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“I wholly disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it” – Voltaire



Affirmative Action:

Supreme Court Case Threatening

By Antonio Ray Harvey
California Black Media

A webinar hosted by ChangeLawyers, American Constitution Society (ACS) Bay Area, and Equal Justice Society was held last week to discuss the possible outcomes of the United States Supreme Court’s pending decision in the case Students for Fair Admissions (SFFA) v. Harvard.

The online event titled, “The End of Affirmative Action: How SCOTUS Is Coming After BIPOC Students” delved into the impact of banning the consideration of race as a factor during the college admission process.

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) students would be affected by such a ruling, said panelist Lisa Holder, an attorney and president of Equal Justice Society (EJS). EJS is an Oakland-based nonprofit and civil rights organization that does work geared toward transforming the nation’s consciousness on race through law, social sciences, and the arts.

“(Ending Affirmative Action) essentially, completely upends our ability to level the playing field and remediate for centuries of discrimination

and marginalization,” said Holder said. “If you do not have intervention and take affirmative steps to counteract continued systemic racism it’s going to take hundreds of years to repair those gaps. It will not happen by itself.”

Holder is also a member of the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, a nine-member panel established after Gov. Newsom signed Assembly Bill 3121, authored by then-Assemblymember Shirley Weber. The task force is investigating the history and costs of slavery in California and is charged with recommending an appropriate remedy for the state to implement.

Also participating on the End of Affirmative Action panel were Sally Chen, education equity program manager at Chinese for Affirmative Action, and Sarah C. Zearfoss, Senior Assistant Dean for the University of Michigan Law School.

Shilpa Ram -- Senior Staff Attorney for Education Equity, Public Advocates and a board member of the ACS Bay Area Lawyer Chapter -- was the moderator.

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IE Gives:

Apply for Black Equity Grants

By Dianne Anderson

No ambiguity with the latest invite to get up to \$20,000 grants for local nonprofits, as long as they meet the clear criteria – they must be Black-led, most of the board must be Black and they must be Black serving for Black empowerment.

Another round of funding opportunities is in the works, and hoped to beat last year’s great grant payouts.

Charee Gillins said the fund is led by the Black Equity Initiative of the Inland Empire. IEGives provided the

seed money and connected the initiative with other foundations and funders, along with the Inland Empire Funders Alliance.

The application deadline is Friday, December 16, and it is also open to those without nonprofit status if they are fiscally sponsored by a 501c3 nonprofit that meets the funding criteria.

In the first round, 16 Black nonprofits received \$740,000, but she said the allocation was special for another reason. They caught up with nonprofits and groups that they didn’t know were

operating locally.

“That was also a key highlight to be able to interact support and invest in organizations serving the Black community around social change work and empowerment work, that they weren’t aware of,” said Gillins, marketing and communications director of Inland Empire Community Foundation.

When the fund started, the goal was to fundraise \$5 million over two years. She said they are not quite there yet, but they are getting close. She said that support for the

fund has been amazing.

[It’s] coming from large funders that believe in the work of Black-led and Black serving organizations,” she said. “Support remains strong and that allows the funds for a second round of grantmaking. We’re excited to invite groups in the region to apply for a grant from the Black Equity Fund.”

For this round, the \$20,000 will provide learning grants to teach groups how to impact systems change, processes, policies, and

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Rooted In Community Foundation Gives For Future Generations

There’s something special about giving back. It’s even more special when you give to the community that raised you.

Carlos Dew is doing that with his not-for-profit venture, Rooted In Community.

The San Bernardino native and his business partner Deb Allen are laying the foundation to raise youth to be future leaders.

Their philanthropic mission is rooted in the foundation’s eight pillars of giving, which include urban farming, a work program, and a free food store.

“Our goal is to create first and second-generation

millionaires, that’s what this is really about. A legacy of Black excellence,” said Dew.

Dew is the founder and CEO of Superbad, Inc., a thriving cannabis company. Dew graduated from San Bernardino High School and knows how difficult it can be growing up in an area that lacks many basic resources.

Rooted In Community is looking to bring back pride to what was once the most vibrant city in the Inland Empire area.

Allen explains, “Our mission would be to cultivate the community by number one-- love. When you show kids in our community, not



only the kids but youth and adults when you put love out there and you show them that you do care and that they’re not fighting alone — I think the dynamics tend to change.”

Some of my fondest memories was of the Black History parade. I thought it was something that we had that nobody could ever take away. I thought it gave the young men and young women a sense of pride. We had the Pacesetters back in the day — it gave them the inspiration to go out and teach the kids and volunteer their time. I thought that was always something we had to look forward to.”

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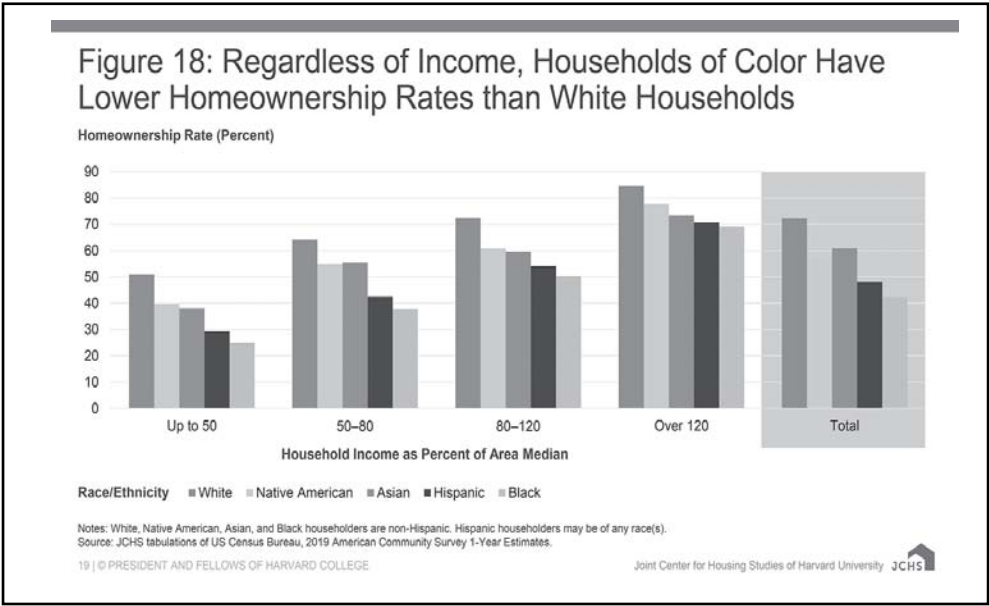
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COMMENTARY



COVID Targeted Federal Aid Led to More Black Homeowners

By Charlene Crowell

In a year fraught with financial challenges, going home for the holidays will have heightened significance this year for many Black and Latino



families. New research findings reveal that between 2019 and 2021, a period that included COVID-19 pandemic assistance programs, homeownership among Black and Latino families increased. The increase was due in part to pandemic assistance like suspended student loan payments and extended or enhanced unemployment benefits that changed household budgets. During these same years, financially troubled homeowners who received federal assistance, gained the resources to avoid foreclosure, largely through forbearance programs.

