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## Hospital's dumping case moves to trial

NORWALK – Most of the allegations in an alleged “patient dumping” lawsuit brought against a psychiatric hospital by a special education teacher with a bipolar disorder can move to trial, a judge ruled Tuesday.

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. Doe alleges she was discharged in 2017 with little ability to care for herself.

“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.

On Tuesday, Judge Lee W. Tsao denied most of the hospital's motion to dismiss parts of the case, although he did eliminate Dr. Manolito Fidel, who was Doe's treating psychiatrist, as a defendant, finding that the claims against him were time-barred.

However, the judge found that the claims against the hospital were not in violation of the statute of limitations. He also ruled that the hospital does not have legal immunity and that a jury will hear Doe's claims against the facility that include negligence and dependent adult abuse, and that the panel will decide whether to award Doe any punitive damages.

“Plaintiff presents evidence that demonstrates that triable issues of material fact exist as to whether (the hospital) acted recklessly ... by discharging plaintiff given her mental state at the time of discharge,” the judge wrote.

In their court papers, the hospital's attorneys disputed Doe's version of events.

“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 contended in their court pleadings.

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 stated 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 argued in their court papers.

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 the Huntington Beach Police Department 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.

Trial of the case is scheduled Sept. 3.



MLB Hall of Fame manager Joe Torre visited John Glenn High School earlier this month where he toured Margaret's Place, a dedicated safe room where students can go to talk or hang out in a comfortable environment. Torre listened to student stories and posed for photos with students, including the baseball and softball teams.

Torre famously managed the New York Yankees from 1996 to 2007, winning four World Series championships. He managed the Dodgers from 2008-10 before retiring to take a position in the MLB commissioner's office.

## Holocaust survivor emphasizes empathy, education

■ Yetta Kane delivered her story of survival to students at Artesia High School.

By Vincent Medina  
Contributor

ARTESIA – Holocaust survivor Yetta Kane, 91, shared her story of survival to ethnic studies students at Artesia High School, emphasizing the importance of kindness, education and treating others fairly.

Dee Scorza, the ethnic studies teacher at Artesia High School, explained the ethnic studies curriculum aims to encourage a more inclusive society by educating students about the varied experiences and histories of different ethnic groups. Kane's talk on Tuesday would give students a first-hand idea of what Holocaust survivors endured in Europe during the war.

Kane's story of surviving the Holocaust also served as a reminder of one of the worst genocides in history. She recounted, “Every day was a gift from God. Every hour meant life or death. To make it to another day was an eternity.”

Kane explained she grew up in a small village in Poland, in modern day Belarus. When she, her parents and brother were notified the Nazis were coming to their village in 1939, they and a group of approximately 30 people and children hid in the Russian forests. Kane was eight-years-old at the time.

They managed to evade the Nazis throughout the war, but she explained her family struggled to survive while in hiding.

“You bite your tongue, and you don't say a word when you are cold sitting in bushes where



the water was freezing the ankles,” Kane recalled. “When you could hear the Germans, and they couldn't find us because dogs lost our scent in the water.”

Kane and her family never stayed in one place for too long. She explained her group was always on the move with very few supplies, often only the clothes on their backs and rags for shoes.

“How can you ask your mother or father for something to eat, if you know they don't have it? When you're asking them for food, you only bring in more pain and more agony,” she said.

After her family were able to find shelter in Russia, Kane recounted having to share a room with a horse and having only frozen food available. During this time she tried to continue her education, and emphasized heavily to the students the importance of staying in school.

“Education, the Hebrew word is Torah, and Torah is the Five Books of Moses. If you study, Torah means knowledge that nobody will take away from you, wherever you go, no matter what happens,” Kane explained.

She also expressed to the

Artesia High School students that small acts of kindness can mean a lot to someone. During the time her family spent on the run, they were grateful for the kindness and generosity of others, like her teacher who would allow her to dry the rags she used for shoes on the small wall heater.

“A kind word or a smile and opening a door, sometimes is the most you could do for that person because you don't know if anyone ever says hello to them or if they are alone,” Kane said.

“Never put yourself in somebody's shoes unless you walk in them.”

ABC Unified board of trustees vice president, Ernie Nishii, expressed the importance of teaching students history and sharing stories like Kane's.

