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# If the Earth Could Fly Away



*Extreme weather events due to abnormally hot or cold temperatures from climate change now account for about 10% or five million deaths globally each year. (Illustration by Chris Allen, VOICE)*

Saturday, April 22 was Earth Day and as I stopped to reflect on the environment, I wondered if people view what is happening to the earth due to a changing climate, the same way many tend to view history—as a long series of disparate and unconnected events that have/had impact in the moment, never bothering to realize how one event can drive another over time?

Is it because in this fast-paced modern world, attention too quickly shifts to other things? When it comes to the environment this can be especially true for those who are not intimately impacted by this devastating wildfire,

that catastrophic flood, the other category 5 hurricane. When such events leave no footprint as an intimate experience, it is easy to ignore them as other peoples' problems.

We've been programmed not to see how climate change is a clear example of the so called 'butterfly effect' and thus, can ignore that the impacts of a changing climate at one location in time has a rippling effect though space as well.

## Lives and other losses

Because we have a collective tendency not to look beyond our own noses, it is easy to overlook

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# Funding The Arts: How the Creative Corps Inland SoCal is Creating Social Impact



*Creative Corps Inland SoCal prepared Listening Sessions across San Bernardino and Riverside counties to launch a \$4.7M grant opportunity for invited artists, creatives, and interested community members to join in on. Credit: iegives.org*

### Asante-Ra | Staff

Inland Southern California's art scene just got a boost from the Creative Corps Inland SoCal. The state-funded project of the California Arts Council (CAC) recently announced a request for proposals (RFP) to fund individual artists and community-based organizations in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The goal is to promote artist-driven projects that spark social change and strengthen the creative workforce in the region.

This initiative will provide \$3.8 million dollars in grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000 to artists and community-based organizations. The funds will be directed towards creative projects that address some of

the most pressing issues in the region, including public health and pandemic recovery, water and energy conservation, disaster preparedness and recovery, voter and civic participation, and social justice and community engagement.

To ensure an equitable, inclusive, and transparent process, the Creative Corps Inland SoCal team held listening sessions across the region to gather feedback from community members. Jennifer Kane, Executive Director of Arts Connection - The Arts Council of San Bernardino County, highlighted the importance of listening to the voices of artists, people of color, tribal communities, and those most impacted by health and environmental issues.

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*- Jennifer Kane*

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through the arts in the region. This program will have a lasting impact on how we view art and how we fund and promote creative projects across Inland SoCal," said Kane.

In addition to the grant funds, technical assistance programs will be available to artists and applicants at no cost, through community mentors and workshops. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2023.

This program represents an incredible opportunity for artists and community-based organizations to drive social change and contribute to the creative landscape of the region. Visit [creativeinlandsocal.com](https://creativeinlandsocal.com) to learn more about the Creative Corps or apply for the regranting program.

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**Asante-Ra | Staff**

**M**oreno Valley Unified School District is making waves in the education world for its efforts in sustainability.

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced that Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) is among the 2023 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Awardees. The district was nominated by the California Department of Education for its efforts in reducing environmental impact and costs, improving

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*Our district's vision is to empower students to become future-ready and positively impact the world.*

*- Dr. Martinrex Kedziora  
MVUSD Superintendent*

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health and wellness, and effective environmental education.

Superintendent Dr. Martinrex Kedziora expressed pride in the district's achievements. “Our district's vision is to empower students to become future-ready and positively impact the world,” he said. “It starts with us. By making changes throughout our organization's processes and infrastructure, we are creating a better future for our students.”

Jim Burleson, Executive Director of Transportation, Anthony Pipkins, Executive Director of Maintenance and Operations, and Dr. Esperanza Arce, Chief Academic Officer, were acknowledged for their essential roles in the district's achievements. Included among the district's many accomplishments, is the creation

## Moreno Valley Unified School District is Leading the Way in Sustainability Education



*“Our students are the reason for all of the decisions we make and programs that we implement. We are sincerely proud of this level of recognition,” said MVUSD School Board President Susan Smith, expressing her pride. (source: mvusd.net).*

of an Energy Specialist Manager position responsible for optimizing the use of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning; irrigation; and other energy-using systems. The district also transitioned its diesel buses to electric and responsible fuels and implemented the Junior Scholars Program, where middle school students solve real-world



*Susan Smith, MVUSD School Board President*

problems.

