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Sanchez sponsors immigration reform bill

■ The Norwalk congress member says the bill will “modernize the nation’s immigration system.”

NORWALK – President Joe Biden and Congressional Democrats unveiled the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021, robust immigration reform legislation that will “modernize the nation’s immigration system.”

The bill will prioritize reuniting and keeping families together and will boost America’s economy while protecting all workers, regardless of status.

It will also “responsibly and effectively manage the border with smart investments, address the root causes of migration to the United States from Central America, ensure the United States remains a refuge for those fleeing persecution, and more.”

Efforts to guide the bill through the U.S. House of Representatives are being led by seven U.S. Representatives, including Lucille Roybal-Allard of Downey and Linda Sánchez of Norwalk.

Sanchez issued the following statement:

“I am deeply proud to introduce the U.S. Citizenship Act in the House of Representative today, a vision that provides long-overdue permanent protections, and restores humanity and American values to our immigration system.

“I am the daughter of immigrant parents from Mexico, this is personal to me. I have dedicated my career to building

an immigration system that lets people live without fear, and a system that gives immigrants – like my parents – who sought a better life and contribute to our nation a fair opportunity to thrive.

“After all, immigration reform isn’t just about policy changes and politics-as-usual, it’s about people: our loved ones, friends, and neighbors who have been living in our communities and contributing to our country for decades. They deserve real relief.

“With President Biden’s leadership and vision, Democratic majorities in both Chambers, and the support of the majority of Americans: this is our moment to finally deliver big, bold, and inclusive immigration reform that our nation and its people deserve.”

The U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 establishes a “moral and economic imperative” and a vision of immigration reform that is expansive and inclusive:

■ Creates an earned roadmap to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants, providing Dreamers, TPS holders, and some farmworkers with an expedited three-year path to citizenship, and giving all other undocumented immigrants who pass background checks and pay taxes with an eight-year path to citizenship without fear of deportation.

■ Reforms family-based immigration system to keep families together by recapturing visas from previous years to clear backlogs, including spouses and children of green card holders



as immediate family members, and increasing per-country caps for family-based immigration. It also eliminates discrimination facing LGBTQ+ families, provides protections for orphans, widows and children, allows immigrants with approved family-sponsorship petitions to join family in the U.S. on a temporary basis while they wait for green cards to become available.

■ Grows our economy by making changes to the employment-based immigration system, eliminating per-country caps, making it easier for STEM advanced degree holders from U.S. universities to stay, improving access to green cards for workers in lower-wage industries, and giving

dependents of H-1B holders work authorization, and preventing children of H-1B holders from aging out of the system. The bill also creates a pilot program to stimulate regional economic development and incentivizes higher wages for non-immigrant, high-skilled visas to prevent unfair competition with American workers.

■ Increases fundings for immigrant integration initiatives and supports state and local governments, NGOs, and other community organizations that conduct inclusion programs, provide English language assistance, and make available naturalization resources to immigrant communities.

■ Protects workers from

exploitation and improves the employment verification process by requiring the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Labor to establish a commission involving labor, employer, and civil rights organizations to help improve the employment verification process and granting workers who suffer serious labor violations greater access to U visa relief.

■ Supports asylum seekers and other vulnerable populations by eliminating the one-year deadline for filing asylum claims, reducing asylum application backlogs, increasing protections for U visa, T visa, and VAWA applicants, including by raising the cap on U visas from 10,000 to 30,000.

Library extends Work Ready program for job hunters

■ Library cardholders can borrow a laptop and wifi hotspot to help their job hunt.

NORWALK – LA County Library will continue its Work Ready series, a workforce development program launched in December, designed for library customers who are looking to build job skills or discover new career opportunities, but who lack the device or internet connection to make it happen.

The pandemic has created new challenges for those in the workforce and those looking to reenter it. Customers who are interested in Work Ready can enroll in a 6-week session, offered several times throughout 2021.

Participants will borrow a Chromebook laptop and Wi-

Fi hotspot from one of 20 participating libraries for the duration of the session, to help them in their job and career goals.

The library is also providing weekly virtual Work Ready programs, covering topics ranging from writing cover letters and interviewing, to identifying high-growth careers and working from home. The webinars, conducted by special guest presenters and LA County Library staff, provide valuable tools and information to individuals seeking to expand their skill sets.

The program, which is partially funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, has a strong focus on helping individuals reenter the workforce, especially those who reside in areas heavily impacted

by high unemployment and the digital divide.

“The dynamics of the employment landscape have drastically and quickly changed due to the pandemic” said Library Director Skye Patrick. “By providing our customers with the necessary equipment and job resources to adjust to the new work environment, we are helping to level the playing field and can better prepare them to reach their goals.”

Customers can register now to borrow a laptop and Wi-Fi hotspot and enroll in the Work Ready program. Equipment loans are available on a first-come, first served basis.

For more information or to sign up for Work Ready, visit LACountyLibrary.org/Work-Ready.



County commits 1M masks to schools

■ L.A. County officials say they will distribute 1 million masks to schools that reopen locally.

NORWALK – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed a proposal put forward by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Sheila Kuehl on Tuesday to assist schools across the county as they work to reopen and allow students to return to classrooms.

The effort aims to address barriers that make it difficult for school districts in low income communities from meeting safety guidelines for reopening.

“Our kids need to be back in classrooms and I don’t want any

school to be unable to reopen because of a lack of resources,” said Janice Hahn. “We are going to give one million high quality masks out of our county’s stockpile to schools that need them and connect school districts with resources so they can get ventilation equipment in classrooms to keep students and teachers alike safe.”

The motion approved Tuesday will mean the county will equitably distribute 1 million masks to the county’s 81 school districts and help connect school districts with funding for upgraded ventilation systems and information they need to set up testing programs.

“Over the last year, we’ve learned a lot about how to keep

teachers and students safe in elementary schools,” said Kuehl. “Masks and adequate ventilation are very important which is why this motion focuses on those two elements. Nothing we do can bring COVID19 transmission risk to absolute zero. Our focus now must be on reopening those sectors that can be safely reopened, vigilantly adhering to recommended protocols, so we can minimize the likelihood of transmission.”

In LA County, Covid-19 case rates are down 90% from last month. On February 16, cases in LA County dropped below the state’s threshold to allow schools to reopen for in-classroom learning for grades K-6. Schools are required to take steps to

make classroom learning safer for teachers and students alike. This includes masking, adequate ventilation, regular testing, and contact tracing protocols.

As school districts have moved to reopen with plans to vaccinate teachers and other school staff starting March 1st, public schools in lower income areas have found it more difficult to overcome hurdles to reopening safely.

A recent survey of 20 school districts in Los Angeles County demonstrated that schools in more affluent areas are moving faster to reopen than those in lower-income communities.

