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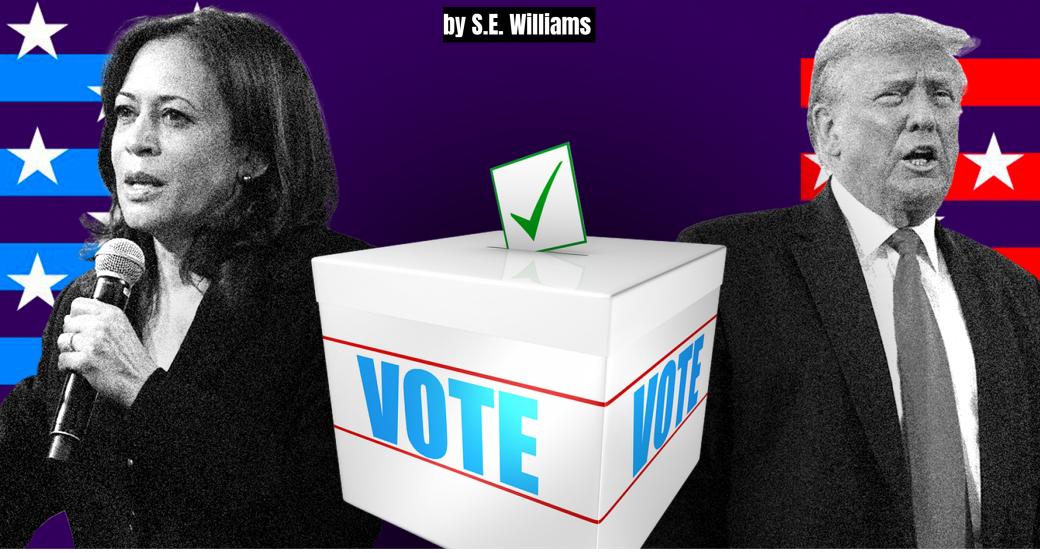
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KEEPING IT REAL

Pope Blows Dog Whistle, Putting His Finger on Scale of U.S. Election



Graphic by Chris Allen, VOICE

The phrase "dog whistle" is defined by the Oxford dictionary as a subtly aimed political message intended for and understood by a particular group.

On Friday, September 13, Pope Francis entered the U.S. political fray with a "dog whistle" to American voters that appeared tailor-made for the nation's Catholics. He advised voters to "call on their conscience" as they decide how to vote.

During a press briefing on Friday, the pontiff referred to the choice that must be made by the American electorate in November between V.P. Kamala Harris and former President Donald J. Trump, as being a situation where, "One must choose the lesser of two evils. Who is the lesser of two evils," he asked rhetorically? "That lady or that gentleman? I don't know," he lamented.

The Pope's assessment of each candidate as evil rests on at least one policy proposal of each candidate. The pontiff said he considers Trump an evil choice because of the candidate's stance on illegal immigration. He considers Harris an evil choice

because of her pro choice position on abortion. According to the Pope, both positions are anti life.

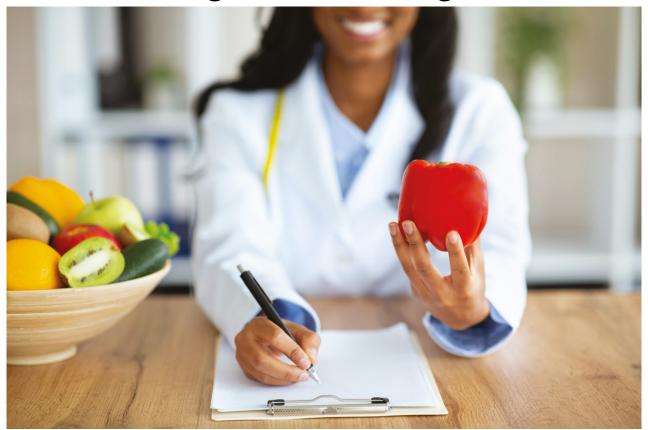
That may well be true, but what is also true is that the Catholic Church has had, and continues to have an unyielding position against abortion that is deeply rooted in its tenants and ingrained in its philosophy since the first century, according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee (USCCB) on Pro-Life Activities.

As a result, the Pope's message can be perceived as especially unhelpful to the presidential campaign of V.P. Kamala Harris due to her stance on abortion. This is especially true since the potential margin of victory, for either candidate who may win, is predicted to be razor thin and any push or pull in either direction can make a difference in who wins this race.

Where the Catholic Church is opposed to immigration policies that are "enforcement only" and in support of policies aimed at comprehensive continued on page 14

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Access Better Health with Medically Tailored Meals Transforming Health Through Nutrition for Medi-Cal Patients



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aunched in 2018, the Medically Tailored Meals pilot program was designed to help Medi-Cal patients with congestive heart failure by reducing hospital readmissions and emergency department visits by providing tailored meals meeting specific dietary needs.

The program's success in improving health outcomes and reducing costly emergency room visits encouraged the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to expand the Medically Tailored Meals program to all 58 counties through Medi-Cal transformation and a new set of services called Community Supports.

Medically Tailored Meals are one of 14 new services offered through Medi-Cal that provide members with access to new and improved services to get well-rounded care that goes beyond the doctor's office or hospital.

Medically Tailored Meals: Overview

Malnutrition and poor nutrition can lead to severe health outcomes, especially among Medi-Cal patients with chronic health conditions. Medically Tailored Meals aim to improve health outcomes, reduce hospital readmissions, and enhance patient satisfaction by providing essential nutrition.

Key Features:

Post-Discharge Delivery: Meals are delivered to patients' homes immediately following discharge from a hospital or nursing home.

Customized Nutrition: Meals are tailored to meet the dietary needs of those with chronic diseases, designed by registered dietitians (RD) or certified nutrition professionals based on

evidence-based guidelines.

Comprehensive Services: Includes medically tailored groceries, healthy food vouchers, and food pharmacies.

Educational Support: Behavioral, cooking, and nutrition education is included when paired with direct food assistance.