Across the country, only 26 schools, 11 districts, and four postsecondary institutions were honored for their innovative efforts to reduce environmental impact and utility costs, improve health and wellness, and ensure effective sustainability education. MVUSD is

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## NAME CHANGE

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCO2301176

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: NORMA A. GARCIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANTHONY DUNKHASE GARCIA to: AMIRA DUNKHASE GARCIA The Court Orders to. that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 05/03/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S, BUENA VISTA. ROOM 201, CORONA, CA 92882 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: MARCH 24, 2023  
TAMARA L. WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCO2300498

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: RUBEN ARTURO JAQUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: RUBEN ARTURO JAQUEZ to. RUBEN ARTURO BALDERAS The Court Orders to. that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 05/10/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S, BUENA VISTA. ROOM 201, CORONA, CA 92882 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: MARCH 22, 2023  
TAMARA L.WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCO2300498

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MARISA MARLENE HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MARISA MARLENE HERNANDEZ to. MARISA

MARLENE CASTRO The Court Orders to. that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 05/10/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S, BUENA VISTA. ROOM 201, CORONA, CA 92882 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: 02/16/23  
TAMARA L.WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVMV 2301131

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: ADONIS ALVAREZ BETANCOURT filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ADONIS ALVAREZ BETANCOURT to. ADONIS BARTOLOME ALVAREZ The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 05/12/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET, SUITE D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: MARCH 07, 2023  
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCO2300447

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: KIMA RASHAN DOWNEY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: KIMA RASHAN DOWNEY (MERCER) to. KIMA ABIYAH LOYAL. The Court Orders to. that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be

heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 05/10/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S, BUENA VISTA. ROOM 201, CORONA, CA 92882 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: 03/22/23  
TAMARA L.WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCO2301125

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: DAYLON HASHIM WILSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: DAYLON HASHIM WILSON to. DAYTON HASHIM LUTALO. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 05/10/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 505 S, BUENA VISTA. ROOM 201, CORONA, CA 92882 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: MARCH 23, 2023  
TAMARA L. WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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## SUMMONS

### SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) Case Number FLRI2108337 Notice to Respondent: CALEB JOSEPH CHAPNAR

You are being sued Petitioner's name is: STEPHANIE MARIE CHAPNAR You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120)) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter or phone call will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your right to custody of your children. You may also be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. If you want legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. You can get information about finding lawyers at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/serfhelp), at the California legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), or by contacting

your local county bar association. Tiene 30 dias corridos despues de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citacion y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacio, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. Si desea obtener asesoramiento legal, pongase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener informacion para encontrar a un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio Web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org) o poniendose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, 4175 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an Attorney is, Stephanie Marie Chapnar, 8310 Manhasset St. Riverside, CA 92508. Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual.  
Clerk, by C. Torres-Rivera  
DATE: 08/11/2022

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## PROBATE

### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LUCRETIA MOORE Case Number PRRI2300755

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: LUCRETIA MOORE A Petition for Probate has been filed by STACY TAYLOR in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that STACY TAYLOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedents's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicil's are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 5/31/2023 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 8 The Courts address is the SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501. PROBATE If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court

within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: Stacy Taylor, 23395 Via Montego, Moreno Valley, CA 92557

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:  
**DESTINY BUILDERS**  
**5928 Sierra Pl**  
**Banning, CA 92220**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**1440 Beaumont Ave, A2 251**  
**Beaumont, CA 92223**  
**Limitless Destiny LLC**  
**1440 Beaumont Ave, A2 251**  
**Beaumont, CA 92223**  
**CA**  
This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) s. Lanair D. Slaughter, CEO  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 03/15/2023  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202303802  
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:  
**SALUD, BIENESTAR & BELLEZA**  
**2070 Newton Dr**  
**Corona, CA 92882**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**Norma – Clutz**  
**2070 Newton Dr**  
**Corona, CA 92882**  
This business is conducted by: Individual  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) s. Norma - Cruz  
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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R-202304640  
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:  
**FAUTASTIC TRENDS COMPANY LLC**  
**22927 Montanya Pl**  
**Murrieta, CA 92562**  
**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**  
**39252 Winchester Rd, 107-287**  
**Murrieta, CA 92563**  
**Fauxtastic Trends Company LLC**  
**22927 Montanya Pl**  
**Murrieta, CA 92562**  
**CA**  
This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000) s. ML Caliver Fuller, CEO  
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**Nomsa Khalfani, Ph.D. & Janette Robinson**

**A**s Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Awareness Month draws to a close, it's the perfect time to get real about how STIs impact our communities.

As Black women, mothers, and health advocates, we have a stake in this matter, but the truth is that we're often left out of the conversation, and our experiences are overlooked. We need to be listened to and respected, which starts with raising awareness

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*Moreover, providing comprehensive sexual health education is not just about preventing STIs. It's about promoting healthy relationships, building self-esteem and confidence, and fostering respect for oneself and others. These values can benefit young people throughout their lives beyond just their sexual health.*

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and taking action.

