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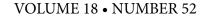
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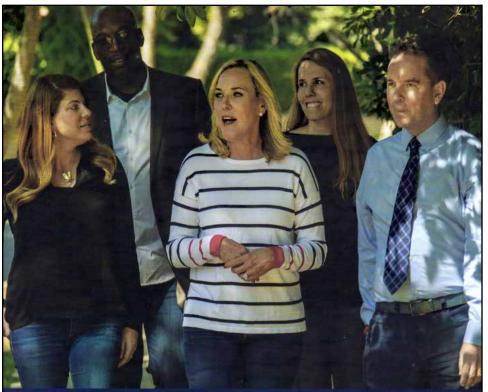


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MYA Rooftop at the Glenmark

he Greater Downtown Glendale Association is inviting the community to its celebration of International Women's Day on Friday, March 8, from 2-5 p.m. at MYA Rooftop at Glenmark Hotel.

Last year was the return of the event post pandemic. Glendale's fourth annual International Women's Day event will feature a conversation about embracing inclusion led by Corinne Verdery, Chief Executive Officer of Caruso. Corinne Verdery assumed the role of CEO

of Caruso, one of the largest and most admired privately held real estate development and management companies in the U.S., in September 2022. As CEO, Verdery is focused on continuing the stellar performance and growth the company has achieved since it was founded 36 years ago.

Immediately following the address there will be a reception where guests can network and enjoy drinks, appetizers and the beautiful view of downtown Glendale.





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tion Day, March 5th.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Can you do anything about America's problems? Not really, but one thing.

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

 \mathbf{T} e are saturated we are updated about the America. We know about the legal troubles of former President Donald Trump. Every day

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with news in latest court proceedings and what is still to come. What can you do about it? Nothing. You didn't loan Trump the money and he doesn't owe you. Loan officers from lending institutions worked these deals with Trump. It's between Trump and them it seems to me. Every day you are bombarded with every detail of Trump's legal issues from a woman he reportedly assaulted to a porn star who is dissatisfied with the hundred thousand dollars plus hush payment she reportedly received. What can you do about it? Nothing. Is all of this supposed to make you hate Trump and vote for someone else? It must be or we wouldn't hear so much about what he has been accused of doing.

> Almost every day we are reminded by some about the cognitive decline of President Joe Biden. Just like any President he is derided on a daily basis for his handling of our Southern border crisis,

the economy, the decline of our military and much more. We care because it all impacts us, but what can you do about it? Nothing really. You can be mad and frustrated but that's about all.

police common and seemingly Minneapolis officers were killed over ignored.

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the weekend. People were shot and one killed at at a Kansas City Chief's citywide Superbowl party. Numerous people were shot. It makes us sick. We hurt for those whose lives were taken. We hurt for those families who lost loved ones.

We hurt every day and week in America as more and more mass shootings occur. So what? What can you do about it? Nothing

Every day we hear about the border crisis. It seems to be a commonsense fix but what are you going to do? Many of us would go to the Southern border and volunteer to complete the wall and fix the holes but our government would probably put us in jail for trying to protect America. Thousands are illegally pouring into our country and we hear about it every day, but what are you going

really. We vote. Of course,

that's the one thing we

can do, but that's about

all. We can protest, march

and scream and holler but

Congress doesn't pay any

attention to that. Marches

in Washington, D.C. are

to do about it? Nothing really.

Every day we hear about the crisis of the Middle East. Israel, Gaza, Russia, and Ukraine. We hear a lot about Ukraine needing more and more money. It doesn't matter if you think they need more or less money, it's out of your hands. What can you do about it? Call your Congressman? Call the President? Do you think they care about what you think? They care about one thing and that's doing whatever it takes to be reelected.

All you can do is what you must do and that is vote and you already know almost for sure who your options are for this upcoming election. That's the one thing we can do. Since you and I can't really do anything about all of this mess we had better elect someone who will do something.

