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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

DOWNEY – 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



A person sleeps in front of the former Big Lots store in Downey. L.A. County is supporting court action to allow local cities to enforce outdoor camping restrictions. (Photo by Eric Pierce)

there are no alternative places for them to stay. Multiple homeless advocates urged the Board of Supervisors not to get involved in the Grants 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."

Downey granted restraining order against vulgar critic

■ Armando Herman was ordered to stay away from city council meetings for 3 years.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The city of Downey has been granted a permanent restraining order against the city council's regularly vulgar critic Armando Herman by the Los Angeles County Superior Court, the city has announced.

The court order bars Herman, 56 from Hacienda Heights, from attending city council meetings for a period of three years effective immediately, and is subject to renewal.

The city says it sought the restraining order due to Herman's "escalating, disruptive, and threatening conduct."

Members of the city council all praised the decision by the court.

"The City of Downey



Armando Herman speaks at a 2018 Downey city council meeting. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

is pleased with the Court's ruling today because it protects Downey City Council Members from threats of workplace violence and abusive conduct," said Mayor Mario Trujillo in a statement released by the city.

"To effectively conduct the business of the public, cities cannot tolerate behavior of this type by members of the public in attendance at city council

meetings. Such disruptive behaviors limit public engagement and create unsafe environments, contradicting the City's commitment to maintaining order and fostering a community where everyone feels heard, and their concerns are addressed fairly, safely, and justly."

Known for his fiery and often abrasive outbursts at city meetings, the city council

has ejected Herman from its meetings several times.

Herman sued the city in 2017 after then mayor Fernando Vasquez tossed him after several warnings over his usage of curse words. He and the city ultimately settled for \$5,000.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors was also granted a restraining order (also for three years) against Herman last year, after he allegedly sent vulgar, threatening emails to four of its five members.

Mayor Pro Tem Hector Sosa said that "the decision made by the Court allows us to continue doing the community's work in a safe and professional manner."

Councilwoman Claudia M. Frometa said she was "grateful" for the work of City Attorney John Funk and Judge Randall Pacheco.

"The type of threats, intimidation, and verbal assaults we city officials endure in the name of free speech cannot continue to be tolerated," she said.

Weekend at a Glance

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ON THIS DAY

1587: Mary, Queen of Scots, was beheaded after being found guilty of plotting to assassinate rival Queen Elizabeth I of England.

1885: The first Japanese immigrants arrived in Hawaii.

1887: The United States passed the Dawes General Allotment Act, providing for the distribution of Native American reservation land among indigenous individuals.

1915: The landmark film *The Birth of a Nation*, by D.W. Griffith, made its premiere in Los Angeles; while hailed for its technical and dramatic innovations, the film was condemned for its overt racism and positive portrayal of the Ku Klux Klan.

1960: The Hollywood Walk of Fame was established.

1968: An attack on black students from South Carolina State University who were protesting racial segregation leaves three dead and 28 injured in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

1976: "Taxi Driver," directed by Martin Scorsese, had its world premiere; the drama was especially known for the performance of Robert De Niro as a mentally unstable Vietnam War veteran.

2004: At the Grammy Awards, OutKast became the first hip-hop act to win Album of the Year, while Evanescence took Best New Artist, beating out 50 Cent, who went on stage anyway.

2009: Chris Brown and Rihanna missed the Grammy Awards, where they are scheduled to perform, one day after Brown physically assaulted her.

BIRTHDAYS

Composer **JOHN WILLIAMS** (92), journalist **TED KOPPEL** (84), actress **MARY STEENBURGEN** (71), bestselling author **JOHN GRISHAM** (69), metal singer **VINCE NEIL** (63), wrestler **PAUL WIGHT** (52), actor **SETH GREEN** (50), actress and comedian **CECILY STRONG** (40), basketball player **KLAY THOMPSON** (34), Lakers forward **RUI HACHIMURA** (26) and soccer player **ALESSIA RUSSO** (25).

Dominic Choi named interim LAPD chief

■ Choi becomes the first Asian-American police chief in LAPD history.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles Police Commission has appointed Assistant Chief Dominic Choi interim chief of the city’s police department, a position he’ll assume at the beginning of March following the retirement of Chief Michel Moore at the end of February.

The vote Wednesday was unanimous. Choi will be the LAPD’s first Asian-American chief.

“Assistant Chief Choi’s vast experience during his 28-year career with the department has prepared him to act as the department’s interim chief of police. He is a well-respected leader within the department and the community, known for his vast knowledge and measured decision making,” the Board of Police Commission said in a statement.

“The police commission is confident he is uniquely qualified to steward the department into its next chapter and will lead the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department until a permanent chief of police is selected,” the statement continued.

The commissioners joined Mayor Karen Bass at a City Hall news conference after Wednesday’s special board meeting to discuss the appointment.

“I look forward to working with Interim Chief Choi in the coming months as he provides steady and stable leadership for our police department,” Bass said. “Interim Chief Choi’s more than 28 years of service to this city as a member of the police department put him in a unique position to not only lead, but to grow and improve our department.”