Key Benefits:

Address Food Insecurity: Mitigates poor health outcomes linked to food insecurity.

Support Complex Care Needs: Tailored to individuals with chronic conditions.

Improve Health Outcomes: Studies show improvements in diabetes control, fall prevention, and medication adherence.

Patient Testimonial:

"Three days a week, I come home from dialysis tired and hungry. In less than five minutes from fridge to plate, I have a great tasting meal ready to eat. My husband has diabetic needs and I have renal diet needs, so we order our meals and put them in the fridge separately. Mom's Meals makes mealtime a lot easier in our household."

Eligibility:

Eligible Populations: Eligible Medi-Cal members include those with chronic conditions like diabetes, cardiovascular disorders, congestive heart failure, stroke, chronic lung disorders, HIV, cancer, gestational diabetes, and chronic mental or behavioral health disorders. Also, those being discharged from a hospital or skilled nursing facility or at high risk of hospitalization or nursing facility placement are also eligible.

Service Limitations: Up to two meals per

San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Uses BallotMobile to Reach Unregistered Voters

Breanna Reeves | Staff

On Sunday, September 15, Black Voice News joined the nation in celebrating Democracy Day 2024, which also coincided with the International Democracy Day. As part of this initiative we joined 160 news organizations across the country to report on aspects of the crisis currently facing democracy in America and to share other information related to the democratic process at the national and local levels. Please enjoy the following contributions by Black Voice News to this initiative.

W ith election day on the horizon, dozens of organizations and local governments are

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We did this so that we could get out into the communities and educate voters about their options to vote...So, whether they vote by mail or in person at a polling place, we wanted to give them options to vote. We can also get them registered or re-registered.

- Melissa Eickman Public Information Manager, SB County Registrar of Voters

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preparing to engage millions of registered and unregistered voters on Sept. 17, for National Voter Registration Day.

Across more than 20,000 square miles, more than 1.4 million San Bernardino County residents are eligible to vote, but just over 1.1 million were registered as of July 24, 2024. For the nearly 300,000 voters who are not registered, San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters hopes to reach them using the BallotMobile, a traveling



San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters Stephanie Shea stands next to the newly unveiled BallotMobile. (main.sbcounty.gov)

voter education initiative.

Launched ahead of the primary election on March 5, the BallotMobile is a traveling voter education van that educates voters in the community.

"We did this so that we could get out into the communities and educate voters about their options to vote," said Melissa Eickman, public information manager at the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters. "So, whether they vote by mail or in person at a polling place, we wanted to give them options to vote. We can also get them registered or reregistered."

When the BallotMobile first launched, team

members at the registrar of voters spent 55 days traveling 1,800 miles across the county to reach all 24 cities and several unincorporated communities, going as far as Needles, located near the California border with Arizona and Nevada.

According to Eickman, residents in Needles "were very appreciative" that the BallotMobile traveled to them.

Ahead of the general election on Nov. 5, the BallotMobile is headed back out on the road to share resources with registered and unregistered voters. Next week, the BallotMobile will travel to

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVCO2405526

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: ELIZABETH PAGE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ELIZABETH PAGE to, MAXYINE POWER, The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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: OCT 16, 2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CORONA BRANCH 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVENUE BM 201 CORONA CA 92882. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: 8/28/2024 TAMARA WAGNER, Judge of the

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Superior Court

Notice to Respondent: DAVID MILLER
You are being sued Petitioner's name is:
NI ITA MILLER

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY
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7777 Sanctuary Dr Corona, CA 92883

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s. Chieh-Mei Tang, Manager
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DIVINE REJUVENATION MEDICAL

23922 Sunnymead Blvd Moreno Valley, CA 92553 RIVERSIDE COUNTY Urena Nursing Corp.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY Urena Nursing Corp. 23922 Sunnymead Blvd Moreno Valley, CA 92553

This business is conducted by: Corporation

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MARKET + 2055 N. Perris Blvd #G-1 Perris, CA 92571 RIVERSIDE COUNTY M&S Enterprises, LLC 2055 N. Perris Blvd #G-1 Perris, CA 92571 CA

This business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company Registrant commenced to transact

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39525 Los Alamos Rd, Ste C452
Murrieta, CA 92563
G.R.I.T.S. Collective, A Marriage and
Family Therapy Corporation
39525 Los Alamos Rd, Ste C452

This business is conducted by:
Corporation

Murrieta, CA 92563

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s. Cierra Guerra, President
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The following persons) is (are) doing

DOBLER STRATEGIES 15230 Washington Ave Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 RIVERSIDE COUNTY Jason Devor

15230 Washington Ave Lake Elsinore, CA 92530 This business is conducted by:

Individual
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s. Jason Devor
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

PRESTIGE CONCRETE COMPANY
1054 Railroad Street
Corona, CA 92882
RIVERSIDE COUNTY
Prestige Striping Services Inc
1054 Railroad Street
Corona, CA 92882

This business is conducted by: Corporation

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Inland Empire Not Prepared to Accommodate Aging Population

Aryana Noroozi | Staff

Arjorie Lauderdale, a resident of Palm Springs, is a caregiver. She is also 80 years old. Lauderdale cares for her wife, Deidre, 77, who suffered multiple strokes.

Marjorie starts her day by changing Deidre's incontinence pads, getting her dressed, putting her in a wheelchair and preparing her breakfast. Around midday, Marjorie lays Deidre back in bed and later gets her up and changes her which takes about 45 minutes. The days repeat.

"It's very hard. There are times when I'm

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It's very hard. There are times when I'm depressed, times when I cry, times when I'm hurting and I can't lift her anymore, but I end up having to...

Majorie Lauderdale
 Palm Springs resident

"

depressed, times when I cry, times when I'm hurting and I can't lift her anymore, but I end up having to," Marjorie said.

Marjorie is one of more than four million family caregivers who spends most of her time caring for a loved one. Marjorie is also part of the 18.8% of caregivers who are over the age of 65.