As a result, Black and Latino homeowners shared in the largest equity appreciation in the past three decades. As home equity grows, so does family wealth.

Analyzing the latest data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the Urban Institute, a DC-based nonpartisan research organization, found that Black household homeownership rose 2 percentage points, to

44 percent from 2019-2020., Latino household homeownership rose 2.5 percentage points to 50.6 percent. Both increases surpassed the 1.2 percentage point homeownership rate increase of white households during the same period.

"The Black homeownership rate has experienced a continuous decline since the Great Recession, and Black households have been disproportionately affected by predatory lending practices but the Black homeownership rate is finally showing gains," states the Institute's findings

The largest increases in the number of Black homeowners occurred in Florida, Georgia, and Texas.

"Despite the pandemic's negative effects on employment, swift government actions, such as forbearance and unemployment benefits, helped Black and Latino households sustain homeownership and helped many enter homeownership and benefit from historically low interest rates," the Institute authors continued.

"We're seeing a real spark in Black and Latino homeownership because people — in large part, millennials — were able to save during the pandemic," Andre Perry, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, recently told the Washington Post. "Now whether it's sustained, that's a different story. But what you saw in 2021 is a good thing because homeownership creates wealth and other opportunities that benefit entire communities."

Related findings by the Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS) at Harvard

University underscore how this small but important rise in homeownership benefitted families of color.

In its annual State of the Nation's Housing 2022, JCHS reports that despite the economic downturn brought on by the pandemic and the surge in home prices, 2.2 million new homeowners were added between the first quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2022, boosting the nation's total number of homeowner households to 83.4 million.

Despite national growth in homeownership between 2020 and 2022, the Harvard report makes it clear that lingering racial disparities in homeownership limit Blacks and Latinos from achieving large equity gains.

"In 2019, the median net wealth of Black homeowners (\$113,100) was just over a third of that of white homeowners (\$299,900) and the median net wealth of Hispanic homeowners (\$164,800) was still roughly half of white homeowners," states the report. "At least in part, these disparities reflect consistently lower home valuations in neighborhoods that are predominantly Black or Hispanic."

Homeownership access is also related to an important market variable: low mortgage interest rates. Over half of outstanding mortgages in the fourth quarter of 2021 had interest rates below 4.0 percent, including 13 percent with rates below 3.0 percent. Lower interest rates translated into consumers qualifying for larger and/or higher-priced homes. Conversely, as these rates have increased in recent months, housing dollars cannot go as far.

Hence it is reasonable to conclude that the array of federal assistance during the pandemic enabled Black and Latino Americans to financially piece together a way forward for their families. From 2020's Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that allowed borrowers to take forbearances for periods lasting up to 18 months, to extended and enhanced unemployment benefits, to student loan payment suspensions, and more — timely, targeted federal initiatives made measurable progress possible.

"The lessons learned during the pandemic have led to a number of proposals to greatly expand the housing safety net and provide increased support for first-generation homebuyers," stated Chris Herbert, JCHS Managing Director. "While these measures have yet to be implemented, it is important to continue the policy debate over the best approaches to making housing affordable for all."

Democracy's Future:

Voters Make Important Down Payment

By Ben Jealous

A lot of good news came out of this month's elections—and enough bad news to remind us that we can never let our guard down when freedom and democracy are at stake. This year, democracy itself was on the ballot, and voters made an important down payment on its future.



In 2020, Americans voted not to give President Donald Trump a second term. He wasn't willing to accept his loss, and tried to overturn the

election. The anger he fostered with lies about election fraud let to a violent attempt to stop Congress from affirming Joe Biden's victory.

What did that have to do with this year's elections? Trump tried to get his people in power as governors and secretaries of state so they could pull off in 2024 what they were not able to do in 2020.

Voters weren't having it. The "Red Wave" that Trump was counting on was blocked. Most of the secretary of state candidates running on Trump's election lies were defeated, which means that important guardrails against future assaults on our democracy remain in place.

To further resist the threat of authoritarianism, we must lift up young leaders who will be democracy's champions for this and future generations. People For the American Way's Young Elected Officials Network is celebrating the election of

young leaders as new members of Congress from across the country: Greg Casar from Austin, Texas; Emilia Sykes from Akron, Ohio; Maxwell Frost from Orlando, Fla.; Summer Lee from Braddock, Pa.; Robert Garcia from Long Beach, Calif.; Sydney Kamlager from Los Angeles, Calif; and Jasmine Crockett from Dallas, Texas. Dozens more were elected to local and state offices, building a crucial leadership pipeline.

One bright spot was Pennsylvania, where voters elected state attorney general Josh Shapiro as governor, rejecting a far-right promoter of Trump's election lies, and voted to send Lt. Gov. John Fetterman to the U.S. Senate rather than Trump's hand-picked celebrity con man. What has gotten less attention is the exciting news about who will replace Fetterman as lieutenant governor: state Rep. Austin Davis, an impressive young Black man who has devoted his life to community and public service since he was a teenager.

There were other bright

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Voters

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spots. Democrats will hold a majority in the Senate, so Republicans will not be able to stop President Biden from building on his excellent record of naming brilliant federal judges who are committed to justice for all. Voters in Los Angeles elected Karen Bass

as mayor and dumped Sheriff Alex Villanueva, notorious for overseeing an abusive department. Voters in several states protected access to abortion. Far-right attempts to build a national “Red Wave” with racist fearmongering about crime and bigoted smears of transgender people didn’t work, though they did enough damage to keep some good people out of office.