Choi thanked the mayor and the commissioners for having the “faith and confidence” in him to lead the third-largest law enforcement agency in the

nation.

“I realize this appointment comes with tremendous, tremendous responsibility and I look forward to those challenges in the work ahead,” Choi said.

The interim chief shared his priority of maintaining stability in the department as the city continues its search for the new chief of police, as well as focusing on bolstering the LAPD’s ranks.

Choi said he will not be applying to fill the position permanently, following rules that the commissioners established in their search for an interim chief.

Moore extended his congratulations and gave his full support in the transition of leadership. He said he trusted Choi’s ability, and the department is in good hands as it “pursues an aggressive agenda of initiative while continuing to improve the public’s trust and confidence in the safety of L.A.”

Erroll Southers, president of the Board of Police Commissioners, said the

decision did not come lightly. The commissioners spent weeks discussing who would step in as interim chief since Moore announced his plans for retirement in early January.

“As someone who has seen so much change, Chief Choi is uniquely qualified to lead the department at this time,” Southers said. “While speaking with Chief Choi, it became clear to my fellow commissioners that he has the institutional knowledge and his leadership priorities are fully aligned with the mayor and commission’s vision for the LAPD.”

The commission is also in the process of identifying the top three candidates for Moore’s permanent replacement as chief in a nationwide search, which could take up to nine months, Southers noted. Bass is then expected to make a decision for the final appointment, although she has the ability to ask for other candidates.

The next chief will also need confirmation by the full City Council.

“We’re going to be working very expeditiously, of course, but very carefully to make sure that we are inclusive,” Southers

said. “There will be a series of events that happen both in the community and in the department for information regarding the characteristics that we will be looking forward to in the next chief.”

The son of Korean immigrants, Choi was raised locally and began his career with the LAPD in 1995 after earning his bachelor’s degree in accounting from USC.

He was promoted to detective at the LAPD’s Harbor Division in 2001, to sergeant in the 77th Street area in 2002, lieutenant in 2009 and captain in 2014. In December 2017, he was promoted to commander and assigned to the Operations-Central Bureau. He was also appointed as the Department’s homeless coordinator and remained in that position until July 2019.

He became deputy chief in August 2019 and assist chief in July 2021.

In January, Choi was appointed director of the Office of Operations, responsible for South Bureau Homicide Division, LAX Field Services Division, the Department Homeless Coordinator,

Operations-Central Bureau, Operations-South Bureau, Operations-West Bureau and Operations-Valley Bureau.

Choi is married with three children.

Moore was appointed last year to serve a second five-year term leading the agency. He had not intended to serve the entirety of that term, saying the LAPD should have fresh leadership ahead of the city hosting major events such as the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Summer Olympics.

Moore joined the LAPD in 1981 and was promoted to captain in 1998. His assignments included assuming command of the Rampart Division after a police corruption scandal and serving in a top command capacity at the 2000 Democratic National Convention.

He has served as LAPD chief since 2018, when he was appointed by then-Mayor Eric Garcetti.

Bass said Moore will remain contracted with the city following his retirement to help with the transition to a new chief.

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Casino Night

Soroptimist International of Downey is bringing back its Denim & Diamonds Casino Night fundraiser on Friday, April 12.

For details on tickets and sponsorships, or to donate a silent auction prize, contact Mia Vasquez Zimmerman at (949) 295-2910 or missaywelldowney@gmail.com

Tickets are also available online at soroptimistdowney.com

Pictured are Dorothy Pemberton, Alex Hanks and Giggy Perez-Saab at Soroptimist’s 2019 casino night.



CDBG & HOME Community Meetings

The City of Downey has scheduled two (2) community meetings for review of the City’s Fiscal Year 2024-25 federal CDBG and HOME Programs. These meetings provide information on both the CDBG & HOME programs and discuss the community’s needs. The meetings also allow an opportunity for community members and service providers to offer input regarding the annual development process of the Action Plan, by commenting on the City’s housing and non-housing needs, program priorities, and proposed uses for both funding sources. In Fiscal Year 2024-25 the City anticipates receiving \$972,424 in CDBG and \$481,259 in HOME funds. You are invited to join staff at any of the scheduled community meetings below:

Thursday, February 8th at 10 am (In-Person)

Columbia Memorial Space Center, Theatre Room
12400 Columbia Way, Downey, CA 90242

Tuesday, February 13th at 5:30 pm (Virtual)

Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 237 968 266 397 Passcode: JeotPJ

Call-in Number for Virtual Meeting (Audio Only): 1 707-583-9889, 49319700#

For additional information, or to arrange special accommodations for this meeting, please contact Jessica Flores at (562) 904-7152 or via e-mail at jflores@downeyca.org