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By David "Doc" DeMulle'

t's funny how a journalist spends countless hours getting the stories L ready, from going through all the stories that came across his/her desk, all the way to laying out the medium they are building. He spends \$1000's of dollars on fuel, equipment, and repair bills for his craft, . He spends many hours praying for rain or sunshine instead of sleeping, hoping that a news story will break when he's not asleep. He sweats like no other job will make you. He works like most people wouldn't. He gets yelled at and cussed out by people who get caught running off the road, or even being in an accident. and he spends

it's worth it!

The so called citizens of our little burg, the deer, covotes, coons, gophers, and of course, the weather are just a few of the pests to contend with!! AND they do all of this for what??? Ask yourself, "Why would he do that?"

The answers are all around you. The satisfaction of uncovering all the chicaneries of our local politicians, the absolute theft and fraud of our local neighborhood councils, the watching of our elected politicians going to jail, and of course, the incredible take-over attempts by everyone from the Scientologists to the entitled immigrants, and of

many times of the day wondering if course, those talented but ignorant citizens that use the social media to destroy each other. Yup, if you can't have money, you can have the satisfaction of knowing all the little secrets.

> Here in the NE Valley, the last answer is the one that puzzles most people. It's the mountains, the wonderful wildlife, and the history of our grandparents who moved here 70-80 years ago. And of course, the love of adventure, and the satisfaction of knowing we've done our part at the end of the day to make a difference here! I'd like to thank all the journalists out there who help make the world go round and wish them a fruitful life! •

Today's word is DYSTOPIAN. I didn't think about it and no it didn't appear in a dream, it just popped into my head as I was laying out this week's edition.

Look around you..... what do you see? Probably nothingnothingness. New buildings are being laid out on Foothill with no rhyme or reason (or so it appears.) Now, if you're old enough, think back about what our little burg looked like 20 years ago.

It used to be a fun town, but now it's a clown town. Now I'm being culturally offensive, but here's the reality. Our buildings looked like something out of an Arthur Miller book. Lots of browns and white paint. Windows that weren't boarded up and not quite so many auto repair shops.

If you take a slow drive down Foothill, you will now see so many buildings that have garish green, red, yellow and BLACK frontages.

Lots of years ago, we created the Foothills Specific Corridor Plan to keep our town looking familiar and clean. We even created a neighborhood council department called the Land Use Committee and people actually went out and talked to the business owners about their choice of colors. We even had a mandate from the LAPD



"No more than 35% of the business windows could be covered up."

Somewhere along the line, we started seeing 3rd world changes being made here. LC&S Sonia Tatulian made it her passion to support Armenian owned murals. Now here's a funny story within this story, Joselito's had a wonderful Dios De Muerto mural painted on his wall so that everyone could see an example of Mexican heritage art. Well, that only lasted 30 days and the city made him paint it out. But the Armenian owned murals of Jimmy Dean and the Tree of life, got to stay where they were because NOBODY wanted to make the owners unhappy. So much for our community standards.

So began the lowering of OUR

cultural

heritage, and it still continues. We now have street venders, food trucks and wonderful BBQs on the sidewalk. Do they conform with our idea of a quiet neighborhood? Not on your life. And nobody cares. Some long time ago, there was a girl named Robin Meares that was a sort-a gadfly. She held sway in our town and she had various names on the Internet.

But one day, she got a bug up her ass and tried to destroy some community members. She besieged her followers to join together and destroy this nuisance. When she didn't get her perceived vigilante group to actually do something, she made this incredible statement, "In the movie Spartacus, the Romans were searching for him and they rounded up a bunch of slaves and demanded that they tell them where Spartacus was and who was he!" She went on with her story saying "All the slaves yelled out 'I AM SPARTACUS'. Showing that they were one.

So, she posted I AM SPARTACUS! Join me in getting rid of this criminal. And she waited, and waited, and waited. When no one joined in with her, she removed the post, shut down her account and created another site with the name of Robin Jody.

See, this is just an example of how when anyone here is asked to do something to help the neighborhood, nothing happens. But in the end, it all amounts to nothing. Our Councilwoman appears to be in every developers pocket. She doesn't like our community. She has done nothing constructive here except construct a Taj Mahal in her image where the North Valley City Hall used to be. Does anyone care that we made a mistake in electing her in the last election? Asking for a friend. But maybe if you'd stop drinking the cool-aid, you'll realize that it's THE WATER.