“We hope to reopen our schools soon, but we face

significant general fund expenditures and those expenditures may create barriers in delivering a quality education to our students,” said Dr. Gary Gonzales, Superintendent of the South Whittier School District who called into the Board meeting to support the proposal.

“The support that item 42-J would provide in the form of PPE, assistance in improving HVAC systems & establishing a testing cadence, would make for a potential savings to our general fund, but more importantly provide for a safe transition back to the classroom and provide peace of mind to parents as they send their students back to school.”

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 74°

Saturday 72°

Sunday 71°

ON THIS DAY FEBRUARY 26

1815:

Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France.

1870:

New York City’s first pneumatic-powered subway line was opened to the public. (The tunnel was only a block long.)

1914:

HMS Britannic, sister to the RMS Titanic, was launched at Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast.

1919:

Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

1935:

Adolf Hitler orders the Luftwaffe to be re-formed, violating the provisions of the Treaty of Versailles.

1952:

Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

1970:

National Public Radio was incorporated.

1991:

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced on Baghdad Radio that he had ordered his forces to withdraw from Kuwait.

1993:

A bomb exploded in the garage of New York’s World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

2012:

Trayvon Martin, 17, was shot to death in Sanford, Fla., during an altercation with neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who said he’d acted in self-defense.

Birthdays

Rock singer **Michael Bolton** (68), R&B singer **Erykah Badu** (50), former Rams running back **Marshall Faulk** (48), former Lakers point guard **Steve Blake** (41), and U.S. women’s national soccer team player **Morgan Gautrat** (28).

Deaths

Joseph Wapner, the L.A. County Superior Court judge who gained fame on TV’s “People’s Court,” died in 2017. He was 97.

Richard Gatling, the 19th century inventor who created the first successful machine gun, died in 1903 at age 84.

Sybil Ludington, an American Revolutionary War heroine who, at age 16, rode her horse all night to warn American forces that the British were approaching, died in 1839. She was 77.

Earl Lloyd, a small forward who was the first African-American to play in the NBA, died 2015 at age 86.

Tweet of the Week

Beverly Hills and Cudahy share the same numbers within their zip code- 90210 and 90201- but we’re living worlds apart.

Beverly Hills:

•Covid Cases = 1 in 14
•Vaccinations = 1 in 4

Cudahy:

•Covid Cases = 1 in 5
•Vaccinations = 1 in 24

Vice Mayor Elizabeth Alcantar
[@lizfromsela](https://twitter.com/lizfromsela)

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Who should...or shouldn't... get vaccinated against Covid-19? I'm asked this question many times every day. With so much confusing information out there, let's clarify this.



First of all, why are we vaccinated for any disease in the first place? We are naturally protected from infectious diseases by our immune system, which destroys disease-causing germs (pathogens) when they enter our body. If our immune system is not quick enough or strong enough to prevent pathogens from taking hold, we become ill. Vaccines help our immune system stop this from happening by providing a controlled exposure to a pathogen. Our immune system is trained and strengthened so that it can fight quickly and effectively should we be exposed to the actual disease pathogen in the future. Vaccines protect us from dangerous diseases like Covid-19, they protect the elderly and vulnerable who have other conditions, and they help to control epidemics. Statistically, vaccines are one of the

most effective health interventions we have.

What about children? Not yet. The vaccine has not been fully tested in children. The Pfizer vaccine is approved for those 16 years and older, and the Moderna vaccine is approved for those 18 years and older. Trials are underway to determine the safety and efficacy in children.

What about those with suppressed immune systems? This was not specifically investigated in the initial vaccine trials, and there are no studies yet evaluating how effective the vaccine is for this population. However, those with suppressed immune systems are not excluded from getting the vaccine. Since the vaccine does not contain live virus, there is no risk of getting Covid-19 from the vaccine. However, it is possible that those with suppressed immune systems will experience less benefit from the vaccine, and will need to remain especially vigilant against exposure to the disease.

What about those who have already had Covid-19? We still don't know just how strong the natural antibodies from having the illness are, and for how long these antibodies last.

Therefore, the vaccine is a good idea for those who have had Covid. The recommendation is to get the first dose four weeks after the onset of symptoms, or four weeks after a positive Covid test, whichever comes first.

What about pregnant women, or those who are breast-feeding? The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends that you be vaccinated. However, the data is limited, so it is a good idea to speak with your own ob-gyn doctor. It does appear that vaccinated women can pass antibodies to the infant through nursing, and in this way give the baby some level of protection.

And, lastly, the most commonly asked question: What about those with allergies? If you have had non-severe allergic reactions to foods, oral medications, latex, animals, insects, or environmental triggers, you can safely be vaccinated. A non-life threatening allergic reaction could include hives, or lip swelling. A very small number of people develop a severe allergic reaction to the Covid-19 vaccine. When the airway, such as the tongue or throat, swells and makes breathing difficult, it is considered an anaphylactic reaction.

If you have ever had an anaphylactic reaction from any cause, you will want to consult with a health care professional before becoming vaccinated. For vaccines in general, the risk of anaphylaxis is about one in a million. For the two currently approved Covid vaccines, the risk is higher, approximately one in 100,000. This is precisely the reason why we are all required to sit for 20 minutes after vaccination. Every vaccine site is prepared to use epinephrine, which is an extremely effective treatment, in such an emergency.

It is difficult to know precisely who might have an allergic response. The risk from mRNA vaccines is related to polyethylene glycol (PEG). If you are allergic to polysorbate, which is not actually in the vaccine but is closely related to polyethylene glycol, then you should avoid the vaccine.

Note that other reactions to the vaccine, including arm pain, headache, body ache, fatigue, or low-grade fever, are quite common, and are NOT allergic reactions. Do not let these side effects prevent you from following up with the second shot. Of course, if you developed anaphylaxis from the first vaccine, do not get the second one.

Covid-19 can cause severe medical complications, and during this past year, it has killed over one-half million people in the United States alone. In a significant percentage of cases, symptoms last well beyond the disease itself. We cannot predict how a specific individual will react to this disease. And, if you become ill or even if you are asymptomatic, you will be highly contagious to your family, friends, and anyone who comes into contact with you. Even if your own case is not severe, those who catch it from you may well be vulnerable to a serious case.

If you are still unclear as to whether to be vaccinated, I urge you to contact your doctor to discuss this extremely important issue.

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Healthcare Worker Spotlight

"I love that PIH Health has a family-oriented culture," says Muriel Moyo RN MS, clinical director of OPSC, PACU and Endoscopy at PIH Health Downey Hospital. "PIH Health's roots are embedded in communities that we serve. It is evident in our work environment that the people who work here have one goal and that's patients first."

Muriel has been with PIH Health for almost two years and leads the outpatient surgery center endoscopy and PACU departments. "Nurse leader rounding is something unique that I do that allows me to facilitate the provision of care for our surgical and procedural patients," says Muriel. "I enjoy rounding on patients ensuring the care provided meets or exceeds their expectations. I also enjoy rounding on staff to ensure they have a physically and psychologically safe environment and that they have the resources they need to do their work."