“Nazis didn't just kill Jews, they killed anybody who's different. They found a way to make people different from their sexuality, disabilities, LGBTQIA+,” Nishii said. “We just have to believe in having empathy and understanding, apparently that's education. We have got to teach these things deeply.”

Scorza also echoed Nishii's belief in the importance of teaching history to increase empathy in students.

“I think a lot of times different scares people, but there's a strength in knowing where you come from. A people without knowledge of their past is like a tree without roots,” Scorza said. “Ethnic Studies gives us an opportunity to research everyone's history and show how we operate and how all that brings us collectively brings us together. These histories have to be told.”

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 64°

Saturday 57°

Sunday 61°

### ON THIS DAY

#### 1951:

The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical “The King and I” debuted on Broadway; a classic of the stage, it made Yul Brynner a star and was adapted into a popular film.

Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were found guilty of espionage and sentenced to death for turning over U.S. military secrets to the Soviet Union.

#### 1961:

The Twenty-third Amendment was certified, allowing residents of Washington, D.C., to vote in presidential elections.

#### 1973:

American troops evacuated Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) as the United States ended its involvement in the Vietnam War.

#### 1976:

“One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest” starring Jack Nicholson swept the Academy Awards, winning Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Director and Best Screenplay.

#### 1987:

At WrestleMania III at the Pontiac Silverdome, Hulk Hogan bodyslammed and pinned Andre the Giant to retain the WWF heavyweight title.

#### 1993:

“A Whole New World” from the Disney animated film Aladdin won the Academy Award for Best Song.

#### 1999:

Wayne Gretzky, considered by many to be the greatest player in NHL history, scored the final goal of his career; he retired at the end of the season.

#### 2019:

Seventeen-year-old Billie Eilish released her debut album, “When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go?,” which debuted at #1.



#### 2020:

With most of the world homebound during the pandemic, Elton John hosted the “Living Room Concert for America,” featuring virtual performances by Mariah Carey, Backstreet Boys and Tim McGraw.

### BIRTHDAYS

Model **ELLE MACPHERSON** (60), “Xena: Warrior Princess” star **LUCY LAWLESS** (56) and Tik Tok comedian **JESUS NALGAS** (27).

# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

When I first started practicing medicine, it was very common for women who reached menopause to go on hormone replacement therapy (HRT) to relieve symptoms and prevent osteoporosis. Some studies then suggested that it would also help to prevent heart disease.

This changed abruptly in 2002 when the Women's Health Initiative study was published. It found a link between HRT and an increased risk of blood clots, stroke, and breast and ovarian cancer. The results were complex: These and other conditions behave differently depending on the form of HRT, whether hormones are started around the time of menopause rather than later, and even the weight of the patient.

These 2002 findings on heart disease and breast cancer in women led to a sudden and marked reduction in the use of HRT, and subsequently to a significant drop in breast cancer rates. However, it also led to more women having to endure

the often-debilitating symptoms of menopause and perimenopause.

Time passed. HRT is now referred to as menopausal hormone therapy (MHT). In 2022, the North American Menopause Society (NAMS) published a new position statement on MHT. Instead of issuing broad restrictions, the new recommendations state that the risks and benefits of hormone therapy should be discussed with each individual, and that the decision to use or not use MHT should be based on age, medical history, existing medical conditions and medications, and the severity of the symptoms. The data suggests that when MHT is started before the age of 60, or within 10 years of menopause without any medical contraindications, the benefits of MHT actually outweigh the risks.

Just what are those benefits? For some, the symptoms of menopause greatly affect quality of life, and can include hot flashes, night sweats, vaginal dryness and painful sex, weight gain, depression, joint pain, mood changes, insomnia, inability to concentrate, and a decreased sex drive. In

addition to alleviating many of those symptoms, MHT may also protect against bone loss and fracture, lower the risk of diabetes and heart disease, prevent or reduce urinary tract infections, and relieve dry skin, nails, and eyes.

What are the potential risks of MHT? There is indeed a slightly increased risk of breast cancer: Less than one additional case of breast cancer occurs per 1,000 women per year of MHT use. This increases after five years of use. Women older than 60 or who begin MHT more than 10 years after the onset of menopause have a greater risk of blood clots, which can be fatal. The risk of heart disease and stroke can increase. Some of these risks are reduced with lower doses, and with the use of transdermal delivery methods rather than oral pills.