We've seen firsthand the stigma and shame associated with STIs, and the lack of access to quality health care makes matters worse. Unfortunately, STI rates among Black women and youth are alarmingly high, accounting for almost half of the 20 million new cases yearly. In 2021 alone, there were 2.5 million reported cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis in the United States, disproportionately affecting Black women and youth aged 15-24.

The stakes have always been high for our youth regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic

## Op Ed: Unpacking Sexual Health - Demanding Change for Our Communities



STI rates among Black women and youth are alarmingly high, accounting for almost half of the 20 million new cases yearly. (Illustration by Chris Allen, VOICE).

status, and when it comes to STIs, there's no difference.

Left undiagnosed or untreated, STIs can cause severe long-term health consequences, including infertility and a heightened risk for HIV. Recent data in California has shown a sharp increase in congenital syphilis among young Black women, which, if pregnant, could lead to premature delivery, low birth weight, and even infant death.

### **Making a difference in our communities**

For our communities to thrive, we must dismantle the systemic inequities that allow these health disparities to persist; this includes changes in our education, communication, health systems, and policies.

Comprehensive sex education that provides physical and emotional wellness strategies is essential for our health and well-being. We

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## Valley View High School Students and Educator Win NCWIT Awards for Achievements in Computing



(Left): Student Maddison Chau, Teacher Jeanine Rioux (center) and Student Alexa Torres. (Courtesy of mvusd.net)

### Asante-Ra | Staff

Two students from Valley View High School in Moreno Valley, California, and their teacher have been awarded the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) Awards for Aspirations in Computing (AiC). The awards recognize high school students for their achievements and interests in computing-related fields, with the aim of encouraging a diverse range of students to choose careers in technology.

Maddison Chau and Alexa Torres were the student recipients of the awards, with Chau earning the Regional Winner NCWIT Award and Torres receiving the Regional Rising Star NCWIT Award. Meanwhile, their teacher, Jeanine Rioux, earned the Regional Educator Winner award.

More than 3,300 applicants from across Canada and the US, including Guam and Puerto Rico, applied for the awards, that's what makes the achievement of Chau, Torres, and Rioux all the more impressive. The recipients were

chosen based on their abilities and ambitions in technology and computing. This was demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for post-secondary education.

Valley View High School Superintendent Dr.

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*We are so proud of our students and their teacher. We hear so many great things about our students after they graduate, but these awards are about our current students that we are serving now.*

*- Dr. Martinrex Kedziora  
Moreno Valley USD Superintendent*

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Martinrex Kedziora expressed his pride in the students and their teacher, saying, “These awards are a testament to Ms. Rioux’s impact on our students and their future careers in computer science and technology. Maddison and Alexa are shining examples of what our students are capable of and are leading the way for others to follow a similar path.”

Torres shared that her interest in technology began at a young age when she watched her brother take apart and rebuild computers. Torres aspires to attend UC San Diego and become a software engineer. She says, “Computer science and the other classes involving computers that I have taken have helped me realize what my goal

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# Sexual Assault Prevention and Healing: Supporting Survivors in the Inland Empire

by Breanna Reeves

*Warning: This article discusses topics of sexual assault, child abuse and sexual violence.*

“I reflect on how far we’ve come in the movement, but how far we have left to go,” said Adriane Lamar Snider, chief executive officer of the Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center (RARCC).

The month of April marks Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and National Child Abuse Prevention Month (NCAPM), both of which seek to raise awareness and prevention of sexual assault, harassment and abuse. This year’s theme for SAAM 2023 is “Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity.” The national awareness month is spearheaded by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC).

“We know that the sexual violence prevention movement still has a lot

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to do to make sure survivors of every background and demographic feel equitably represented in this field,” Yolanda Edrington, executive director of NSVRC, said in an announcement.

The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) defines sexual assault as sexual contact or behavior that occurs without explicit consent of the victim. Some forms of sexual assault include attempted rape, unwanted sexual touching, forcing a victim to perform sexual acts and penetration of the victim’s body, also known as rape.

RARCC is a non-profit organization that provides support, resources and services for

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- Keyaira Allen

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victims and survivors of sexual assault and their families — one of the few organizations that does so in the Western and Southwest regions of Riverside County. The center has been around since 1973 when a group of women who worked out of the University of California, Riverside came together and launched it. As survivors of sexual assault, they had no support from local law enforcement who lacked sensitivity training or hospitals that lacked knowledge and/or availability of rape kits.

