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THE E. REED REPORT New Laws in Effect 2020

There are a lot of new laws that went into effect on January 1, 2020, both state wide and nationally. One of the

New Law requires a National ID in order to board and fly an airplane beginning October 1 2020.

most significant ones for African Americans is the new law that prohibits discriminating against employees

because of their hair. California law forbids employers to discriminate against their workers or job applicants who have racially associated hairstyles, such as dreadlocks, cornrows or braids. California legislators passed this law. Now, legally, you may wear your hair any way you want without facing official company reprisals. Now I don't know if that is good or bad (any way you want to?).

There is a new law on the books that will require a national ID to fly on airplanes. You either have to have it or a passport. As of Oct. 1, Regular state issued driver's license will not be enough. Travelers boarding an airplane by using a driver's license for identification must have one that complies with the Real ID Act. States are required to check an applicant's records to verify identity before issuing the new licenses, which have a star on the upper right-hand corner and incorporate features making them harder to be forged. "The security requirements of the Real ID Act will dramatically enhance and improve commercial aviation security," David Pekoske, head of the Transportation Security Administration, said.

Now in Illinois, Michigan and 9 other states, recreational Marijuana is legal. At least 16 other states having pending legislation to make it legal. In Nevada, employers cannot refuse to hire someone

who tests positive for marijuana use.

New Hampshire allows a change to the driver's licenses it issues as of Jan. 1. Residents can have the state mark their sex as X instead of M or F, for people who don't identify as either male or female. Devon Chaffee, of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire, called the law "another step toward decreasing stigmatization, promoting equality and ensuring that state identification documents are accurate and affirming."

Parents in Washington state must put their children up to 2 years old in a rear-facing car seat under a law that takes effect Jan. 1, which turns a previous recommendation into a requirement. Children ages 2 to 4 must be in a forward-facing harness seat. Those older than 4 must remain in a booster seat if they are shorter than 4 feet, 9

inches, a restriction that may include many middle school students.

In Hawaii, restaurants must offer something healthy to drink as part of the standard option for drinks that come with a child's meal, such as low-fat milk, water or fruit juice with no added sugar. Gov. David Ige said the law is intended to "reduce the bad habit that some in our community have." Hawaii has faced a big increase in obesity and diabetes over the past 30 years.

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Sonya Williams, Ph.D., joins CLC as Vice President of Education and Chief Academic Officer



Sonya Williams, Ph.D., has joined the College of Lake County as vice president of education and chief academic officer. Dr. Williams, who began Jan. 6, is responsible for long-term planning, budgeting and working with her team to provide leadership and guidance to the academic unit of the college.

"I'm thrilled to join CLC, which has changed the lives of thousands in Lake County and beyond," she said. "As the college begins a new decade and celebrates its 50th Anniversary, I look forward to working with stakeholders to continue the legacy. It's an exciting time to be a part of CLC."

CLC President Dr. Lori Suddick said, "We are very excited to have Dr. Williams join the college. She has a demonstrated experience in building a climate of student and faculty success at community colleges. Her expertise will serve CLC well as we implement the 2020-24 strategic plan and its pillars: Access & Success for Students; Equity & Inclusion; Teaching & Learning Excellence; Community & Workforce Partnerships; Collaborative Culture; and Strategic Use of Resources."

Williams comes to CLC from Joliet Junior College, where she was dean of the arts and

sciences division and provided mentoring and long-term strategic planning while assisting faculty in instructional planning. She also developed the division budget, recommended improvements in curriculum, helped assess student learning outcomes, oversaw staff development and ensured efficient use of physical space.

Previously, Williams held leadership roles at Oklahoma City Community College, where she served as director and chair of the science department and later became dean of the chemistry and biological sciences division.

A native of Norman, Okla., Williams graduated from the University of Oklahoma, where she earned a B.S. in zoology and a Ph.D. in anatomical sciences and cell biology/neurosciences. Her postdoctoral training includes three years at the Yale School of Medicine, where she studied neurobiology, reproduction and immunology.

A captain in the U.S. Air Force, she served as section commander and information management officer for three squadrons. She also received service medals for Operation Desert Shield and Storm War campaigns.