For Muriel, her role in healthcare is more than just a job — it's a purpose. When asked why she chose healthcare, she responded, "To give back what was given to me." Muriel's mom is a breast cancer survivor and is 28 years in remission. "Those that took care of my mom don't realize how my family and I are forever grateful for the treatment and care they provided. All I can do is give back."

Reflecting on why she enjoys working at PIH Health, Muriel shares, "Our leaders are humble, accessible and responsive, and that makes a huge difference for me." She goes on to say, "We have an extremely engaged staff who are constantly striving to provide exceptional care to our surgical and procedural patients. They are committed to continuous improvement, innovation, and new knowledge. Being a part of such a team motivates me to continually pursue excellence."

In her free time, Muriel enjoys writing, travelling, home-on-demand workouts and meditation.

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Save the rhinos

By John Stossel

Today's environmental activists are so hostile to capitalism that they end up killing animals they want to protect.

Like the African rhinoceros.

Poachers kill them to get their horns, which can sell for as much as \$300,000. Poachers mostly sell in China and Vietnam, to people who carve them into ornaments or sell them as aphrodisiacs. By the way: The aphrodisiacs don't work.

When I started Stossel TV, my first video covered one man's attempt to reduce rhino poaching by flooding the market with fake horns.

Matthew Markus argued that his 3D printed rhino horn would reduce demand for real horns.

"One way to devalue something is to create a lot of it," he explained. "When things are abundant, people don't fight, kill or steal."

True. Bootleggers and Al Capone's thugs disappeared when America ended Prohibition.

South Africa, home to the largest number of rhinos, once tried something similar. For 20 years, they allowed people to own rhinos and sell their horns. Rhino farmers put the rhinos to sleep with tranquilizer darts, sawed off their horns (the horns grow back) and sold the horn.

Farmers had an incentive to protect rhinos. South Africa's rhino population quadrupled.

But in 2009, under pressure from "environmental" groups, South Africa banned sales of horn again.

The sad result: Poaching increased sharply. Poachers also killed park rangers who tried to protect rhinos.

So, I confronted Masha Kalinina of the Humane Society, one of many groups that called Markus' plan to sell 3D printed horn "greenwashing an illegal activity."

Kalinina said legalization might increase demand for real rhino horn, as did happen once with elephant tusks.

"It started up a new carving industry in China that had been dormant for decades," she said.

I pushed back: "It needs to be long enough to bring the prices down, and then people say, 'Eh, there's no money in poaching.'"

"The problem is that people still see animals as commodities!" Kalinina responded, "natural resources for their use."

Well, yes. I do. So what? I eat eggs. Chickens are plentiful because people like me pay for what chickens produce.

Kalinina sneered, "Are we really going to just farm every single animal on this planet so we can endlessly continue supplying this bloodlust and thirst of people to consume wildlife products?"

"Bloodlust?" Give me a break.

Even if you oppose people using animal products, banning sales doesn't stop the use. It just creates black markets and crime.

Far better is letting rhino farmers trim horns and sell them. Farming gives people incentive to protect rhinos from poachers. That saves both rhinos and human lives.

When I told Kalinina, "your bans have failed... they are cruel to both rhinos and people," she replied that "education" is the way to stop poaching. The Humane Society runs ads in Vietnam telling people that rhino horns have no medical value. They claim this campaign

convinced many people.

"But what good did it do?" I asked. "People are still poaching the rhinos."

"It takes time," she replied. "Time for the trickle-down effect."

It's nice that the Humane Society tries to convince people not to buy horn, but it's outrageous that their hatred of capitalism blinds them to better ideas.

"It's like the drug war," I point out. "You can ban things, but if there's money to be made, poachers will kill animals."

"This is an endless argument," she replied. "We can't live in a lawless society."

But markets are not "lawless."

Legal rhino farming or selling fake horn, would save endangered animals. But the environmental groups just can't see that.

Now researchers from the University of Oxford have produced a new form of fake rhino horn that they say would reduce demand for poached horn.

"Environmental" groups oppose that, too.

Fortunately, South Africa wised up. After my video was first broadcast, officials decided to ignore the complaints from the environmental groups. They re-legalized sales of farmed rhino horn.

After that, the killing of rhinos fell dramatically.

John Stossel is author of "Give Me a Break: How I Exposed Hucksters, Cheats, and Scam Artists and Became the Scourge of the Liberal Media."

How American science saved us

By Froma Harrop

French news cameras were in California last week to capture America's spectacular drive to mass-vaccinate against COVID-19. What were the visuals? An amusement park with cars lined up, their passengers waiting for a job.

"Armies" of volunteers are helping, the French reporter says as attendants in protective gear direct the snaking traffic. Aerial pictures show cars lined up at vaccination stations, "by day" and "by night."

The reporter interviews people in their cars. "Not very long" is how a firefighter describes the wait. "I'm super impressed," a driver says of the organization. Waving her arms, the reporter exclaims that Americans are administering 1.49 million doses a day.

After four dark years of a White House denigrating science and clowning through a public health disaster, America is again the land of "how to" to the world. And it's not just the logistics of getting shots in arms. It's the far more awesome job of creating vaccines in record time.

New York-based Pfizer partnered with German company BioNTech to produce the first vaccine in wide use. Moderna of Cambridge, Massachusetts, followed soon after with the second. Johnson & Johnson, headquartered in New Jersey, is about to distribute a third vaccine that, unlike the other two, provides protection with just one shot.

President Joe Biden has his critics on the left and right, but few would question his seriousness about getting people vaccinated. And to contain infections while the vaccination campaign ramps up, he's brought back to center stage Dr. Anthony Fauci. America's top infectious disease expert is pounding the message that even as case numbers fall, Americans must continue to protect themselves.

Was former President Donald Trump useless as coronavirus death and illness skyrocketed? Not entirely. He did mock people who wore masks, push phony cures and waste several desperate months insisting that the pandemic wasn't real. Half a million Americans didn't have to die.

That is not to say, however, that his administration did nothing. Last spring, it launched Operation Warp Speed, which has spent something north of \$12 billion helping companies develop, make and distribute vaccines.

Asked whether Trump's refusal to concede the election made it harder to transition Warp Speed to the Biden team, the program's scientific director, Moncef Slaoui, told Science magazine: "For sure. It was at least very, very unfortunate, to use a polite word."

Fortunately, America's scientists have pressed on past years of disrespect. And we now see astonishing results in fields beyond vaccine development.

Just last week, the country that put humans on the moon landed

an extraordinary robot named Perseverance on Mars. The rover will dig up the planet's rocks and perhaps help answer the question everyone asks — whether there is, was or could be life on Mars.

The very same week, news arrived that our scientists have cloned a black-footed ferret using the frozen cells of an animal dead for 33 years. What they did was revive a species thought to be extinct. The possibilities amaze.

