed and guns and ammunition become increasingly lethal, it’s clear that simply pathologizing individual “bad actors” isn’t sufficient to stem the tide of gun violence in this country. The US has by far the highest rate of child and teen firearm mortality among peer nations, and in 2020, firearm injuries became the leading cause of death among US children and adolescents. In contrast, firearms do not make the top four causes of death for young people in any other similarly large, wealthy country.

Often, the risk to children resides right at home. According to the Giffords Law Center, “Studies show that between 70% and 90% of guns used in youth suicides, unintentional shootings among children and school shootings perpetrated by shooters under the age of 18 are acquired from the home or the homes of relatives or friends.”

In the Crumbley trial, there was a focus on how, and whether, guns were secured in the home. Currently, gun owners face criminal charges for the negligent storage of firearms where a child can gain access in 26 states and the District of Columbia. However, there are no federal laws requiring the safe storage of guns.

Yet, research shows that even parents who think their guns are inaccessible to minors are mistaken. For example, a 2021 study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed even in homes where parents believed

their guns were locked away, children said they could find and unlock them in under five minutes. And while many parents believe keeping guns stored “locked and loaded” will protect their families against potential home invaders, the greater risk actually is that the gun will be used by a member of the family.

## Private interest, public harm

Although the Crumbley case is unusual as a case in criminal law, it’s not the first time that parents have been brought to court when their minor children or teens have harmed or killed others with a firearm. In these circumstances, parents have been sued under civil law for reckless conduct, neglect or negligent entrustment as a result of their actions, such as inadequate supervision or carelessness. Such cases are treated similarly in certain states (including Michigan) to car accidents caused by teen drivers, in which parents can be held liable.

For example, the father of a mass shooter in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park, Illinois, on July 4, 2022 was accused of wrongdoing for signing his son’s application for an Illinois Firearm Owners Identification card months after his son displayed concerning behavior.

The father, Robert Crimo, Jr., ultimately pleaded guilty to misdemeanor reckless conduct charges and agreed to serve 60 days in jail. The mother of a 6-year-old boy who shot his teacher at a Virginia school last year also faced charges; she pleaded guilty to a state child neglect charge and felony charges of unlawful use of a controlled substance while possessing a firearm and making a false statement while purchasing a firearm.

## Distributed responsibility

Most parents want their children to be safe, yet many continue to enable household access to loaded guns.

The American legal system is structured to focus on the individual — getting to the truth via the adversarial system. Meanwhile, the American public typically wants a single, individual villain to be held accountable. Placing blame solely on the individual shooter is a stance staunchly promoted by the National Rifle Association and other powerful gun rights groups. In fact, a recent study shows that states often loosened gun laws after mass shootings, especially states with Republican legislatures.

Yet the Crumbley trial and other similar cases shine a light on how a shooter rarely acts “alone.” It’s a wake-up call, alerting us to the need for a cultural shift around this complex issue if we ever hope to change our country’s shameful standing when it comes to gun violence affecting children.

This case opens the door for parents to be held legally accountable, and reminds all parents of their responsibilities when it comes to gun safety. It also presents an opportunity to take a broader view of the multiple factors that contribute to the scourge of gun violence in this country. Everyone wants to find a single villain, but the reality is that everybody is at risk and many people are responsible.

# Is AI coming for your job?

History shows that concern over AI’s effects on the job market are overblown.

By John Stossel

*John Stossel is a television journalist and consumer reporter.*

The media warn, “Artificial intelligence will replace millions of jobs.”

In San Francisco, Teamsters protest, demanding the government “protect” their jobs. In my new video, they chant, “Do not have these self-driving vehicles on San Francisco streets, taking jobs!”

They’re complaining about the Waymo driverless taxis already in use in part of San Francisco (and Phoenix).

The union is right to worry. Robot cars don’t get tired. They don’t take lunch breaks. They don’t drink or get distracted. Self-driving cars will replace many delivery-driver jobs, taxi jobs, Uber jobs and truck driver jobs.