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It's simple to vote by mail. Complete the short, required application form and return it to the Lake County Clerk's office before noon on Thursday, March 12.



Credit Application Denied? Here's What to Do Next



(StatePoint) It's no fun being denied anything, especially credit. Usually when someone is trying to get a line of credit, it's for a big reason or major life milestone and having a credit application denied can feel like a real setback. But this rejection isn't something to take personally. It's more common than people realize and doesn't spell doom for your financial future. In fact, credit denials can be a good opportunity to take proactive steps to improve your credit health long-term.

How will I know I've been denied credit? If a lender denies your credit application, they will send you a letter called an "adverse action notice." Don't worry -- it sounds more menacing than it really is. This letter will explain why the lender denied your application and give you information about the credit reporting agency where they got your information. With the notice, you are entitled to get a free credit report from that agency within 60 days. While the credit reporting agency provides your information, the lender ultimately makes the decision on whether to grant credit or not. If you need more information specifically about your denial, it's usually best to contact the lender directly.

Why was I denied credit? There are

many reasons a credit application could be denied and the reasons vary by lender, the types of credit requested and your personal credit history. The adverse action letter will list the reason or reasons why you were denied. Common causes include having a limited credit history, too many recent inquiries and a high balance on current credit accounts. But every situation is different. If you are still unsure about the reason for the denial after reading the adverse action letter, you can call the lender to find out more.

What should I do if I am denied credit? If you are denied credit, you don't technically have to do anything. But that's probably not your best option. It's natural to feel bummed about being rejected, but you can use the denial as a motivator to make strides to improve your credit health. Your credit report acts like your financial resume, showing your history of what you've done with credit. Read it carefully to see if there are any areas where you could do better. Are your balances too high? Create a financial plan that includes paying them off as quickly as possible. Did you miss a payment recently? Set up automatic payment options on your monthly bills so you're always on top of it. Don't forget to check your report for inaccuracies, as they can occasionally play a role in a denial.

If you've been denied credit, learn more and take that first, important step by getting your TransUnion credit report at transunion.com/deniedcredit.

No financial plan is completed without setbacks, but don't allow those setbacks to keep you from taking action. Whatever the cause of a credit application denial, there's a solution. With perseverance and patience, you can achieve your financial goals.

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An Interview with State Representative Rita Mayfield, 60th District

by Elroy Reed

I sat down with The Honorable State Representative Rita Mayfield to ask her about her re-election campaign and to see how things were going for constituents of the 60th District. Here are some of the questions that we asked and her replies.

Q: State Representative Mayfield, are you running for re-election?

A: Yes as the current, Representative of the 60th District. I am committed to serving the citizens of my district.

Q: What has been some of your significant successes in Springfield?

A: Education – Every child in my district deserves a quality education. I have secured over 60 million dollars in education funding for my district since I have been in office. Additionally, I have secured grants to provide free vocational and college tuition. Inability to pay should not be a factor in a youth's ability to attend a public funded college or university.

Employment & High Property Taxes - High property taxes are a substantial problem throughout Illinois which is why I am a chief sponsor of HB3845 which creates a property tax relief fund. While other units of government are increasing property taxes, this bill will allow the State to provide a measure of relief. I have also been working with local businesses to provide employment and have assisted over 500 individuals in obtaining employment within the last year. Good jobs are the foundation of healthy families and strong communities.

Environment – Clean air, clean water and green jobs are important to our and community and our children's future. I will continue to fight for sensible measures such as the Clean Energy Jobs Act, a just transition from coal and alternative sterilization methods.

Access to Health – The rising cost of health care and prescription drugs are forcing hard working individuals to make a decision between their health care needs and providing for their families. That is why I am the Chief Cosponsor on HB 8 the Medicare For All bill and a cosponsor of SB667 to reduce insulin costs.



Q: What would be your agenda for the new term?

A: I will focus on Education funding, property tax relief, criminal justice reform, and standing up against Trump's failed immigration policies.

Q: What are some of the issues that adversely impact your constituents?