CDBG & HOME Community Meeting

La Ciudad De Downey a programado dos (2) juntas comunitarias acerca de los programas creados con recursos federales llamados CDBG y HOME para el proximo año fiscal 2024-25. Estas juntas proporcionan informacion acerca de CDBG y HOME, y se dialoga sobre las necesidades en la comunidad relevante a estos programas. Durante la junta se dara una oportunidad para que miembros de la comunidad y los proveedores de servicios, den su punto de vista sobre el proceso anual del Plan de Accion asociado con estos dos programas, y sobre las necesidades comunitarias en temas de: vivienda, desarrollo de las prioridades de los programas y el uso propuesto para utilizar los fondos de estos programas. La Ciudad anticipa recibir \$972,424 en recursos CDBG y \$481,259 en recursos de HOME el año fiscal 2024-25. Está invitado a unirse al personal de la ciudad, en cualquiera de las reuniones programadas a continuación:

Jueves, Febrero 8 a las 10 am (En Persona)

Columbia Memorial Space Center, Theatre Room
12400 Columbia Way, Downey, CA 90242

Martes, Febrero 13 a las 5:30 pm (Virtual)

Numero de ID de Reunion Microsoft Teams: 237 968 266 397 Contraseña: JeotPJ

Número de Llamada para la Reunione (Solo Audio): 1 707-583-9889 ,49319700#

Para informacion adicional, o para hacer arreglos especiales para esta reunión, por favor contacte a Jessica Flores al (562) 904-7152 o por e-mail a jflores@downeyca.org

County gives final OK to vending ordinance

■ L.A. County's new program regulates sidewalk food vendors and offsets permit costs.

By City News Service

DOWNEY – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors gave final approval Tuesday to a pair of ordinances regulating sidewalk food vendors, while also adopting a subsidy program to offset much of the permit costs included in the new regulations.

The board gave preliminary approval to the vending ordinances last week, with Supervisor Hilda Solis saying there are roughly 10,000 sidewalk vendors selling food in the county, most of them coming from Latino and other communities of color.

"Sidewalk food vending is a critical part of the cultural and civic fabric of our county," Solis said in a statement after Tuesday's final vote. "However, fostering and celebrating this microentrepreneurial spirit will not happen if the financial barriers to entry remain too high. With the Department of Economic Opportunity waiving its associated fee for the first year, we will make it easier for vendors to come into compliance with today's ordinances and follow the same health and safety rules that apply to our brick-and-mortar restaurants. I applaud this action and thank everyone, including advocates and residents, who provided their input during this



process." The first ordinance approved by the board outlines health-permit requirements for "compact mobile food operations," which are smaller operations run from carts or other non-motorized equipment. The ordinance will apply to all vendors in the county -- except those in Pasadena, Long Beach and Vernon, which all have their own health departments. The city of Long Beach recently approved its own sidewalk vending ordinance.

Under the county ordinance, obtaining a health permit will require the operator to pay an initial fee, ranging from \$508 for a low-risk operation selling pre-packaged food to \$1,186 for higher-risk vendors who prepare and sell hot food, such as a taco stand or hot dog cart. Vendors will then have to pay ongoing annual fees ranging from \$226 to \$1,000, depending on the type of vending.

The Board of Supervisors

approved a subsidy program Tuesday that will cover the vast majority of cost for the health permits. Vendors who meet several qualifications -- including annual revenue of less than \$50,000 -- can apply for a subsidy that would cover 75% of the health permit costs, lowering the initial fee to between \$127 and \$297, according to the motion by Solis and Supervisor Holly Mitchell.

Vendors who receive the subsidy will have to take part in educational and technical-assistance workshops conducted by the county Department of Economic Opportunity. The county will set aside \$500,000

for the program, with \$300,000 coming from American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The other \$200,000 would come through ARP Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund dollars.

The second county ordinance approved Tuesday sets regulations for vendors in unincorporated areas, including restrictions on where and when they can operate and requirements for distance between vendors. Vendors would also be barred from connecting to any public utilities such as water and power sources.

Under that ordinance, vendors would have to register with the county and pay a registration fee of \$604. That fee, however, will be largely subsidized by the county Department of Economic Opportunity, which will cover the full cost of the permit in the

first year, then reduce it to \$100 in subsequent years.

"The 10,000-plus sidewalk vendors in L.A. County are part of our cultural fabric and our local economy," Kelly LoBianco, director of the Department of Economic Opportunity, said in a statement. "This new Sidewalk Vending Program

is critical for unincorporated communities. It opens the door to growth and economic opportunity for those mom-and-pop businesses formerly left behind and also sets forth a clear way of operating that optimizes total community well-being -- for our vendors, our legacy businesses, and our customers and our residents."

In Memory of

Kathleen Orndorff

January 30, 1945 - January 4, 2023



Kathy Orndorff, age 77, passed away on January 4, 2023 after a brief illness. Kathy was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota. After spending her childhood in Tacoma, WA, Kathy moved to Downey and remained there until her passing.

Kathy attended college studying dental assisting. She enjoyed working for many years at McKesson in accounting. Kathy was involved in many Downey community groups. She was active with local politics and the Neighborhood Watch program. She also was a licensed realtor in Downey and surrounding cities for many years.

Upon retirement, Kathy found fulfillment in volunteering at the Downey Public Library teaching adults how to read. Kathy also found the time to become quite talented with watercolor painting. Kathy had a very quick wit, a vivacious personality, and a generous heart. She will be greatly missed by all.