"I'm the only caretaker, so I sort of have to put everything aside to take care of her," Marjorie said. "I know that's not good, because I need to take care of myself, but she's not in a position to take care of herself."

Over the next 20 years, adults 65 and older will experience the highest growth rate of any other age group in the region. As it stands,



Today about 15% of inland area residents are 65 years of age and older. In the coming years this group will experience the highest growth rate of any other age group in the region. With the compounding financial struggles of healthcare and caregiving, additional costs can send older adults into poverty or even homelessness. (source: csusb.edu/)

however, this vast region is not prepared to accommodate their growing needs.

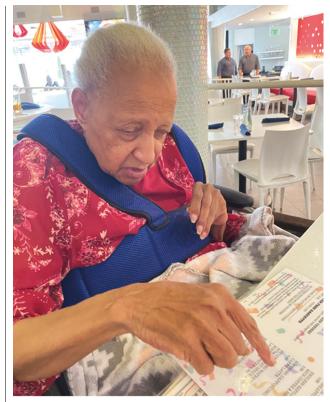
A 2023 report published by the Inland Empire - Master Plan for Aging (IE-MPA) Advisory Committee used community focus groups to conduct a needs assessment survey. Among the community groups engaged were low-income or unhoused individuals, communities of color, rural populations and informal caregivers.

"[The focus groups] gave us the opportunity to listen to not only what the community needs are, but how they want to be reached and how they want to be treated...," said Carmen Estrada, treasurer of the Inland Coalition on Aging and executive director of the Inland Caregiver Resource Center.

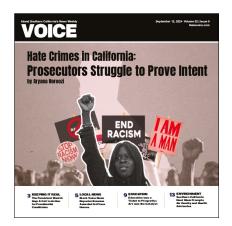
"We had lots of friends before she became terminal, and then suddenly everyone sort of disappeared from our lives. We have no support

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When Marjorie can arrange transportation, she enjoys taking Diedre (pictured) out to brunch at one of the Palm Springs restaurants they frequented in the years before Diedre's series of strokes. (Image courtesy Marjorie Lauderdale)



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day for up to 12 weeks, extendable if medically necessary. Meals eligible for reimbursement by alternate programs are not covered.

Cost Savings and Improved Health Outcomes:

Health Outcomes: Research indicates a 22% to 58% decrease in emergency department visits and a 27% to 63% decrease in inpatient admissions among Medically Tailored Meals recipients, translating to significant health care cost savings.

Mom's Meals: A Success Story

Mom's Meals has partnered with Medi-Cal to deliver medically tailored meals to patients in the Inland Empire, focusing on individuals with severe and chronic illnesses such as diabetes and kidney disease. These meals, aligned with Medi-Cal's mission to improve health outcomes and reduce healthcare costs, provide nutritious, balanced meals directly to patients' homes. The goal is to help patients develop healthier eating habits, reduce hospital admissions, and lessen the strain on the healthcare system.

Inland Empire Health Plan, one of the Medi-Cal managed-care insurers, has contracted with Mom's Meals to provide these services. Patients receive weekly deliveries of meals that are customized to their dietary needs. The meals are convenient, microwave-ready, and delivered within 48 hours of processing.

The program aims to empower patients to sustain a healthy diet long after the meal deliveries end. By making medically tailored nutrition accessible, Mom's Meals is helping Medi-Cal to support some of its sickest and costliest patients in the Inland Empire, ultimately contributing to better health outcomes and advancing Medi-Cal's mission to provide comprehensive, patient-centered care.

Join Us in Our Mission

You can experience the profound impact of Medically Tailored Meals by joining the Medi-Cal Community Supports services initiative. Your involvement can make a difference in promoting your health through nutrition.

Learn More

For more information about Medically Tailored Meals and how to get involved, call the state's Medi-Cal Health Care options at 800-430-4263 or contact your local managed care plan.

In Riverside County and San Bernardino County, Medi-Cal recipients can contact the following managed care plans:

- * Inland Empire Health Plan: 800-440-4347
- * Kaiser Permanente: 855-839-7613
- * Molina HealthCare of California Partner Plan, Inc.: 888-665-4621

Your health and well-being are your health care provider's top priority. Medically Tailored Meals are designed to enhance quality of life by advancing health care through the power of nutrition. Experience the benefits today and take the first step toward a healthier you.



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California's Aging Services Offer Valuable Resources for Older Adults

s we grow older, our needs and priorities change. In California, a wide range of services is available to help you maintain your independence, stay connected, and lead a fulfilling life. Whether you're looking for support with daily tasks, health care guidance, or planning for the future, California's aging services are here to help.

Aging in Place

Many of you may prefer to stay in your own home as you get older. California offers programs that can assist with home repairs, transportation, and in-home care. Additionally, health and social care programs, including day centers with activities like arts and exercise, help you stay independent.

Nutrition Services

You can enjoy home-delivered meals or gather for group meals at local centers. For those with limited income, there are options to get fresh produce and other food benefits through the CalFresh Expansion program.

Health Insurance Guidance

Confused about health insurance options? The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides guidance on Medicare and long-term care insurance.

Support for Caregivers

If you are caring for an older adult, there are programs like Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs) and the Family Caregiver Support Program offering respite, counseling, and assistance with paperwork. CRCs also



provide action plans for families dealing with dementia.

Legal Assistance

Facing issues like consumer fraud, elder abuse, or age discrimination? Legal Services are available to help with Social Security, health insurance, pensions, and more.

Employment Opportunities

Looking for a job? Free training and job placement services are available for older Californians.

Emergency Preparedness

Planning for emergencies is especially

important as we age. California offers resources to help you prepare for natural disasters, power outages, and other emergencies. Creating a personal emergency plan, keeping an emergency kit ready, and staying informed about local resources can make all the difference.

All these services and more are coordinated through local Area Agencies on Aging. Find yours by calling the California Aging and Adult Information Line at 800-510-2020 or visiting aging.ca.gov.