A: Trump's failed immigration policies. His failed Migrant Protection Plan that only serves to victimize innocent families. Our criminal justice system and over sentencing of minorities. Lack of equitable funding for our school systems. A regressive tax system that penalizes working class families. Lack of programs to grow small business.

Q: What would you say to young people in your district?

A: Your voice matters, be the solution.

Q: What are your hobbies, what do you do on your spare time?

A: I like to read and occasionally enjoy a Netflix and Chill date night

City of North Chicago Works to Secure a Complete Census Count

North Chicago, Illinois – The City of North Chicago's Complete Count Committee today announced its four-month text-to-pledge campaign to encourage residents, Census workers, members of the press and others to pledge to participate in the 2020 Census. Those who take the pledge will receive vital information via text messages about the 2020 Census from the City.

Text messages will be available in English and Spanish and will include information such as important dates and deadlines and where residents can get assistance in completing their surveys.

Anyone can text PLEDGE to 847.499.2021. Spanish-speakers can text CENSO to 847.499.2021.

"We're thrilled to have the ability to use this technology to reach residents in the City about this year's Census," Mayor Leon Rockingham said. "With some hard-to-count popu-

lations in North Chicago, we want to be proactive, and we want to be on the forefront of this innovative approach to outreach."

Vital programs such as free and reduced public school lunches, affordable housing for seniors, and disaster relief dollars are tied to federal funding via a complete and accurate census count.

With concerns about hard-to-count populations in the Latino community and group quarters at Great Lakes Naval base, the City wants to ensure the timely participation of all residents.

"This will be a great way to share important activities and dispel any misinformation about the 2020 Census. I encourage everyone to sign up and participate this year," Rockingham said.

For more information on the 2020 Census in North Chicago, visit www.northchicago.org.

Vaping is Not Quitting

(StatePoint) Ending a tobacco addiction can be tough. While many smokers may think that e-cigarettes are a quit-smoking product, the American Lung Association is reminding people that e-cigarettes are a tobacco product and that switching to vaping is not the same as quitting.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not found any e-cigarette to be safe and effective in helping smokers quit. In one study, only 10.1 percent of the smokers who used e-cigarettes quit smoking after six months, while 26.6 percent of smokers who did not use e-cigarettes quit. Another study found 80 percent of the smokers given e-cigarettes did not quit, but switched, and instead became addicted to e-

cigarettes, which produce a number of dangerous chemicals including acetaldehyde, acrolein, and formaldehyde, causing irreversible lung damage, lung diseases -- and even death.

Advocates say that it's critically important that the FDA crack down on these false claims, but in the meantime, those seeking to quit smoking should talk to their health-care providers about developing a quit plan. To learn more about the American Lung Association's Freedom From Smoking Plus program, visit lung.org/stop-smoking.