Texas is building a special highway with a lane just for self-driving trucks.

The idea isn’t just to save money by having machines do what people do now, but to get human drivers off the road entirely.

Safety advocates want that, because despite publicity over occasional robot-car crashes, we humans make many more mistakes. Robo-cars will save thousands of lives.

But when I said that in this column last month, some of you said government officials will soon use “safety” as an excuse to outlaw human driving.

“Regulators will try to ban traditional cars,” writes

orangecrate26. “You’re not taking my Mustang, or my guns.”

Government will have “total control of your movement,” writes another. “No movement at all if you think the wrong way.”

It’s a threat I hadn’t considered.

Because lots of you like driving, and politicians fear upsetting big voting groups, I assumed government wouldn’t ban human driving altogether.

But I’ve been wrong about state intrusions before.

What I haven’t been wrong about is the job loss.

Some people will lose jobs because of AI.

But history suggests that most will find better jobs.

More than 90% of America’s workers once worked on farms. Better farm equipment replaced most of those jobs. Today, only about 1% of Americans work on farms.

Are the former farmers out of work? No, most found other jobs, better jobs — jobs less demanding and dangerous than farming.

There were once half a million typists in America. Nearly all those jobs are gone.

So are thousands of phone and elevator operator jobs.

Bank tellers were replaced by ATM machines and online banking.

Video rental stores were killed by streaming services.

But after those people lost jobs, there was no surge in unemployment.

In fact, over the past 15 years, unemployment has dropped. Wages, adjusted for inflation, are up. No union predicted that.

It happened because, as machines took jobs that humans once did, people searched for different, better work. Most

found it.

Thousands found better paying jobs in fields like education, hospitality and health care.

This creative destruction makes almost everyone better off. Although you won’t convince the unions.

Stossel TV Executive Producer Maxim Lott asked the Teamster boss, “In the future, there’ll be new jobs we can’t even imagine. You buy that?”

“I don’t,” he replied, “because AI’s scary, and it’s here to stay.”

It is scary and here to stay. Fortunately, many people Lott interviewed see the benefit of that.

One points out, “We got machines that pick things up. We no longer needed strong people to pick things up. We don’t say, let’s not develop the forklift!”

AI will create lots of disruptive job change, probably more drastic than anything in the past. But history suggests that this change is probably good news.

As former AI executive Alex Roy points out, “For every new technology, there has been someone who said, ‘stop this.’ But it can’t be stopped!”