Today, the center serves as a safe and culturally relevant space for sexual assault and child abuse survivors and their families who have access to needed services from trained staff. The center provides support seven days a week, 24 hours a day so “that the survivor and their family are never alone,” Snider said.



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the last Wednesday in April marks “Denim Day.” Denim Day is a day of action where people are encouraged to wear denim in order to address victim blaming and to educate people about sexual assault. Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center (RARCC) staff wear denim to bring awareness about sexual violence (Image courtesy of RARCC).

“We have become the place where families can come to and talk about their healing journeys, find support, find support services [and] get all of the education that they need,” Snider added.

As one of the few local organizations dedicated to supporting survivors of sexual violence, Snider emphasized the importance of having more services dedicated to survivors and their families. According to 2019 data from RAINN, an American is sexually assaulted every 68 seconds, and every nine minutes, that victim is a child.

When Snider stepped into her role at RARCC in 2018, there were eight staff members. Now, there are 22. In addition to growing the organization to increase their capacity to serve, RARCC utilizes volunteers to support survivors through advocacy training programs and educational outreach in the community.

A key part of addressing sexual assault stigmas and dispelling myths is educating the masses and spreading the word, Snider stated. She explained that she attended an event where she heard a woman incorrectly refer to sexual assault as being a women’s issue. Snider said that awareness begins with the facts and knowing what is true.

Sexual assault is an everyone issue. Anyone can be a victim of sexual assault and it’s important not to treat this issue as being attached to a particular person or identity. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported, “Over half of women and almost one in three men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact during their lifetimes.”

Additionally, recent data from the CDC’s Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) found that in 2021, nearly one in four high school students who identify as LGBTQ+ experienced sexual violence.

Snider shared that she is a survivor of abuse and



said that it can be difficult for survivors and their families to seek out necessary support and services for fear of being judged, disowned by family members or even blamed for the abuse and violence. Snider credited Keyaira Allen, an associate marriage and family therapist at the center and her team, who address such mental and behavioral issues, for their work in empowering survivors. Allen first joined RARCC in 2019 as an intern and became a full-time staff member in 2021.

“I think one of the myths is that healing looks a certain way,” Allen said. “That for a survivor it should be: the assault happens, you notify law enforcement and then you go to therapy. That’s it. But it is an ongoing roller coaster.”

The process of healing from sexual violence or abuse does not happen one particular way or another, rather it is a process that has its ups and downs, Allen commented. There will be times when a person who has experienced this trauma may have to sit and process what has happened.

“I think society has put survivors in a box, that they have to present this way or all survivors look this way. No, it’s not that simple,” Allen said. It is often assumed that such experiences are black and white, but Allen explained that a large gray area exists.

“A myth we’re trying to dispel at the agency is one, [survivors’] abuse does not define them. This one moment, no matter how long the abuse lasted, it’s temporary. The pain becomes manageable,” Allen said. “It’s us uplifting them and empowering them, but it’s also allowing them to be where they’re at.”

Allen explained that part of the journey to heal is sometimes sitting in the aftermath of the experience and allowing survivors to feel what they feel. Every moment will not be one of reflection and growth, and that’s okay.

“It is allowing and providing a space for survivors to show up as they are and helping them as they go along in their healing process,” Allen stated.

In some instances, Allen described, within in mental health institutions some therapists — despite their training — can become closed off to patients who share their sexual assault experiences. This can lead to another layer of rejection, guilt and shame because they are not being supported, acknowledged or helped. This can result in doing more harm.

“On the clinical care side, we deal with this a lot in the sense of sometimes in the world, sexual assault and domestic violence is still such a taboo, even though it’s been going on for generations and generations,” Allen

said.

According to RAINN, trauma from sexual assault and abuse can result in psychological, emotional and physical effects such as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, panic attacks and more. With equitable counseling, support and care, these effects can be addressed and can support survivors on their journey to heal.

Addressing sexual assault prevention also comes with acknowledging barriers to access, including a generational lack of access to services, the belief that a person can “push through” their trauma, not seeking services to address their experience, not having a support system and shortcomings within institutions.

“There are no judgments here with this agency. We believe you. We know what’s happening with the family and we support you. We support you through your healing journey,” Snider emphasized. “We want to dispel all of those myths that ‘We’re so strong, we can’t ask for help.’ No, we’re strong because we’re asking for help — that is what we want survivors to know.”

Allen explained that one way to remedy these barriers is to have the conversations about sexual assault, to educate the people through outreach efforts and to “wraparound” survivors by offering services and spaces to heal such as community support groups, family counseling and one-on-one therapy.

“I still think it’s going to take time, but I think it’s also people getting comfortable with the uncomfortable, so we can support those in need,” Allen stated.