California floods are making the homelessness crisis even worse!

By Suzzane Tanner

Record rains have soaked California's cities, exacerbating a homelessness crisis and endangering thousands of people who are living without consistent shelter.

Amid a deluge of rain on a Sunday night, staffers at Los Angeles' Midnight Mission homeless shelter opened their doors and dining room to more than 100 unhoused people living on Skid Row.

People are freezing to their core, so being able to come in and sleep, get clean with showers and dry clothes is a big deal," said Georgia Berkovich, a spokesperson for Midnight Mission. "For people on the street, once your clothes are wet it's over." The Southern California deluge hits unhoused people particularly hard because the region doesn't usually get this drenched. New York gets more than 45 inches of rain a year on average while Chicago gets 36 inches. In contrast, Los Angeles typically gets about 14 inches of rain a year and San Diego just over 10 inches. These historic storms dumped half of that amount, 7 inches, in just two days, February 4 and 5, according to the National Weather Service.



about 30 people on a normal night, Berkovich said. But the numbers increased more than three-fold as an unprecedented six inches of rain devastated encampments across the city.

The storm also brought hundreds of landslides and mudslides in California, leaving devastation for some of the more than 181,000 people experiencing homelessness across the state – especially for those living outdoors. Mayors from Los Angeles and San Diego both declared evacuation warnings for people living in low-lying and flood-prone areas. Thanks to the influx of millions of migrants, homelessness is plaguing cities across the country and severe weather is creating life threatening situations.

Because of that, homeless communities in cities like New York and Chicago have more experience – and infrastructure – to combat the

Photo By David "Doc" DeMulle'.

deadly effects of storms. In Southern California, it's a different story.

The Midnight Mission shelter typically sees

Cold Temperatures Continue to Harm Homeless Population.

California homeless shelter population surges 53% during current migrant crisis: mayor's report.

Out in the Cold: New immigrant families in Los Angeles must exit shelters as the city scales back aid. Many have nowhere to go.

Perry Goldberg is a successful lawyer and entrepreneur who's running for LA County Supervisor. He wants to bring innovative solutions and common-sense wisdom to the problems that are haunting major cities all over the country including: homelessness, immigration and crime. Everybody needs a haircut and the only place to go in Tujunga, is at my favorite barber.







	Gather	Location
	Shoes ~ Many people show up at shelters bare foot, especially the kids	
	Wallet/Purse	
	Keys~Cars, Home, Storage unit, Office, Bank deposit box, Mail box, etc.	
	Cell phones and chargers including car charger	
	Laptop and charger	2
	Backup flash drive/eternal hard drive	
	Important documents*	
	Contact list*	
	Proof of insurance*+	
	Proof of residency*+	
	Mortgage*+	
	Tax return*+	
	Check book ~you will need the routing number for FEMA claims and if power is out	
	Cash* Aim for at least \$200 in small bills	
	Medications and medical devices~ Plan ahead for insulin and other medications needing refrigeration	
	120 hour Kit~ we all know 72 hours is not enough right?	
	Pets and pet 120 hour kit(s)	
	Preparedness binder	
	Warn neighbors ~ check on elderly/disabled	
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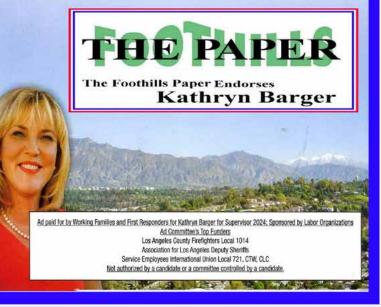
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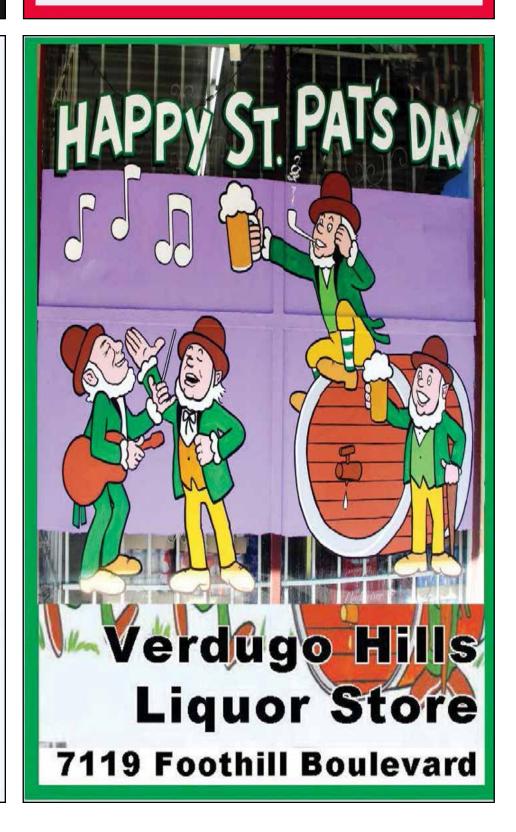
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ANOTHER DAY IN THE HOOD