Kathy was predeceased by her husband, Bill Orndorff, her parents, Helen Petersen, Robert Kenneth Petersen, siblings Christine Anderson, and Jim Petersen. Surviving siblings include Ann Marie Petersen, Bob (Jeannine) Petersen, Betty Partin, Judy Cooper, Pat (Perry) Inman, Mary Ellen (Duane) Ingham, Celine McGovern, and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her very dear friend, Jeanene Donnelly, whom she met while at McKesson.

Kathy has been laid to rest next to her husband, Bill, at Riverside National Cemetery.

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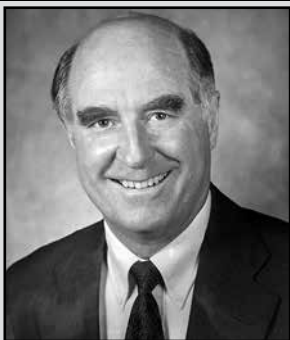
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In Memory of



Robert (Bob) Sage Brazelton

Robert (Bob) Sage Brazelton was born in Los Angeles to Sereno and Lydia Brazelton, who had met at the University of Arizona. Despite being born on the cusp of the Great Depression, Bob enjoyed many happy memories during his childhood as revealed by the numerous stories that he told to his children and grandchildren: living with grandparents and cousins in a two-bedroom home in the Highland Park/Lincoln Heights area, playing with his dogs, riding his bike around L.A., and participating in a variety of sports at the local parks.

It was one sport in particular, baseball, that would impact much of his life. After failing to make the freshman baseball team at Cathedral High School in East Los Angeles, and missing try-outs his sophomore year after breaking his arm flipping off the high bar after doing a giant swing, Bob begged the junior varsity coach to allow him to pitch against the varsity team; he proceeded to strike out the entire varsity roster. He excelled his last two years in high school and earned a baseball scholarship to Loyola University and graduated in 1952 with a B.A. in Social Studies; however, he often said that he majored in baseball and minored in socializing.

With the Korean War raging, Bob joined the Marines and landed in Korea as the Armistice negotiations were being conducted. After the Armistice, he became the player-manager of the Marine Corps baseball team, which won the Far East service championship in 1954. Returning home, Bob pursued a Master's Degree in Education and taught history and coached baseball at Garfield High School. However, he decided to apply to Loyola Law School and embarked on a three-year program to become a lawyer.

Despite many hours of classes and studying, he would attend Catholic Alumni Club dances on Saturday nights, and one evening in the spring of 1956 he met "a beautiful lass in a McIntyre plaid skirt," the woman who would become his wife in the summer of 1957 after a year of courtship and eloquent love letters, many of which were mailed to Europe since Jean Sausen was traveling with a friend during the summer of 1956. Jean worked as an English and PE teacher at California High School in Whittier. After a few dates in the fall of 1956, Bob proposed marriage and their joyful life together began, lasting 60 years until Jean's death in 2016.

Bob and Jean raised six children who were born between the years of 1960 and 1969: Bob Jr., Mike, Anne, Kevin, Steven, and Katie. After Bob passed the bar exam in late 1958, he landed a job with Humble Oil, a subsidiary of Standard Oil (later called Exxon) in its L.A. office. He also had a part-time job at UCLA teaching business law and other subjects to supplement their income. Despite coming from small families (Bob was an only child and Jean had an older brother), they talked about having six children.

After buying their house in Downey in 1960, they proceeded to raise a growing family together, which necessitated a few additions in the next few years to the one-story home. In addition, Bob purchased a cabin in Wrightwood with a law school buddy (Dan Holden) in 1968, and the family enjoyed many happy summers hiking in the mountains (San Gabriel and Sierra Nevada) and exhilarating winters skiing at Holiday Hill and Mammoth Mountain. Piling in the red 1966 VW Bus, the six Brazelton children were driven to their many activities and sports by their dedicated and loving mother, the beloved wife of Bob. They worked as a team and modeled respect and love for each other.

Bob later worked for 10 years as Vice President/General Counsel for McCulloch Oil Corporation and then joined the Tredway Law Firm in Downey as a partner from 1975 to 1990. In 1990 he became a member of the Downey City Council, serving for 8 years (two terms) for the city and practicing law from home until retirement in 2016. Throughout these years of working and serving the city and supporting Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (and other causes), Bob donned many hats as he coached all of his children's sports teams through the Downey YMCA or Little League. Dad impressed his children with his commitment to their endeavors, as he would leave the office early so that he could coach and attend sporting practices and games.

We will remember Bob/Dad/Papa for his optimistic attitude, his epic storytelling, his concern for others, his religious faith and devotion, his interest in reading (many biographies), and his incredible athletic feats--many of which are recounted by family and friends in awe: the tennis tournament won, the mountain run up and down, or the baseball games pitched. Throughout his life, and in particular during his "semi-retirement," he and Jean enjoyed many trips together throughout the country and the world.

Bob is survived by his 6 children and their spouses, his 12 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind a large group of friends who he met with regularly for Saturday night dinners, Friday morning coffee, or Monday golf.

