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Norwalk man charged with child abuse

NORWALK – A Norwalk man was arrested and charged with child abuse after a 4-year-old boy was able to access his shotgun and shot the child's mother.

Brandon Gilbert Ambriz, 24, faces four counts of child abuse and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Ambriz was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to previous convictions for two burglaries and carrying a concealed dagger.

Deputies responded around 3:30 p.m. Jan. 23 to the 14600 block of Dinard Street to investigate a report of an assault with a deadly weapon.

Upon arrival, they found the woman, a resident of Norwalk, with a gunshot wound to her mid-torso, said Deputy Juanita Navarro-Suarez of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

She was taken in critical condition to a hospital, where her condition was later upgraded to fair, the deputy said. She was in stable condition and expected to survive, according to the sheriff's department.

"Preliminary information gathered at the scene revealed that the female's three children were in the backseat of the vehicle when one of the children accessed an unsecured shotgun and shot her through the back of the seat," Navarro-Suarez said.

Three other children in the vehicle were not injured. If convicted as charged, Ambriz faces a maximum sentence of more than 25 years in prison.

Bail was set at \$575,000.

Man convicted of indecent exposure

NORWALK – Jurors deliberated less than an hour before convicting a Norwalk man last week of two counts of indecent exposure.

Dong Hyun Huh, 47, exposed his penis to two female pedestrians in separate incidents in Artesia and Cerritos in September 2017. Both incidents occurred on the same date.

Huh faces a maximum sentence of one year in local custody and lifetime sex offender registration. He is scheduled to be sentenced March 4 at the Bellflower branch of Los Angeles Superior Court.

7-Eleven clerk pepper-sprayed in robbery

NORWALK – Authorities were investigating armed robberies of convenience stores in Norwalk and Buena Park Tuesday in which two of the crimes involved the use of pepper spray on victims.

The first holdup occurred about 10 p.m. Monday at a liquor store in the 7800 block of Commonwealth Avenue in Buena Park. A masked gunman wearing a hoodie took money from a cash register, and two accomplices took cigarettes and bottles of liquor.

The second crime occurred about an hour later at Monroe Liquor in the 8800 block of Knott Avenue in Buena Park. Three men armed with knives robbed the clerk, who was pepper-sprayed. They got away with cigarettes, bottles of liquor and cash.

The third crime occurred about 1 a.m. Tuesday at a 7-Eleven store in the 12300 block of Imperial Highway in Norwalk.

The suspects pepper-sprayed the clerk, who was held at knifepoint. They grabbed an unknown amount of cash and fled, according to Deputy Tracy Koerner of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

It was not immediately known if the same suspects were involved in all of the crimes.



PHOTO BY JESSICA MONCRIEF/CERRITOS COLLEGE ART GALLERY

The exterior of Cerritos College's Fine Arts Building. The college announced plans this week to begin showcasing contemporary art in its public places.

Coming soon to Cerritos College: Public art

The Norwalk-based college announced it will be installing a public art collection this spring. It has already acquired work from 18 artists.

NORWALK – Cerritos College announced Monday that it is establishing a unique new public art collection.

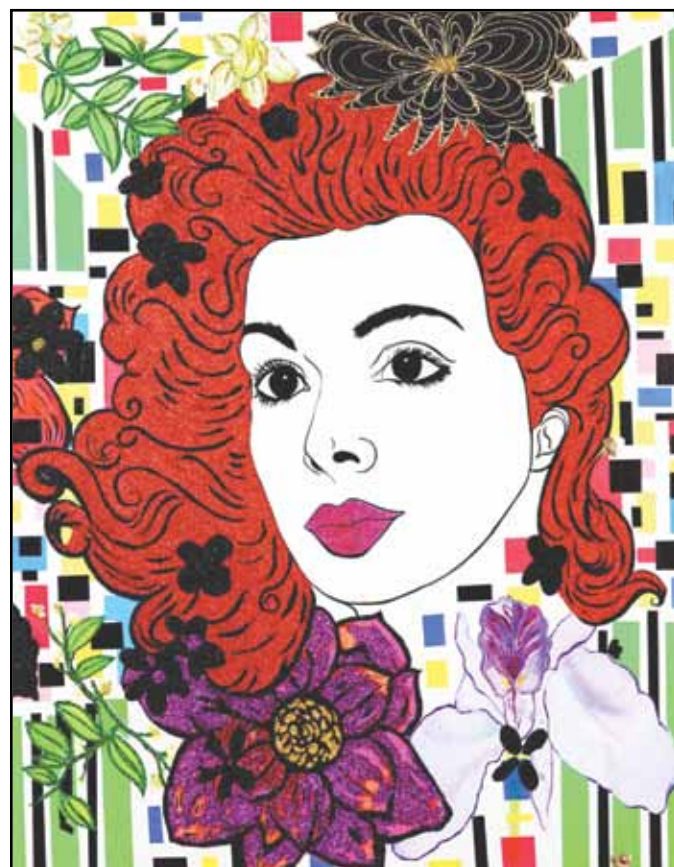
The collection, to be spread through publicly accessible areas of the campus, will feature paintings, drawings, prints, and photographs ranging in size from multiple small works on paper to two massive fourteen-foot shaped-canvas paintings.

Themes presented in the works will reflect the areas of study covered in nearby classrooms. The collection also prominently features works by traditionally underrepresented groups, including notable female artists and artists of color.

In this initial acquisition, the College selected works by 18 contemporary artists: Carolyn Castaño, Amir H. Fallah, Alexandra Grant, Mark Steven Greenfield, Sean Higgins, Kiel Johnson, Virginia Katz, Nery Gabriel Lemus, Melissa Manfull, Álvaro Daniel Márquez, Hung Viet Nguyen, Christina Ondrus, Naida Oslina, Julia Paull, Gala Porrás-Kim, Lorenzo Hurtado Segovia, Marie Thibeault, and Jessica Wimbley.