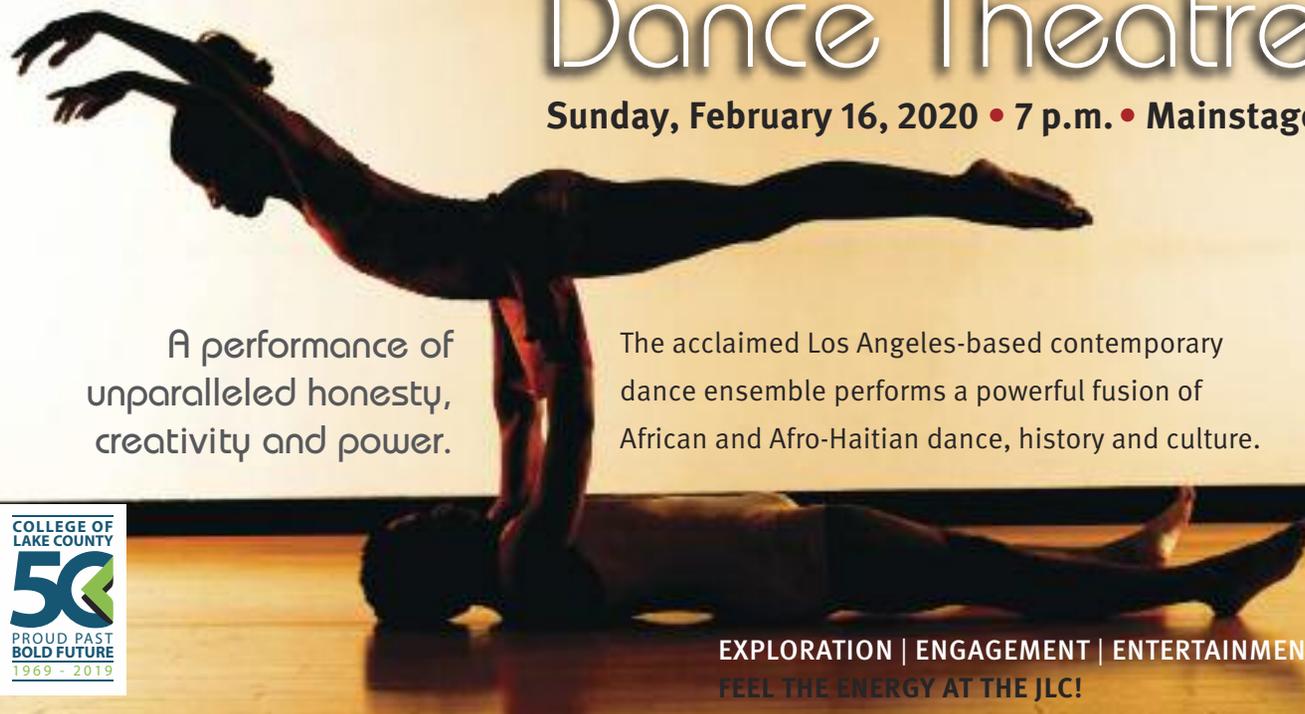
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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Hosted by the North Shore Minister's Alliance



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The North Shore Minister's Alliance held their Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration at the First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church of North Chicago on January 19, 2020 with Pastor Walstone Francis as the keynote Speaker. Highlighting the event was the Martin Luther King Jr. Mass Choir and special tributes by Mayor Billy McKinney, State Representative Rita Mayfield, and President of the 10th Dems Organization, Lauren Beth Gash, a former State Representative.

"We are privileged to celebrate a man among men, who not only stood for justice, summoned us to justice, but secured Justice both statutorily and spiritually," said the Rev. Walstone Francis, Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Waukegan.

Tammy Moore, Division President of Diamond Residential Mortgage, was asked to speak for a few moments on what Dr. Martin Luther King meant to her.

"I am my ancestor's wildest dream," Moore said as she explained that as the only African American Shareholder of Diamond Residential Mortgage, she has been a successful business woman coming from a family of slaves and sharecroppers. The life the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made this possible.

Lauren Beth Gash said that Voter intimidation, has occurred in many situations and that voter intimidation can not be tolerated. She quoted Dr. King by saying, "Our lives begin to end the day we stop speaking out about things that matter.

Sonya Lyons highlighted the MLK, Jr. Choir with a passionate and powerful, Mahalia Jackson style, deliverance of the song, "For Every Mountain" made famous by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. She brought the audience to their feet. Minister Tranelle Duffy was the MLK, Jr. Mass Choir Director.

Zion's new Mayor, Bill McKinney spoke about "The Call for Justice" saying that racism is not dead. He shared with the audience a little of his history as a NFL basketball player, General Manager of the Detroit Pistons, and his return to Zion to become involved in politics. McKinney is the first African American Mayor of Zion, Illinois.

State Representative Rita Mayfield provided a report on her legislative in Springfield. She reported on the facilitation of \$6 million for the North Chicago School District, \$2.5 Million for Youth Build, and the development of \$1.5 million in funding for 15 vocational tracks for students at CLC.

"I never strayed away from my goals of supporting the needs of the community," says State



Sondra Lyons

Representative Rita Mayfield.

While the snow lay thick and heavy on the ground outside, about 700 people attended the brightly lit and encouraging event. The North Shore Minister's Alliance is a consortium of predominately Baptist and African American Churches as well as ministers and ministries in Lake County. The Reverend Eugene Roberson, Senior Pastor of the First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church is President of the Alliance.