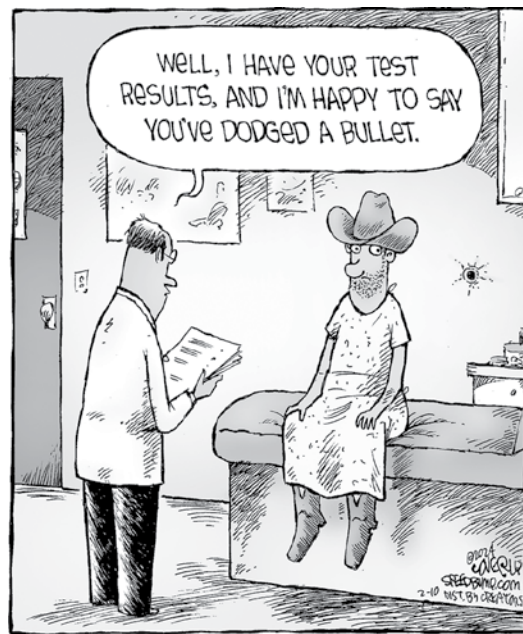
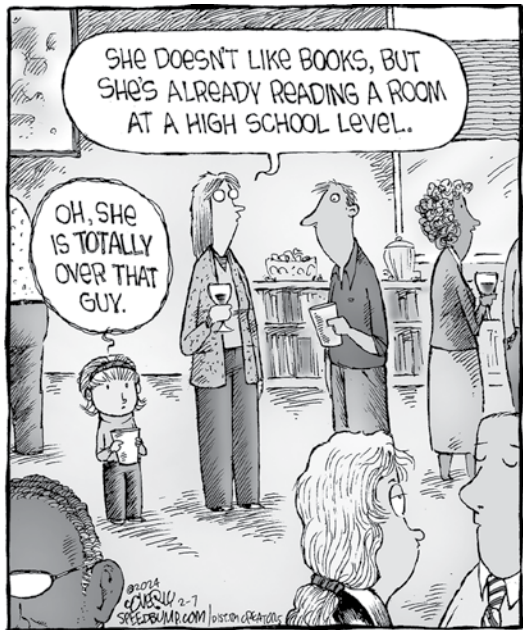
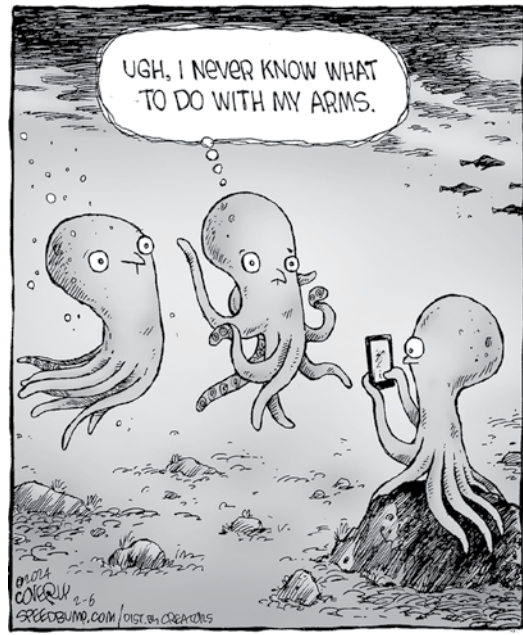
That’s a good thing, he says. “Think about how many businesses don’t exist yet that could and will, when Robo-taxis are ubiquitous.”

My brain is too small to know what those jobs will be. But they will come.

Of course, it’s possible that AI robots decide that we humans are in their way and just kill us. That does worry some AI researchers. Then all bets are off.

But short of that, the AI job change will mostly be a good thing.

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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

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Norwalk City Hall

### SUNDAYS

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Food Pantry - 12201 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