A downloadable map with hanging locations will be made available from the College's website by the end of the spring 2019 semester. The campus will continue to expand this public art collection in the coming years.

A public art collection of this scale is rare for a community college. In 2015, the college established the Committee on Art in Public Spaces to develop a comprehensive and permanent plan to display art around campus, adding to a small number of existing public art pieces already on view, including a painted wood construction titled *To Whom It May Concern* (2013) by Salvadoran-American artist Daino, and a sound-sculpture, *The Sound Pavilion* (2011), by John David O'Brien and Steve Roden. Both are currently on display



A 2009 acrylic painting by Carolyn Castaño. Cerritos College has acquired work by Castano and 17 other artists to display around campus.

in the College's new Fine Arts Building.

The college also recently installed a cast-concrete sculpture donated by artist Gustavo Godoy titled *Vacant Marker* (2012) at the entrance of the Kincaid Field.

While the Cerritos College Art Gallery relies solely on generous donations from artists, the public art collection is financed by the College's substantial public art endowment fund, which was spearheaded by Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Fierro. The Cerritos College Board of Trustees also invested in this new endeavor, supporting and approving the establishment of the endowment fund in 2015. The public art endowment will also soon fund new commissions for multiple large-scale public art projects across campus.

"I am beyond excited that Cerritos College will house all of these wonderful works," said James McDevitt, curator, Cerritos College Art Gallery, and

associate professor, Art History and Visual & Cultural Studies. "The work included in this collection of drawings, paintings, and photographs has direct connections to the material that is taught in the classroom, and will provide our students an additional and exciting opportunity to engage with the educational content in new and different ways."

"Art and culture is an important element of higher education that can expose our students and community to a larger, diverse worldview. We believe that having a robust public art collection on campus will enrich the student experience and transform the College's landscape into a cultural hub for the community," said Dr. Fierro.

"The public art collection not only adds dimension and beauty to the College, it also gives us a creative way to engage in more community involvement on our campus," said Cerritos College Board President Carmen Avalos.

for me due to my status and family income.

"Still, I had become extremely passionate about helping others because of everything I had gone through growing up and all that I had seen affecting our world."

Leon said that, due to her citizenship status, she felt alone

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Norwalk restaurant grades

El Marinero
11025 E Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/4/19
Grade: **A**

Cerritos College Cafeteria
11110 E Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/4/19
Grade: **A**

Huh Daegam Restaurant
16511 Pioneer Blvd. Ste. 104
Date Inspected: 2/4/19
Grade: **A**

Starbucks
14322 Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/1/19
Grade: **A**

Kikka
11660 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/31/19
Grade: **A**

Northgate (Meat)
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/31/19
Grade: **A**

Northgate (Tortilleria)
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/31/19
Grade: **A**

Northgate (Deli)
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/31/19
Grade: **A**

Northgate Supermarket
11660 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/31/19
Grade: **A**

El Eden
10628 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

Mariscos El Chilito Restaurant
10635 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

Un Rinconcito Argentino
10633 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

Taco Bell
12503 E Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

Rivera's Juice Bar
11912 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 1/29/19
Grade: **A**

Diana's Mexican Foods Market
16330 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/25/19
Grade: **A**

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16330 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/25/19
Grade: **A**

Taco Joe
13019 Rosecrans Ave Ste 103
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

Renu Nakorn Restaurant
13019 Rosecrans Ave Ste 105
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

Angelina's Famous Pizza
12553 Alondra Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

Mike Liquor
14408 S Pioneer Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/23/19
Grade: **A**

Norwalk Mobil
11009 E Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 1/23/19
Grade: **A**

Happy's Liquor
12554 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 1/23/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 63°

Saturday 61°

Sunday 58°



Frida - Stroke of Passion

Saturday - Casa 0101 Theatre, 8 pm

A revealing look into the last week of Frida Kahlo's life and the mysterious cover-up of who or what killed her.



Chinese New Year Festival

Saturday - Chinatown Central Plaza, 12 pm

Chinatown's biggest party of the year with marching bands, floats, food, cultural performances, and more.



Charles Phoenix: Addicted to Americana

Saturday - Ruth Shannon Center for the Performing Arts, 7:30 pm

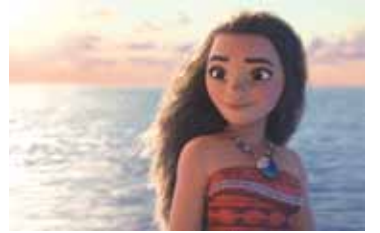
Showman, tour guide and author Charles Phoenix brings his live show to Whittier, a celebration of classic and kitschy American life and style.



An Evening with Henry Winkler

Saturday - Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, 8 pm

TV legend Henry Winkler chronicles his 40 years in show business in this fun and in-depth conversation.



Moana Sing-Along

Sunday - La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts, 2 pm

A special sing-along version of 'The Princess Bride,' with lyrics displayed on the screen. Costumes encouraged.



L.A. Galaxy

Saturday - Dignity Health Sports Park, 7 pm

Zlatan Ibrahimović and the LA Galaxy face Toronto FC in a pre-season match.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@JGHSPrincipal: JGHS wrestling team did great this past Friday. They won the wrestling league team finals & many boys qualified for CIF Individuals

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NORWALK HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

Meditation for Beginners, 9:30 am. Learn Isha Kriya, a simple twelve to eighteen-minute practice that will help you become meditative effortlessly. Instruction is provided by the ISHA Foundation, a non-profit, non-religious public service organization. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Heart of Battle, 10 am. A gaming tournament with competition in Super Smash Bros., Pokemon, Mario Tennis Aces, and more. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

Park Fitness 2019, 12 pm. Make a commitment to lead a more active and healthy lifestyle. Rec staff will be on hand to help you use workout equipment and create a plan to get moving. Mendez Park, 11660 Dune St.