Your Accessible Home Awaits: **Essential Steps to Get You There**

The demand for accessible homes has surged in recent years, driven by an aging population and a growing awareness of the importance of inclusivity for individuals with disabilities. Creating an accessible home necessitates a holistic approach that considers the unique requirements of those with disabilities.

These needs can be varied, from physical to cognitive, and the design must be flexible and accommodating. In this article, which is shared below courtesy of The Foothills Paper, we will detail some crucial steps for building an accessible home, offering valuable insights into creating a space that meets accessibility standards while ensuring comfort and convenience for all residents.

RESEARCH ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Understanding the diverse needs of individuals with disabilities is crucial when planning an accessible home. Start by researching the specific accessibility guidelines and regulations applicable in your region, including building codes, standards for accessible design, and any local laws or ordinances. Consulting these resources will inform your design choices and help ensure that your home meets the necessary requirements.

Choose a Suitable Location

The location of your accessible home can significantly impact the



quality of life for its residents. Opt for a location that offers convenient access to essential services such as healthcare facilities, transportation and markets. options, This consideration is particularly important for individuals with mobility challenges, who may have difficulty traveling long distances.

Prioritize Slip-Resistant Flooring Safety is a top priority when designing an accessible home, and one of the most effective ways to enhance safety is by installing slipresistant flooring materials. These materials are particularly important in areas prone to moisture, such as bathrooms and kitchens, where the risk of slipping is higher. By choosing slip-resistant options, you can significantly reduce the

risk of accidents and create a safer environment for everyone in the home. This is especially important for individuals with mobility issues, who may have difficulty recovering from a fall or who may be at higher risk of injury.

ENSURE PROPER LIGHTING

A well-lit home is essential for individuals with visual impairments. Plan for ample lighting, both natural and artificial, to illuminate all spaces effectively. Proper lighting enhances visibility and makes it easier to navigate the home. Consider installing adjustable lighting systems that allow residents to customize the brightness levels according to their needs.

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DESIGN AN ACCESSIBLE HOME OFFICE

For those who work from home, an accessible home office is essential. Ensure the office is used exclusively for business purposes, as this can potentially qualify you for a home business tax deduction, providing financial benefits. When designing your office, consider factors like wheelchair-accessible desks. ergonomic chairs, and easy-toreach storage solutions.

ACCOUNT FOR INVOICING

Establishing a solid bookkeeping and invoicing system is crucial for the success and organization of your own business. Accurate and efficient handling of finances ensures a clear understanding of your business's financial health, aids in timely payments, and maintains professionalism with clients. An essential tool in this process is a free online invoice generator. These platforms offer a free invoice template which can be customized to suit your business's needs.

With the option to choose from dozens of templates, fonts, and design elements, you can create custom invoices that not only reflect your brand's identity but also cater to specific client requirements.

