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- And Finally, Good Arborists Make Good Neighbors is brought to us this week by, [Yan v. City of Diamond Bar](#), in which, "Yan was walking down the sidewalk... A tree limb detached from the "upper canopy" of one of the Bradford pear trees on that street and landed on and snapped off two lower branches of the tree, which caused all three to crash down on top of Yan, knocking him to the ground." Sue whoever you want, but shouldn't the infinitesimal odds of such an occurrence have you rushing out to sacrifice a rooster or otherwise placate the deity of your choice? At trial, the next door neighbor, "testified that he would report fallen limbs he saw on the ground, even though he had not personally witnessed their collapse; because he was not an arborist and had no "training in tree care," he did not purport to know why those branches fell." We honestly recommend reading the first page or so of the opinion, just to bask in the gloriously comic disjunct 'tween the silliness of the subject matter and the formal, stately and stilted manner of the court's prose style. Surely you have nothing better to do...