Recall "Jurassic Park," the 1993 Spielberg film in which scientists come across dinosaur DNA and use it to bring prehistoric monsters back to life. That story will remain on the science fiction shelf because there's no usable dinosaur DNA, but similar idea as the ferret.

Over in COVID-plagued Europe, meanwhile, the vaccination project is a mess. While the U.S. has administered 19 doses per 100 people, France has done only 5.5. Italy and Germany have dispensed 5.8 and 6.1, respectively.

Lots of complaints here about the difficulty of getting the vaccine. But compared with most other countries, America is showing that when it comes to meeting a challenge, we still have the know-how.

Froma Harrop is a syndicated columnist who writes about politics, economics and culture.

A frozen Texas and the perils of denial

By Steve Champan

In an era of global climate change, Texas has retained an unshakable allegiance to fossil fuel production and use. It brings to mind the joke about the man who tells his psychiatrist that his brother thinks he's a chicken. The psychiatrist asks why the family hasn't gotten him help. "We need the eggs," the man replies.

Texas has long been vulnerable to climate change. It's always been hot: Gen. Philip Sheridan said that if he owned hell and Texas, he'd rent out Texas and live in hell. It's always been prone to drought. It's always gotten hit by hurricanes.

Texans may have figured that at least global warming would mean pleasantly milder winters. But this winter, millions of them have been freezing in the dark.

The reasons are complex. The Texas power infrastructure was not designed for extreme cold. This freeze was broader, more severe and more prolonged than anyone can remember. It was a natural disaster that overwhelmed the usual protections.

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott made a fool of himself by blaming the shortfall on wind turbines that froze up. But plenty of frigid places — Finland, Nova Scotia, Alaska, Illinois — have no trouble relying on wind power.

The real problem is that ensuring the availability of energy, whether from fossil fuels or renewables, requires investments to make supply systems functional in extreme weather. After a 2011 storm, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission urged the state's utilities to winterize equipment, but little was done. Why not? Because such an effort would have required officials to ask residents to pay more. The inaction fits neatly with the state's prevailing approach to climate change, which is to whistle past the graveyard.

The buildup of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere was already making life harder in the Lone Star State. A report last year by the Office of the Texas State Climatologist at Texas A&M University found

that the number of 100-degree days has more than doubled over the past 40 years and predicted it would nearly double again in the next 15. The state is likely to grow more parched — but also to get more extreme rainfall and more flooding. Hurricanes will be worse.

They already are. Hurricane Harvey, which in 2017 displaced some 30,000 people and killed 106 in Texas, was the wettest storm on record in this country. A study by scientists at Rice University's Severe Storm Prediction, Education and Evacuation from Disasters Center concluded that global warming played a part.

"Harvey was more intense because of today's climate, and storms like Harvey are more likely in today's climate," said Antonia Sebastian, one of the authors.

This winter storm may also have a connection. A thawing North Pole may disrupt the jet stream, occasionally allowing giant blasts of cold air from the polar vortex to roll southward. (In 2019, one of these events sent temperatures in Chicago down to minus 23 degrees.) As global warming persists, it increases the chances of extreme weather of every sort.

Texas politicians, however, refuse to give up their romance with petroleum. Land Commissioner George P. Bush recently vowed to "fend off threats to the Texas oil and gas economy." Abbott visited the Permian Basin to declare, "Texas is not going to stand idly by and

watch the Biden administration kill jobs in Midland, in Odessa or any other place across the entire region."

But fossil fuel use is largely responsible for the warming of the planet, which is certain to kill jobs, not to mention people. Dozens have died from this storm. Texas already faces the prospect of chronic water shortages. Excessive heat is bad for crops and livestock, which are a significant share of the state economy.

Parts of the state can expect more wildfires. Dollars spent to cool buildings as summers ramp up are dollars that can't be spent on other goods and services. Oh, and let's not forget the risk of extreme weather conditions, which demand costly investments to prevent catastrophes like the current one.

The natural impulse of politicians is to spare voters from sacrifice today, even if it means greater pain later on, after those politicians have moved on. That attitude, which has delayed federal action on climate change, is subsiding as Americans become more aware of the reality and the danger of global warming. But it has remained dominant in Texas.

Denial can be a comforting pastime. But eventually, it runs into cold, hard reality.

Steve Champan blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

What was he thinking?

By Susan Estrich

Everybody always says, "Why did they do it?" but that's usually the easy part. In one way or another, it all comes back to making themselves look better, richer, smarter, more successful and more sexual than anyone else.

My question is why they think they can get away with it.

A couple of examples, both Democrats, to show my skeptics out there that I really do try to be fair:

There is former White House deputy press secretary TJ Duklo, who threatened a journalist after she asked about his relationship with a reporter who covered Joe Biden's presidential campaign.

There is Andrew Cuomo, America's Governor, the credible voice, who reportedly cooked the books to make it appear that there were fewer nursing home deaths.

Stupid?

Yes. Almost as stupid as Sen. Ted Cruz getting on a plane to Cancun, with dreams of sunshine in his eyes. Didn't he hear about The French Laundry — the famous big dinner Gov. Gavin Newsom and his family attended, which has effectively become the symbol of the effort to recall him as governor of California?

Ducklo resigned, which is good because he not only abused his power but also proved himself to be strangely naive about how the White House press corps works and thus uniquely unqualified for his position.

In one campaign I was on, we were instructed not to talk to The New York Times reporters on the plane because of stories unfavorable to our candidate. Unfortunately, this did not cause The New York Times to shut down. Nor did it improve the coverage.

You never win a fight with the press, at least not unless you have the backing of a billionaire to use against a site, e.g., Peter Thiel's backing of Hulk Hogan in Bollea v. Gawker. The whole game is to keep things out of The New York Times. What planet was Ducklo on when he threatened to destroy a reporter from Politico if she were to write a piece about his relationship with an Axios reporter, a story reported by Vanity Fair and confirmed by The New York Times?

Four different news organizations, and he thought he could shut them all down.

Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

I don't know whether he drank anything else, but Ducklo was clearly drunk with power. He thought he could control his own story. He was wrong. White House chief of staff Ron Klain agreed with his decision to resign. As for Ted Cruz, the only thing worse than getting on that plane was his effort to place the blame on his daughters. He will never live it down.

It is Andrew Cuomo who leaves me shaking my head, not that he would try to control the numbers but that he thought he would get away with it.

The governor of New York is many things, or he might be. He might be as arrogant and manipulative as everyone says, but he has made his way by being very good at it. The Andrew Cuomo I met years ago, when he was playing the press game for his dad, was already very good at it. The press loved Mario Cuomo, not without reason.

But a concerted effort to not include nursing home residents who died in the hospital in the skyrocketing tally of nursing home deaths? That brings echoes of former President Donald Trump, who did not want those who died on a ship to be included in our numbers.