Bob was reunited at the gates of Heaven with his loving wife, Jean S. Brazelton, where she welcomed him to their new heavenly home.

The funeral Mass and celebration of his life will be held at 10 AM on Monday, February 19, 2024, at St. Dominic Savio Church, 13400 Bellflower Bl., Bellflower. Bob will be given military honors when his burial takes place at Riverside National Cemetery at a later date. Please check back for this date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested for friends and family to please consider a donation to nonprofits that Bob supported: Uncommon Good, <https://uncommongood.org> and Homeboy Industries, <https://homeboyindustries.org>. Condolences for the family may be sent through our website, www.rishermortuary.com.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I have, on occasion, seen patients who present with days of diarrhea and vomiting. They literally cannot keep food or fluids down. This leads to a dangerous level of dehydration, and I send them directly to an emergency room for IV hydration. Not only does this make them

immediately feel better, but in some cases, it saves their life.

Perhaps you have heard about clinics that perform IV hydration along with supplemental nutrition. This does not require a prescription from your primary care doctor. These facilities may be referred to as hydration bars, drip bars, or medical spas. Many of them are better known for other procedures, such as skin care and cosmetic treatments. Their numbers have ballooned in recent years, and it has become a billion-dollar industry.

When we aren't able to rehydrate by drinking liquids or through intestinal absorption, IV hydration is effective and can restore correct electrolyte levels. It might be needed due to nausea, vomiting, fevers, excessive sweating, excessive training in heat, or heat prostration. Common conditions that

lead to vitamin deficiencies include pernicious anemia, diarrhea, significant issues with nutrition, and a variety of conditions caused by damage to the intestines. The IV treatment will contain a saline solution, and sometimes sugar and other minerals and vitamins.

Here's the thing: Aside from the rare instances where a person belongs in the emergency room, the vast majority of us can simply drink the fluids we need to rehydrate.

And, there is little scientific evidence to support claims that IV vitamin therapy can boost the immune system; improve skin health; support weight loss; remove jet lag; or cure fatigue, brain fog, hangovers, or chronic pain.

Clinics claim that IV treatments can contain a higher concentration of vitamins than can be taken by mouth, and that vitamins introduced through an IV are absorbed better and more quickly.

However, taking vitamins orally and regularly will usually maintain a proper balance, and IV vitamins do not benefit someone who already has normal vitamin levels.

In addition, note that each facility may formulate their own combinations and concentrations of vitamins, which may be a selling point for them, but sounds pretty scary to me.

Most medical spas do their best to comply with rules for training, hygiene and medical supervision. However, many of us have read of facilities which used poorly trained or unlicensed workers to inject unapproved

products, or where conditions were unsanitary, with infections resulting. There are no federal health regulations or standard operating procedures for medical spas; instead, these facilities fall under the authority of each state. Although doctors or other medical professionals are required to be on staff, there have been cases where these rules have not been well enforced. Unfortunately, it can be difficult for consumers to evaluate the risk.

How do you stay safe? Be well informed. Find out who owns and operates the facility. Who will be administering the treatment, and what are their credentials? Is there a licensed medical practitioner on site in the event of complications?

There may be safer and less costly alternatives. The cost of IV therapy at a medical spa is generally not covered by health insurance, and each infusion can cost hundreds of dollars. Note that in-home IV therapy administered by home health nurses may be covered, if medically necessary, by insurance.

Also note that a trip to the emergency room, if necessary, would be under the supervision of doctors and may be covered by insurance.

I urge you to consult with your health care practitioner about any expectations you might have regarding IV hydration.

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Why poetry matters

By Jay Parini

Poetry doesn't matter to most people. That is, most people don't write it, don't read it, and don't have any idea why anybody would spend valuable time doing such a thing.

The culture is clamorous, with a television blaring in most living rooms, magazines proliferating, and earphones downloading a great deal of garbage into the heads of millions on the subways and byways of the world. There is little time for concentration, or a space wherein the still, small voice of poetry can be heard.

It could be argued, of course, that most people get their poetry in the lyrics of songs. I would, myself, see Bob Dylan as a genuine poet, although even there the tune carries as much meaning as the words, or (at least) helps to position the words.

Poetry the kind you read slowly to yourself, on the page—demands more of the listener, the reader.

[Poetry] matters because of metaphor, one of the essential forms of thought. Robert Frost suggested (with his usual sly wit) that a person uneducated in the operations of metaphor was not safe in the world, should not even be let out of doors.

POET'S CORNER

on the occasion of a torrential rain in Long Beach

each sharp drop so hard
it tears a slit
in the fabric of day
first water battering at the eyelids
then the pounding of pebble-sized beads
finally granite boulders of thunderclaps
the air is so fluid that crows are grounded
gutters sprout water wings higher than Hummers
Alamitos Bay is being sucked up and funneled
onto the corner of Carson and Clark
the streets have whitecaps and the lawns have tides
Noah himself knocks on our front door and asks to come in
halibut and oysters dripping from his sleeves
he tethers the Arc and tells us stories till midnight

when the sun finally blossoms at dawn
and wisps of steam swarm up from the eaves
we pick up discarded jackets boots head-scarves oilskins
shaking limp eels from our damp pockets
now dry and serious we wonder what tramp steamer
made those mysterious keel marks
in the mud in our front yard

Lorine Parks

This poem originally appeared in the Volume 8, Spring 2010 edition of Verdad magazine. It seemed appropriate to republish in light of this week's torrential rainfall. We're thinking of you, Lorine.