Individuals who seek to support survivors may also have to take part in “corrective experiences” where they address incorrect notions about sexual assault survivors and assumptions they have. Allen explained that sometimes a person may use their own personal experience to measure against a survivor’s experience or feelings, but it’s important to pivot and correct that behavior by acknowledging that everyone does not experience life the same way.

“Be kind to yourself and know that you may not know what to do,” Allen shared. She said that it is important to sit with them, to be present with them as someone who supports them and believes them.



*Keyaira Allen, associate marriage and family therapist at RARCC, explained that sometimes supporting a survivor of sexual assault is saying “I believe you” and sitting with them (Graphic by Breanna Reeves).*

Supporting survivors also takes place when you’re not sitting with them. Allen said it’s important to call out language and behaviors that contribute to the stigma and shame that survivors experience and trivialize their trauma.

With all the traumatic and scary situations someone may be facing, Allen emphasized that these circumstances won’t last forever.

“This is a temporary moment of pain. There’s so much beauty in life to be had after,” Allen asserted. In her work, she wants survivors to know how important it is to have self-worth and to know that “you are worthy of love and respect and boundaries, and that No is always a complete sentence.”

If you or anyone you know who may be experiencing sexual violence or abuse and are in need of support or services, here is a list of organizations that can help:

**Local organizations:**

1. Riverside Area Rape Crisis Center
2. Tru Evolution’s Youth United support program for LGBTQ+ youth
3. Safe Justice Family Centers
4. University of Riverside, California (UCR) Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education (CARE) Center

**National:**

1. Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
2. National Sexual Violence Resource Center
3. National Domestic Violence Hotline



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need access to accurate information and health systems tailored to the needs and experiences of those this issue most affects. To be effective, comprehensive sexual health education must be evidence-based, trauma-informed, culturally competent, and inclusive.

Moreover, providing comprehensive sexual health education is not just about preventing STIs. It's about promoting healthy relationships, building self-esteem and confidence, and fostering respect for oneself and others. These values can benefit young people throughout their lives beyond just their sexual health.

But it isn't just about education- we must also break down communication barriers. Discussing sexual health can be uncomfortable or taboo in many communities. But it's precisely because of this discomfort that we need to create safe spaces for open and honest conversations where people feel seen and heard talking about their sexual health needs and concerns.

### Inequitable health outcomes

Addressing inequitable health outcomes for diverse communities throughout California, especially among our youth, will also require a collaborative approach to health care. Local health systems, from community health centers to private practices, would do well to listen to the challenges of our youth by meeting them where they are and expanding culturally sensitive STI testing, screening, and treatment through non-judgmental, person-centered care administered with dignity and respect.

Additionally, we must continue to demand policies like Senator Caroline Menjivar's Youth Health Equity + Safety (YHES) Act, which prioritizes the health and well-being of our communities. The YHES Act seeks to expand access to free internal and external condoms in California high schools. So young people who often face barriers to accessing sexual health services will have greater access to resources that can help protect them.

Just as we came together to increase testing to begin turning the tide in the battle against STIs, it is vital that as vanguards of sexual health

advocacy and reproductive justice, we stand together to make a difference in the lives of our communities. Let's keep fighting to improve the lives of all people and demand the change we need to see.

To learn more about improving sexual health, STI testing, and prevention, please go to <https://gettested.cdc.gov/>.

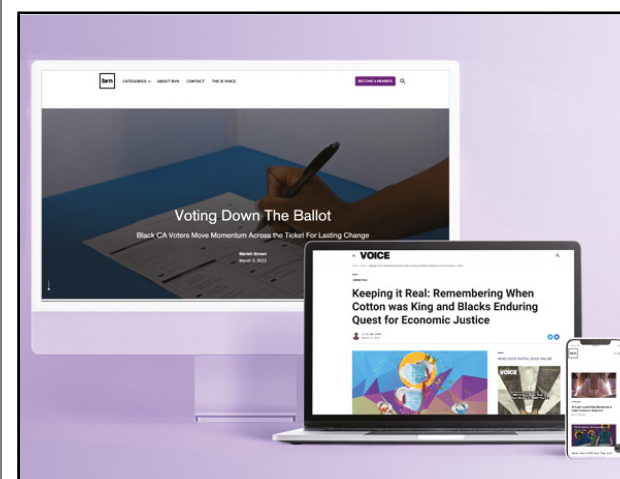
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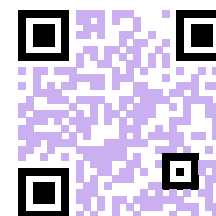
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## Tremaine Mitchell Youth Action Project

Our region's economic engine is reliant on its workforce, and as tourism continues to grow, Zocalo Public Square was in Riverside recently asking us to examine what makes a good job in the Inland Empire. The collective attitude towards work is shifting, and our industries must change to continue to tap into the interest of our young people.

