Amtrak changes up service to respond to decrease in ridership

By DECLAN NELSON

Amtrak has suspended several routes from its network that have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, and ridership has decreased significantly.

Amtrak and its subsidiary, Amtrak California, have seen a surge in ridership as a result of the pandemic, according to a spokesperson.

“Amtrak has seen a significant increase in ridership since April, when we began offering service on limited runs,” said the spokesperson.

“Since then, ridership has continued to grow, with an average of 50% more passengers per day compared to pre-pandemic levels.”

International Medical Corps deploys field units to Adventist Health Bakersfield, Tehachapi

The International Medical Corps has deployed field units to Adventist Health Bakersfield and Adventist Health Tehachapi in response to COVID-19 in the region.

The deployment comes as part of a larger effort to support local health facilities, including hospitals and clinics, in managing the virus.

The International Medical Corps is a global health nonprofit organization that provides emergency medical relief and healthcare services to people in crises around the world.

“We are pleased to be able to support Adventist Health Bakersfield and Adventist Health Tehachapi during this challenging time,” said Dr. Paul Farmer, founder and executive director of the International Medical Corps.

“I am grateful to our partners at Adventist Health Bakersfield and Adventist Health Tehachapi for their commitment to serving the community during this crisis.”

LA County sees hopeful signs amid virus surge

By DECLAN NELSON

Los Angeles County, which recently appeared to be headed toward a new wave of infections, is seeing a drop in hospitalizations and ICU admissions.

“This is a critical moment in the battle against COVID-19,” said Dr. Barbara Ferris, director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

“We have a lot of work to do, but these early signs of progress give us hope that we can continue to reduce the spread of this deadly virus.”

Vehicle turns into bike path parking area across from CSUB after collision.

2013-2019, Sentinels, green

The Bakersfield Police Department has released additional information regarding a suspect vehicle and driver involved in a hit-and-run accident that occurred on Wednesday in the Stockyard neighborhood.

The accident occurred at 1:18 p.m. on Stockdale Highway, just south of Coffee Road, according to police.

“It appears to be a single vehicle, white in color, possibly a Toyota RAV4 or similar model,” said police.

The Bakersfield Police Department asks anyone with information to call Officer Ryan at 661-327-8942 or the anonymous Websafe Hotline at 232-4646.