Community Leaders Read to Head Start Children

Community Action Partnership of Lake County (CAPOLC) hosted their annual Martin Luther King Day of Service reading. This year marks the 25th celebration of the annual event since Congress designated the MLK holiday as the first ever National Day of Service.

Thank you to our 2020 readers: Waukegan Mayor Sam Cunningham, North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham, Jr., Waukegan Fire Chief George Bridges, Jr., Waukegan Police Chief Wayne Walles, Jayla Bates (Morgan State University), Gwen Beckwith (NAUW), Sylvia England (CAPOLC Board), Jeanette Keyes (NAUW), Stephanie Smith (CAPOLC Board); CAPOLC volunteer's Karen Pritchett, Lenore Wold, Barbara Paulausky; and CAPOLC staff member's Wendy Williams, Theresa Barnes, and Tiara Garland. Each

volunteer read a book on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at one of our eight Head Start centers to honor Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy.

"On Friday, January 17, 2020 the community answered Dr. King's call to serve and to make a difference in the lives of Lake County children," said Mary Lockhart White, the Executive Director/CEO of Community Action Partnership of Lake County. "Community Action Partnership hosts events like these to provide community service projects for local profits, community leaders and other residents. Volunteer service projects serve as a powerful tool that builds strong communities."

CAPOLC is one of the largest social service organizations in Lake County serving 24,000 individuals and families annually. Services are in seven program areas: Pre-K education through Head

Start and other early childhood education programs that focus on kindergarten readiness; Youth and Family Services that include emergency assistance, self-sufficiency case management, employment and training, scholarships, and a food pantry; Affordable Housing for low-income individuals and families plus long-term transitional housing for honorably discharged homeless Veterans; home heating bill payment assistance; home weatherization; and Small Business Development and professional training.

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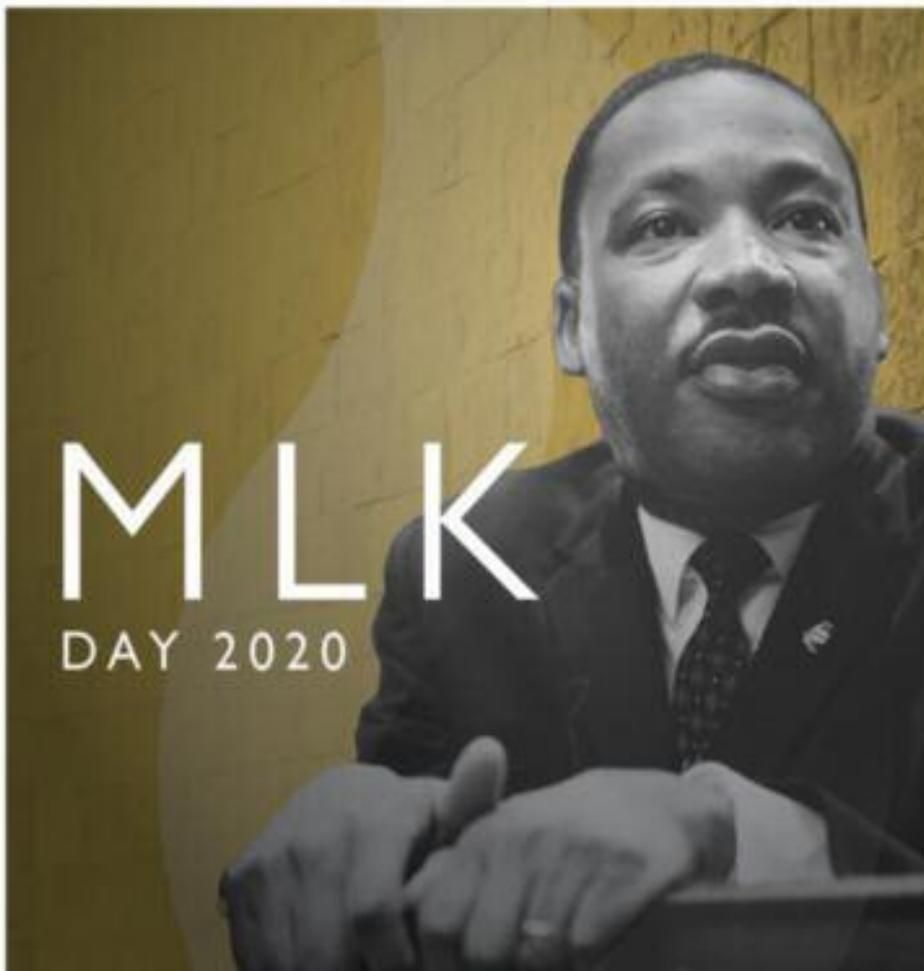
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The Bride Without a Veil