Poetry, for me, is important because it refines our ability to make comparisons, to understand how far one can ride a metaphor before it breaks down. There are all sorts of implications for this, some of them harshly political, as when politicians actually plunge us into illegal wars because of dangerously inept metaphors, which reflect foolish or ill-considered thinking.

I quite agree with Frost that poetry offers a solid form of education, giving its readers access to metaphorical thought, its operations and dynamics. Jay Parini is a poet, novelist, biographer, and critic. He is the author of over 20 books, ranging from poetry and non-fiction to biographies.

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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 orange26. “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.

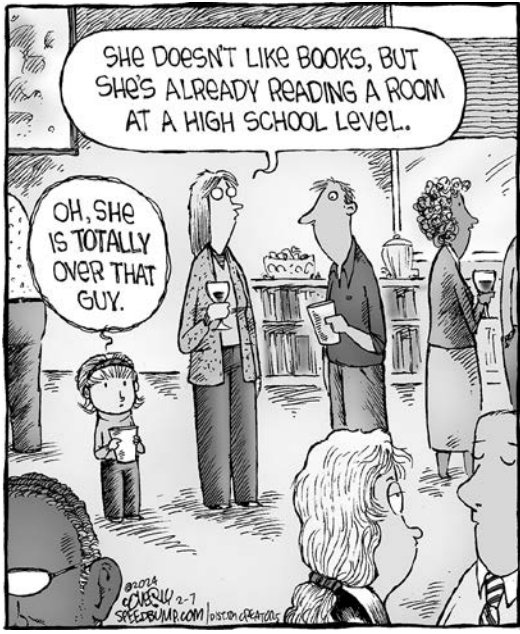
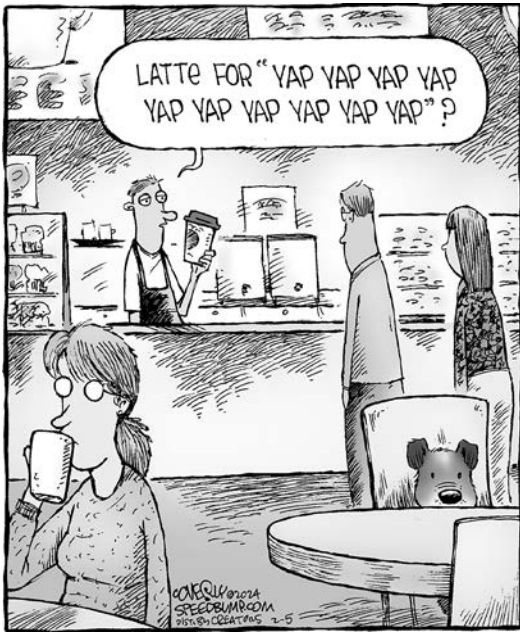
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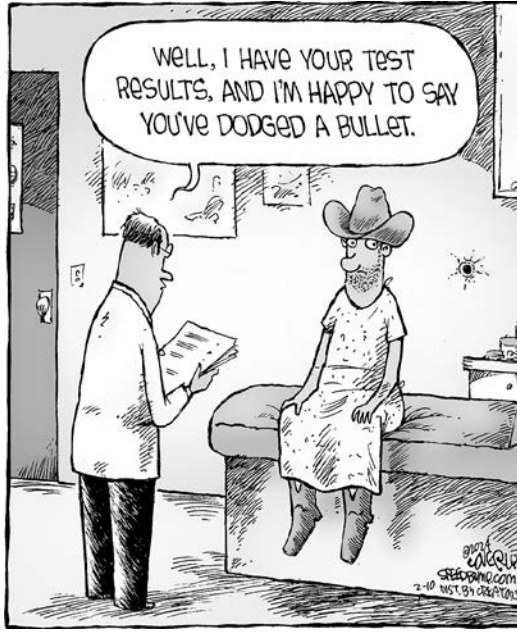
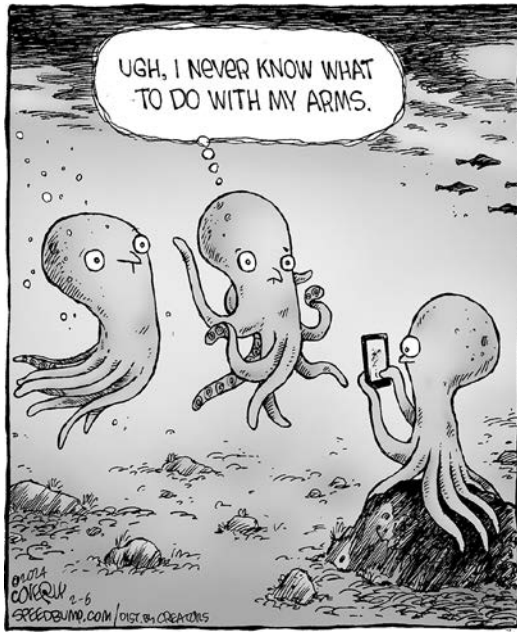
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 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Mel Sanchez 562-665-4125.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcuede@gmail.com.
 6:30 - 9 pm: Civil Air Patrol - Los Angeles Cadet Squadron 138, at Downey Adult School, Room M104, call 714-402-5157.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
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 1st Tues., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
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 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