At Youth Action Project (YAP), we've been working with our participants and partners to envision that future and build strong pathways for our youth and young adults to achieve their career goals. Nearly 20% of the Inland Empire's labor force commutes to the Los Angeles area

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*Easing the barriers for our youth to find careers that are aligned with their passion is critical.*

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for work. This is a key concern for us and the region.

We want to build a vibrant workforce within our communities, where young people can find well-paying jobs that provide them with the fulfillment they need. We know from talking to our program participants that interest in entrepreneurship is peaking. We also know that too many folks can find better paying jobs in warehouses where the work conditions are taxing and career growth is limited. When well-paying jobs in the other industries are hard to come by, too many are forced to make decisions based on how to make a living.

We are dedicated to showing young people they can work in roles they may have thought were out of reach. Latinos make up more than half the population in Riverside and San

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The Youth Action Project (YAP) is working with its participants and partners to build strong pathways for local youth and young adults to achieve their career goals.(image source: weforum.org).

Bernardino but earn median incomes below county average along with Black, Pacific Islander and Indigenous residents.

YAP's leadership and participants alike contribute to regional efforts to improve economic conditions for low-income, Black, Latino, Indigenous and other people of color and marginalized residents. By creating space for youth voices in policy development, we can influence conversations around inclusive growth and ensure that community, and disconnected youth, remain at the center of institutional practices like economic development and higher education.

YAP engages in these efforts because we are committed to improving the lives of those we serve, focusing on people under and poorly

served by the social, public, and private sectors. We spend time with young people to identify careers of interest and match them with the opportunities that put them on pathways to a meaningful career, even in non-traditional career spaces like entrepreneurship. Providing this hands-on training is key, as is being able to access resources to get the certifications they need.

Easing the barriers for our youth to find careers that are aligned with their passion is critical. Creating good tourism jobs could start with replicating the San Bernardino County Office of Education's hospitality and tourism career technical education program across the region, providing young people with experience

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*If the earth could fly away, could we see her flying straight through space and time, leaving all humankind behind? If she could fly away. . .if she could fly away, so far away. If the earth could run away could you see her gathering all the trees and plants, all the animals, all the birds and fowl, every grieving thing? They have never been her foe, never harmed her blessed soul. If she could run away. . . if she could run away, so far away. Then she'd be running for her life, running for her blessed life...*

*- Sweet Honey in the Rock, Battered Earth*

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the plight of those already experiencing the most life changing impacts of the earth's changing climate. We may read or hear about it, but don't really listen to the concerns of the hundreds of thousands if not billions of people around the world whose lives are being threatened more and more each day by rising sea levels, extreme weather and a damaged ecosystem including here in California.

According to a report by the UN's refugee agency, UNHCR, every year since 2008, an average of 21.5 million people “have been forcibly displaced” by floods, storms, wildfires and extreme temperatures. International experts predict that number could climb to 1.2 billion people by 2050.

In addition, Bloomberg reports extreme weather events due to abnormally hot or cold temperatures from climate change now account for about 10% or five million deaths globally each year.

For those who are not moved by the impact

on human lives and only measure loss in dollars and cents, should note that in 2022 the U.S. alone experienced over \$2.2 billion in damage to physical assets according to the NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information.

Because extreme climate events have become more common in recent years—unless you are among those impacted—it is easy to become complacent. With an attitude of complacency we fall victim to the so called boiling frog syndrome. Yet, even frogs are slowly disappearing despite their key role as both predator and prey in the world's fragile ecosystem. The world has lost at least 200 frog species since 1970. Some have even referred to frogs as the earth's “canary in a coal mine.”

### **The future of jobs**

During the June 2021 Climate Change Conference where G7 and other world leaders examined and sought solutions to the issue, Sharan Burrow, general secretary of the International Confederation of Trade Unions, declared to President Joe Biden, “[T]here are no jobs on a dead planet,” as she pledged support to both climate change action and for workers in industries impacted by such actions.

A recent report by the International Labor Organisation provided an overview of how heat will reduce working hours by two percent world wide in the coming years resulting in the loss of 43 million jobs. The economic sectors expected to be most impacted include, “the wine industry, tourism sector, agricultural sector, the fishing sector, food & beverage sector, and the energy sector, among others.”

### **The rising sea**

Although scientists agree that sea level rise is difficult to predict due to all the variables that impact climate change, most researchers do however, find consensus that even if the current goals of the Paris Climate Accord are reached—to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% by 2030 compared to 1990—the earth's oceans will continue to rise.