For some women, the risks of using MHT may still be too high, including those with a history of liver disease, heart disease, stroke, heart attack, blood clots, inherited history of increased risk for blood clots, or a personal history of estrogen-sensitive cancer.

However, benefits from menopausal hormone therapy may well outweigh risks for those who are healthy and have moderate to severe hot flashes, have other significant symptoms of menopause, need to prevent bone loss or fracture, experience early menopause, or have certain estrogen deficiencies.

To determine if hormone therapy is a good treatment option for you, speak with your doctor about your individual symptoms and health risks. This science is evolving rapidly, and as more is learned about hormone therapy and other menopausal treatments, these recommendations will continue to change.

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# Norwalk Library chosen to host Narcan clinic

Classes will run through June and teach participants how to properly administer the medication.

**NORWALK** – Ten libraries in Los Angeles County, including Norwalk Library, are expanding their Naloxone clinics in a collaborative effort led by the county Department of Public Health, it was announced Wednesday.

The clinics will be open every Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. until June 26 and provide Naloxone kits and training for all those who want to participate.

How to administer the medication properly is part of the training offered.

Naloxone, also known as Narcan, is an FDA-approved nasal spray that can quickly reverse the effects of opioid overdoses. The clinics aim to address the rise in overdose deaths, particularly those linked to fentanyl, which is the leading cause of overdose deaths in Los Angeles County.

"Libraries are trusted community spaces where people seek information and resources. Through our Naloxone clinics, we're extending our reach to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our neighbors,"



said L.A. County Library Director Skye Patrick.

Fentanyl was responsible for approximately 59% of all alcohol and other drug overdose deaths in 2022, making it the deadliest drug in the region, surpassing methamphetamine overdose, according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control.

The report also showed a 1,652% increase in accidental fentanyl overdose deaths from 2016 to 2022, escalating from 109 to 1,910 fatalities.

"In the worst overdose crisis in local history, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health welcomes L.A. County Library's leadership to promote universal access to Naloxone," said Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of the Los Angeles County Department

of Public Health. "Naloxone is a lifesaving medicine that quickly reverses an opioid overdose. Community access means more lives can be saved."

The selected libraries hosting the Naloxone Clinics are:

- A C Billbrew Library
- East Los Angeles Library
- El Monte Library
- Lancaster Library
- Leland R. Weaver Library
- Lennox Library
- Norwalk Library
- San Fernando Library
- Temple City Library
- West Hollywood Library

For more information on the Naloxone Clinics, including dates, visit [LACountyLibrary.org/naloxone](http://LACountyLibrary.org/naloxone).