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 9 am: Quilters Group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
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 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
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 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
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 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
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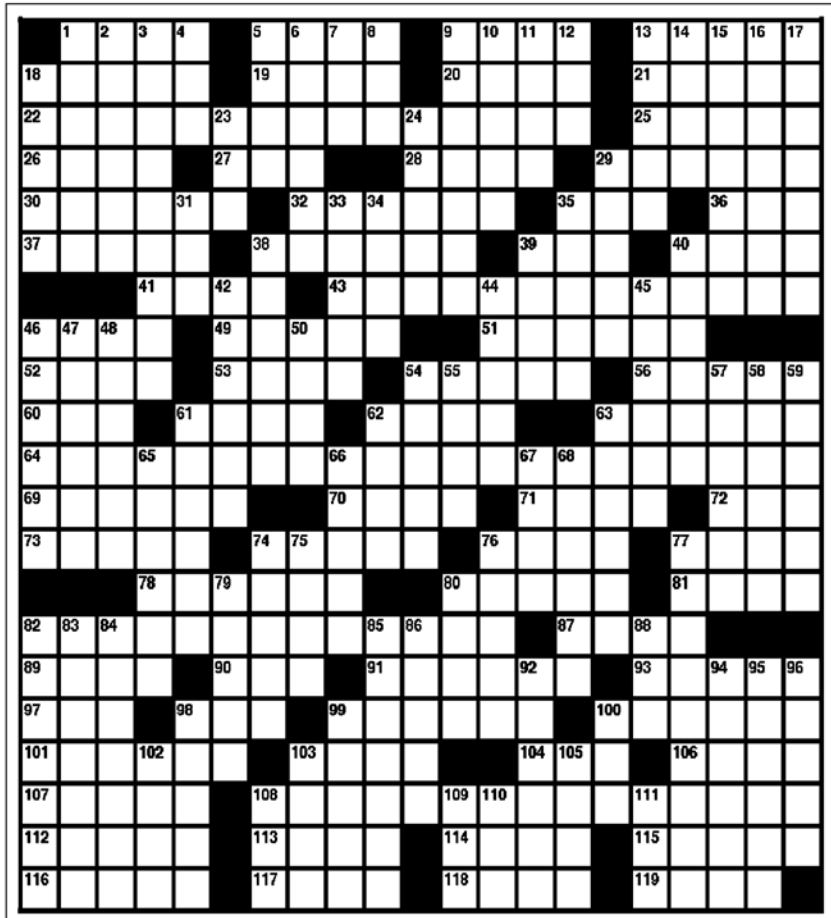
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Boyz II Men will perform at the Hollywood Bowl in September.

Hollywood Bowl releases summer lineup

■ Patti LaBelle, Boyz II Men among artists scheduled to perform this summer.

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,

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.

Free tax, finance workshop

DOWNEY – The Downey Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free tax and financial workshop Thursday, Feb. 22, at 12 pm featuring CPA Jesse Gallardo and financial services professional Hector Sosa.

RSVP by calling the chamber at (562) 923-2191, ext. 1, or email sarah@downeychamber.com

ENGAGEMENT



Javier and Peggy Martinez, long time residents of Downey, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Alexandra Diane Martinez to Jacob Anthony Diaz, son of Monique and Gustavo Diaz, of Whittier.

Martinez is a former Miss Downey Princess 2023 and graduate from Warren High School. She received her Bachelor's degree in liberal studies with a concentration of human and child development from Cal State Long Beach. She is employed as a private Christian school teacher in Downey.

Diaz received his Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies from Biola University. He is employed as a content creator at a Christian church in Oklahoma.

A wedding is planned for July, 2024 in Escondido, California.

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.

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Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the Work called for in the Contract Documents.

In accordance with California Public Contract Code section 22300, the District will permit the substitution of securities for any moneys withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract.

Each bidder's bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the District; (3) a certified check made payable to the District; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by a California admitted surety as defined in Code of Civil Procedure section 995.120, made payable to the District in the form set forth in the Contract Documents.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with the requirements set forth in Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the Labor Code which are available from the Director of the State of CA Department of Industrial Relations.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in the Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10154 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall furnish certified payroll records as required pursuant Labor Code section 1776. Monitoring and enforcement of the prevailing wage laws and related requirements will be performed by the Labor Commissioner/ Department of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE).

No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Separate payment and performance bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the total Contract amount, are required, and shall be provided to the District prior to execution of the Contract and shall be in the form set forth in the Contract Documents.

