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To Our Readers

by R. Nolan Kelly
Editor-in-Chief

As I SIT IN front of spring again comes I cannot, as last year began, be a guilt to your anxieties. Moments, to your best Mule Creek Post we'll review the Los Angeles district attorney's changing special directives and mandate. Edition 1,073 and a latest addition. Re-printing on this page). Discover how attorneys can take a life elected in "Free Your Mind" pg. 5) and read an inside look into the services to assist their incarcerees (this page). Attorney Mary Kelly takes to words for her Mother's day 102 and Ismael Ahmed psychologist Dr. Kevin Gomez explains Healer in "Psych Ward" pg. 11).

We review Jose Pabon's Acupuncture show (the Cell Block pg. 5) and Gwen Rodriguez's "Hills Like White Elephants" is featured on pg. 6. We also examine the Inmate Petitions of Clemency and Compassionate Commutation (pg. 7).

It hasn't been this, were months this year we've traveled this past year, but it's now the nature and all that violence and spite in the universe is a balance, then surely that which lies before us shall be worth the pain incurred in a belief of better days ahead.

As we enter the throes of spring, we consider the words of Algernon Swinburne (1837-1909):

> For in their various motions one to one
> And all the seasons of the year and what
> The days are making here and there
> The light they leave, we might then weep,
> And take compassion on your compassion,
> And kiss us, and be reconciled, and love us.
> It will be gone the moment that you speak
> Whatever be the reasonable spring be gone.

To all our readers: Stay safe and prosper and thank you for your continued support and kind valuable contributions.

Global Tel*Link Enters Agreement with the CDCR to Provide Tablets

By the Office of Public and Employee Communications
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SACRAMENTO, April 2020 — The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has partnered with the California Department of Technology to enter into a contract with Global TelLink (GTL) to enhance communications technology access and family connections for the incarcerated population in state prisons. The contract aims to increase access to safe and reliable services and innovative rehabilitative opportunities. The six-year contract covers many aspects of correctional technology, including expanding access to tablets and kiosks for the entire incarcerated population and greatly reducing phone rates.

The enhanced communications project aims to strengthen the bonds between the incarcerated population and their families and communities, safe and secure across the U.S. are raising the benefit of offering electronic devices to they can read, incarcerated individuals access to rehabilitative programs such as, improved departmental updates, and positive interactions with others to foster bridge-based games and books. These devices also allow these activities to be tracked and monitored for safety and security.

Why is the CDCR implementing a Statewide Tablet Program?

Visitation, phone calls, and letters are a vital way for incarcerated individuals to remain connected to their communities. Sadly, the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the suspension of in-person visiting, but the CDCR was able to implement video visiting and increased access to phone calls, including partnering with GTL to provide free days of free phone calls each month.

Even prior to the pandemic, the CDCR was working to implement increased technology and communication, including implementing a pilot program of free videophone in 2019 that provided tablet and secure email access to eligible individuals. Participants in this program said their loved ones have reported they appreciate the ability

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Through Walls and Fences

By Kevin Mercer
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THE MAGNITUDE OF the COVID-19 pandemic began comprehension. Over a million people have died worldwide, hundreds of thousands in America — numbers exceeding combat deaths in WWII. All of this has occurred in a single year and with leaders wielded ammunition. That terror that stood and lay and rose. Moving freely even through prison fences and walls.

Much unknown upon the path ahead. Will vaccines offer lasting protection against COVID-19? And break the cycle of infection? The generation most dealt with a virus not unlike the 1918 Spanish Flu and the most pandemic from the 1900s which ravaged with no cure for the day.

It dulls the blinding light from the pain of the tragedy inside a longing for a return to the

hollow masks of lockdowns. For the unrequited yearning and more only calm respite in the emotional baggage we face.

Yearning — allowing oneself time to express one's sadness — is a milestone on the path to healing. In her poem "Acceptance," Poetry Nation "For Grief: "Before you know kindness as the deepest thing inside, you must know sorrow as the other deepest thing." We notice of kindness by walking through the valley of sorrow.

Time may not personally know any victims of the virus, but their stories surround us. In the air we see, on the face, in the calls, in the eyes of those who have lost loved ones, we see the loss and sorrow, we read of the pain, we hear the silence and instead from those no longer with us.

The awareness provides a way to experience

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Announces New Policies for His Office

By I. Garcia
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY District Attorney George Gascón announced policy changes to look up these people and said the early release of thousands of state prisons on various serving county time sentences. "It's time to change course and implement a system of justice that will enhance our safety and humanity," Gascón said in December.

During his announcement December 7, Gascón announced that his office will no longer request cash bail for any misdemeanors or for non-violent and non-violent felony offenses, with the goal of eliminating cash bail entirely statewide in 2021. The DA's will dismiss the "special circumstances" enhancement — the facts that double prison time — and the



Gascón speaks to the press on December 2020 after announcing new policies for his office. Gascón has been criticized by some for his policies. Photo courtesy of Los Angeles County

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