The Journey of An Election Ballot....Where Does Your



Staff at the San Bernardino Registrar of Voters extract ballots from original envelopes in preparation to scan and organize them by precinct. (Aryana Noroozi, Black Voice News Newsroom / CatchLight Local, November 2, 2022).

by Breanna Reeves

On Sunday, September 15, Black Voice News joined the nation in celebrating Democracy Day 2024, which also coincided with the International Democracy Day. As part of this initiative we joined 160 news organizations across the country to report on aspects of the crisis currently facing democracy in America and to share other information related to the democratic process at the national and local levels. Please enjoy the following contributions by Black Voice News to this initiative.

egistrar of Voters across the state have begun processing and counting mail-in and early voting ballots as they gear up for the November Presidential Election.

While voters may spend minutes marking

their ballots, the task of processing and verifying ballots takes a bit longer. The San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters invited members of the media to observe the journey of a ballot once residents cast it.

There are five essential steps that a ballot goes through after it is submitted to the Registrar of Voters: sorting, signature verification, ballot extraction, counting (and adjudication) and tabulation.

Each step has several security measures to maintain the integrity of election ballots, such as having only trained staff at each station, keycard access-only rooms, large windows for observer viewing and a two-person rule.

Sorting

Once a ballot is submitted in the sealed envelope and signed, the ballots are sent through a sorting machine that electronically scans the envelopes to capture barcodes and signatures.

"It's a sealed envelope at this point with the ballot inside, hopefully. These envelopes are just fed through the machine [and] the machine sorts it, but through the sorting process, it captures the image of that barcode and the signature," Stephenie Shea, Interim Assistant, San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters, explained.

"Basically, the ballot envelopes have a unique barcode on them as well as the voter signature on them. And this is the sorting machine which basically captures that barcode and the voter signature, and that's where it goes next to signature verification for the group to compare those signatures."

Signature verification

Once the ballot envelopes are scanned and uploaded, they move to a signature verification process where staff at computers examine and verify the signatures on the envelopes. Staff are trained to look for two points of verification in the signatures, such as specific characteristics of the signature and compare the ballot signature to what the Registrar of Voters has on file. If staff are unable to verify signatures, voters will receive a letter from the department requesting a signature to verify their ballot.

Ballot extraction

After signatures are verified, the ballots move on to ballot extraction. During the extraction process, more than a dozen workers are tasked with removing ballots from envelopes and organizing them into boxes that are categorized by "pocket numbers" which are associated with the precincts that correspond to the ballots.

At this point, the three-card ballots are separated from the signed envelopes, making them anonymous as they are prepared to be scanned. The pocket number boxes are stacked on metal racks and are then moved to the counting room.

Counting

Pocket boxes are stacked on racks while threeperson teams in blue vests scan the ballots in the counting room, using high-speed counting machines

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Top Left: A staff member places sealed ballot envelopes in a high speed electronic sorting machine that will capture the barcodes and signatures. Right: A staff member gathers the envelopes that were run through the electronic sorting machine in order to capture the barcodes and signatures on each ballot; Middle Left: A staff member examines a ballot as part of the ballot extraction process. During the extraction process, over a dozen workers are tasked with removing ballots from envelopes and organizing them into boxes that are categorized by "pocket numbers" which correlate to the precincts that correspond to the ballots. Right: A staff member prepares to place a ballot into a "pocket number" box. In the extraction process, workers remove ballots and organize them by precincts that correspond to the ballots; Bottom Left: Staff members collaborate in three-person teams in the counting room. Only the trained staff, who wear blue vests, are allowed in the room where the ballots are counted. Right: Staff members prepare the ballots to be counted by ensuring they are as flat as possible to be fed into the high-speed counting machine. (Aryana Noroozi, Black Voice News Newsroom / CatchLight Local, November 2, 2022).

to scan the ballots. During this process, trained staff prepare the ballots by making them as flat as possible in order to be fed into the machine and scanned into the system.

"This room is by approved access only, so no one can just walk in here and do this. The staff members that are in here, the ones that are wearing vests, they're the only ones that are on the machines counting," Melissa Eickman, Media Specialist, San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters, said.

"You might see some other people without the vest that are working with them. Those would be our leads that are going to be helping if they have any issues or [they] have any questions if the machine is not sure if the ballot made the count."

After ballots are scanned into the system, the server determines if a ballot needs to be reviewed by a supervisor, also known as being adjudicated.

The process of adjudication for ballots

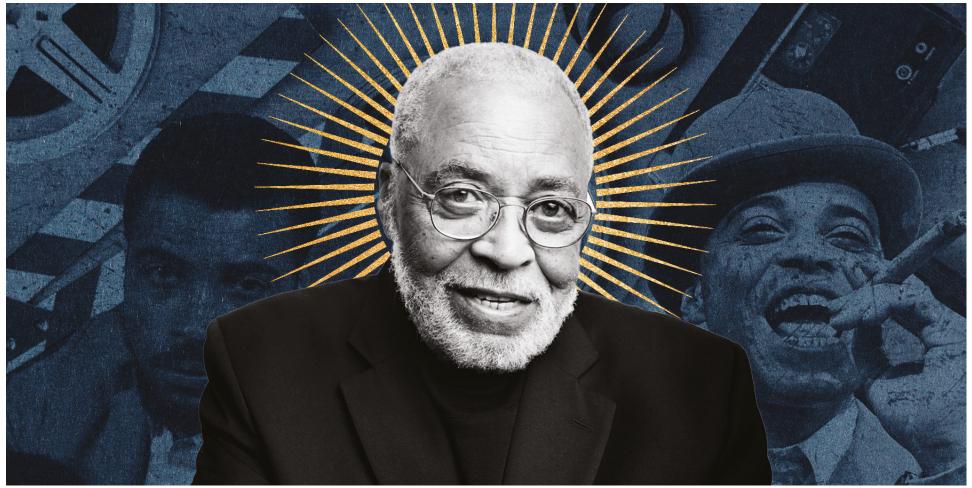
Christina Anderson has been a Business Systems Analyst III (BSA III) for San Bernardino County for 15 years. She explained that there are three types of ballots that are reviewed in the adjudication room: blank ballots, over count ballots and write-in ballots.