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ous situation without injuring the horse or first responders. (See vid-



The LAFD Battalion 12 Command Center then put out a request for a LA City heavy vacuum unit to suck out the free-flowing mud and water. They also called in a request for the LAFD HR-3 backhoe to remove the mud close to the horse and SMART personnel were able to snake a large bellyband under the horse to facilitate the backhoe lifting the of the horse out of the hole if the requested helicopter hoist unit couldn't get close enough to the horse to extract him from the hole.

3 hours and was successful in removing LUCKY from a danger-

eo) After the rescue, Lucky was assisted by the SMART personnel in slowly walking from the yard, and was evaluated by an on-site veterinarian. There is speculation that the suddenly appearing sinkhole may be related to an old septic system, but the specific cause of the sinkhole, and horse becoming trapped, cannot be formally declared by firefighters. https:// vimeo.com/915418289?share=copy.

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Dear Rusty: I am collecting full Social Security benefits at age 72 and also working full time. Why is the Federal Government still taking money from my paycheck? I have written to Social Security experts on this issue, and they tell me "It's the law." That is not a good answer for me. Approximately \$4,400 was taken from my pay in 2023 for Social Security and, yes, I get a pittance of a COLA increase, but not equal to what I pay. No one has been able to fully explain the Federal Government's thought process on taxing me for Social Security when I am getting full Social Security benefits. Can you? Signed: Working Senior Dear Working Senior: Far be it from me to try to explain the federal government's thought process on anything, but I can explain why those already collecting Social Security benefits must continue to pay Social Security payroll taxes while working. It actually goes back to 1935 and the panel commissioned by President Roosevelt to create America's Social Security program. Said panel determined how the program would be financed,

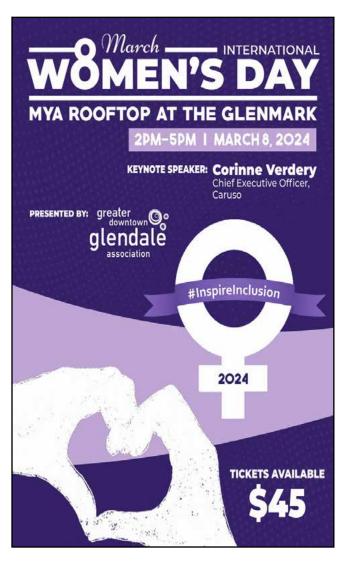
for the self-employed). When the program first started, certain employees and their employers were required to each contribute 1% of the employee's first \$3000 of earnings. Obviously, those amounts have risen over the decades. And, for clarity, only certain workers originally participated in Social Security, which has also changed over the decades so that now nearly everyone who works must pay Social Security payroll taxes. Starting in 1937 and still today, working are used by the federal

SS payroll taxes paid by those now government to pay benefits to those who are currently receiving. Said another way, Social Security is a "pay as you go" program where income from those working (and their employer) is used to pay benefits to those receiving. Payroll taxes collected aren't put into a personal account for the worker; rather they are used to meet current SS payment obligations. Any excess money collected is invested in special issue government bonds as reserves for future use (although current annual SS income is less than annual program costs - an entirely different topic).

enacted in 1935 and started in 1937 still applies – those who work and earn (and their employers) must pay into the system to fund benefit payments to those who are now receiving - and that includes those workers who are already collecting their Social Security. FYI, there was a time when, if someone worked after starting their SS benefits, they lost all of their benefits. Fortunately, that rule no longer exists, so those who are collecting SS benefits can now continue to get benefits if they work, but they must also still pay into the program from their work earnings to help pay benefits to SS recipients. I hope this provides some insight for why you must continue to contribute to Social Security even after you have started collecting your benefits. It is a result of how the program is financed predominantly by workers through payroll taxes on their earnings (and to a lesser extent from interest on Trust Fund reserves and income tax on Social Security benefits). With very few exceptions, everyone who works helps pay benefits to those now receiving.

with experience in accessible design, obtaining necessary permits, overseeing construction. and It's essential to communicate your specific accessibility needs throughout the project to ensure a successful outcome.