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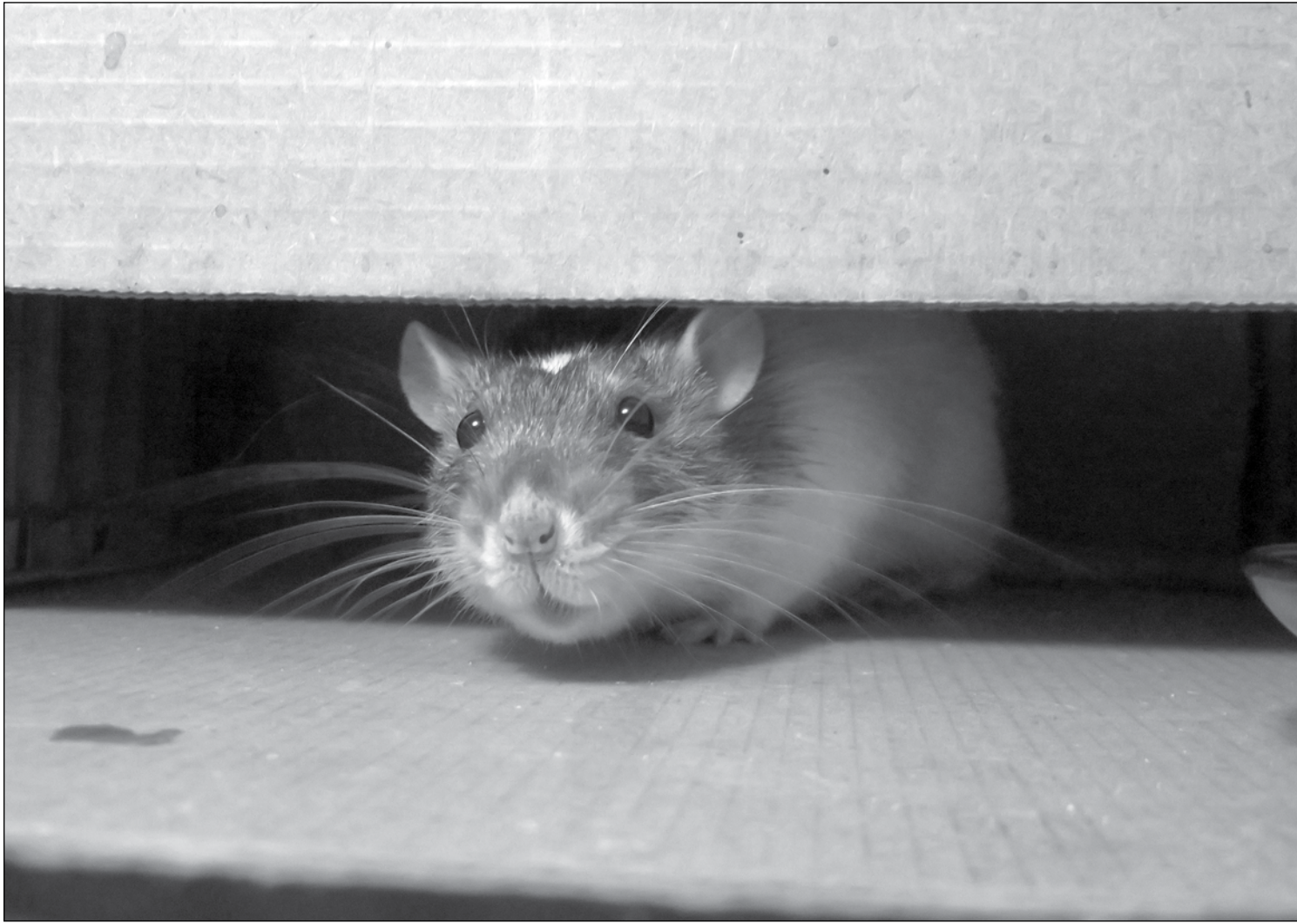
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# The U.S. will have to intervene in Haiti

By James B. Foley

James B. Foley was U.S. ambassador to Haiti from 2003 to 2005.

Haiti is a story that appears to repeat itself while also growing inexorably worse over time. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's recent meeting in Jamaica with fractious Haitian political and civil society leaders recalled a similar moment when I was U.S. ambassador to Haiti 20 years ago. Back then, the worst outcomes were avoided through decisive American intervention. Today's crisis might require it as well.

In late February 2004, Port-au-Prince was falling into chaos. Criminal gangs loyal to then-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide were on a rampage, even as a ragtag band of ex-military thugs led by warlord Guy Philippe pressed on the capital, seeking to topple the government. In a last-ditch attempt to forge compromise between the opposition and Aristide, I arranged for Secretary of State Colin Powell to call in to my meeting with heads of political parties and civil society representatives. Powell's impassioned pledge of U.S. support was roundly rejected. From that point forward, my aim was to thwart the designs of those in the room — now obviously aligned with the approaching rebel forces — while also pressuring Aristide to rein in his lawless gangs.

A bloodbath seemed imminent. It was altogether unclear which side would prevail — and whether any government that emerged from the carnage would be one the international community could recognize and support. Aristide finally lost his nerve, contacting me to request the United States arrange his escape from the country. We then outflanked coup plotters by facilitating the swearing-in of his constitutional successor as president. But it was only thanks to the timely arrival of about 2,000 U.S. Marines that anarchy was avoided and an interim government was established in a Haitian-run process.

Haiti's dysfunction is a permanent condition that continues to force itself upon the agenda of American policymakers. Time and again, they find themselves confronting a reality that is almost impossible for outsiders to comprehend. In Haiti's political culture, trust and a willingness to compromise are virtually nonexistent, with political actors locked in an endless power struggle. In a country suffering from a massive mismatch between state capacity and society's needs, issues of governance are shockingly absent from the political agenda. Even for an external actor as powerful as the United States, Haiti is a natural graveyard for the best-intentioned policies.