Mother & Son Dance, 5:30-8:30 pm. The evening will consist of finger foods, dancing, games, and making a memorable craft. Child appropriate music will be played. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

Brown Bag Medication Review, 9 am. Bring all your medications and supplements to identify and/or avoid medication errors and ensure you are taking medications correctly. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

MakMo: Valentine's Day LED Card, 4-5 pm. Impress your friends and loved ones with a hand-made greeting card with working lights. We will learn a few simple rules for making circuits on paper, and create cards that can be used for Valentine's Day! For ages 12 - 18. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

Classic Book Discussion - "Catch-22", 6:30-7:30 pm. Read Joseph Heller's "Catch-22" and then join in on a light discussion of the book. Refreshments provided. New members wanted. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 am. Keynote speaker is Jason Barquero, public service announcer for the L.A. football club. DoubleTree Hotel,

13111 Sycamore Dr.

Valentine's Day LED Cards, 4-5 pm. Teens can make a hand-made greeting card with working lights after learning a few rules for making circuits on paper. For ages 12-18. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

Creating a Happy Home with Feng Shui, 2-3:30 pm. Join us for an informative Feng Shui workshop with certified expert, Laura Cerrano of Feng Shui Manhattan. Explore how your surroundings affect your mindset, emotions, and behavior. Strong focus will be provided for three primary life sections: career, wealth, and partnership. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

El Baile del Amor, 8 pm. Live performances by El Nuevo Acapulco and La Prendida Luz Roja. La Taverna Night Club, 14345 Pioneer Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

E-waste Collection and Shred-a-thon, 9 am to 2 pm. Safely dispose of unwanted electronics and bring your documents for on-site shredding. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Painting and Pancakes, 10 am. Come create artwork with your favorite painter while enjoying a tasty pancake breakfast. Receive step-by-step instruction on painting a beautiful masterpiece on canvas that you can take home. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

Quartermania & Boutique Shopping, 12 pm. Enjoy a quartermania auction, boutique shopping and lunch, with proceeds benefiting Bethel 241 Norwalk Job's Daughters. Norwalk Masonic Center, 12345 Rosecrans Ave.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

Reconnecting Romantic Relationships, 3 pm. A weekend retreat meant to help couples reconnect and strengthen their marriages. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

E-Waste Collection & Shred-

a-Thon, 9 am to 2 pm. Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste, and bring your documents for on-site shredding. City Hall, 12700 Norwalk Blvd.

Painting & Pancakes, 10 am. Receive step by step instruction in painting a beautiful masterpiece you can take home while creating lasting memories. Open to children ages 6 and up and any adult guardian. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

Hargitt House Tours, 1-4 pm. Take a guided tour of the former home of DD Johnston, organizer of Norwalk's first school district. Hargitt House, 12426 Mapledale St.

Zombie Ghost Train, 7 pm. Live music by Stu Arkoff, The Peabrians, Radarmen and Sangre. American Legion Post 359, 11986 Front St.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

Emergency Preparedness Seminar, 10 am. A staff member from L.A. County Public Health will highlight the steps seniors can take to better prepare for emergencies. Norwalk Senior Center, 14040 San Antonio Dr.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

Abstract Expression Painting, 2:30 pm. To celebrate Black History Month, learn about artist Alma Woodsey Thomas and create an art piece that follows her abstract expression and bold color pallet. For ages 18 and up. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

Special Olympics Kick-off Dance, 6:30 pm. This fun evening will include introducing new athletes to existing team members, meeting the coaches and having a great time. Even if you're not part of Special Olympics, come support Team Norwalk. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

Popotillo Art Workshop, 2-4 pm. Discover the almost-lost Mexican folk art technique of Popotillo. All materials will be provided. This program is suitable for adults.

Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

Commissioners Meet and Greet, 2 pm. All city commissioners are invited to this event; come and meet other commissioners that serve on the different city commissions. Sproul Reception Center, 12230 Sproul St.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

Microsoft Word Workshop, 2:30 pm. A beginners lesson for students who would like to become more familiar with the Word tabs and the common tool functions. Cerritos College (library computer lab), 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Window Dressing Opening Reception, 5 pm. Chet Glaze's installation, Infinite Bedroom, presents an overlapping vignette of works that derive from the abscessed spaces surrounding eating establishments. Cerritos College Art Gallery, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

Lit Wits Book Club: The Good Neighbor, 6:30 pm. Join us to read and discuss the story of the unique and enduring life of Mr. Rogers. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

Mr. Markus Music, 4-5 pm. Celebrate Black History Month at Norwalk Library with Mr. Markus the Music Man. Mr. Markus' guitar sing-along offers interactive zany songs for children. Ages 5-12. Norwalk Library, 12350 Imperial Hwy.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 6:30 pm. Connect with your neighbors, Public Safety Officers and Sheriff's Deputies to find ways to work together to reduce crime. 13100 Foster Rd.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

State of the City, 11:30 am. Learn about Norwalk's accomplishments over the past year, and a look forward. DoubleTree Hotel, 13111 Sycamore Dr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Neighborhood Watch Meeting,

6:30 pm. Norwalk Sheriff Deputies and Public Safety Officers invite residents to meet their neighbors and learn ways to decrease criminal activity. 13013 Halcourt Ave.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Classic Book Club, 6:30-7:30 pm. Read Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery and Other Stories" and then join in on a light discussion. Refreshments provided. New members welcomed. Alondra Library, 11949 Alondra Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Heart Disease Therapy, 10 am. Confused about fats and cholesterol? Wondering if your breakfast should be eggs and bacon or cereal and juice? Learn how to eat to protect your heart. Coast Plaza Hospital, 13100 Studebaker Rd.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

ARTASTIC, 6 pm. ARTASTIC is a special event that celebrates the arts and highlights the Cultural Arts Center's programs and classes. This community event will feature free art activities and projects, multiple art exhibits, entertainment, a fundraising dinner, and more. Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 13200 Clarkdale Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Harbor Groove Band, 9 pm. Harbor Groove Band will play hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s, along with cumbia and R&B. IV Lounge, 12500 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Senior Preview Day, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. An open house for high school seniors that highlights Cerritos College's campus, academic programs, CTE, student services, and more. Cerritos College, 11110 Alondra Blvd.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", 7 pm. A live production based on the "Peanuts" comic strip and presented by the John Glenn High School Drama Department. John Glenn High School, 13520 Shoemaker Ave.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", 2 pm. A live production based on the "Peanuts" comic strip and presented by the John Glenn High School Drama Department. John Glenn High School, 13520 Shoemaker Ave.