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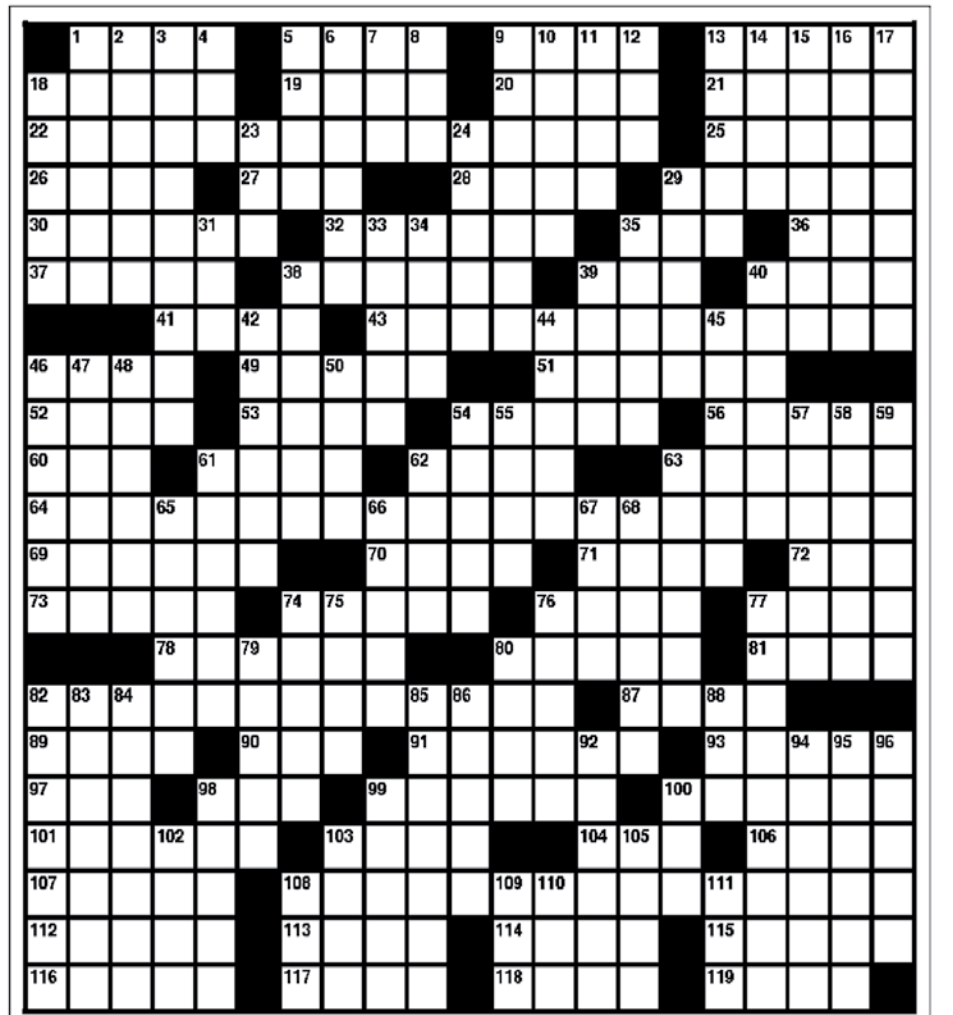
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                          | 71 Name meaning "lion"        | 5 Cellphone symbol               |
| 1 What vegans avoid                    | 72 Despotic Amin              | 6 Japan's ___ Stock Average      |
| 5 Comfy-cozy                           | 73 Handle efficiently         | 7 Banjo cousin                   |
| 9 Marvel superheroes                   | 74 Converges on               | 8 Martial arts uniforms          |
| 13 Plant firmly                        | 76 USN rank                   | 9 Radiography room               |
| 18 Stop it                             | 77 Yuletide beverages         | 10 Biblical law man              |
| 19 Hawaiian figurine                   | 78 Neighbors of A's           | 11 FD squad                      |
| 20 Vatican's surroundings              | 80 Return of the Jedi robot   | 12 Formerly named                |
| 21 Great courage                       | 81 Singles                    | 13 Happen next                   |
| 22 Single-syllable saw                 | 82 See 43 Across              | 14 Defrost                       |
| 25 Dreamland visit                     | 87 Employs                    | 15 Enter unlawfully              |
| 26 Poker pot starter                   | 89 Expressed aloud            | 16 Dinner time                   |
| 27 Genesis construction                | 90 Top performer              | 17 Hinges (on)                   |
| 28 Bar bottles                         | 91 Green Eggs and Ham starter | 18 Rub roughly                   |
| 29 Camper's stove fuel                 | 93 Farm enclosures            | 23 Fannie ___ (mortgage agency)  |
| 30 Intensely competitive               | 97 Poetic sphere              | 24 Jot down                      |
| 32 Inbox filler                        | 98 Venomous snake             | 29 British novelist A.S.         |
| 35 Road fork shape                     | 99 Be a volunteer             | 31 Big biz bigwig                |
| 36 Reunion gathering                   | 100 Be in charge of           | 33 London length                 |
| 37 Spooky                              | 101 Kid-lit spoilsport        | 34 Very pale                     |
| 38 Dreamland visit                     | 103 Get ready, for short      | 35 Group's modest acknowledgment |
| 39 Stew tidbit                         | 104 Electrical measure        | 38 County next to Napa           |
| 40 Benevolent                          | 106 Former Milan money        | 39 Pitchfork-shaped letters      |
| 41 Recital performance                 | 107 Aircraft tracking device  | 40 Capital of Rwanda             |
| 43 With 82 Across, single-syllable saw | 108 Single-syllable saw       | 42 Inheritance                   |
| 46 Canine comment                      | 112 Be penitent               | 44 Annoy a lot                   |
| 49 What passwords provide              | 113 Animal pouches            | 45 Be dressed in                 |
| 51 Apple tracking device               | 114 Groundhog Day nickname    | 46 Pigtailed                     |
| 52 GPS calculations                    | 115 Walks unsteadily          | 47 Cost to get cash              |
| 53 Cheney predecessor                  | 116 Tablelands                | 48 Input again                   |
| 54 Gullible person                     | 117 Miniaturizing ending      | 50 Suffix with cyclo-            |
| 56 Mist or steam                       | 118 Fabric footwear           | 54 Court hearings?               |
| 60 Qty.                                | 119 Juror's assignment        | 55 Astronaut Shepard             |
| 61 Hunter's garb                       |                               | 57 Rack-and-___ steering         |
| 62 Penne ___ vodka                     | <b>DOWN</b>                   | 58 Feeling tense                 |
| 63 Puma or panther                     | 1 101 Across, notably         | 59 Not paying attention          |
| 64 Single-syllable saw                 | 2 Lent follower               | 61 Truncate                      |
| 69 Western stock character             | 3 More than a single          | 62 Etc., for instance            |
| 70 Israeli diplomat Abba               | 5 Down                        |                                  |
|  | 4 PGA peg                     |                                  |