Today, Washington is once again desperately trying to piece together a transitional political arrangement, having too long propped up the feckless Ariel Henry as prime minister. It is in a race against time, and, in my view, it is unlikely to succeed, or even get international security forces into the country, without providing U.S. military cover.

However, the Biden administration appears determined to avoid participating in any international security mission in Haiti, even as famine lurks and what remains of state institutions and public infrastructure is being eradicated. This represents an extraordinary break with the U.S. approach to the Caribbean since the late 19th century. The decision is probably being driven by the overwhelming demands and potential contingencies confronting U.S. military forces in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. But while an overstretched United States might need to reconfigure its global posture, withdrawing from the Western Hemisphere will always be impossible.

Among the international community's many mistakes and failures over the decades, perhaps none was more fateful than the decision — supported by the Trump administration — to withdraw all U.N. military and police personnel from Haiti between 2017 and 2019. The absence of a credible Haitian security force led to the progressive collapse of state institutions and opened the door to the anarchy now gripping the country.

In the current crisis, many are calling for Haitian-led or even Haitian-only solutions, but this is unrealistic in view of the security situation. Haiti's outgunned and outnumbered police force has fought bravely to preserve the state, but it might not hold out against criminal gangs that have recently formed an alliance to seize power. In these dire circumstances, it is extremely difficult to imagine how any legitimate interim government can be formed. It is more likely that Philippe, who was inexplicably returned by Washington to Haiti four months ago after serving a federal sentence for drug-related money laundering, will succeed where he came up short 20 years ago — when he was blocked by U.S. diplomats at the gates of the National Palace.

If that comes to pass, the United States will face a failed state run by criminals and narco-traffickers about 700 miles from Florida. Even a future Trump administration professing indifference to human suffering in Haiti would have to grapple with manifold law enforcement and national security problems spreading to our shores.

A military intervention in Haiti is understandably abhorrent to the Biden administration given the multiple security challenges the United States is juggling around the world. But the situation has deteriorated to the point that Washington might have no choice but to mount an abbreviated operation to supplant the gangs and facilitate a political transition.

With a new government in place, the United States could rapidly hand security responsibility over to the international community, anchored by a Kenyan police detachment already approved by the United Nations. But without it, the chances of a final meltdown and a more substantial intervention will continue to grow.

# Legislative changes could transform California into a rodent haven

## California is considering giving rodents legal protection and the implications are wide.

By Renee Pinel

Renee Pinel is the president and CEO of Western Plant Health (WPH), a Sacramento-based trade association whose member companies promote the environmentally safe and agronomically sound use of their products.

- "Two Rats Can Become 15,000 In One Year." (National Geographic, 5/9/13)
- "They're Breeding, They're Getting Bigger, They're Spreading Throughout This Development." (KESQ-ABC 3, 7/2/23)
- "Rodents Invaded A California DMV Call Center. State Workers Say The Stench Made Them Sick." (Sacramento Bee, 10/18/23)
- "Invasive Rodents Called Nutria Could Threaten The Stability of Aging Levees And Earthen Dams in California's Central Valley Region If The State Fails to Control Their Population." (New Scientist, 4/14/23)
- "Baby Found with More Than 50 Rat Bites Covering His Body." (People, 9/24/23)
- "Olvera Street Merchants Concerned About Homeless, Rampant Rats." (KTLA 5, 10/6/23)

These headlines above highlight the real dangers of rodents.

In 2023, four California cities were ranked among the most rodent-infested in the United States. In light of these concerns, we are addressing and educating members of the California State Legislature and state regulators about the health and economic dangers posed by recently introduced legislation, Assembly Bill 2552.

This bill, introduced by Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Burbank), seeks to ban first- and second-generation rodenticides in any "open space" with a 5,000-foot buffer zone while giving rodents unprecedented legal protection.

AB 2552 would redefine wildlife areas as any "open space," requiring a substantial 5,000 ft buffer zone, and does not include any exemptions for agricultural use. It also allows individuals the right to sue (private right of action) rodenticide applicators that "harass," not necessarily kill, any wildlife species or pest. This

provision, in effect, gives rodents human status.