Father and Daughter Dance, 6 pm. Registration begins Feb. 25. Theme to be announced. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", 7 pm. A live production based on the "Peanuts" comic strip and presented by the John Glenn High School Drama Department. John Glenn High School, 13520 Shoemaker Ave.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", 7 pm. A live production based on the "Peanuts" comic strip and presented by the John Glenn High School Drama Department. John Glenn High School, 13520 Shoemaker Ave.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", 7 pm. A live production based on the "Peanuts" comic strip and presented by the John Glenn High School Drama Department. John Glenn High School, 13520 Shoemaker Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Breakfast with Mom, 9 am. Registration begins Feb. 25. Theme to be announced. Norwalk Arts & Sports Complex, 13000 Clarkdale Ave.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to eric@thedownypatriot.com



Danny grew up in Whittier and La Mirada and his wife Jeri grew up in Norwalk and Downey. They lived in the area in the 50's and 60's; it's ironic that 15 years later they would manage their automotive business just a few miles from where they rode their bikes to school.

While Danny, Jeri and their bulldog Hazel work at the Volkswagen, BMW, Porsche and Audi stores, they have grown the business to 9 dealerships in Southern California

adding Subaru, Mini and Volvo. Their son Hutton (the third generation) is now working at McKenna Porsche. Danny and his family have developed close personal relationships with their customers and like to be on a first name basis. He gives out his cell phone number so he can resolve issues or answer ques-

tions as quickly as possible. Please stop in, meet the entire McKenna family, and experience the "neighborly" customer service they've become famous for.



McKenna BMW
605 Freeway @ Firestone Exit, Norwalk
866-979-6932
mckennabmw.com

McKenna Audi
605 Freeway @ Firestone Exit, Norwalk
888-689-9373
mckennaaudi.com

McKenna VW
In The Cerritos Auto Mall, Cerritos
855-996-3820
mckennawvcerritos.com

The dangerous allure of ‘Medicare for all’

By Steve Chapman

Like an oasis shimmering before parched travelers in a sunbaked desert, “Medicare for all” holds a powerful allure for Democrats. It’s a clear concept based on a beloved program, offering to achieve the long-standing goal of universal health insurance. It will be hard for any Democrat running for president to reject the idea.

Sen. Kamala Harris made that clear when she not only endorsed the idea but also called for abolishing private insurance entirely. “Let’s eliminate all of that,” she said. By staking out a bold position so early in the campaign, she put pressure on other candidates to meet or raise her on the issue of single-payer, government-provided coverage.

The idea was already approaching party orthodoxy. Sen. Bernie Sanders ran for president on it in 2016 and may again in 2020. He would have company. Sens. Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker and Kirsten Gillibrand are co-sponsors, along with Harris, of Sanders’ legislation. Former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro is on board. A House version won the sponsorship of most Democrats, including presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard.

All that happened before the rise of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, another supporter. Dylan Matthews wrote in Vox, “Soon no Democratic leader will be able to oppose single-payer.” That was in September 2017, and “soon” may already be “now.”

But like many an oasis, this one is a mirage. The broad conversion of Democrats to the single-payer model stems from their bitter experience with the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare. It was a market-oriented approach that retained

a primary role for private insurance, strongly resembling a Massachusetts program enacted under a GOP governor named Mitt Romney. Yet Republicans in Congress universally demonized it as a radical socialist scheme.

The conclusion most Democrats reached is that moderation in pursuit of universal coverage is a vice. If you’re going to be portrayed as engineering a complete government takeover of health insurance regardless, they decided, you might as well go all the way.

That’s the wrong lesson. The ACA was an incremental, cautious program to provide insurance to more people, falling short of universal coverage. Yet the prospect of significant change was enough to make voters susceptible to shameless fearmongering. Over the seven years after it became law in 2010, according to Kaiser Family Foundation surveys, a plurality of Americans consistently took an unfavorable view of the program.

But when Donald Trump became president and Republicans gained control of Congress, they set about keeping their promise to repeal Obamacare. At that point, sentiment abruptly shifted. In February 2017, Kaiser found, 48 percent of Americans had a positive opinion of the ACA, and only 42 percent disliked it — and it has retained its popularity ever since.

The lesson is that when it comes to health care, Americans harbor a deep suspicion of any major change. They distrusted the ACA from the start because they feared it would cost them more, reduce the quality of care or deprive them of their existing policies.

But when Republicans tried to repeal the law, that aversion

to change suddenly became the ally of Obamacare. However imperfect what they had was, voters worried that a replacement would be even worse.

Harris’ intention to get rid of private insurance will feed this fear. Americans rightly didn’t believe Barack Obama when he said, “If you like your health care plan, you can keep it.” When Harris says that people who like their health care plans will not be able to keep them, voters will believe her, to her detriment. Democrats can promise that “Medicare for all,” however it is defined, would be an improvement over the status quo, but millions of people with private coverage will figure they are about to get the shaft.