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| 74 Civil rights org.     | 88 Compass reading               | 108 Cats guy's monogram        |
| 75 Raison d'___          | 92 Extremely small               | 109 Spy missions               |
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| 77 Longing for long ago  | 95 Latvia's locale               | 111 Gentle handling, initially |
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# Queso fresco, Cotija cheese recalled

Rizo-López Foods Inc. recalled dozens of dairy products, including popular Super Bowl snacks queso fresco and Cotija cheese, after an investigation identified them as the source of a multistate Listeria outbreak that has led to 23 hospitalizations and two deaths.

The recalled products were distributed nationwide and include cheese, yogurt and sour cream sold under the brand names Tio Francisco, Don Francisco, Rizo Bros, Rio Grande, Food City, El Huache, La Ordena, San Carlos, Campesino, Santa Maria, Dos Ranchitos, Casa Cardenas, and 365 Whole Foods Market, according to a food safety alert from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The scale of the outbreak is likely greater than the currently

reported numbers as some people recover without medical care and are not tested for Listeria, according to the CDC.

The infection can manifest as a fever, muscle aches, excessive tiredness, severe headache, nausea, stomachache, or diarrhea. Symptoms typically begin within two weeks after eating contaminated food but may start as early as the same day or as late as 10 weeks after, according to the CDC.

Consumers should check their refrigerators and freezers for any of the products and dispose of them immediately. They should also clean the refrigerator and any containers or surfaces that may have come into contact with the recalled products.



Boyz II Men will perform at the Hollywood Bowl in September.

## “The Call of the Wild” enhances education through arts experience

**CERRITOS** – The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) presented two performances of “The Call of the Wild” on Wednesday, January 31 as part of its arts education program for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The shows were made possible and funded by the City of Cerritos and a generous donation from Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn.

More than 1,500 students and educators participated from the ABC Unified School District and South Whittier School District.

The performances were presented for students in grades 3 through 9. Students watched Jack London’s story of courage and survival in a presentation that featured a live storyteller and a 180-degree project screen displaying a unique mix of classical illustrations from the book, historical photographs and new drawings.

This season’s CCPA Arts Education Program also includes “123 Andrés” on Tuesday, February 27 and “The University of Wonder & Imagination” on Thursday, March 14. “The Magic School Bus” was also presented on November 8.