To complicate matters, "harassment" is broadly defined. "Harassment" includes injury to an animal by annoying it to such an extent as to disrupt normal behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering.

The implications of AB 2552 are concerning as it could drastically limit the use of rodenticides, which are vital for protecting the public and food supplies from rodent-borne diseases.

The U.S. National Park Service notes that rodents are carriers of fatal diseases and directly transmit several viruses, including hantavirus, leptospirosis, listeria, rat bite fever, rat lung disease, and salmonellosis. "These pathogens can infect humans through various routes, including direct handling, bites, or contact (through breathing in air or eating food) with feces, urine, or saliva. They also serve as the hosts for ectoparasite vectors (such as ticks or fleas) that transmit other diseases, including Lyme disease, bubonic plague, tularemia, murine typhus, and tick-borne relapsing fever."

These diseases have critical health implications, from respiratory issues and asthma—especially in children—to food contamination on farms, in homes, and restaurants.

Students and teachers at Villa Park Elementary School "were covered in itchy, red bites after rats invaded an elementary school in Southern California." CBS Los Angeles reported that "rats were found underneath some portable classrooms. Health officials said the bumps that were reported by the students and faculty were caused by tiny bugs that live on rats." After the news broke, vector control workers were sent to eradicate the rodents.

In the agricultural sector, roof rats can run rampant in California orchards, according to UC Agriculture and Natural Resources scientists. "In pistachio and other nut orchards, roof rats are burrowing and nesting in the ground where they're chewing on irrigation lines, causing extensive damage," said Rachael Long, UC Cooperative Extension advisor. And it's not just the fruit damage. They nest in citrus trees, feeding on the fruit and terrifying field workers when they jump out as people are picking the fruit. The chewing pests are also girdling tree limbs, causing branch dieback."

Maintaining the use of rodenticides is supported by their proven effectiveness. California's Integrated Pest Management Programs, which include rodenticides, are essential for preventing and eradicating pests.

California's stringent regulations on rodenticide applications and decades of scientific and health-related studies show that rodenticides protect public health and the environment, highlighting the necessity of these tools for pest control.

## NORWALK SPRING FESTIVAL

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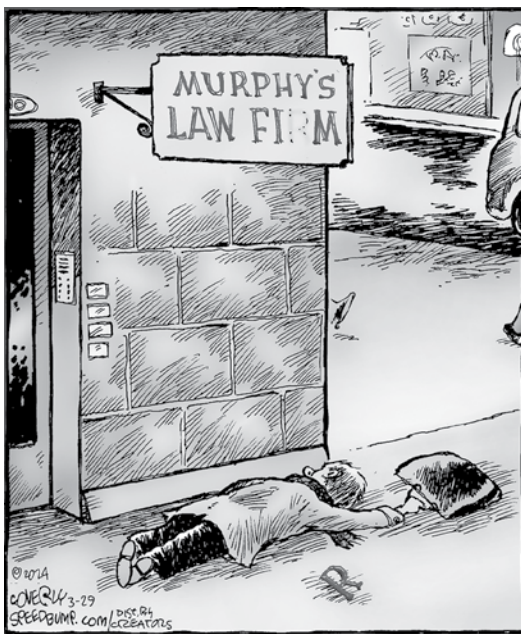
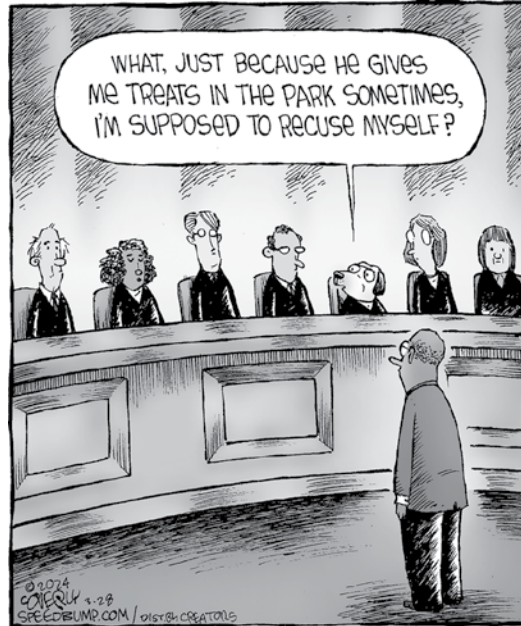
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### MONDAYS