Single-payer coverage could generate even broader opposition than the ACA did, argues Lanhee Chen, a research fellow at Stanford’s Hoover Institution. When 30-year-olds hear the term “Medicare for all,” they may hope they’d get something better than what they have. But 70-year-olds will assume they’d get something worse. “It’s certainly possible that seniors will view ‘Medicare for all’ as cutting into the benefits they receive,” he told me.

At the moment, by preserving Obamacare, Democrats have aligned themselves with public sentiment. If they insist on promising “Medicare for all,” they will find themselves up against the perennial attitude of Americans about their health insurance and health care system: It’s lousy, and don’t you dare change it.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

Do we really need so many foreign tech workers?

By Froma Harrop

Americans don’t usually think of technical professionals as “guest workers,” yet at any one time, there are more than a half-million foreigners holding tech jobs in the U.S. They are here thanks to the H-1B visa program. H-1B, so the official spiel goes, addresses an alleged shortage of “highly skilled” Americans to fill jobs “requiring specialized knowledge.”

Growing evidence, however, points to companies’ using the program to replace perfectly qualified American workers with cheaper ones from elsewhere. A new report published by the Atlantic Council documents the abuses. The authors are Ron Hira, a political scientist at Howard University, and Bharath Gopalaswamy, director of the Atlantic Council’s South Asia Center.

Among their criticisms:

—Virtually any white-collar job can be taken by an H-1B visa holder. About 70 percent of them are held not by what we consider tech workers but by teachers, accountants and salespeople, among others.

(Denver Public Schools employs teachers on H-1B visas. During a strike, the district actually threatened to report participating foreigners to immigration authorities. It later apologized.)

“By every objective measure,” Hira and Gopalaswamy write, “most H-1B workers have no more than ordinary skills, skills that are abundantly available in the U.S. labor market.”

U.S. colleges graduate 50 percent more students in engineering and in computer and information science than are hired in those fields every year, according to a study by the Economic Policy Institute.

—Employers don’t have to show they have a labor shortage to apply. They don’t even have to try recruiting an American to fill the job.

Cutting labor costs is clearly the paramount “need.” In Silicon Valley, computer systems analysts make on average just over \$116,000 a year. But companies can hire H-1B workers at a lower skill level, paying them only about \$77,000 a year to do the same work, the report says.

And it’s not unheard-of for companies to ask American workers to train the H-1B workers taking their jobs. “60 Minutes” featured Robert Harrison, a senior telecom engineer at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center. Asked whether training his replacement felt like digging his own grave, Harrison responded:

“It feels worse than that. It feels like not only am I digging the grave but I’m getting ready to stab myself in the gut and fall into the grave.”

Why does this program continue without serious reform? Mainly because its big boosters include such marquee tech names as Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Michael Bloomberg and Eric Schmidt. Big Tech has showered think tanks with funding to brainwash Americans into believing that their country is starving for tech expertise.

Are there rare tech skills that justify companies’ looking abroad? There are, but that’s the purpose of the O-1 visa. About 10,000 are granted each year to individuals with “extraordinary ability or achievement.”

I asked Hira whether we need H-1B at all.

“I think there’s a place for the H-1B program,” he responded. “The O-1 is a cumbersome process that requires a lot of paperwork, both in preparation and review. But we need to raise the standards of the H-1B program so that the quality and skills of the workers are much higher.”

Also, we should substantially raise the wages paid to H-1B workers and make employers show that they tried to recruit Americans and offered them positions. Other guest-worker and green-card programs have that requirement.

Finally, put in force an effective means of enforcement. Right now, compliance is driven by whistleblowing. A random auditing system would far more efficiently find abuses.

Apparently, the argument that “tech jobs need filling” has, in many cases, oozed to “we want cheaper foreigners.” The H-1B program demands a major overhaul.

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Abortion and the right to stay alive

By Andrew Napolitano

Much has been made lately of language in a recently enacted New York state statute that permits abortion up to the time of birth if necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother. New Jersey has had the same provision for two generations via a regulation of the Board of Medical Examiners.

Sadly, when New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the new legislation into law two weeks ago, he did so in a joyful and celebratory atmosphere. What moral person could find joy in this?

The joyless debate over the issue of how late in a pregnancy is morally or legally too late for abortion was crystalized when the Virginia General Assembly was prepared to vote last week on legislation nearly identical to New York’s, only to have that legislation inadvertently sabotaged by one of its most ardent supporters, Gov. Ralph Northam, a pediatric neurologist.

When Gov. Northam was asked on a Richmond radio show how the law would address a baby’s surviving an abortion procedure in the ninth month of pregnancy and his cold and startling answer was that the proposed legislation would permit the mother and the physician to let the unwanted baby passively die, outrage ensued, and the legislation was defeated by one vote.

That outrage was soon diverted to Gov. Northam’s fitness

for office, not over his abortion comment but because his medical school yearbook page showed a photo with a person in blackface and another in Ku Klux Klan garb — together depicting horrid, hateful, hurtful imagery reminiscent of an awful white supremacist-dominated time in American history that took bloodshed to erase. This shocking revelation and the defeat of the proposed Virginia legislation changed the public debate from letting babies who survive abortion procedures die to ridding the Virginia government of a potential, likely or former white supremacist.

Gov. Northam at first apologized, not for supporting legislation that would permit the passive deaths of unwanted babies but for his youthful blackface-posed photo. Then, on second thought, he denied that the photo was of him. Then political hell broke loose among Democrats who want him out of office.

But the issue remains and cannot be buried by the firestorm over the governor’s 35-year-old yearbook page: What is the legal status of a baby who survives a late-term abortion procedure? Here is the back story.

In January 1973, the Supreme Court issued two abortion decisions on the same day. The better known of the two, Roe v. Wade, has been the fulcrum for political, legal, moral and religious debate as fierce as any this country has seen since the abolitionist movement challenged slavery in the era before the War Between the States.