As such, a study by the US Geological Survey (USGS) predicts that 300 miles of coastal California cliffs may erode twice as fast

as normal, losing about 135 feet of bluff top by 2100. Explaining the seriousness of the erosion, USGS geologist Patrick Barnard calculated how many tons of sand and rocks would be shed from the cliffs. “It's a huge volume of material,” he explained to the Washington Post in 2018. “We place this in a context of dump truck loads. It would be 30 million dump trucks full of material that will be eroded from the cliffs.”

Meanwhile, all the things we know are contributing to the destruction of the environment continue, from mining, processing and burning coal, to fracking and extracting oil/tar sands, to off shore drilling, to the burning of these fossil fuels, to deforestation, etc., continue.

In response, every little and big thing we can do as individuals, groups and businesses to save the earth matters. Recycling, driving less, conserving water, cleaning debris from beaches and waterways, using less plastic, planting trees, educating our children about the environment, donating money to organizations working to make a difference in this area.

We share this earth and it is up to each of us to protect it for all of us. Think about the closing words of Sweet Honey in the Rock's song, Battered Earth,

“If the earth could up and walk away, could you see her calling for all the oceans and the seas, all the rivers and the streams, all the whales and fish, every reptile that exists. They have never been her foe, never harmed her blessed soul. If she could walk away so far away. Then she'd be running for her life...running for her blessed life. If the earth could crawl away could you see her moving on with her body withered down. She'd be struggling to be free, free from cruel humanity. If she could crawl away...if she could get away. . . so far away.”

As haunting and stirring as the words to this song are, we all know that as much as the earth might want to, she cannot fly, run, walk or crawl away. This is why her sustainability rests in our collective hands.

Of course, this is just my opinion. I'm keeping it real.

S.E. Williams  
Executive Editor















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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202305468

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

**FLOABLES**

**45600 Encinal Rd**

**Temecula, CA 92592**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**John Robert Davis**

**45600 Encinal Rd**

**Temecula, CA 92592**

This business is conducted by: Individual Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. John Robert Davis

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202306007

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

**PJ'S SPORTS BAR**

**PJ'S PIZZA PUB**

**12220 Pigeon Pass Rd, Suite X**

**Moreno Valley, CA 92557**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**EZR Group Inc**

**12220 Pigeon Pass Rd, Suite X**

**Moreno Valley, CA 92557**

**CA**

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Youssef Ibrahim, CEO

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the original statement on file in my office.

Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202306035

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

**EL GUERO Y LA FLACA**

**1411 Rimpau Ave, Ste 109 #1132**

**Corona, CA 92879**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**EL GUERO Y LA FLACA**

**1411 Rimpau Ave, Ste 109 #1132**

**Corona, CA 92879**

**CA**

**PJ'S PIZZA PUB**

**12220 Pigeon Pass Rd, Suite X**

**Moreno Valley, CA 92557**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**EZR Group Inc**

**12220 Pigeon Pass Rd, Suite X**

**Moreno Valley, CA 92557**

**CA**

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Justin Luis Vazquez – Escobedo, Managing Member

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 04/12/2023

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202305696

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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

**DISTINCT INVESTMENT GROUP INC.**

**DISTINCT BEAUTY CARE**

**DISTINCT HAIR & BEAUTY SUPPLY**

**OQUESA'S BEAUTY BAR**

**23663 Sunnymead Blvd, Suite B**

**Moreno Valley, CA 92553**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**DISTINCT INVESTMENT GROUP INC.**

**23663 Sunnymead Blvd, Suite B**

**Moreno Valley, CA 92553**

**CA**

This business is conducted by: Corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 7/27/2022

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Oquesa Layton, President

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk,

FILE NO. R-202305961

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## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

**File No. R-202208798**

**TAO OF MESSAGE**

**4571 La Sierra**

**Riverside, CA 92505**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**Leixin – Zhu**

**4132 Eunice Ave. Apt D**

**El Monte, CA 91731**

This business is conducted by: Individual The fictitious business name(s) referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 07/07/2022

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

s. Leixin Zhu

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 3/30/2023

Peter Aldana, County Clerk

FILE NO R-202208798

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**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

**File No. R-202206819**

**EL GUERO Y LA FLACA**

**23151 Canyon Pines PI**

**Corona, CA 92883**

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

**Justin Luis Vazquez-Escobedo**

**23151 Canyon Pines PI**

**Corona, CA 92883**

**Jessica Lizbeth Escobedo**

**23151 Canyon Pines PI**

**Corona, CA 92883**

This business is conducted by: Married Couple

The fictitious business name(s) referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 05/25/2022

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime)

s. Leixin Zhu

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 4/12/2023

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## IN THE NEWS

*MVUSD, continued from page 5*



MVUSD Superintendent Dr. Martinrex Kedziora. (image source: YouTube.com).

one of the 11 districts being recognized.