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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## THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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**SPRING BOUQUET: Of feminine flowers**  
 by Billie Truitt

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| 28 Schedule placeholder           | 100 Frog prince's transformer       | 31 "Hope," for Rhode Island | 40 Loosen, as restrictions  |
| 29 Editor's "leave alone"         | 104 Tool with teeth                 | 32 Nobel Institute city     | 41 Viennese trio            |
| 30 Tea flavoring                  | 107 Genie's confines                | 34 Detach, as an ID badge   | 42 Tall tale                |
| 33 Debtor's note                  | 109 Name of 12 popes                | 36 Ice cream holders        | 43 Tiny spot                |
| 35 Threaded fastener              | 110 Neptune's domain                | 37 Balcony border           | 44 Edison's Park            |
| 38 Presidential mother            | 112 Green gem                       | 39 Superman's birthplace    | 45 Series of steps          |
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| 46 Porridge grain                 | 117 Rubdown expert                  | 41 Viennese trio            | 48 Great distress           |
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| 50 Porky's girlfriend             | 120 Champion, as a cause            | 44 Edison's Park            | 54 Triumphed                |
| 53 Redcoat supporter              | 121 Less                            | 45 Series of steps          | 57 Gandhi colleague         |
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| 55 Bicuspid coating               |                                     | 48 Great distress           | 61 Supplementary shot       |
| 56 Low-budget prefix              |                                     | 51 Foul-ball callers        | 62 Corsage flower           |
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| 62 Again and again                |                                     | 57 Gandhi colleague         | 66 Separator of seats       |
| 64 Michael of fashion             |                                     | 59 Chop down                | 67 Band of ore              |
| 65 CNN reporter                   |                                     | 61 Supplementary shot       | 68 High-ranking nobles      |
| 67 Informal instants              |                                     | 62 Corsage flower           | 69 Radium discoverer        |
| 71 A dozen dozen                  |                                     | 63 Swing wildly             |                             |
| 72 Costa (San José native)        |                                     | 65 Wield a crowbar          |                             |
| 73 Amazing thing                  |                                     | 66 Separator of seats       |                             |
| 74 What a certain comet is called |                                     | 67 Band of ore              |                             |
| 78 California rolls, e.g.         |                                     | 68 High-ranking nobles      |                             |
| 79 Marble source                  |                                     | 69 Radium discoverer        |                             |
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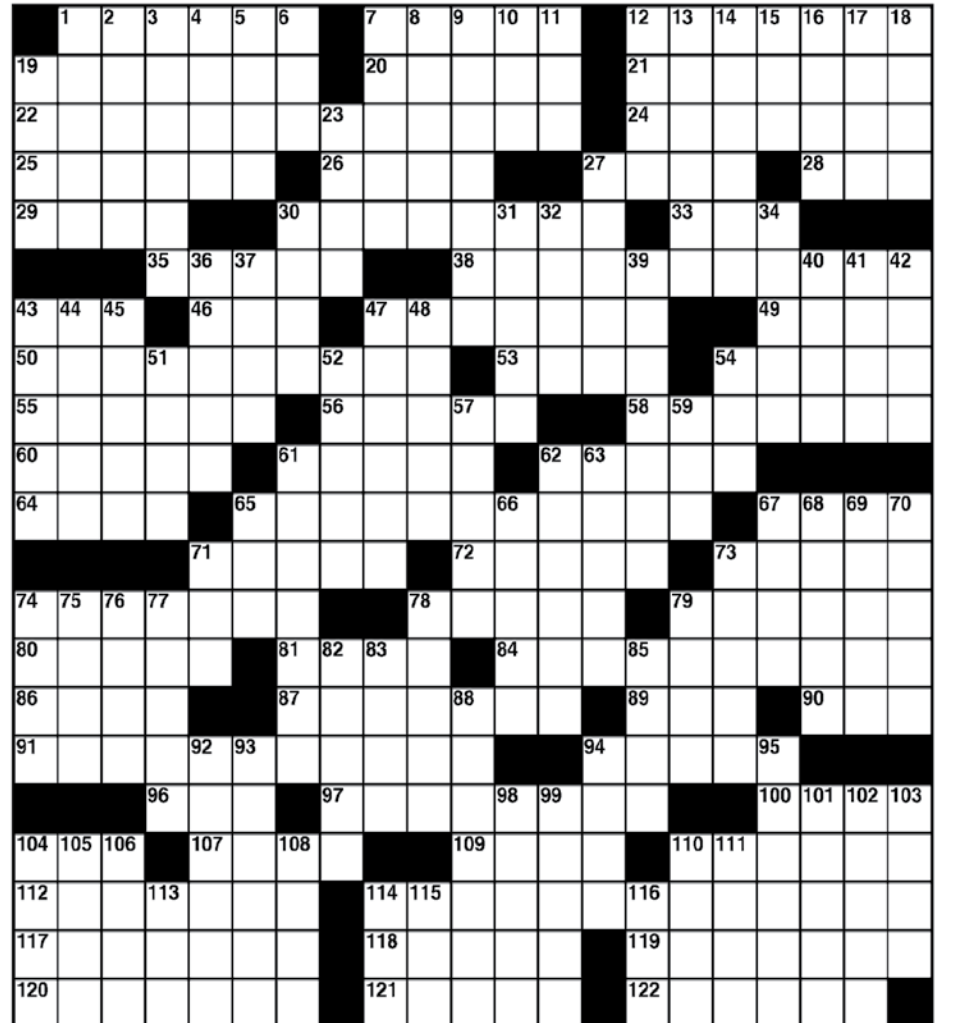
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# What's happening at the Norwalk Library next week