Roe established that the fetus in the womb, notwithstanding human parentage and the possession of all the genomic material needed to develop into a full postnatal human, is legally not a person. This echoed another Supreme Court decision, Dred Scott v. Sandford, which was in the abolitionist era and effectively denied the personhood of African-Americans.

The personhood of a human fetus is not a mere academic question. If the fetus is a person, then it is protected from abortion by the Fifth and 14th amendments to the Constitution, which command the government to protect equally the lives of all people. But Roe did not stop with the personhood issue. It also decreed that the states may not regulate abortions in the first trimester of a woman’s pregnancy, may regulate in the second trimester only for the health of the mother and may prohibit or permit abortions in the third trimester.

Yet here is the kicker, which has been below the Roe radar screen while 55 million babies have had their lives snuffed out in the past 46 years. Roe decreed that all states must permit abortions at any time in the pregnancy if necessary to save the life or preserve the health of the mother. Pregnancies that threaten the life of the mother are extremely rare, thanks to modern medicine. However, thanks to Roe’s little-known companion case, Doe v. Bolton, the phrase “the health of the mother” can mean

the physical, mental, psychological or emotional health of and (inexplicably) the age of the mother.

Stated differently, under Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, if a mother satisfies a physician that she would suffer emotionally if she were to carry her baby to term or is too old to be a mother, in all states in the union, she can have an abortion at any time in her pregnancy — even at the end of the ninth month.

Now, back to the question put to Gov. Northam. Suppose the baby is not butchered in the womb but survives and is delivered alive. When the Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell was confronted with this, he used his scalpel to stab babies to death. At his murder trial, at which he was convicted, the prosecution presented evidence to show that if he had passively allowed the born-alive babies to choke or starve to death, he would not have committed a crime.

Physicians are taught from day one, “First, do no harm.” What physician could let a baby die?

The dirty secret of abortion law is that mothers and abortion physicians may legally let unwanted babies born alive suffer and die with impunity. What about personhood? Isn’t a living baby a person entitled to the equal protection of the laws? Under the natural law, yes. Under the Constitution, yes. Under Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, no.

No society that permits the active or passive killing of people because they are unwanted can long survive. No society that defines away personhood has any claim to knowing right from wrong. Whose personhood will the government define away next?

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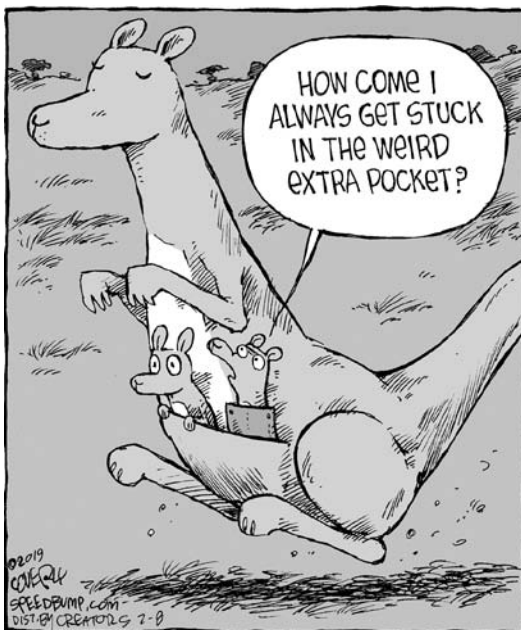
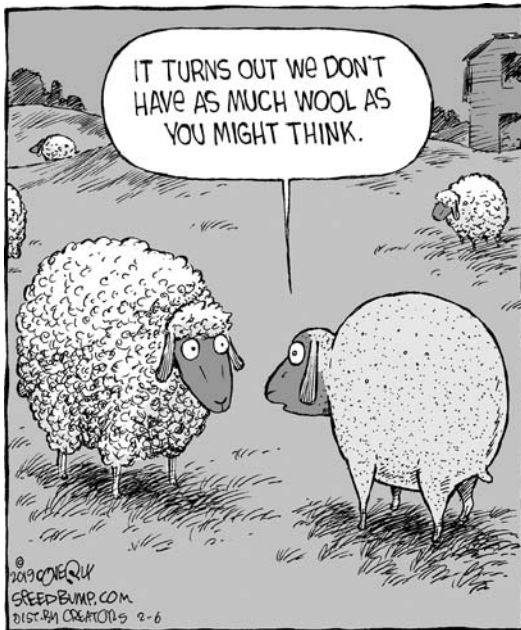
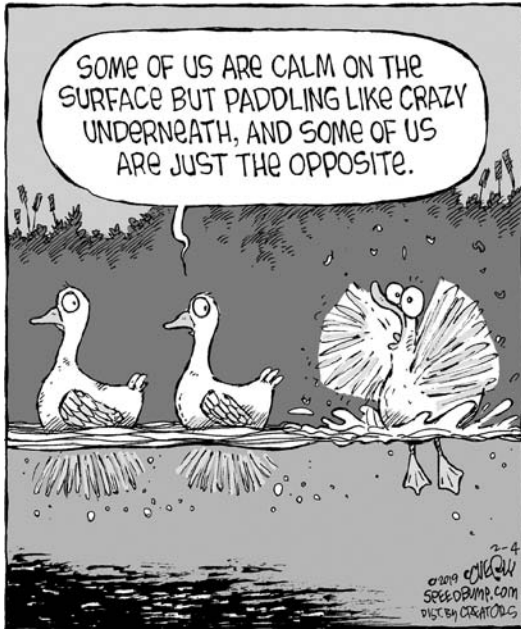
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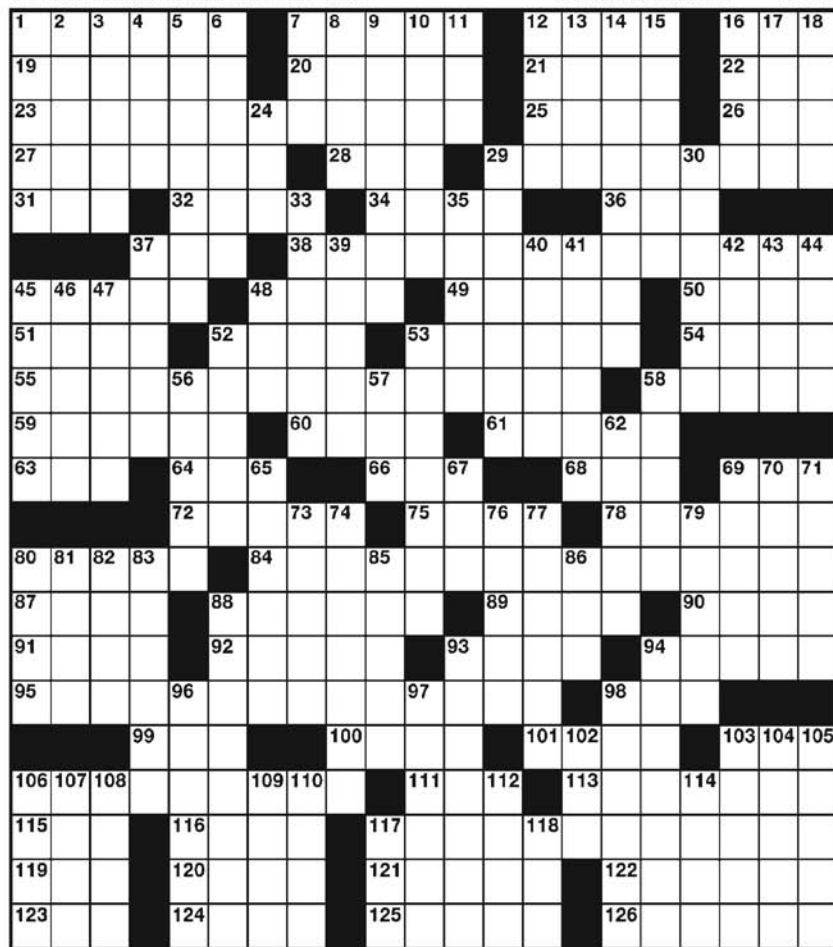
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DEAD RIGHT