One bit of bad news came with the narrow victory of Kris Kobach as Kansas attorney

general. Kobach made a name for himself with attacks on immigrants and relentless attempts to restrict voting. Voters previously rejected his bids for governor and Senate, but, sadly, he’s back.

So is Trump, who officially launched his campaign to get back into the White House just a week after voters said “no thanks” to his most high-profile allies. It’s a reminder that in politics, no victory is final. The struggle is never over. In fact, even this election

isn’t over, as Georgia voters must return to the polls for a crucial runoff between Sen. Raphael Warnock and Trump’s candidate Herschel Walker.

Citizenship is a responsibility that requires constant recommitment. On that front, I’d like to share a bit of exciting personal news. Next year, I will continue my advocacy for a more just and sustainable world in a new role as executive director of the Sierra Club, the nation’s most influential grassroots

environmental group. I am delighted that my successor as president of People For the American Way will be Svante Myrick, who is just the kind of young leader our nation needs. He was elected to the city council of Ithaca, New York, while still a student, and at age 24, he became the city’s first Black mayor and the youngest mayor in the state. He was reelected twice by huge margins, and now he’s bringing his leadership and passion for defending democracy to the

national level. Much to be grateful for. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and Professor of the Practice at the University of Pennsylvania. A New York Times best-selling author, his next book “Never Forget Our People Were Always Free” will be published by Harper Collins in January 2023.

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Business Address: 11724 THIRD AVE HISPERIA CA 92345
Mailing Address: County of Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO
Name of individual Registrant: FERNANDO VALADEZ-NOYOLA
11724 THIRD AVE HISPERIA CA 92345
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247 WEST THIRD STREET, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0210 **San Bernardino – Civil Division**
PETITION OF LAWANDA BOND-ADAMS ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
LAWANDA BOND-ADAMS CASE NO: CIV SB 2218049 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: LAWANDA BOND-ADAMS Aqeel filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name: KAYDEN DELRIO HICKMAN
Proposed name: KAYDEN DELRIO ADAMS
2. 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 described 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 the 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: November 28, 2022
Time: 8:30AM Dept.: S16
The Address of the Court is: **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 247 WEST THIRD STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415 SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT – CIVIL DIVISION**
3-A. 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:
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/s/JOHN M. PACHECO
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Business Address: 6987 MANGO AVE UNIT B FONTANA CA 92335
Mailing Address: County of Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO
Name of individual Registrant(s): JASON W BEYLER
Name of corporation or limited liability company: JWB HOME SERVICES INC 1757 GALLOWAY LANE CORONA CA 92881
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROSA BELL CASE NO. PROSB2201513 TO ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, CREDITORS, CONTINGENT CREDITORS, AND PERSONS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE WILL OR ESTATE, OR BOTH, OF: ROSA BELL

Petition for Probate has been filed by **Arthur W. Bell** in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

The Petition for Probate requests that **Arthur W. Bell** 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: December 07, 2022 at 9:00A.M. in Dept. S35

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415 – CENTRAL

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 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 law.

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 or Party without Attorney: Mark W. Regus II (279653) Law Offices of Mark W. Regus II 1365 W. Foothill Blvd., Ste. 2 Upland, CA 91786 Tel: (909) 938-2289

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Business Address: 6150 SOFTWIND PLACE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91737
Mailing Address: County of Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO
Name of individual Registrant(s): JASON W BEYLER
Name of corporation or limited liability company: JWB HOME SERVICES INC 1757 GALLOWAY LANE CORONA CA 92881
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Business Address: 7269 HAVEN AVENUE RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91730
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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO: EDUARDO ALEFANDRO AYALA You are being sued. Lo estan demandando. Petitioner's name is: Nombre del demandante: GABRIELA AYALA CASE NUMBER (Numero del Caso) Case No. FAMS 2204536

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 marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may 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/selfhelp), 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 Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al solicitante. 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 mantencion, y honorarios y costos legales. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentacion, pida al secretario un formulario de exencion de cuotas. Si desea obtener consejo 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. NOTICE: The restraining orders on page 2 are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. These orders are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them. AVISO: Las ordenes de restriccion que figuran en la pagina 2 valen para ambos conyuges o pareja de hecho hasta que se despidia la peticion, se emita un fallo o la corte de otras ordenes. Cualquier autoridad de la ley que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas ordenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California. The name and address of the court are (El nombre y direccion de la corte son): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 351 ARROWHEAD AVE SAN BERNARDINO CA 92415 The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: El nombre, direccion y numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son: GABRIELA AYALA 1748 E 4TH ST APT-D ONTARIO, CA 91764 TELEPHONE (909) 437-7550 Date (Fecha): MAY 31, 2022 Clerk, by (Secretario, por) Elysabeth Gomez, Deputy
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RAUL RUIZ JR. CASE NO. PROSB2201597 TO ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, CREDITORS, CONTINGENT CREDITORS, AND PERSONS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE WILL OR ESTATE, OR BOTH, OF: RAUL RUIZ JR.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by **Antonia M. Ruiz** in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

The Petition for Probate requests that **Antonia M. Ruiz** 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: **December 15, 2022 at 9:00A.M. in Dept. S37**

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0212 – Probate Division
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Borgia 3963 11th Street, Suite 202 Riverside, CA 92501 Tel: 951.832.5138

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RICHARD HERBERT EPPS AKA RICHARD H. EPPS CASE NO. PROSB2201536 TO ALL HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, CREDITORS, CONTINGENT CREDITORS, AND PERSONS WHO MAY OTHERWISE BE INTERESTED IN THE WILL OR ESTATE, OR BOTH, OF: RICHARD HERBERT EPPS AKA RICHARD H. EPPS

Petition for Probate has been filed by **Kelli Parker Feher aka Kelli sue Parker** in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

The Petition for Probate requests that **Kelli Parker Feher** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: **December 14, 2022 at 9:00A.M. in Dept. S36**

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): VALLEY TRUST DEED SERVICES, INC., a Corporation; BAYPOINT MORTGAGE, INC., a California Corporation; and DOES 1-20, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): CARLOS B. RAMOS, an individual CASE NUMBER (Numero del Caso) Case No. CIV SB 2105489

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after this summons and legal papers are served on you to me a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more Information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

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Mailing Address: County of Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO
Name of individual Registrant: GARY W MILLER 9080 MANZANITA DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA CA 91737
State of Inc./Org./Reg Inc./Org./Reg. No. (Optional) 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 14400, et seq., Business and Professions Code).

BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT. A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing
/s/ GARY W MILLER
I hereby certify that this copy is a true copy of the original statement on file in my office. BOB DUTTON Assessor – Recorder - Clerk 11/16/2022
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ENTERTAINMENT

The Wonder

By Dwight Brown
Film Critic NNPA News Wire

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It's a very simple story, at first. A modest allegory that pits religious fanaticism against common sense in a test of wills that slowly becomes biblical.

Ireland 1862, 13 years after the Great Famine of 1845/49 caused millions of deaths. Anna (Kila Lord Cassidy), an 11-year-old girl living in the rural Irish Midlands, is seemingly the saint of her devout community. The Chosen. Her family claims she hasn't eaten for four months, yet she walks, talks and shows no signs of stress or the dying process. A local all-male council hires and sends for Lib Wright (Florence Pugh, Little Women), an English nurse who tended to soldiers during the Crimean War. She will oversee a 15-day study to determine if the girl is surviving on God's love, or not. The edict: "It's not your job to question us. You are here only to watch."

To Lib's surprise, one of the pillars of the community, Sean Ryan (David Wilmot), states that a second guardian, a nun named Sister Michael (Josie Walker), will also observe the phenomenon. Their final report is due in two weeks and the council hopes the findings will verify this blessed occurrence. A nosy English journalist, Will Byrne (Tom Burke), also investigates "the miracle girl." He and Lib seek the truth.

Producer Tessa Ross's source material is Emma Donoghue's 2016 novel The Wonder, which cuts across themes of religion, deification, child rights and women's issues in ways that are old and new. Writer/director Sebastian Lelio and cowriters Donoghue and Alice Birch wrote an intense script that veers only slightly from the central plot of exposing a hoax or verifying a wonder. Tangents off that main story include a ruse and coverup, a romance between strangers and the dynamics of a nurse whose maternal instincts indicate something is wrong. That possibly a young girl's stubbornness has backed her into a dark corner. Lib: "If Anna doesn't eat, she'll probably die."

In the Victorian era, "fasting girls" were phenomena. They feigned an ability to not eat and yet thrive due to a miraculous act from God. A magical power. It's likely that marvel back then is what's now known as anorexia nervosa. E.g., in Wales a girl named Sarah Jacob claimed to have the fasting power. She died at age 12 in 1869 and her parents were convicted of manslaughter for not interceding. The real-life history of Anna's situation adds urgency to Lib's mission and gives the film a strong base.

This very primal tale unfolds against the backdrop of the vast Irish Midlands. Barren plains carpeted in earth tone colors, shades of greens and washed-out browns. A landscape so untouched it looks



medieval. Grant Montgomery's production design is as bleak as the surroundings. Art director Til Frohlich's gloomy color palette eschews bright hues. One of the few hints of lighter tones is Lib's pale blue dress (costume designer Odile Dicks-Mireaux), which perceptively has a brown ring of dirt on the bottom.

Earthy, pastoral scenes and cloudy skies are recorded in a storybook way (cinematographer Ari Wegner, The Power of the Dog). The footage is further enchanted by an absorbing musical score (composer Mathew Herbert, The Cave), which aside from typical ominous string music, features haunting whale crying

sounds. Images of a burning house, a girl lying by a holy brook and stubborn old men sitting at a judgement table are indelible.

Chilean director Lelio (A Fantastic Woman) favors a minimalism that rarely features more than one or two characters on screen, few homes, near empty roads. Though fear, anger and deceit are on view, emotions are rarely peaked. It's as if Lib is trying to rouse the dead and get them to see that a young girl's life is at stake for the sake of religious pride. The drama is understated, but the risks and consequences are monumental. Lelio's only questionable judgement is starting and ending the film in

modern times, with a camera focused on a film studio. In those first moments a cryptic voiceover says: "We are nothing without stories... so we invite you to believe this one." It's an unnecessary device.

Pugh portrays the quintessential, mid-1800s Nightingale nurse. Kind, generous, helpful. Trying to sort out holy feats from hard realities. She fights the council, archaic beliefs and unconcerned parents, without hysteria but quite willfully. As the quest for saving Anna becomes more taxing and urgent, Pugh wears that stress on her face like a martyr.

Burke as Will, the other

voice of reason, supports Pugh's efforts adding a surprising chemistry between the two. Cassidy portrays Anna as a child in need of an angel. The entire group of stern heartless council members are well played by a frumpy cast: Wilmot, Ciarán Hinds, Toby Jones, Brian F. O'Byrne, Dermot Crowley.

A brave woman tries to dispel quackery. Stubborn old men block her. It's a sobering, push and pull—a drama shorn down to its essentials, both visually and emotionally. A plight that merits an adult audiences' attention for 1h 48 minutes. Until they see a reckoning, solution or a young victim expire.

Black Equity Grants

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power-building work, which includes strategies like voter engagement and leadership development.

She said a lot of groups are hungry for knowledge, and want to learn how to do this work. Funding also provides support with outreach and focused on providing capacity-building services.

"It's all about building capacity of these organizations to systems change work, and the funding will also pay for staff positions and learning sessions. It's all about supporting nonprofits to be successful in their work to move racial equity forward," she said.

Bringing the nonprofits together to network, buddy up, get around the table and brainstorm together is a big part of the effort.

Gillins commended Felicia Jones, co-founder of the Black Equity Initiative of the Inland Empire, with its network of about 42 Black-led, Black-serving organizations. They are working together to collectively advance racial equity in the region.

The organizations that received that first round of funding were appreciative of the network opportunities, and also that it exists.

"We manage the fund and get the grants out to the organizations based on the criteria they create. We had a funders briefing several weeks ago and we had wonderful success stories from groups," she said. "They were able to collaborate and bounce ideas off each other."

Nonprofits are encouraged to review the criteria on the website, and reach out for answers to any granting questions.

She said the Black Equity Initiative wants applicants to have success in applying for the funds, and wants to hear from groups in the region serving the Black community to advance racial equity that can change the system.

"If they want to build their capacity and strengthen their core operations, there's funding here. If people have questions about the application process and guidelines, someone will be able to answer those questions for you because we want people to succeed on the applications."