Invest in Smart Home Products Explore a range of smart home products that facilitate accessibility. Consider adjustableheight furniture, smart thermostats, and video doorbells. Before purchasing, consult online resources like Smart Home Scoop for in-depth product reviews and troubleshooting tips to make informed choices. These products can enhance the overall comfort and convenience of your home. Crafting an accessible home involves a combination of thoughtful planning, strategic design choices, and leveraging technology. By following these eight key steps, you'll create a welcoming and functional living space that caters to the needs of all residents, promoting independence and comfort. An accessible home not only benefits individuals with disabilities but also enhances the overall quality of life for everyone living in it.





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California is at higher risk for major earthquakes continued from page 1

Compared with the prior model, done in 2018, California locations had about a 10% or less increase in the chances of experiencing a damaging earthquake, Milner said. The new data also marks the chances of a 7.0 magnitude earthquake in the Bay Area at a given time being 3% greater than noted in 2018 and 80% greater statewide, he said.

Petersen said the forecast earthquake hazards for the Bay Area have always been high and continue to be. In the state, the highest chances for damaging earthquake shaking is along the coast, according to the model, published in January. Across all states, California also has the highest risk for damaging earthquakes.

The model was created as a tool for people, including engineers and policymakers, to mitigate the risks of earthquakes.

"California has earthquakes. We already knew that. But what we want to know is in detail how can we better design buildings and bridges and develop communities that are resilient and can re-

already have recognized in California,"

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cover quickly from earthquakes?" Petersen said.

The findings can be applied to building codes to ensure structures can withstand the kind of shaking possible at a certain location, Petersen said.

About 500 new faults were mapped in the model, but few of those faults were in California. Most were in other western states, which did not have as extensive fault databases as California, Petersen said.

"The improvement in California was to think about what kinds of earthquakes you can have on the known faults we already have recognized in California," he said.

One of the areas of improved research was

the types of earthquake ruptures possible. Petersen said earthquakes have complex rupture patterns — sometimes they break at an individual part of a fault or many faults can break together, creating larger earthquakes.

The new model takes into account the possibility of these multi-segment fault ruptures more so than previous models.

"We try to simulate what kinds of ruptures we will see based on the geometry of the faults, the slip rates of the faults and the continuity of the faults," Petersen said. "In this new model we have accounted for many more of the complexities and alternative types of ruptures that we think can happen but hadn't considered in the past."

In addition to improving the modeling on fault ruptures, the new model takes into account how the rocks and soil can impact the

amount of shaking.

"In several areas of the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles area, we had previously included some estimates of amplifications from these sediments beneath our feet. In this model we have expanded on that," Petersen said.

Sandy soils and some clay material have the potential to intensify shaking, Peter-

son said. This happened in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, he said.

"In the Marina District for example, we had a lot of sandy soils that amplified the shaking and caused damage but also caused liquefaction," Petersen said.

Within California, only the sediment in the San Francisco area, Los Angeles area and Central Valley were accounted for in the new model, Petersen said. So there is more work needed to expand that research across the state.

"As we try and understand more about the Earth, we recognize that there's a lot more to learn and that we need to continue to study," Petersen said.

Fill the hole with a load of rocks

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

rixty minutes reported, on Sunday eve-

Who are these people? Are they simply well Biden wanted to improve his dismal ranking

border wall. The gap is reported to be about sixty miles east of San Diego and is a global destination for migrants from around the world. The news source reported that during a four day watch they personally witnessed about 600 illegal entries come through the small gap.

According to the report people from China are the fastest growing number of illegal immigrants coming into our country. Over 37,000 just last year which is a growing number. Stories were told about people who had sold their houses and gave up everything to make the trip. The trip had cost one person \$14,000 and another reported the trip took ten days traveling through multiple countries.

TikTok has a video that provides all the details on where to find the gap and how to obtain the help needed in Mexico to get to the destination.

ning February third, about a gap in our intended people who are coming here to make our country better? Is this a move to fill our country with Chinese soldiers who may be positioning themselves to attack America from inside? Hopefully, it's just a large group of people trying to escape from a bad country where life is not good.