Short Story

By Kathy (Kacie) Cooper Contributor

Have you ever heard the saying: "Pedestrians are always in the right. But they can be dead right?"

That statement has stuck in my brain for years. When I first began driving, that phrase helped me to be more observant of walkers. But through the years, especially in the last decade or so, I am haunted by its philosophy.

It's as if almost every night at 6:00, there's yet again, another hit and run victim on the news. I'm saddened beyond words. It has got to stop!

But how? While street racing and drunk driving prevails, perhaps we need to approach this hit and run epidemic from another angle... the pedestrian, who is legally in the right, but sadly, often dead right.

Many pedestrians have a false sense of protection while in the perimeters of a crosswalk. Perhaps that statement 'the pedestrian is always in the right' has given us that false sense of security.

As a pedestrian, I may

be in the right legally, but am I always safe? That's the question. If I am thinking while in the middle of a crosswalk that I am completely safe and have no need to think about anything...then there's always a chance for something bad to happen.

Walking within the boundaries of a crosswalk does not guarantee any kind of security. It's all blind faith; believing that every car will stop for me, believing every driver will see me. Yet that's how most of us go through life; with blind faith.

There are many distractions for the driver; cell phones being the latest. Not all drivers follow the rules of the road and drunk drivers still travel on our roads.

Knowing that a car or truck can weigh well over 3,000 pounds easily convinces me not to take unnecessary chances. And that's it. When we decide to walk across the street where heavy vehicles travel, we are ultimately taking a chance with our lives.

Hit and run acts are atrocious and unpredictable, but perhaps there are things that we, as pedestrians, can do to protect ourselves. And protect ourselves, we must.

We must become our own

advocate. When we step off the pavement, we must abandon the blind faith that once taught us we were safe because we were in a crosswalk, that all vehicles will stop for us, that all drivers will see us, that all drivers will care.

Also, just because the oncoming car looks as if he is coming to a halt, we should never proceed into the crosswalk unless we see the eyes of the driver and the driver sees us. We also should not proceed across the street till we can see the whites of their eyes. Good advice, but not the only advice.

Our job is not to smell the roses while we are maneuvering to the other side; our ultimate goal is to safely reach the other side. Period. No playing around while in the crosswalk. Then go to the gardens later and smell the lilacs and lavenders.

It goes without saying that we must always look way down the road for approaching vehicles and be ready to retreat or go forward quickly. But all the while? Never stop watching in the direction of oncoming cars!

It is also our job to teach these things to our children as well. They too, must become their own advocate. The other day I was waiting to make a left turn in a residential area. All of a sudden three high school girls come out of nowhere, crossing in front of me. Not one of them looked to see if I had seen them and not one of them took their cell phone away from their face while crossing the street in front of me. That had the potential for disaster. Thank God it ended well. But I wanted to follow the girls and tell them a few things about advocacy.

My new phrase for the 21st century is not just to look both ways, but to also be your own advocate. Stay alive!

Kathy (Kacie) Cooper is a member of the writing class at Norwalk Senior Center.

MY LITTLE RUNAWAY

Short Story

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

Many family members were jam-packed in our small, upstairs apartment to celebrate Mark's fourth birthday.

The adults were enjoying each other's company and the toddlers, conversing about the latest family happenings, and having a bite to eat, of course.

When it came time for Mark to blow out the candles on the cake, suddenly, someone asked: "Where's Mark?" He was nowhere to be found in the

apartment, so panic set in, and we all went our separate ways looking for him. Out on the sidewalk, some went east, some went west, while others stayed and searched in the front and back yards. With our searching in every direction, and still no sign of Mark, my panic was raging.