So many Black organizations have been locked out of funding for so long that they may be reluctant to go for it. She said the fund makes it possible to turn the situation around, and fight against all the inequities that affect the community, including criminal justice reform, housing justice, and health equity, to name a few.

As everyone is buzzing through the holidays this time of year, ready to hit Black Friday, she said that IEGives has a new twist for the second year running – giving online to support Black Equity Friday.

"While you're out getting your shopping deals, also be thinking about Black groups out here that need your support," she said. "We're trying to push everybody to donate, but if you can't, at least learn about what they're doing, visit their website, ask if you can volunteer."

For more information, see <https://www.iegives.org/> <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7067111/IE-Black-Equity-Fund-RFP-2022>

Affirmative Action

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On Oct. 31, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) listened to oral arguments in two cases challenging race-conscious student admissions policies used by Harvard University and the University of North Carolina (UNC) to promote creating diverse student populations at their schools.

The case emerged in 2014, when SFFA, a nonprofit advocacy organization opposed to affirmative action, brought an action alleging Harvard violated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act (Title VI).

SFFA argues that Harvard instituted a race-conscious admissions program that discriminated against Asian-American applicants. SFFA also alleges that UNC is violating the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, by unfairly using

race to provide preference to underrepresented minority applicants to the detriment of White and Asian-American applicants.

Chen is a first-generation college graduate from a working-class immigrant family. She is an alumna of Harvard College. She was one of eight students and alumni that gave oral testimony in support of affirmative action in the 2018 federal lawsuit Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. Harvard.

"Particularly as these cases were taking advantage of a claim that Asian American students don't benefit from Affirmative Action or are harmed; we really saw how this was a misrepresentation of our community needs," Chen said of hers and seven other students' testimonies. "My testimony really spoke to that

direct experience and making clear that Asian American students and communities are in support of affirmative action."

In 1965, Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson issued Executive Order 11246, requiring all government contractors and subcontractors to take affirmative action to expand job opportunities for minorities.

Fifty-seven years later, a decision by SCOTUS could be reached at the end of the current term in late June or early July 2023 banning affirmative action. The decision would dismantle race-conscious admission policies that overwhelmingly help BIPOC students create a better future for themselves, members of the panel stated.

"Schools take race into account as a factor in admission because that is the single best, most effective way to create a racially diverse class," Zearfoss said.

Zearfoss directs the University of Michigan Law School Jurist Doctorate (JD)

and Master of Law (LLM) admissions and supervises the Office of Financial Aid.

California ended affirmative action policies in 1996 with the passage of Proposition 209.

Prop 209 states that the government and public institutions cannot discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to persons based on race in public employment, public education, and public contracting.

Proposition 16 was a constitutional amendment designed to repeal Prop 209, but the initiative was defeated by voters in 2020. Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber introduced the legislation that was the basis for Prop 16 when she was a state Assemblymember for the 79th District.

"When we no longer live in a White supremacist society then we can start thinking about ending these interventions that are necessary to counteract preferences for White people that exist and continue to exist," Holder said.

Rooted in Community

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Now Dew and Allen look to the past to draw inspiration for a brighter future.

Dew started Rooted In Community because, "He wanted to be a catalyst for life change in socially disadvantaged communities. It's about what that life looks like to a Black child right now that's coming up in San Bernardino," explained Allen

Rooted In Community has a number of different initiatives in progress. Among those programs include an urban farming program, a work program, and a literacy circle.

"The programs that

resonate the most with me are the Ready Set Grow Let's Do It. That's for food sustainability to serve the San Bernardino communities. It's a next-generation farmer's project that will teach the community how to farm. Also, included is the Rooted In Community free food store. The produce that the community grows will be offered in the free food store for communities or families that run into difficulties and may need food. They can definitely come to the free food store and instead of paying money they would receive food and just give

time back to the store," said Allen. "The Ready Set Grow program will teach the youth how to grow their own food. It will help prepare them for the next pandemic," added Allen.

Having the ability to farm and grow your own food will also help bring an end to food deserts. Helping communities to become self-sufficient is what Rooted in Community is all about

"We want to focus on San Bernardino first then spread out. This is my home town. I need to give back here first," said Dew.

Both Dew and Allen are advocates for education. Rooted in Community has a literacy program called the Community Literacy Circle whose primary focus is to play a key role in closing the literacy gap.

Dew understands that State and Federal funds often don't make it to the Black community, so he is doing what he can to fill the void. He understands that those who reach a certain level of success should be obligated to give back.

There is a lot of work happening in Rooted In Community and the goals are vast and diverse. But to change the lives of so many takes a great amount of time and resources. As a thriving business mogul, Dew has been wanting to help his hometown for a while.

"Prior to getting into the position (of success), you are always thinking about it, but sometimes you have to get into the right position to give back," concluded Dew.

FOOD

Bring the Family Together with Breakfast for Dinner



Huevos Rancheros

FAMILY FEATURES

Despite busy lives and full schedules, finding time for regular meals with loved ones encourages connections and conversations that can benefit mental and physical well-being. Gathering your family, friends, coworkers or neighbors at least once a week to spend time together over a meal provides opportunities to decompress and socialize.

If you're looking for a little delicious inspiration, the American Heart Association recommends scheduling one night per week to create a recurring tradition and enjoy favorites such as breakfast for dinner. Recipes like Egg, Avocado and Black Bean Breakfast Burritos; Huevos Rancheros; and Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls from the Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, nationally supported by Eggland's Best, are perfectly suited for sharing while making time to destress at the dinner table.

In fact, according to a study by "Canadian Family Physician," regular meals at home with loved ones can reduce stress, boost self-esteem and make everyone feel connected with mealtime conversations that allow a chance to unplug and unwind.

Meals don't have to be elaborate for a successful evening together. Despite the perceived effort involved with preparing a meal, research published in "Preventive Medicine" shows those who have frequent meals with others, particularly parents with their children, may improve social and emotional well-being.

In addition to the mental and emotional benefits of meals with loved ones, eating together can also encourage healthier choices when better-for-you recipes are on the menu. Dining as a group can provide inspiration to try heart-healthy recipes that include the wide variety of vegetables, fruit, whole grains and healthy protein sources recommended by the American Heart Association to help prevent heart disease and stroke.