“The students enjoyed a multi-media adventure that mixed classic storytelling with projected illustrations to tell Jack London’s classic tale, ‘The Call of the Wild,’ live on stage,” remarked Cerritos Mayor Bruce W. Barrows. “The City of Cerritos is once again pleased to partner with Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn to present this entertaining educational performance benefiting the children in our communities.”

## Two-day book sale scheduled for Feb. 24-25

**CERRITOS** – Stock up on books, music and movies at the Friends of the Cerritos Library book sale on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be sold at bargain prices.

The sale takes place inside the Cerritos Library, near the Craftsman area. Sale hours are 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 24 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 25.

The Sunday sale will offer fill-a-bag for \$4 per bag for Friends of the Library members and \$5 per bag for non-members.

## Cerritos Library welcomes African-American authors

**CERRITOS** – In celebration of African American History Month, the Cerritos Library and the Orange County Chapter of the Links, Inc. are pleased to present a program featuring prominent African American authors on Sunday, February 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Skyline Room.

The meet-and-greet, from 1 to 1:45 p.m., gives the public a chance to spend time with authors Tracy Danielle Robinson, Brandon Shelby, Pamela Samuels Young and Dr. La-Doris McClaney.

The authors will discuss their works from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

## Hollywood Bowl releases summer concert lineup

■ Patti LaBelle, Boyz II Men and Common are among the artists featured in the 2024 summer concert season.

**HOLLYWOOD** – From Beck to Common to Boyz II Men, the Los Angeles Philharmonic Tuesday unveiled the lineup of its summer season at the Hollywood Bowl, featuring its usual array of classical showcases led by Gustavo Dudamel, but also specialty performances featuring giants of the music business.

“This year, I celebrate my 15th summer at the Hollywood Bowl,” Dudamel, the LA Phil’s music and artistic director, said in a statement. “The Bowl has always been a place that transports us to new and different musical worlds, and this season will take us on some truly wonderful journeys together.”

“From Beethoven and Bernstein’s musical explorations of joy to the farthest edges of the Marvel multiverse. From the whimsical march through the Carnival of the Animals to the deeply personal songs of Natalia Lafourcade, the Hollywood Bowl is a stage where the past and present come together to carry us toward a more beautiful future,” he said.

The season will open in June with a 100th birthday celebration for legendary composer Henry Mancini, then wind through performances throughout the summer spanning genres of rock, pop, hip-hop, jazz and opera.

Included in the mix will be the traditional July Fourth Fireworks Spectacular concerts, featuring Harry Connick Jr. Also on the schedule is the first West Coast “Roots Picnic,” a hip-hop tribute featuring The Roots, Queen Latifah, Common, Arrested Development and more.

Dudamel will also lead the world debut of the “Marvel Studios’ Infinity Saga Concert Experience,” which LA Phil officials said will “transport audiences on a cinematic journey through the franchise’s first 23 films, weaving together the legendary characters of the Marvel universe into one story from an all-new perspective.”

Also on the calendar are the traditional Hollywood Bowl Jazz Festival, the Tchaikovsky Spectacular and the annual appearance by legendary film composer John Williams, joined this year by fellow composer and conductor David Newman.

Patti LaBelle will also return to the Bowl in July as part of the Sunday Sunset concert series, and the summer season will begin to wrap in September with the traditional Fireworks Finale featuring Boyz II Men, an ABBA tribute concert and a “The Sound of Music” sing-a-long hosted by actress Melissa Peterman.

Season subscription packages are available now, along with tickets for the Hollywood Bowl Jazz Festival. Group sales also began Tuesday.

“Create Your Own” ticket packages will be available starting March 19, while single-ticket sales will begin May 7.

Ticketing information is available online at [hollywoodbowl.com](http://hollywoodbowl.com) or by phone at 323-850-2000.

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