A blank ballot is when all the voting targets (bubbles) are blank or when voters circle all the names or check them, leaving nothing in the voting targets.

An over-count ballot is when a voter mistakenly fills in two bubbles where there is only a need for one vote. In some instances, voters will correctly fill in a bubble, but change their answer and put an X through the bubble and mark another. The two person team reviews such ballots and correctly counts them as the voter intended.

An undervote ballot is when a voter chooses not to vote in a particular contest on the ballot, so they will leave it blank. Undervote ballots are not selected for review in the adjudication room because "everything would come through here," said Anderson, due to a lot of voters opting not to vote in some contests on the ballot.

James Earl Jones, Iconic Actor & The Voice Of Darth Vadar, Passes Away at 93



Legendary actor James Earl Jones, the voice of Star Wars' Darth Vadar, has passed away. (Chris Allen, VOICE)

Ellen Perrault | Staff

n Monday morning, surrounded by family and friends, legendary actor James Earl Jones passed away.

Recalling the smooth, velvety baritone sound of his voice, it is hard to believe that Jones stuttered as a child and for a number of years was nearly mute. Fortunate for the world, he eventually overcame the challenge, eventually leading to his legendary impact on the entertainment industry across generations.

Jones' career spanned several generations from the Greatest Generation and Baby Boomers to Generations Z, Alpha, and all those in-between. His role as the voice of Darth Vadar in the Star Wars series introduced and endeared him to the younger generations.

Jones transitioned at the age of 93. His last screen role was that of King Jaffe Joffer in Coming 2 America (2021), the sequel to Coming to America (1988) this was his final screen credit.

Jones earned numerous awards throughout his long career including Emmy, Grammy and Tony Awards and the rarest of all—the EGOT. In 2011, he earned an honorary Oscar and in 2017, he was presented with the

Tony for Lifetime Achievement.

Born on Jan. 17, 1931, in Arkabutla, Mississippi, his father deserted the family before Jones was born. At the age of six, he was abandoned again, this time by his mother. His maternal grandparents subsequently adopted and raised him on their farm in Michigan.

In his autobiography, Voices and Silences, Jones described the devastation he experienced as a result. "The move from Mississippi to Michigan was supposed to be a glorious event. For me it was a heartbreak, and not long after, I began to stutter."

According to the autobiography, Jones was basically mute for almost eight years. During this period his primary source of communication was handwritten notes. He continued this way for several years until a breakthrough that occurred when he was 14 years old.

That year, his English teacher encouraged him to read a poem out loud in front of the class. In doing so, Jones rediscovered his voice.

Those who watch CNN may recognize Jones' voice delivering CNN's signature promo, "This is CNN," that plays during the station's commercial breaks.

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Deidre Lauderdale (left) and Marjorie Lauderdale (right) enjoying an afternoon in their backyard before Deidre's massive stroke. (Courtesy of Marjorie Lauderdale)

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group at all," Marjorie said. Marjorie herself previously had cancer and today continues to face ongoing health issues that she is unable to attend to.

For residents of the Inland Empire, many older adults face additional challenges living in the region's rural areas, such as access to reliable transportation and adequate care. With the number of seniors increasing, so does the need for care.

As the Inland Empire works to address the needs of the region's aging population, the IE-MPA is a step toward building a sustainable solution toward ensuring that aging populations have access to resources and the support needed to age comfortably.

The price of caregiving

Before Marjorie and Deidre both experienced

health issues, they were able to travel the world together. They had saved a considerable amount of money for retirement.

"Approximately four weeks after I had my breast cancer surgery, Deidre had a massive stroke. So that started the ball [rolling] as far as [the] financial burden," Marjorie said.

She explained that as she received cancer treatment she struggled to find someone to care for Deidre. "Needless to say, it ate up the little money that we had," she explained.

With the compounding financial struggle of healthcare and caregiving, additional costs can send older adults into poverty or even homelessness. In Marjorie's situation, a misunderstanding — the belief that installing solar panels would be a way to save money — caused a steep increase in her property tax and nearly caused her to lose her home.

"I tried saving and everything, but along

with paying for her medication, my medication, doctor bills and everything, it put us over the edge," said Marjorie. Adding, that if it wasn't for her church, that helped her pay the taxes, her home would have gone into foreclosure.

Marjorie shared how at times, she felt judgment from some friends – as if she had mispent her retirement savings.

"But I didn't. I'm very frugal. I saved money and saved money religiously," Marjorie said, explaining how the costs of adult diapers, lotions, medications and other products add to daily expenses.

"We tried to prepare in every way possible, but when the bills started coming in, it just took everything we had," she advised.

Genworth, a life insurance company, studied the median cost of care across the U.S. by surveying 429 cities and towns across all 50 states in 2023. The report found that in California, the annual median costs for a home health aid was \$84,656 while an assisted living facility was \$75,000.

A West Health and Gallup survey indicated a large proportion of the older adult population copes with healthcare costs by forgoing treatments and cutting back on basic and essential needs. Twelve percent of respondents aged 65 and older, representing approximately 6.5 million people, said they, or a member of their household, had a health problem in the last year and they did not seek treatment due to cost. Eleven percent of Americans in this age group — six million people — reported they or a family member skipped buying prescribed pills to save money.

Addressing transportation needs for aging populations

Marjorie shared that taking public transit to Deidre's appointments would be nearly impossible because the closest stop is far from their home. An additional challenge is the heat in Palm Springs being too intense for them to wait at the bus stop, even if there was one closer.

In Riverside County, a study showed that 20% of adults aged 60 and older surveyed by the Area Agency on Aging, did not have transportation to

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However, if an entire ballot is left blank, that would be selected for review because it could indicate that a voter chose to vote not according to the instructions.

All write-in ballots have to be reviewed. According to Anderson, "If it's not a certified write-in or a candidate on the ballot, then we will remove it and it becomes an undervote because it's not a qualified write-in, but if it causes an overvote, [that is] if they mark the target and they're consistent, then that becomes an overvote and nobody gets a vote."