To find recipe ideas, conversation starters and more tips for mealtime, visit heart.org/together.

Huevos Rancheros

Servings: 4

Salsa:

- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 1/2 cup diced yellow onion
- 1/2 cup diced poblano pepper, seeds and ribs discarded
- 1 small fresh jalapeno pepper, seeds and ribs discarded, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added crushed tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Huevos Rancheros:

- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 4 large eggs
- 4 corn tortillas (6 inches), warm
- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup shredded low-fat Mexican cheese blend

- 1 small avocado, quartered and sliced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
- 1 medium lime, cut into four wedges (optional)

To make salsa: In medium saucepan over medium heat, heat oil, swirling to coat bottom. Cook onion 2 minutes, or until almost soft, stirring frequently. Cook poblano and jalapeno peppers 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in garlic. Cook 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes, water and salt. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover to keep warm.

To make huevos rancheros: In medium nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat oil, swirling to coat bottom. Cook eggs 3-4 minutes, or until whites are set and edges are fully cooked.

Place one tortilla on each plate. Top each tortilla with beans and one egg, being careful not to break yolk. Gently top each egg with warm salsa, cheese and avocado slices.

Sprinkle each serving with cilantro and serve with lime wedge, if desired.



Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls

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- 1/4 cup uncooked quinoa, rinsed and drained
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1 cup no-salt-added frozen corn, thawed
- 1/2 medium avocado, pitted and diced
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
- nonstick cooking spray
- 4 large eggs
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- red hot-pepper sauce, to taste (optional)

Cook quinoa according to package directions. Remove from heat.

Spoon quinoa into four bowls. Top each with tomatoes, corn, avocado, green onions and cilantro, if desired.

Lightly spray large skillet over medium-high heat with nonstick cooking spray. Crack eggs into skillet. Sprinkle eggs with salt and pepper. Cook, uncovered, 3-4 minutes, or until egg whites are set but yolks are still runny. Using spatula, carefully transfer one egg sunny side up into each bowl. Sprinkle with hot sauce, if desired.

Egg, Avocado and Black Bean Breakfast Burritos

Servings: 4

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 1/3 cups liquid egg whites
- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained
- 4 whole-wheat tortillas (6 inches, lowest sodium available)
- 2 medium avocados, sliced
- 1/4 cup hot sauce or salsa (lowest sodium available, optional)

Lightly spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium heat.

In skillet, stir egg whites constantly with rubber spatula to scramble. Cook until eggs are almost set. Add beans, stirring until combined and heated through.

Microwave tortillas on high 45 seconds. Transfer to work surface.

Spread egg mixture in center of each tortilla. Top with the avocado and hot sauce, if desired.

For each burrito, fold two sides of tortilla toward center. Starting from closest unfolded side, roll burrito toward remaining unfolded side to enclose filling. Transfer with seam side down to plates.



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Rep. Karen Bass Elected 1st Black Woman Mayor of L.A.

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“This is my home, and with my whole heart, I’m ready to serve, and my pledge to you is that we will hit the ground running on Day One,” Los Angeles Mayor-elect, Rep. Karen Bass pledged Nov. 16 after the Associated Press (AP) declared her the projected winner in a tight race for the top job in California’s largest city.

Bass, who has represented the 37th Congressional District of California for 11 years, will be the first woman to lead Los Angeles when she is sworn in on Dec. 12. She will also be the second Black Angelino to hold the office in a city where 8.8% of residents are Black, according to the U.S. Census.

Before Bass was elected to Congress in 2010, she served as a member of the California State Assembly representing the 47th district from 2004 to 2010. From 2008 to 2010 she was the first Black woman to be Assembly speaker.

In the U.S Congress Bass represented West Los Angeles and from 2019 to 2021 served as Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

A former Republican turned Democrat, businessman Rick Caruso conceded that Bass had won the election Wednesday evening, just over a week after the polls closed in the deadlocked race that election watchers said until



this week had no apparent winner until now.

Caruso told his supporters in a letter “the campaign has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I am so proud of my campaign. We held true to the core values of our family - integrity, honesty, and respect for all.”

A Billionaire real estate developer, Caruso owns residential and retail properties around southern California, including The Grove at Farmers Market in Los Angeles, Americana at Brand in Glendale, and the Commons at Calabasas.

The vote was virtually

tied on election day, but each subsequent update to the tally extended the lead for Bass. The counting will continue until every ballot is accounted for, but according to the AP she has accrued an insurmountable lead.

Almost 75% of voters in LA County voted by mail in this election, contributing to some of the delay in announcing a winner.

According to California state law, each mail-in ballot must have its signature verified before it can be counted, and ballots are received for 7 days after the election, so long as they are postmarked by

election day.

A record amount of money was spent on the race, with Caruso campaign vastly outspending Bass. The Caruso campaign reported a total expenditure of \$104,848,887.43.

Caruso himself contributed almost \$98 million to his own campaign, which he spent primarily on advertising. “Despite being outspent 12 to 1, Congresswoman Karen Bass proved LA voters can’t be bought,” said Kerman Maddox, Finance Committee Chair of Bass 4 Mayor.

Vastly outspent from the start of her candidacy, Bass

also won the June 7th primary election.

Bass benefited from endorsements from Democrats at all levels of government, including former President Barack Obama, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, California Senator Alex Padilla and the Los Angeles Democratic Party. One notable holdout was Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Kellie Todd Griffin, Convening Founder of the California Black Women’s Collective referenced Bass background as a strong and respected voice for Los Angeles’ African American

community.

“This is a victory that we are all vested in because it represents the power of what we can do through community organizing and collaboration,” Griffin said. “Mayor-Elect Bass is the change we need right now to ensure today’s most pressing issues will be addressed in a way that doesn’t leave us behind. We are proud because this a victory for Black Women and our community.”

Bass is well known across Los Angeles for building cross cultural, multiracial coalitions of people and being able to rally them around causes. During the crack epidemic of the 1980s, she was a physician’s assistant and a clinical instructor at the Keck School of Medicine of USC Physician Assistant Program who became a leading voice for victims affected by the highly addictive substance derived from cocaine.

Bass promised that her administration will be inclusive and “will bring everyone to the table.