It is reported that Cuomo did so in order to avoid an investigation by the Justice Department, which would provide political fodder for Trump, who enjoyed attacking the New York governor.

So what if they had launched a probe? Trump didn't stop attacking New York.

Months ago, many millions of Americans would tune in because we didn't trust what was coming out of the White House. The nursing homes were at the epicenter of the virus. That wasn't news. If the deaths had been higher and a federal probe had begun, the owners might have had to change their practices; the allocation of scarce resources might have been different; and the creation of alternative living situations would have been essential.

Facing the real numbers might have saved lives. It certainly would have saved his reputation.

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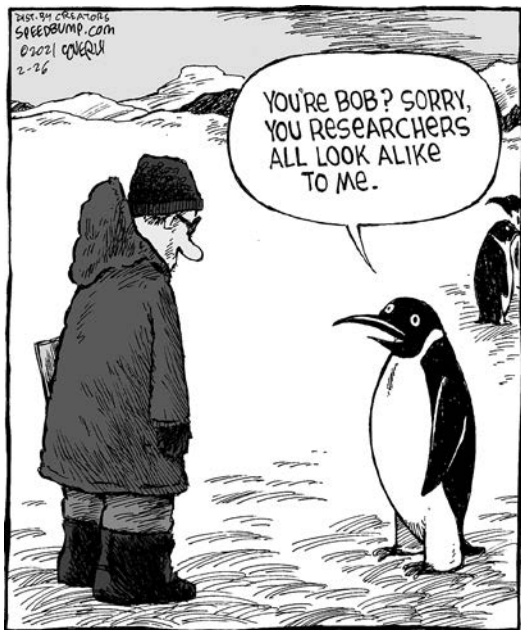
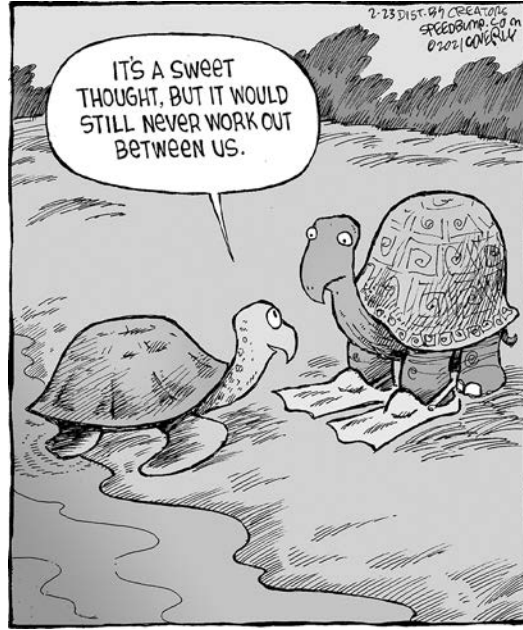
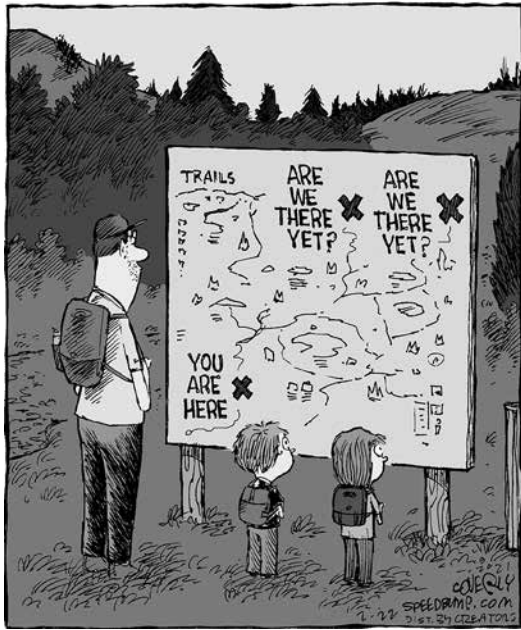
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 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Via Zoom

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 2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
 4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

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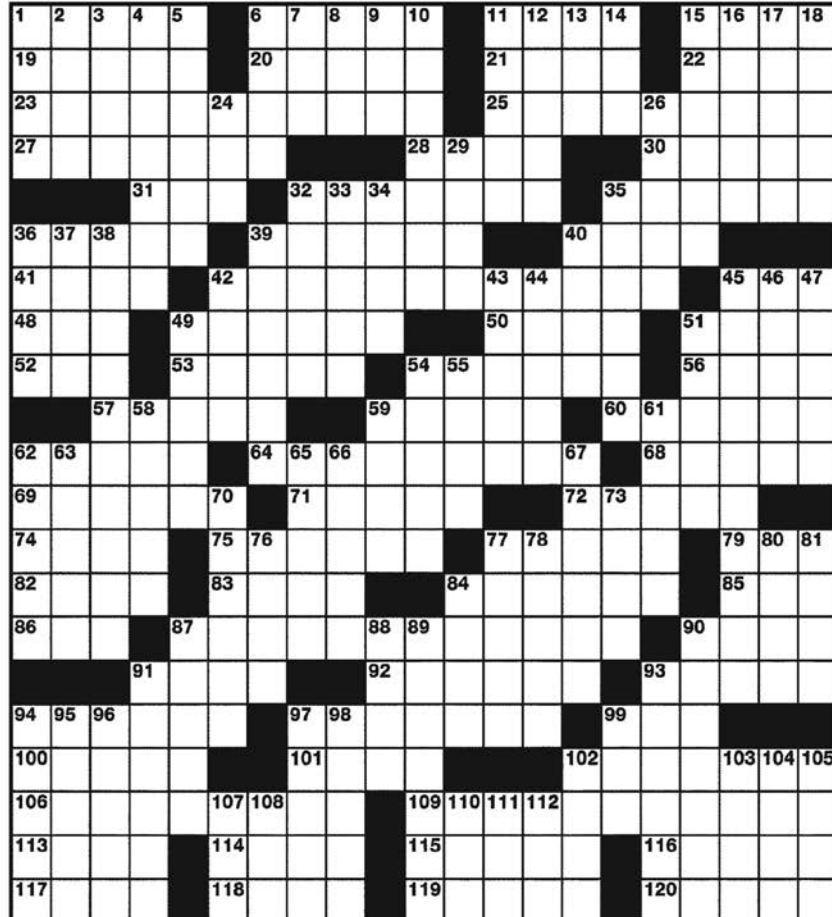
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The Norwalk Patriot 2/19/21, 2/26/21, 3/5/21

T.S. No.: 9462-4884 TSG Order No.: 191211933 A.P.N.: 8072-006-009 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/30/1992 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 05/19/1992 as Document No.: 92-905387, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: MICHAEL C. MENDOZA, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). 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, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 02/23/2021 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14738 MADRIS AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 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 in an "AS IS" condition, 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$41,914.40 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or

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The Norwalk Patriot 2/26/21, 3/6/21, 3/12/21

T.S. No.: 2020-01520-CA A.P.N.: 8024-012-018 Property Address: 11857 DUNE STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

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the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$ 372,916.47.

Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.

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 of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this internet Web site <http://www.allsource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 9462-4884 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

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Date: January 28, 2021
Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary C/O 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237 Ventura, CA 93003
Sales Information Line: (866) 960-8299
<http://www.allsource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>

Trustee Sale Assistant

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The Norwalk Patriot 2/12/21, 2/19/21, 2/26/21

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Short Story: Vivid Dream

By Maria Zeeman

Hey! I jumped out of bed and looked outside. The sun was brightly shining. Why am I here? I thought my son was calling me: "mam, moeder!" Where are you?!

Then I remembered my dream. My whole family was outside singing, "Oh ja, ja, ja," a very loud song we often sang together when we were outside and happy. But...

They're all in heaven, how is that possible? Is it time to go to them? But why is my son calling me? Then I cried and called him.

He was in his office at home doing his work. I told him and he said, "Oh mom, I dream too sometimes. All is well. I'm fine and so is my family here. And no, I was not calling you, you're fine and we'll see you soon OK?"

I washed my face and went inside to write my dream. It was so real, is it time for me to go? I'm already 85, but I want to stay longer to be with my daughters and son and all that.

Can I? Will I?

Valentine By My Side

By Yolanda Adele

At 19 years of age my husband, Victor, eagerly volunteered to serve our country as a Marine in the Vietnam crisis. We had been married for almost a year.

We wrote Valentine/love letters to each other, keeping the embers of our love lit for 18 months while we were apart. We got to know each other by the stream of consciousness that comes from writing.

When my sweetheart came back to the United States, he continued to be my Valentine. His love and strength has sustained me through currents of painful losses, disappointments, and he has loved me through the many seasons of my life.

I read of beautiful celebrities that have many lovers and/or husbands but can't seem to find just one man to give them the love and devotion I get on a daily basis. I feel fortunate to be so blessed. I attribute our ongoing commitment to the many love letters that left an indelible mark on our young and tender hearts.

My sweetheart doesn't seem to remember my faults. I know because, I have pointed them out to him and he looks surprised. This may also make him a very wise man.

He is my Valentine in the day-to-day living, of going to work and in the many roles he plays:

"Honey the faucet is leaking."

"Dad, will you hang my shelves?"

"Papa, my rocking horse won't rock."

"Hey neighbor, will you lend me a hand?"

"Son, the tree needs trimming."

He answers everyone's needs with a resounding, "Sure!" or "You got it."

He doesn't wear a cape (with the letter "V" for Valentine) or carry a saber. However, he is armed with a tool belt, band-aids, strong arms, and a gentle sweet heart.

He is not able to leap tall buildings at a single bound, but he rescues, protects, and nurtures our family in ways he is not even aware of, as he enriches our lives.

In the movies the hero always gets the girl. This much is true of him also. For I have been "his girl" for 59 years now. That is why when his role and mine on the stage of life are over, I will gladly ride into the sunset with my Valentine at my side.

Short Story: Peace and quiet (fiction)

By Yolanda Adele

One would think that peace and quiet could be found by staying close to home during a pandemic, which has not been the case for me.

Around the corner of my house there is a hospital. Consequently, siren screams from ambulances can be heard all hours of the day and night. And my new neighbors keep their spirits up by playing music out in the backyard that's louder than a cry for help. My only source of entertainment is the television which spews gloom and doom on the news stations, soap operas, and drama series.

I decided to seek the help of a psychiatrist to control my stress. His calling card read: "There is a peaceful place inside that welcomes you. A space so safe, so still that there is no forward or backward-only the eternal flow of now." I didn't really understand what that meant but, heck, it sounded soothing.

I made an appointment. The traffic was at a snail's crawl. People seem to collectively think if they just leaned on their car horn the bottle-neck would open up. I was stuck near the side of the road where a construction crew was just a few feet away from my car, jack-hammering the pavement. I turned on the radio and heard my boss's whiney voice being transmitted from my cell phone to the radio speakers. At that point I'd rather have chewed glass.

When I arrived at the psychiatrist's office he took one look at me and said, "Come lie down on the couch, relax, de-stress. Let's talk about how you are feeling right now."

"Well, doctor. It is as though there are explosions of myriad

Short Story: A Dyed-in-the-Wool Rams Fan

By Sharon Benson Smith

Being from a family of avid football fans, Dick's love of the game started very early on. His high school years were spent at Hill Military Academy in Portland, Oregon, a college preparatory military academy, from which he received a football scholarship to USC.

That was in the late 1940's when helmets with face guards were not in use or not yet mandatory. He had been there about six months when most of his teeth were knocked out in a game, and he had to leave the University.

By the time I met him in the early 1970's, he was definitely an avid Rams fan; he went to as many local games as possible or watched them on TV if he couldn't be there. He was absolutely livid

sounds in my head all vying for my attention."

"Hmm...and how does that make you feel?" he asked.

"It feels as though I'm on a carousel that is spinning out of control and the loud music box has been wound too tight. I'm tired of all the noise!"

"Well you are not alone," the doctor explained. "Loud noises and sounds often herald bad news. Like animals, humans evolved rapid response to audio stresses. Like the wail of sirens, your boss's excessive phone calls are like sudden, urgent wake-up calls that alert and activate stress responses. I strongly recommend some peace and quiet, the kind of serenity you may experience away from the city. Perhaps you can go to the mountains and enjoy the peace in nature there. Give your auditory receptors a break."

Big Bear Lake seemed just what the good doctor ordered. When I arrived I spread out a blanket near the lake and sat down ready to start enjoying the peace and quiet, when I heard an abrupt distinct cracking sound. I looked up spotting a large tree branch descending over my head; I had just enough time to roll out of the way.

The displaced birds screeching filled the air with torrents of their resounding complaints and I saw a rodent scurrying. When I stood up I became aware of frogs in the lake chiming in with, "Rib bit-rib it."

"Shut up! Shut up!" I screamed in all directions. I picked up my blanket and dashed to my car. A parade of geese seemed to come out of nowhere and began to trail after me with their raucous cries that could rival any boom-box. I finally made it to my car just beaks away from the gaggle and slammed my car door shut then drove away on screeching tires.

Phew...So much for peace and quiet on this planet. I called my boss at the NASA Astronaut Corps at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas and told him I was ready to return and train in the space simulator, a realistic exploration of the entire solar system with planets and moons.

I'd had enough of peace and quiet on earth.

when they moved to St. Louis in 2002. He has since passed away, and would be so exhilarated to learn they are now back in Los Angeles playing in the Coliseum while a new stadium is being built for them.

I recall Dick and I going to a luncheon type meeting, somewhere near the Anaheim Stadium given by the then owner, Georgia Frontiere. I thought WOW! what a hunk when I saw the very handsome Nolan Cromwell wearing his famous number 21 jersey. And it was pretty exciting to meet Jack Youngblood as well.