In this room, the two person teams are tasked with reviewing ballots and determining, based on specific rules, what the voters marked on their ballots. If voters showed consistency with voting a particular way across their ballot such as filling in the appropriate number of bubbles, but made an error and crossed out a bubble, the teams will go ahead and mark the correct bubble intended by the voter.

Staff examine the ballots and based on the California Secretary of State's Uniform Vote Counting Standards, make determinations on what the voter's intent was.

Tabulation

The final process in the journey of an election ballot is tabulation, which is when ballot results are counted. No states are allowed to report results before Election Day. Although ballots are processed through tabulators before Election Day, they are not tabulated until Election Day.

Data from the ballots that have been processed and scanned are stored in a secure tabulation room or "valid tally server room" as Eickman called the room. The room is card key access only and two people are required in the room together at all times.

"We have cameras in this room. So, we're being filmed right now and there is a two person rule. The only people that come in here are the people that have business in here. We don't typically bring observers or anyone in here," Eickman explained during the media tour. "But we do have those windows. On Election Night, we shut down our employee break room and that's where our observers are going to be, so

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immigration reform, on the issue of abortion, the church is apoplectically opposed. The USCCB website declares, "In January 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States gave our nation Roe v. Wade and its companion decision Doe v. Bolton, and in so doing effectively removed every legal protection from human beings prior to birth. The legacy of Roe is virtually incalculable. In its wake it has left death and sorrow and turmoil."

According to the organization, "Millions of lives have been destroyed before birth and even during the very process of being born." Respect For Unborn Human Life: The Church's Constant Teaching, a document released by the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities, condemns abortion as immoral.

So, when the Pope made his statement to the media on Friday, what was he really trying to say? Although he expressed disfavor for both candidate's policies, which does he find most egregious? Which of the two policies does the church most strongly oppose?

Pew Research Center reports there are roughly 52 million adult Catholics in the U.S.---the message from the Pope was obviously meant for them.

Yes, Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric is abhorrent and evil as is his plan for mass deportation. But, when the Pope measured Harris' pro-choice policy on his same evil barometer as Trump's racist and zenophobic intent to aggressively, and if necessary, violently remove millions of people from this country—something seemed amiss.

When one considers the Catholic church's unwavering position on abortion, compared to its moderate position on immigration, it seemed to me that the Pope was making a meager attempt to appear fair and balanced in his criticism by stating both were evil. At the same time, however, he simultaneously sent a strong message to Catholics on the issue of abortion.

The USCCB states, ["A]bortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law."

When Roe v Wade was overturned by The Supreme Court in 2022, the USCCB called it an historic day in the life of America. It went on to note, "We pray that our elected officials will now enact laws and policies that promote and protect the most vulnerable among us."

Harris has made it clear that when elected, one of her priorities will be to codify the tenants of Roe v Wade into federal law, an action certain to be opposed by the Catholic Church.

Church doctrine, the Dignitas Infinita, notes

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Procured abortion (intentionally ending a pregnancy) is the deliberate and direct killing, by whatever means it is carried out, of a human being in the initial phase of his or her existence, extending from conception to birth.

- Excerpt from Catholic Dignitas Infinita

how the acceptance of abortion is a real sign of "an extremely dangerous crisis of the moral sense, which is becoming more and more incapable of distinguishing between good and evil."

We have a separation of church and state in this country for a reason and this is a perfect example of why it is warranted.

Tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands, not millions of votes, may be the margin of victory in this year's election. For the Pope to weigh in by subtly reminding Catholics of the church's position on abortion by highlighting which of the two candidates is seeking to reinstate abortion rights, has the potential to shift Catholic votes from Harris to Trump and to potentially sway undecided Catholics in the same way. I am sure leaders of the Catholic church are keenly aware of the 52 million possibilities among their members here in the U.S. to help move the 2024 race for president in one direction or another.

In my estimation, when we name foreign entities like Russia, China, and Iran, for example, who are seeking to sway the U.S. electorate in the direction of Trump, we must count Vatican City among them.

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

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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 08/26/2024 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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FILE NO. B- 202410880

business as: CLASSIC COATINGS SYSTEM 255 Citation Circle Corona, CA 92880 RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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Corona, CA 92880 CA This business is conducted by:

All City Landscape Inc.

PO BOX 77311

Corona, CA 92877

255 Citation Circle

Corporation Registrant commenced to transact

business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/15/1999 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. Judy Casanola, Secretary 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. seg. b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 08/19/2024

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. 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 (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement office.

Peter Aldana County Clerk FILE NO. R- 202410658 p. 8/29/24, 9/05/24, 9/12/24, 9/19/24

The following persons) is (are) doing business as: APEX LEGAL SERVICES 29881 Berryessa Drive Menifee, California, 92585

RIVERSIDE COUNTY Dion Lee Spear 29881 Berryessa Drive

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s. Dion Lee Spear 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 08/16/2024

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- 202410566 p. 8/29/24, 9/05/24, 9/12/24, 9/19/24

The following persons) is (are) doing

COR INSURANCE SERVICES 10065 Shady View Street Riverside, CA 92503 RIVERSIDE COUNTY Rashida Naeemah Jackson 10065 Shady View Street Riverside, CA 92503

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. Rashida Naeemah Jackson 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, seg, b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 08/20/2024

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FILE NO. R- 202410700 p. 9/05/24, 9/12/24, 9/19/24, 9/26/24

The following persons) is (are) doing

PERFORMANCE DUMP TRAILER RENTALS

265 East Rancho Rd Corona, California 92879 RIVERSIDE COUNTY Coreen Marie Samaro 265 East Rancho Rd Corona, California 92879

This business is conducted by: Individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 6/14/2024 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 quilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s Coreen Samaro 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. seg. b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 11/04/2022

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Peter Aldana, County Clerk, FILE NO. R- 202410557

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The following persons) is (are) doing NARROW PATH TRANSPORTS