Sharon D. Epps
January 6, 2020©

There was no veil to lift, as the bride said "I Do"
 For the groom truly knew her,
 and all that He had brought her through.
 The bride surrendered herself wholeheartedly,
 the groom spoke WORD which set her free,
 after years and years of self-willed strife,
 and even though she felt so unworthy of his great love
 she stepped to the alter of repentance
 without her veil to be his bride for life.
 The bride she also had no dress,
 she came as she was, a filthy mess.
 She was full of doubt, hurt, and shame,
 but she knew He loved her, He called her name!
 So many years of self-abuse,
 suicidally thinking what's the use.
 Her fruitless years all seemed the same,
 but she knew He loved her, so still she came!
 She knew He loved her, He told her so.
 A covering love from head to toe.
 An amazing love that changed her life.
 Jehovah Yahweh Jesus Christ!
 The bride she also had no shoes,
 no bouquet, pearls, or something blue to use.
 The bride she came with what she had.
 A joyful heart that once was sad.
 A loving smile upon her face,
 and at the altar of life she took her place.
 Goodness and mercy was all around.
 The once lost bride stood there profound.
 Without veil, dress, nor shoes
 the bride was not baffled or confused
 standing there with her willingness
 and with a child like voice she did confess
 a love for Him with made her beam
 for when she said "I Do"
 she was redeemed.

NBA Legend, Kobe Bryant, Dead at 41

Los Angeles County officials said that on Sunday morning, January 27, 2020, a helicopter crash killed NBA legend Kobe Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna. It also claimed the lives of seven other victims.

Los Angeles County fire chief Daryl Osby said after receiving a 911 call just before 10 a.m. on Sunday, they discovered a brush fire and debris scattered along the hillside upon arrival to the crash site in Calabasas, California.

Paramedic teams rushed to the site, but determined that all nine people — eight passengers and the pilot — had already perished.

Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, were on board when the helicopter crashed. They were joined by another teammate of Gianna's and a parent en route to a travel basketball game, ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski reported. The Orange County Register reported that Orange Coast college baseball coach John Altobelli also died in the crash.

It is not clear who the other six people on board the helicopter were, and Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva declined to identify anyone involved in the crash.

An investigation into the cause of the crash is still ongoing.



...Words from Chaplain Pamela Anderson

We have some sad news. Suddenly, Kobe Bryant, the iconic basketball star and Gianna "GiGi" Bryant, his thirteen-year-old daughter, died together in a helicopter crash. There were at least seven others who also went beyond the reach of mortal care. Remember them, their fans, and all families affected by this tragedy. Pray that the survivors will be comforted by good memories, our prayers, and the eternal presence of the Comforter, whom I call Wisdom. Let us BE in solidarity with the deceased families, sending them affirming thoughts and prayers."

On another note, the US Navy honors Pearl Harbor hero Doris Miller, posthumously, with the first aircraft carrier

named for an African American.

Navy Acting Secretary Thomas B. Modly said, "the USS Doris Miller will serve as a reminder of the nation's pursuit for justice and as a tribute to its namesake. Miller, the first African American to receive the Navy Cross for his courage during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, helped evacuate the West Virginia battleship before it sank and fired a machine gun at Japanese attackers until he ran out of ammunition." Who knows what recognitions will also come to Kobe and Gianna posthumously?

This heroine and hero's lives and deaths will not be in vain. A songwriter puts it this way "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain."

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