“The challenges we face affect us all, and all of us must be a part of our solutions,” she said in a prepared statement. “Los Angeles is the greatest city on earth. I know, if we come together, hold each other accountable, and focus on the best of who we are and what we can achieve, we can create better neighborhoods today and a better future for our children.”



Vision To Learn Launches:

Free Glasses Program in S.B. County

Vision Health Initiative Will Provide K-12 Students in San Bernardino County With Free Vision Screenings, Eye Exams and Prescription Glasses

Cheerful students were excited to receive free prescription glasses in front of community leaders and educators at Rialto’s Charlotte N. Werner Elementary School recently. The students were the first in San Bernardino County to be provided free vision services by Vision To Learn, a nonprofit organization with a mission to help kids in underserved communities get the glasses they need to see clearly at school.

Following last year’s debut in Riverside County, Vision To Learn plans to provide more than 75,000 free eye exams to students in San Bernardino County.

“Vision To Learn is so excited to finally be launching in San Bernardino County,” said Vision To Learn President Ann Hollister. “The success of the program in Riverside County has made it easy to bring our services to the students of San Bernardino County.”

One in five public school students in the United States lack the glasses they need to see the board, read a book, or participate in class; and in low-income communities, 95%

of kids who need glasses do not have them. Students with uncorrected vision problems often avoid reading, suffer headaches, and can have trouble focusing in class, as 80% of learning during a child’s first 12 years is visual. Additionally, students not proficient in reading by the end of third grade are more likely to drop out of school.

A three-year controlled study of the VTL program with Warby Parker (published in Journal of the American Medical Association -- Ophthalmology 9/9/21) by researchers at Johns Hopkins University Wilmer Eye Institute found that students provided glasses gained the equivalent of an additional two to three months of learning compared to their peers who failed a vision screening but did not get glasses. Students in the lowest performing 25%, as well as those with IEPs and enrolled in Special Education courses, gained the equivalent of four to six months of additional learning, which was a higher impact than all other common educational interventions studied.

“Student success is very important to me,” said 5th District Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr. “When I was a teacher at Rialto High School, I noticed the students that had trouble seeing the board were the ones

falling behind. This amazing opportunity is what we need to help our students succeed.”

Since its founding, Vision To Learn has helped provide more than 1.5 million children with vision screenings, over 340,000 with eye exams and 270,000 with glasses – all free of charge to children and their families.

“Caring adults, supportive families, and inspired students are the hallmarks of the educational spirit in our community. Vision To Learn personifies these hallmarks with its noble action to ensure kids have glasses to enjoy the benefits of their education experience,” said Rialto Unified Superintendent Dr. Cuauhtémoc Avila.

The program has helped kids in over 500 underserved communities in 14 states and the

District of Columbia. Vision To Learn serves the needs of the hardest-to-reach children; about 90% of kids served by Vision To Learn live in poverty and about 85% are kids of color. This year another 100,000 children will receive glasses from Vision To Learn despite the challenge COVID-19 continues to present at schools. For more information on Vision To Learn, visit www.visiontolearn.org.

Water saving actions that make a big difference

Regardless of the season, California is still experiencing an extreme drought. Here are a few simple tips to help you save water.



CUTTING BACK ON OUTDOOR WATERING even for one day a week can save up to 20% more water



RECYCLING INDOOR WATER to use outdoors can cut water use by 30%



ADJUSTING SPRINKLER HEADS AND FIXING LEAKS saves up to 6,300 gallons of water per month



USING A BROOM TO CLEAN OUTDOOR AREAS saves 6 gallons every minute you’re not running a hose



WATERING EARLY MORNING OR LATE AT NIGHT can save 50% of sprinkler water otherwise lost to wind and evaporation

For more tips visit

SAVE OUR WATER.com



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SPORTS

CSULB Women's Basketball Dominated by Arizona 86-64

Long Beach State came into the McKale Center and promptly took the lead, which they held through most of the first half, before No. 18 Arizona chipped away and ultimately earned an 86-64 win over the Beach last Sunday afternoon.

The Beach (1-2) came out of the gate ready to go as Kristyna Jeskeova scored the opening bucket of the game to put LBSU on top. Long Beach's defense was solid as they held the Wildcats (4-0) scoreless in the opening five minutes of the game. Arizona didn't get on the board until 5:10 when Esmery Martinez evened the score with a layup. That did not stop the Beach as they surged ahead and led by as many as seven (14-7) in the frame and held a 16-10 lead at the end of the quarter.

Savannah Tucker scored the final points of the first quarter on a layup with 1:03 remaining. That layup would jumpstart an 8-0 Long Beach State run that would carry into the second quarter as the

Beach held a 22-10 advantage over the Wildcats with 8:50 on the clock. LBSU opened up its largest lead over Arizona with 8:08 on the clock as the Beach held a 13-point advantage (25-12) after a three from Courtney Murphy. Arizona, however, refused to back down as the Wildcats chipped away and used a 7-0 run of their own to cut the Beach's lead down to six (25-19) after a three from Jade Loville at 6:52). From there, the U of A seemed to find its groove as the Wildcats took their first lead of the game on a layup by Martinez with just eight seconds remaining as LBSU trailed by one (40-39) at halftime.

Long Beach State's outstanding first half saw the Beach shoot 58.3 percent from the field in the first quarter and an impressive 72.7 percent in the second. Overall, LBSU shot 65.2 percent in the first half as they connected on 15-of-23 field goals and 5-of-7 threes for a 71.4 percentage from behind the arc.

Despite Arizona holding

the lead in the third, the Beach kept the game close as the Wildcats never led by more than two possessions. U of A outscored LBSU 18-13 in the frame and held a six-point edge (58-52) heading into the final quarter.