NARROW PATH ROADSIDE 1968 Coast Hwy, Ste 795 Laguna Beach, CA 92651 RIVERSIDE COUNTY 1968 Coast Hwy, Ste 795 Laguna Beach, California 92651 Narrow Path Roadside LLC 1968 Coast Hwy, Ste 795 Laguna Beach, CA 92651

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. Arturo Montes Jr. 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 08/20/2024

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subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five vears from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. 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 (see section 14411 et seg., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Peter Aldana, County Clerk, FILE NO. B- 202410665

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The following persons) is (are) doing

business as: TANK ME LATER 30724 Benton Rd C-302 #1032 Winchester, CA 92596 RIVERSIDE COUNTY MLPSR INC

30724 Benton Rd C-302 #1032 Winchester, CA 92596

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. Marshawn Paige

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Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 08/22/2024

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

Novel Travel Adventures 67365 Rio Naches Rd Cathedral City, CA 92234 RIVERSIDE COUNTY Michelle Adams-Walton 67365 Rio Naches Rd

Cathedral City, CA 92234 This business is conducted by:

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) Michelle Adams-Walton

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. seg. b &p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 08/22/2024

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVMV2406520

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: VALERIA MIA TORRES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: VALERIA MIA TORRES to. VALERIA MIA FRAGOSO. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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: 10/23/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2, ROOM 201. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. 3800 HEACOCK STREET, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553 MORENO VALLEY BRANCH A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: 9/4/2024 SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVCO 2405706

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: JUNYI XIE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CHARLIE PATRICK XIE to, CHARLIE JUN XIE. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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: 10/23/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2 . ROOM 201. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVENUE. RM 201 CORONA CA 92882 CORONA BRANCH, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE. A copy of this Order to Show Cause

must 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: 9/4/2024 TAMARA L. WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVCO2405493

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MAYRA RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. JADEN FLORES to, JADEN RODRIGUEZ b. JAYLEEN FLORES to. JAYLEEN AVA RODRIGUEZ. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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: 10/9/2024 Time 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CORONA BRANCH 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVENUE RM 201 CORONA CA 92882. CORONA COURTHOUSE. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: Aug 23, 2024 TAMARA WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: CVMV2406272

To All Interested Persons: Petitione JESSICA TENORIO ANGUIANO / JOSE SOTO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CHRISPHER HERBERT TENORIO to, CHRISPHER HERBERT SOTO The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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: OCT 18, 2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 3800 HEACOCK ST,

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SUITE D-201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553-6263, MORENO VALLEY BRANCH. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: AUG 18, 2024 SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER : CVMV2406229

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: BIATRIZ VALERIA PEREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BIATRIZ VALERIA PEREZ to. BIATRIZ VALERIA CASTELO The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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: 10/16/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, MORENO VALLEY BRANCH, 13800 HEACOCK, STE D-201 MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92553. A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: 8/26/2024 SAMRA FURBUSH, Judge of the Superior Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR **CHANGE OF NAME** CASE NUMBER: CVCO2405477

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: BYRANDON JAMAU COLLIER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: BYRANDON JAMAU COLLIER to. BRANDON JAMAL COLLIER, The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court 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: 10/09/2024 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.

CORONA BRANCH 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVENUE, RM 201, CORONA. CA 92882 A copy of this Order to Show Cause must 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: 8/26/2024 TAMARA WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JOHN WALTER DUVALL Case Number PRRI2401372

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,

contingent creditors, and persons who

may otherwise be interested in the will

or estate, or both of JOHN WALTER

DUVALL. A Petition for Probate has been filed by SANDRA HICKS in the Superior Court of California, County of: RIVERSIDE. The Petition for Probate requests that SANDRA HICKS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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: November 13, 2024 Time: 8:30 am Dept: 12 The Courts address is the SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 MAIN ST, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501. RIVERSIDE HISTORIC COURTHOUSE. 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 the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code. or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code, Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California are available 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: MESSNER REEVES LLP, 611 Anton Blvd, Suite 450, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

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get to medical appointments or treatments.

In the Inland Empire's local master plan, Estrada explained that one of the main objectives for transportation was increasing awareness to the community of the opportunities available, as well as for the community to provide input on what their transportation needs are.

"It's us communicating what we need to these transit agencies, but then also giving the opportunity to the people [in the community] to express what they need," Estrada said.

Maureen Salinas-Ali, witnessed what it means to be a caregiver when she watched both of her grandmothers care for her grandfathers — one who had Parkinson's disease and the other who had dementia.

Salinas-Ali spent years working with seniors in a dialysis clinic and then at Kaiser as the End of Life Options coordinator. While working in these facilities, the number one question she received from patients was where they could seek transportation help.

After years of wanting to create a nonprofit to help address this need, Salinas-Ali founded Inland Empire Senior Support (IESS) in the last

year. The organization connects seniors with existing transportation companies and provides funding to cover costs. Their outreach efforts include presentations at dialysis clinics and senior centers where many patients are in need of transportation services.

Because IESS is a new organization, they don't yet qualify for state or government funding, despite the growing need for their services.

"We have to have a history of helping people, but how do we help people if we can't get these big grants [to assist with] funding?" asked Salinas-Ali. "It's an uphill battle for sure, but we're getting there."

According to Estrada, caregivers run into difficulties when it comes to transportation. Many find it challenging to transport the person they care for, especially when it comes to getting in and out of the car if they have limited mobility. Caregivers are unable to utilize transportation agencies due to costs. They also shared concerns about knowing when it is appropriate to have a license taken away from someone receiving care who has a cognitive impairment.

Through the development of IE-MPA, the Inland Coalition on Aging created a workgroup

to identify objectives and solutions to remedy these concerns. They are presenting these findings at an Inland Empire Health Plan conference later this month.

The IE-MPA's recommendations for transportation included free or low-cost public transit for older adults. It also identified the need for local governments to encourage better transit — both public and private — through promoting more transit enterprises and better regulating the quality and reliability of existing services.

Additionally, the recommendations advocate for doctors to better communicate a clearer process, next steps and resources for someone who has their license taken away. An allencompassing final recommendation is for the expansion of Medicare Part D, which allows for medical transportation.