MVUSD's efforts in sustainability show that even small changes can make a significant impact. The list of all selected schools, districts, colleges, and universities, as well as their nomination packages, can be found here. A report with highlights on the 41 honorees can be found here. More information on the federal recognition award can be found here. Resources for all schools to move toward the three Pillars can be found here.

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in life is. I want to be able to create things that would be beneficial to others or simply make their lives a bit better."

Chau, on the other hand, was honored for her involvement in Valley View's Computer Science Honor Society and community-based technological projects. Her most notable engineering project is a C++ algorithm that integrates an Arduino Uno in recording speech, recognizing distinct phrases, and outputting a related LED display. Her aim is to create technologies that aid marginalized groups in healthcare.

Each recipient of the NCWIT Awards for Aspirations in Computing will receive recognition and prizes, as well as access to resources, scholarships, and internship opportunities. Moreover, they will be inducted into the AiC Community of over 22,000 women, genderqueer, or non-binary technologists.

NCWIT CEO and Co-founder Lucy Sanders expressed the importance of encouraging all students' interest in technology careers, saying,

"Our workforce needs their creativity and unique perspectives to produce technology that is as broad and innovative as the population it serves."

Valley View High School Board President Susan Smith expressed her delight in the students' achievements, stating, "Valley View High School offers unique programs for our students to explore computer science as a potential career field. We will continue to support these programs and look forward to the continued growth and success."

NCWIT is a network of change leaders working to correct underrepresentation in computing. The organization brings together more than 1,500 change leader organizations across the US to increase the participation of girls and women in computing, particularly in terms of innovation and development.

## IN MY OPINION

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in the industry while connecting them to job opportunities that have a long career trajectory. It also looks like programs that allow our young people to start small businesses and have the resources they need to thrive.

We must build on successful collaborative models like Inland Economic Growth and Opportunity (IEGO) collaborative, which brings together experts across industries together in one room, community organizations like YAP, our educational institutions and employers to design programs that can support what young folks need and the skills employers need.

This work starts with conversations like the April Zocalo Public Square event, but our work must continue after to build the training and incentive programs that allow our underserved populations find well-paying jobs in industries from tourism to clean energy.

When we lower these barriers to successful and sustainable career pathways, we allow all our young folks to build a vibrant community where they live.



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# Tobacco pollution lays waste to equity and justice.

While California has achieved one of the lowest tobacco use rates in the nation, we still remain Big Tobacco's largest market in the US. Roughly 12 billion cigarettes out of the six trillion made annually worldwide are sold in California. So, what happens to these products after they've been sold?

Unsurprisingly, Big Tobacco claims no responsibility for the tobacco pollution its products generate. They desperately want us to believe that cigarette butts and vapes found on the ground are simply a litter problem caused by the people who use their products, and the solution is as simple as ashcans and beach cleanups.

Because Big Tobacco intentionally and aggressively targets low-income communities and communities of color, a higher number of stores in these areas sell tobacco than in other places. And the more stores that sell tobacco, the higher the level of tobacco pollution-exposure for residents. Tobacco waste particularly builds up around where these products are sold and used.

As more research reveals how Big Tobacco pollutes our environment with its toxic products, it becomes a more urgent and serious community threat. All Californians are harmed by tobacco pollution — whether they use tobacco or not — much like toxic secondhand smoke exposure. And many of those most impacted can't control the environment they live in, like children, who are especially vulnerable to exposure. Tobacco pollution is associated with elevated levels of lead in children's blood. It may also load

certain neighborhoods with unacceptably high levels of nicotine, benzene, and heavy metals. And these devastating impacts can last for decades after tobacco products have been sold.

Research also shows that tobacco pollution builds up around high schools at different levels depending on the socio-economic makeup of the students at the school. There are a higher number of vape shops closer to schools in communities with more Asian and African American/Black students. Vapes have all the same environmental problems as cigarette butts — plastic pollution and toxic chemicals leaking into the environment — plus, because they're electronic devices, they leave behind electronic waste, which is notoriously difficult and costly to dispose of.

Communities of color and low-income communities bear an unreasonable burden of health impacts from pollution of all kinds — from substandard housing containing lead and asbestos to industrial pollution and air pollution. Tobacco waste adds to already unacceptable levels of pollution. Bottom line: No one, and no place, is safe from Big Tobacco.

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