> The dumbest part of this "60 Minutes" story is the four-foot gap so many are coming through. Reportedly, there isn't any federal money allocated to fix the gap. We've sent billions to Ukraine and Israel but we don't have any money to plug up a hole used by people who are essentially invading our country. We don't call them invaders, but they come illegally and in massive numbers. It may not feel like an invasion in Iowa but it does to people who live on the U.S.-Mexico border.

> Why doesn't someone take a dump truck or two of rocks and close up that gap? If President

in the polls, then he should coordinate such an effort. He and VP Kamala Harris could each drive a big truck of rocks and dump into the gap. I bet he would have an impressive convoy of people who would join him in the effort. I can't see how it would be that much of a strain on the federal budget. Of couse he won't do that nor will any other politician. There is probably some kind a rule or law that forbids such an action.

One elderly man who owns property close to the gap fired a gun in the air because migrants were burning trees on his farm. He was arrested for trying to protect his property.

Fixing that hole in the wall seems like a simple common-sense thing to do. When you bring Washington into the process there is no common sense.

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Welcome a Lifelong Friend - Open Your Home to a Foreign Exchange Student

orld Heritage International Student Exchange Program (WH), a Non-Profit, Public Benefit Organization, is seeking local families to host foreign exchange students this coming school year. World Heritage students come from a variety of countries worldwide: Italy, Denmark, Spain, France, Germany, Ukraine, Japan, Australia, to name just a few. They are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, and they are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture, family life, school, sports. etc. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families, who welcome the students into their home, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience. Host families may be single parents, couples and single persons.

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. World Heritage students are carefully selected based upon academics and personality, and host families choose their student from different backgrounds, countries



and personal interests.

World Heritage also offers qualified American students the opportunity to learn another language and culture by spending a school year, semester or a summer with a host family in another country.

If interested in hosting an

exchange student or becoming an exchange student abroad, please call Debra at 1-800-888-9040, visit www.world-heritage.org or send an email to info@world-heritage.org to request more information or start the application process. Students are eager to learn about their American host family, so begin the

process of welcoming your new son or daughter today. The memories and the relationship you create with your exchange student will stay with you forever.

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THE LA ART SHOW

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This was LA's largest and longest-running art fair, as it wrapped up its 29th iteration following a triumphant return to the Los Angeles Convention Center from February 14 through 18, 2024. Guided by producer and director Kassandra Voyagis, the fair kicked off the city's art season, uniting galleries, curators, collectors, and celebrities alike.

LA Art Show presented another spectacular international lineup with over 100 exhibitors from countries including the Philippines, Italy, Israel, Peru, and South Korea. "LA Art Show is a one-stop destination for the public and collectors to view art work from all over the world as we continue our commitment to delivering the most comprehensive and international contemporary art experience possible," says Voyagis. The fair debuted with a successful Opening Night Premiere Party on Valentine's Day hosted by award-winning actress Lucy Hale, benefiting LA Art Show's new charity partner, American Heart Association, which received 15% of ticket sales in support of the organization's Life is Why[™] campaign. Artificial intelligence and Black History Month played significant roles in this year's fair as well as key initiatives that support the next generation of artists from "Athletes for Life" founded by former NFL's Greg Bell to the featured exhibition of Young Masters Art Prize, presented by Cynthia Corbett Gallery, London, supporting emerging talents from diverse backgrounds.

LA Art Show's educational platform, DIVERSEartLA, partnered with seven international art institutions to explore the intersection of memory and AI. Projects included the Nevada Museum of Art that presented "The Journey" by Guillermo Bert, featuring 20 life-sized wood sculptures of immigrants employed as frontline workers during the pandemic as a way to explore how ancient traditions and AI merge to create narratives of identity and memory. AAL Museum (Santiago, Chile) presented a hypnotizing visual narrative, "Be Water," led by esteemed artist, Antuan, highlighting the essential collaboration between humanity and AI to create a new network of human consciousness.

A few other LA Art Show 2024 highlights included:

• A musical performance by Korean artist Choi Sori who







through drumming and manipulation of metal surfaces, Choi creates an abstract interplay of light, color, and sound. • Iconic LA artist Robert Vargas was onsite live painting his powerful mural – inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s "The World House" – which honored Black History Month and conveyed a message of peace and unity.