Implementing the recommendations identified by IE-MPA continues to be a work in progress. In May 2023, the California Department on Aging funded the ongoing work by the Inland Coalition through June 2025. They are currently working on implementing the master plan. Next year there will be a public

At Black Caucus Conf. in D.C., Sen. Laphonza Butler Talks About Al, Jobs, Black Newspapers, and More

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At the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference, held from Sept. 11 through the Sept. 15 in Washington, DC, Sen. Laphonza Bulter (D-Calif.) participated in a number of panel discussions covering a range of topics, including Artificial Intelligence Black women's health and empowerment.

On Sept. 12, Butler hosted a panel discussion titled "AI and Economic Empowerment in Black Communities."

During that discussion, Butler joined other leaders in AI to emphasize the importance of embracing AI in Black communities and using the technology to create economic opportunities. Other panelists included Megan Holston-Alexander, Partner and Head of the Cultural Leadership Fund at Andreessen Horowitz; Tyrance Billingsley II, Founder and Executive Director of Black Tech Street; DeVaris Brown, CEO and Co-Founder of Meroxa and John Hope Bryant, Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Operation HOPE.

"Fewer people are going to be required across broader industries, particularly those in whitecollar, traditionally white-collar positions," said Butler to conference attendees. "Let's take this moment today to get ahead of some of those workplace challenges."

That same day, Butler and Sen. Mazie Horono (D-Hawaii) introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate called the Workforce of the Future Act. That bill proposes a \$250 million federal government

investment in educating and preparing students and workers in marginalized communities for jobs in AI.

"The purpose of this legislation is to solidify our commitment to today's – as well as tomorrow's – workers, preparing them to work in tandem with AI and to be ready for the jobs of the future" said Butler in a statement released Sept. 12.

That evening, the National Newspaper Publishers Association, an organization serving and representing historically Black news outlets around the country, also honored Butler for her support of Black-owned media over the years.

Butler said she is intimately aware of the critical role Black-owned newspapers have played in informing the communities they have

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Victor Valley Community College for a Celebrate Your Rights event, California State University, San Bernardino on National Voter Registration Day and a Rock the Vote Concert at the San Bernardino Valley College Greek Theatre, among other events in October.

A survey published by the Public Policy Institute in California in August found that young adults in the state (ages 18 to 34) make up 31% of the population, but only 21% of likely voters, while adults, ages 35 to 54, account for 34% of the population and 29% of likely voters.

However, following President Joe Biden's announcement to withdraw from the presidential election, Vote.org registered more than 376,000 voters, who are mostly under 35, and many newly eligible voters.

On Sept. 4, Vote.org announced that they registered more than one million voters during the 2024 election cycle, including a "record-breaking percentage" of voters under 35 compared to the 2020 election cycle.

"As we approach National Voter Registration Day this month and enter a critical stretch in this election season, Vote.org is primed to build on this momentum and capitalize on our strategic partnerships and programs to galvanize even more voters across the nation," stated Andrea Hailey, CEO of Vote.org, in a press statement.

Voter information guides will be mailed out in San Bernardino County beginning on Oct. 1 and voters will also receive guides from the secretary of state's office. Starting on Oct. 7, county election officials will mail ballots to each active registered voter for the 2024 general election.

The last day to register to vote is Oct. 21. According to the California Secretary of State, in elections conducted by county election officials, an individual can "conditionally" register and vote at a county elections office after the 15-day voter registration deadline.

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release event for the region's master plan.

"It's a plan that we're going to continue to change and continue to adapt to the continued changes and needs of our community," Estrada said.

As the IE-MPA works on implementing recommendations to improve transportation services for older adults, some solutions are already at work. In Riverside County, Riverside Connect is an origin-to-destination advanced reservation transportation service for seniors and persons with disabilities. This service honors any current valid identification card that has been issued to an individual with disabilities by another transit operator for paratransit services.

Through San Bernardino County's Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), a team of health and social service professionals provides each client with a complete health and psychosocial assessment to determine the services needed. These services are routinely provided by local community vendors and can include transportation to non-emergency

medical appointments.

As solutions are developed by local jurisdictions as well as on-the-ground organizations, seniors like Lauderdale do what they can to find moments of joy and relief in the midst of these challenges.

"Listening to music brings me a little joy. I love jazz... I can't listen to oldies because it brings back memories," said Lauderdale. "I like old movies and comedies, which we watch together. I enjoy seeing [Deidre] laugh when there's something that she can laugh about."

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they can see what's going on here."

The tabulation room contains two server racks — a main server and a backup server. The computers in the room are only connected to a server, not the internet or wifi. Once the data from an election season is counted, the servers are erased, reformatted and receive a new installment of state-approved software called "The Golden Image."

"In between elections, all of these computers, all of the adjudication workstations and all

of the computers on the high pro [counting machines], as well as these servers on this side, are all loaded back to their original firmware like they're brand new. And then the software that's loaded is the [Secretary of State] certified software," Anderson concluded.

When polls close at 8 p.m. on November 5, unofficial results from early ballots and mail-in ballots will be announced as early as 8:30 p.m., with results being updated every two hours as ballots continue to be tabulated on Election night.

The final stop on the journey for ballots is a gated storage section located on the second floor of the facility where ballots are stored in boxes and locked away for 22 months, as required by law, in the event that the ballots need to be reexamined. After 22 months, ballots are destroyed and the cycle begins again in the next election season.

To confirm that a ballot has been received and processed, voters can track their ballot by visiting https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/.

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served over the last 197 years since the first Black-owned newspaper, Freedom's Journal, was published in the United States.

"Thank you for bringing us this far. And thank you for what you will do to continue to inform our communities, making sure our voices are represented in the publishing and media space," said Butler.

At the conference, Butler also participated in a panel discussion on the Black women's maternal health crisis and delivered remarks on about Black communities gaining access to the financial sector and capital at an event hosted by The Connective Capital Consortium Braintrust. Home sweet yours



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