Out of this meeting came Dick's desire to start up a golf tournament in honor of David Hill (the brother of Jim Hill, the noted sportscaster). We were invited to dinner at the Hill's lovely home in Yorba Linda where Dick and David discussed the details of the upcoming tournament. Dick spearheaded that tournament for several years.

If he were here today, I can guarantee that he would still be a dyed-in-the-wool Rams fan!

THE PET SPOT

From Precious Pandemic Puppy to Wacky Wild Child

Best Friends Animal Society Celebrates National Dog Training Month with Advice to Keep Your New Dog Happy at Home and Out of the Shelter

February is National Dog Training Month, and since this is the 12th month of COVID, what better time to talk about the importance of training all those pandemic pups.

We know that more than a million pets have been adopted from shelters and rescue groups since the start of the pandemic. But additionally, an untold number of puppies have been purchased since last March, which could spell trouble for first time pup parents. According to the American Pet Products Association's COVID pulse surveys, as of December, 10% of respondents indicated they had gotten a new pet as a result of the pandemic, representing more than 12 million households. While the data is not separated by species, even after subtracting the adult dogs, cats and kittens, there is inevitably a huge number of new puppies in homes in the last year.

Most shelter pets tend to be past the puppy stage, and generally come with some support from the shelter, informally in the form of advice, or formally by way of obedience classes. Puppies purchased from breeders, pet stores or online retailers are often only weeks old, most barely weaned, and usually do not come with any follow up support, leaving pet parents on their own.

So now that months have passed, those sweet, little fuzzy fellows are turning into dog-sized critters with adolescent behaviors. Dogs need training and socialization to learn how to be healthy and happy members of the family, and that responsibility falls on owners. Without an investment in training, dogs can grow up to be wild, unruly pets with no manners, and families often tire of them at this stage because training a full-grown puppy who jumps on everyone, scratches and is mouthy, may feel like too much trouble.

To help keep dogs who were once small and adorable, but are now larger and less manageable out of shelters, new pet owners should take advantage of this time to find creative ways to ensure their pups get the training and socialization they need, even amid the pandemic.

Dog training may look different during COVID, but there are still plenty of options out there. Puppy parents can register their pets in private or socially-distanced group obedience classes, or find trainers offering courses on Zoom. Best Friends Animal Society has a variety of dog training videos online, from clicker and crate training, to puppy socialization, basic obedience, and working through leash-reactivity. Getting dogs and puppies out to socialize, to facilitate exposure to other dogs and to safely meet new people, can be accomplished with a long leash on walks or at dog parks.

Marissa Sunny, CPDT-KA and senior dog lifesaving specialist at Best Friends Animal Society offers some advice to new pup parents:

"Whether you purchased a puppy from a breeder or adopted a puppy from your local shelter or rescue group it is incredibly important to start training right away. While some behaviors may seem cute when the puppy is small, like jumping up to greet you or mouthing on your fingers, these behaviors can quickly become unmanageable in an adult dog. Dogs are extremely smart--smarter than we give them credit for most of the time --because of this they will likely train you faster than you can train them, so it's best to get started right away?"

As Sunny pointed out, dogs have no internal moral compass; they actually don't know when they did something wrong unless you teach them otherwise. "Dogs view things in two categories --safe or dangerous, not good or bad. When your puppy becomes a teenager, and then an adult, they will continue the same 'cute' behaviors they started in puppyhood, but it is very different when it is an 80 lb. dog jumping on your elderly mother or mouthing your kids' fingers," she said.

Sunny offered an example what happens when a dog grows up without training by way of a dog named Treat, who came to the Best Friends Lifesaving Center in Los Angeles recently.

"Treat is an absolute sweetheart, but he had no idea how big he was. He would incessantly jump up on staff members and volunteers as well as hard mouth on anyone or anything that gave him a chance. We don't know exactly how or why he ended up at the city shelter, but I suspect this behavior had something to do with it," she said. "He was a young adult shepherd mix with a lot of energy to burn and nowhere productive to channel it. After working on relaxation protocol, basic training, and letting him work off his energy in the yard and playing with other dogs he found his forever family with a young family and another juvenile shepherd as a brother."

Most people are still home more than usual, and it's important to spend time working with pets now, while also preparing them for more alone time, as people eventually go back to work, school and traveling.

Dr. Erin Katrube, DVM, MS, Medical Director, Best Friends Animal Society, suggests knowing the signs of separation anxiety, and preparing for it before schedules change.

Separation anxiety describes a condition in pets in which they are overly attached or dependent upon their owner. When pets with separation anxiety are separated from their owners, they experience high levels of anxiety and distress; this often manifests as characteristic behaviors, such as barking or whining when you leave, scratching or chewing or other destructive behaviors, over-grooming or other self-harm, or a change in appetite.

"Most pets don't like sudden and abrupt changes. Instead, try starting now to get your pet ready and ease them back to your previously 'normal' routine more easily," said Dr. Erin.

To get dogs prepared for alone time, she suggests the following:

- Create a safe, comfortable place where they can have peaceful, relaxing alone time. This could be a crate or separate room, just make sure it's the quietest part of the house.
- Provide them with enrichment that can be enjoyed independently, such as hidden treats in boxes, food puzzles, stuffed Kongs, etc.
- Play soothing music such as reggae, smooth jazz, or classical, or play the TV or radio to stations like the BBC or NPR while you're gone to keep them from being startled by outside noises. You can also try a white noise machine.
- Reward your dog for calm, independent behavior, especially if they're usually clingy. We tend to pay attention to dogs only when they're active or even misbehaving. They should be rewarded for being calm and chill.
- Practice leaving for short periods of time to run essential errands or go for a walk.

An investment now in training and socialization will pay off in the form of improved communication and expectations between pets and people, and a better-behaved, well-mannered pet who is a happier, healthier member of the family.

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Biola splits two games with PacWest leader Pt. Loma

■ Coach Holmquist two wins away from 1,000 wins; regular season concludes with Concordia.

By John M. Sherrard Contributor

LA MIRADA – This weekend could be big in two ways on the campus of Biola University.

The Eagles men's basketball team could be close to securing their first NCAA Division II postseason berth in the West Regionals.

Biola officially became eligible for postseason play last year as they conclude their time as provisional members.

Even bigger, longtime coach Dave Holmquist is just two wins away from a milestone – 1,000 career wins.

Friday and Saturday, Biola will conclude the regular season with games against Concordia University.

The Eagles are home Friday and are at Concordia Saturday. Both games are at 4:30 p.m.

In addition, with the pandemic playing havoc this season on games in the conference being postponed, as of press time, make up games are in discussion. The date is TBD.

Tentatively, Biola will make up one of two postponed games against Pt. Loma next week. Another game, which could impact the Eagles for postseason, APU will make up one of two games also against Point Loma. Both contests will be at a neutral site – Concordia University.