Thankfully, not too long afterward, someone shouted "Here he is." He was in the yard all along...asleep under the giant elephant ear plant. My little man had had a busy day while scaring the stuffing out of the family!

Years later, when he was about eight, he was upset with me and told me that he was running away. Well, I said: "You haven't eaten dinner yet so wait

a few minutes, and I'll fix you something to eat to take along." I packed a few things he liked, tied it all up in a hobo style bandana, and tied it to a stick.

Off the little brat went down the street. My heart was pounding as I watched him turn right at the street corner and walk out of sight. I kept looking out the window hoping to get sight of him, and about twenty minutes later, there he was sitting on the curb in front of our home.

I guess he figured home wasn't such a bad place after all, and his runaway days were over.

Sharon Benson Smith is a member of the writing class at Norwalk Senior Center.

THE TRAMPOLINE SUMMER

Short Story

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

I believe Steve was in the sixth grade this particular summer. It had to be a weekend because his dad and I were home.

He broke away from his playing in the street with the neighborhood kids to ask me if he could go with a group of them to the home of a mutual friend. Their home had a swimming pool, diving board, lots of water paraphernalia, ping pong table, a trampoline, and other activities. They were charging admission.

I didn't like the fact that he would have to cross the major highway to get there. Plus because they were charging admission, it didn't sound like it was on the up-and-up. I was certain that it was against the law for a homeowner to charge admission. I just was not comfortable with the idea.

I refused to let him go. Needless to say, he was unhappy with me and left to return to his neighborhood friends on our street (or so I thought).

An hour or so later the phone rang, and my husband answered. I was in the kitchen but overheard him say, "I'll be right there." I didn't give it another thought.

Shortly afterward, Ray came in the door carrying Steve in his arms. I knew he had disobeyed me and gone with the kids to that home after all. He was jumping on the trampoline and fell, seriously injuring his knee.

We took him to the hospital for X-rays, and they kept him there for several days. His knee was badly swollen, and they had to drain the fluid several times. I went to see him daily before and after work and took him goodies

he wanted.

We were so grateful that the situation wasn't worse; he was up and around and eventually fully recuperated. It was such a relief to have him back home in the family fold. However, many years later, when he was married with two sons, he had to have arthroscopic surgery on that knee.

I have teased him over the years about "See whatcha get when you don't mind your mother."

Sharon Benson Smith is a member of the writing class at Norwalk Senior Center.

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Dodgers fan was killed by foul ball: ESPN report

LOS ANGELES — A 79-year-old woman was killed when a foul ball struck her in the head at a Dodgers game during the 2018 season.

Linda Goldbloom died from a brain hemorrhage caused by blunt force trauma, according to a Los Angeles County coroner's report obtained by ESPN.

While Goldbloom's family did not attempt to hide the cause of death — even saying the "end came by a foul ball at [Dodger] Stadium" in an email notification the day she died — the Dodgers made no public mention of the incident, nor did MLB.

This past season was the first in which all 30 stadiums featured protective netting along the foul lines, largely a response to a September 2017 incident at Yankee Stadium in which a toddler was struck in the face by a foul ball.

Todd Frazier, who hit the foul ball that struck the girl at Yankee Stadium, was among the major proponents of increased safety measures, saying at the time: "It's the right thing to do. It really is. Safety first."

While Dodger Stadium has expanded its netting, per MLB recommendations, that was not a factor on the play that killed Goldbloom.

In the top of the ninth inning in a game between the Padres and Dodgers on Aug. 25, San Diego's



Franmil Reyes fouled a Kenley Jansen pitch back and to the first-base side of the stadium.

Goldbloom, who was seated in the second deck in section 106, row C, with her husband, was struck, though television cameras broadcasting the game did not follow the ball or capture the moment.

Goldbloom's daughter, Jana Brody, told ESPN a stadium usher came down to check on her, after which EMTs arrived to take her to the hospital.

She was unresponsive even after emergency brain surgery and was kept alive on a ventilator for three days. On Aug. 28, her family took her off life support.

The Dodgers made no mention of the incident either when it happened or upon Goldbloom's death, but when reached by ESPN, a spokesman for the team provided a statement.

"Mr. and Mrs. Goldbloom were

great Dodgers fans who regularly attended games," the statement read. "We were deeply saddened by this tragic accident and the passing of Mrs. Goldbloom. The matter has been resolved between the Dodgers and the Goldbloom family."

It was unclear what exactly the team meant by resolving the matter, and the Goldbloom family refused to comment on any terms that may have been agreed to.

Geoff Jacobson, the father of the young girl struck at Yankee Stadium commented to ESPN on the tragedy, calling it "so unnecessary."

When he spoke to The Post in April 2018, he said his daughter is still traumatized by the incident.

"My heart goes out to the whole [Goldbloom] family," Jacobson told ESPN. "It's so unnecessary that this had to happen.... It's just tragic that another family is going through this and lost a loved one."

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Dreamers have become part of the American fabric, says Sanchez

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and restricted in what she could do.

"For so long I was made to believe that my voice did not matter because of my status, but I found my voice when I began to truly see the social injustice that plagued the world," she said.

At Rio Hondo College, Leon became president of the school's undocumented club -- Students Without Borders -- and became legislative affairs chair

of Associated Students of Rio Hondo, a steering member of the California Dream Network, and a Rio Hondo College student trustee.

"I am pleased to welcome Diana to the U.S. Capitol for the State of the Union," said Sanchez. "It is important for President Trump to see the faces of Dreamers who have lived in the United States for almost their entire lives, have integrated into our communities, and have become a part of our American fabric."

"Dreamers like Diana embody

the American Dream. Her life's story is about perseverance and hard work.

"Her presence at the State of the Union is an important reminder that America has always been a land of opportunity for all who want to work hard and contribute to the success of our country."

"It is vital that we never forget our shared core values, especially as some politicians try to use hate and lies to divide us."

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