### Free Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday, April 2, 1-5 pm

LA County Department of Public Health is partnering with LA County Library to provide FREE flu vaccinations and the updated 2023-24 COVID-19 vaccine. Health insurance is not required but will be requested if insured.

\*Vaccine clinics are open for walk-ins. Vaccines available while supplies last. Vaccine brands are subject to availability, and we are unable to guarantee them at this time. Please call library for more details.

### United Mental Health Promoters Resource Table

Tuesday, April 2, 6-8 pm

Learn about mental health resources and outreach services provided by the HOME team (Homeless Outreach and Mobile Engagement).

Please note that Promoters are not trained mental health professionals and are not authorized to conduct crisis intervention with community members.

### Teen Advisory Board

Are you a teen interested in making a difference in your library and community? Join the Teen Advisory Board!

For ages 13 - 17.

Teens ages 14 - 17 may volunteer to earn community service hours. For more information call the library and talk to the Teen Services Librarian.

### Naloxone (Narcan) Clinics

Wednesday, April 3, 12-4 pm

In response to an increase in fentanyl and other opioid related overdoses, we've partnered with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health and California Department of Health Care Services to offer free doses of Naloxone (Narcan).

Customers will need to complete a brief training video on how to administer Naloxone, which will be available on site.

No ID Required

No Proof of Insurance

No Cost

Limit one per customer, while supplies last

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### Smarty Pants Storytime

Thursday, April 4, 10:30-11:30 am

Let's get ready for school! Enjoy books, songs, rhymes, and movement while learning school readiness skills and having fun. For ages 2 - 5 with their parent or caregiver.

This program is part of Smart Start at the Library, LA County Library's collection of programs and services for early learners ages 0 - 5 and their caregivers.

Attendance is limited and advance registration is required. To sign up, see library staff, or register online at [Visit.LACountyLibrary.org/Events](https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/Events) and filter by location or event date.

Please join us after Storytime for Parent Cafés, an opportunity to chat with other caregivers and gather parenting tips from a Positive Parenting Program accredited librarian: April 4, April 11, and April 18

<https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/10408764>

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### Alondra Library

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Attendance is limited, and advance registration is required. Please register every

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<https://visit.lacountylibrary.org/event/10169272>

### Smithsonian American Table: The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us (Virtual Event)

Tuesday, April 2, 11 am - 12 pm

Virtually step into the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History with Curator Paula Johnson as she discusses the book Smithsonian American Table: The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us. For Adults 18+

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