Sunday March 7 is the NCAA Division II Selection Show, announcing the Eight Regional brackets for the postseason. Biola is in the West Region, with six spots up for grabs.

Last weekend, the Eagles, who are one of four PacWest teams "under consideration" for post-season play, split two games against Nationally-ranked (NABC) No. 19 Point Loma.

In the first of two home-and-home games, the Eagles dominated Point Loma from the start and held on for a 69-62 win.

In the second game, Biola fell to Loma on their home court, 80-66.

"We played good defense and overall we played a smart game and good intensity," said Biola Men's Basketball coach Dave Holmquist of their first-game victory. "We have some good leadership out there with a lot of veterans.

"In dead ball situations, I think they helped us out to stay focused. It was a big win for us."

In the first half, senior guard Michael Bagatourian (6-13 FG, 3-5 3PM, 10 RB, 16 Pts) gave the Eagles a double-digit lead, 20-9, near the midway point with a 3-pointer.

The Eagles kept up that pace, leading 37-25 at the break.

Playing perhaps their best defensive game of the season, Bagatourian gave a lot of credit to his teammates. "I think a lot of that is Whitten (Dominguez) and Jesse (Elrod) and Solomon (Ruddell) and Alex (Wright) – Jesse and Solomon on their big guy and Whitten and Alex on (Brock Mackenzie) on their leading scorers.

"They made everything tough for them. I was really impressed and they played real hard. (Whitten) may have been the player of the game the way he played."

The Eagles kept up the pace with a double-figure lead until the 6:13 mark when Point Loma drew within eight points.

Elrod (7-12 FG, 2-3 FT, 17 Pts.) gave Biola a nine-point lead, 65-56, with a short jumper with 2:08 left.

With more great defense by Bagatourian on the defensive end, which included a rebound and junior guard Chris Rossow (4-10 FG, 2-2 FT, 7 RB, 11 Pts.) diving for a loose ball, Biola kept control of the game.

A big offensive rebound by Dominguez and a subsequent free throw with :52 left kept the Eagles ahead by nine points, 66-57, and the eventual victory.

"His (Dominguez) intensity and caring-level are really important," Holmquist said of Dominguez. "The offensive rebound he got at the end was huge. He helps you win even when he doesn't score."

The fourth Eagles player in double figures was Wright (5-9 FG, 2-4 3PM, 4-6 FT, 8 RB) with 16 points.

In the second-game loss to the Sea Lions, Biola had three players in double figures, led by Bagatourian (5-10 FG, 4-4 3PM, 2-2 FT, 7 RB) with 16. Wright (6-13 FG, 8 RB) and Elrod (3-5 FG, 1-3 3PM, 3-3 FT) had 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Women's basketball splits two with Pt. Loma

The Biola women split two games with Pt. Loma last weekend, winning the first, 96-93, in overtime and falling the next day, 91-75.

The win was only the third of the season overall for the women as they battled into overtime for the PacWest victory.

The Eagles (3-8, 2-8) were led by sophomore guard Stephanie Lee (6-13 FG, 5-9 3PM, 12-14 FT, 7 RB) and junior guard Aysia Johnson (6-10 FG, 4-6 FT, 9 RB) with 29 and 16 points,

Dave Holmquist - 1,000 win watch

LA MIRADA – With only two games remaining in the regular season for the Biola Men's basketball team, coach Dave Holmquist continues his quest for 1,000 career wins.

With a post-season berth not wrapped up yet, the Biola team could hand the 41-year Eagles coach the milestone, which has only been accomplished by four other coaches.

Included in that foursome is longtime Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski with the most in college history with 1,168 wins.

Holmquist is currently 998-409 overall.

The Eagles will play two games versus Concordia University Friday and Saturday.

In addition, Biola and Pt. Loma may have a makeup game, that was postponed due to protocols at the campus a few weeks ago. The game could possibly be played next week.

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respectively, for the win.

Lee and Johnson also led in the overtime with a combined 13 points.

Biola had built up an 11-point lead, 58-47, early in the fourth period on a layup by sophomore forward Jordan Rabe (3-7 FG, 5 RB, 6 Pts). However, the lead had disappeared by the end of the quarter on a layup by Ellie Turk of Pt. Loma to tie the game with five seconds left and send it into OT.

Three other players were in double figures for Biola – Madi Chang (12 pts), Laila Walker (10) and Jazz Benn (10).

In the loss on Saturday, the Sea Lions took a 20-point, first-quarter lead, 33-13, and never looked back for the 16-point victory.

Leading the way for the Eagles was Lee (5-11 FG, 3-7 3PM, 2-3 FT) with 15 points, followed by sophomore guard Abigail Laberge (3-4 FG, 7-8 FT) and Chang (4-4 FG, 3-3 3PM, 2-2 FT) with 13 points each.

Women's tennis defeats Westmont, 4-0

For only the fifth time in 63 all-time matches, the Biola

University Women's tennis team (2-2) defeated Westmont College. And, it came by way of a shutout, 4-0, last Friday (Feb. 19) in their third match of the season.

"We've improved a lot," No. 1 singles and doubles sophomore, Colbeyshae Emery said. "I think it's really cool to have a stronger team and come out here and beat a team that's beaten us so many times.

"It's so nice to finally be playing tennis. We are very lucky to be competing. Our first match against Saint Katherine (7-0 win, Feb. 6), we were all so excited. It was our first time competing in a year. It's getting a little more normal to be out here, but we feel very, very lucky especially with everything going on."

Biola has since played one match (PacWest) on Saturday (Feb. 20) and fell to Point Loma, 4-3.

In the Westmont match, No. 2 doubles Brooke Fager and Lilly McNeill won their match, 6-3. Biola picked up a second win as Westmont only brought five active players and won by forfeit in the No. three doubles position.

Two singles matches were

completed with McNeill winning, 6-3, 6-3, in No. 3 singles and No. 5 singles Mary Brasica dominated her opponent, 6-0, 6-1.

Three singles matches were unfinished since the Eagles had clinched the match.

One of those unfinished matches was Emery, who was leading, 6-2, 5-2, just needing one more game for the win.

"Last year I got clinched against (Westmont) number one (Cade Pierson), the same girl I played (Friday)," Emery said. "She beat me 7-5 in the third (set).

"Once I lost that match last season, I came out of it saying, 'that's never going to happen to me again'. It was a 3 1/2 hour match.

"I came out of it (Friday) and I knew exactly what I needed to do and started really strong. As a team as a whole, it's really cool. To have a losing record against a team and then to beat them like we did, it's awesome."

Emery has two unfinished matches to date and as she looks at it, "...I haven't yet lost, so my win streak is continuing," said Emery with a smile.

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Biola's Michael Bagatourian (o) drives around a Point Loma defender in their conference game at Biola University on Friday. Biola defeated Point Loma 69-62. (Photo by Keith Durlinger)

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