All bonds (Bid, Performance, and Payment) must be issued by a California admitted surety as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.120.

Where applicable, bidders must meet the requirements set forth in Public Contract Code section 10115 et seq., Military and Veterans Code section 999 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 1896.60 et seq, regarding Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise ("DVB") Programs.

Any request for substitutions pursuant to Public Contract Code section 3400 must be made at the time of Bid on the Substitution Request Form set forth in the Contract Documents and included with the bid.

Inquiries shall be sent in writing by email to: Porfira Mora, Buyer, at pmora@mylusd.org and CC: Shaunda Miller, Senior Buyer, at smclucas@mylusd.org

No telephone or facsimile machine will be available to bidders on the District premises at any time.

It is each bidder's sole responsibility to ensure its bid is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

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CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, SITE PLAN REVIEW, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, DENSITY BONUS, AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
PLN-23-00035

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

Name of Project: Foster Bridge and Bluff Community Residential Project

Location: 7360 Foster Bridge Boulevard

Applications/Requests: GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, SITE PLAN REVIEW, TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, AND DENSITY BONUS (PLN-23-00035). A request to construct a 1.29-acre site located at in the northwestern portion of the City of Downey. The subject site is currently designated as Low Density Residential and zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential). The application includes requests for General Plan Amendment to a Medium Density Residential land use designation and a Zone Change to the R-3 (Multiple Family Residential) zone in order to facilitate the development of the proposed multifamily townhome development. The project includes a request for a State Density Bonus, with total of 30 base units and three additional density bonus units. The project is eligible for a State Density concession and the applicant is also requesting various development standard waivers pursuant to State Density Bonus Law. The project application includes Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 84168 to establish separate parcels for townhome subdivision purposes.

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts was prepared for the proposed project and was made available on the City's website: https://www.downeyca.org/our-city/departments/community-development/planning/_environmental_documents.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or attend and give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings page of the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

NOTE: STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65009 NOTICE: If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

For more information contact Associate Planner Jerry Clemente, at 562-904-7154 or jclemente@downeyca.org.

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For more information contact Principal Planner Alfonso Hernandez, at 562-904-7154 or afshernandez@downeyca.org.

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CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
PLN-23-00043

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 21st day of February, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

LOCATION: 8327 Davis Street

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (PLN-23-00043): A conditional use permit application to request a new roof mounted wireless telecommunications facility on top of an existing two-story building on property located in the H-M Zone. The wireless facility will consist of 12 antennas and 12 RRUs. Facility equipment will also be located on the roof. Screening to resemble the existing building and mimic an added story with stucco and spandrel glass.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or attend and give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings page of the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Guideline Section No. 15303 (Class 3 - New Construction of Small Structures). Class 3 exemptions consist of installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures.

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 24NWCP00030
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LAURA A. PEREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) LAURA A. PEREZ to Proposed name (1) LAURA PEREZ ESTRADA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: **MARCH 29, 2024, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **2720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, Norwalk, CA 90650**
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **Downey Patriot** JANUARY 26, 2024
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 24NWCP00032
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SUZANNE MARIE AUSDAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SUZANNE MARIE AUSDAL Proposed name (1) SUZANNE MARIE MILLS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: **MARCH 25, 2024, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650**
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JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
SUZANNE MARIE AUSDAL
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WHITTIER CA 90604
(562) 480-0065
Millssusie4@gmail.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 24NWCP00027
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner COLLEEN WONG NANNANO and RIKIYA NANNANO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MIRAI NANNANO Proposed name (1) MIRAI WONG NANNANO
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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Date: **MARCH 25, 2024, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
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JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
COLLEEN WONG NANNANO FOR MIRAI NANNANO
8248 LANKIN STREET
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LEO REY SUMMERHAYS aka LEO SUMMERHAYS, LEO R. SUMMERHAYS
Case No. 24STPB01167
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LEO REY SUMMERHAYS aka LEO SUMMERHAYS, LEO R. SUMMERHAYS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by County of Los Angeles Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE represents that County of Los Angeles Public Administrator be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval, before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 14, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 44 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. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000009880766 Title Order No. : 230392172 FHA/VA/PMI No.: 197-897441-703 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/10/2020. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 03/17/2020 as Instrument No. 202000310833 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: RAUL CRUZ, A SINGLE MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924a(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 03/01/2024 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10431 LESTERFORD AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6287-004-007 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$495,855.89. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 169534 Title No. DEF-584445 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/05/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/22/2024 at 10:00 AM, The Mortgage Lender Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/12/2007, as Instrument No. 20070878322, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Malou R Baganza, A Single Woman, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924a(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST. APN 6365-009-003 EXHIBIT A THE LAND HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO IS SITUATED IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND

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The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$415,228.38 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered the property to the Trustee and a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 01/22/2024 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Durham/Authorized Signatory 27368 Via Industria, Suite 201 Temecula, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (800) 758-8052. 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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 a blackjack, of a royal flush, of a World Series Championship, is a total bust.

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