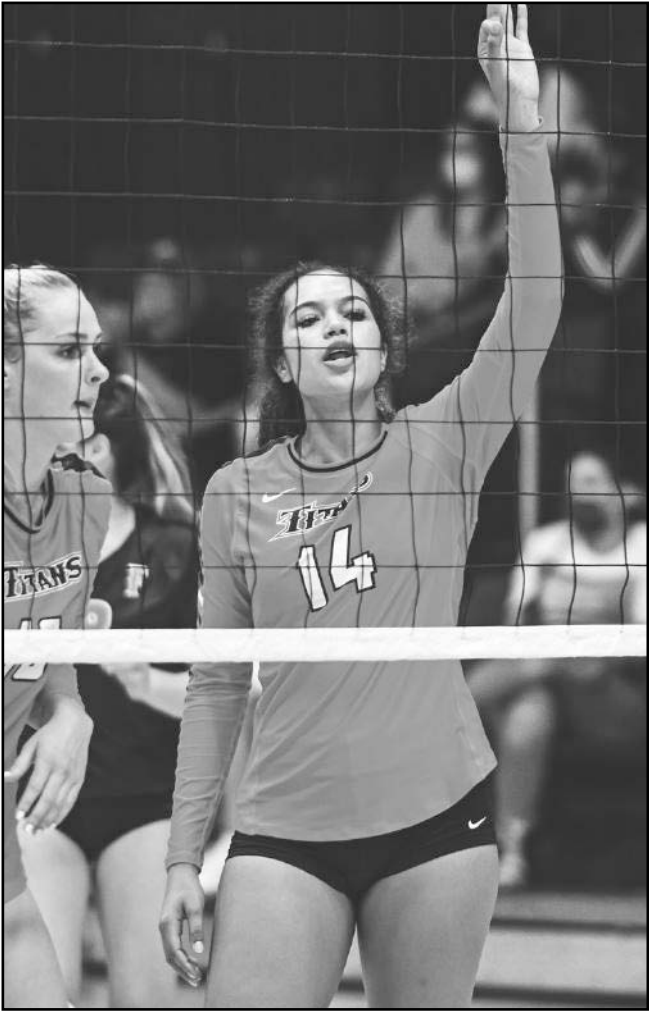
The fourth quarter is where the difference was made as Arizona heated up and shot 61.1 percent from the field and sunk 4-of-5 three pointers to outscore Long Beach 26-12 in the final 10 minutes of action. The Beach continued to play hard but were unable to overcome six turnovers in the frame as Arizona went on to lead by as many as 23, before winning, 86-64.

Malia Bambrick led the Beach with 14 points, while adding three steals on the night. Tori Harris also reached double-figures with 12 points to go along with three rebounds, and three assists. Leading the Beach in rebounding were Ma'Qhi Berry and Jeskeova who each posted four. Berry also swiped three steals, while adding two blocks.



Ma'Qhi Berry
CSULB

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Kyahana Robinson
CSF

CSF Falls to 6-12 in Big West

The Cal State Fullerton women's volleyball team fell in four to UC San Diego at Titan Gym recently.

Lyla Traylor had a team-high 13 kills to lead the Titans to go with six digs and a pair of blocks. Danielle Jefferies followed with 11 kills on a .269 clip, also adding two blocks, an ace and a dig. Bianca Martinez had six kills and a team-high four blocks while Liz Schuster dished out 32 assists to go with four kills on a .800 clip. Nadia Koanui notched a team-best 10 digs for the Titans.

As a team, Fullerton tallied a .159 hitting percentage to UC San Diego's .331. After dropping the first set, the Titans won set two to tie the match but fell in each of the following two. The loss moves Fullerton to 12-14 on the season and 6-12 in Big West play.

UC San Diego got off to a hot start in the first set, taking a 10-1 lead before kills from Traylor and Martinez brought the score to 11-3 for the Tritons. UC San Diego then

used a 6-1 run to go up 17-4. Kills from Martinez and Traylor narrowed the Titans' deficit to 11, 20-9, but the Tritons went on to take set one, 25-12.

The Tritons got out to a 7-3 lead to start set two, but Fullerton responded with a 7-2 run to take a 10-9 lead following a Traylor kill and Jefferies ace. The Titans later extended their lead to three, 18-15, with kills by Jefferies and Traylor. UC San Diego fought back to within one, 22-21, but Fullerton scored three of the next four to take the set, 25-22.

A service ace by Koanui capped a 5-1 Titan run to start set three, before four straight points from the Tritons tied things up at five. UC San Diego then used a 9-3 run to go up 14-8. The Titans hung around, as a kill by Traylor narrowed their deficit to three, 15-12. An ace from McClure followed by a Triton attack error later brought the score to 21-17 for UC San Diego. The Tritons scored four of the next six points, taking set three, 25-19.

UC San Diego jumped out to an 11-6 lead in the fourth before a block by Kyahana Robinson and Martinez brought the Titans within three, 11-8. But the Tritons responded with a 6-1 run to then go up 17-9. The Titans scored three straight, highlighted by kills from Martinez and Jefferies, but UC San Diego responded with a 3-0 run of their own to go up 20-12.

Jefferies tallied two more kills in the set but the Tritons went on to seal the game, 25-14, to win the match.

The Titans remain at home for their final two games of the 2022 campaign. Fullerton will first take on UC Riverside on Friday, November 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Cal State Fullerton women's basketball defeated George Washington, 70-64, Sunday morning at the Charles E. Smith Center. With the win the Titans improve to 2-2 on the year.

Fullerton controlled the game from start to finish, jumping out to an early 10-point lead in the first quarter. The Titans went 5-for-5 from three-point distance in the first quarter to build a 23-13 lead. The team shot 9-for-15 from behind the arc in the game.

The team went into the locker room with a 37-30 lead before the defense shut down George Washington in the third quarter, not allowing a single field goal. The Titans outscored the Colonials 19-8 in the third to extend their lead to 56-38.

Una Jovanovic one-upped her career performance from Friday night with a career-high 21 points on 8-of-13 shooting including 2-of-3 from distance. Jovanovic scored a career-high at the time, 16 points Friday against Georgetown. The sophomore added five rebounds and six assists in the Titans win Sunday against George Washington.

Fujika Nimmo and Gabi Vidmar added double-digit performances with 15 and 12 points, respectively. Vidmar was a menace defensively for the Titans, recording six steals and six rebounds. Vidmar is averaging 4.5 steals and 7.5 rebounds per game on the season.

After four road games to start the year, Fullerton returns to Titan Gym for its home-opener Monday, November 28 against Pepperdine at 7:00 p.m.

UCI Sweeps CSU Long Beach on Senior Night

UC Irvine closed out the home schedule with a 3-0 (25-18, 25-21, 25-21) victory over Black & Blue rival Long Beach State.

It is the 15th win all-time against The Beach and the second 3-0 sweep. The only other sweep came on Sept. 25, 1982 at a neutral site.

The Anteaters, who were 12-3 at the Bren Events Center this season, improved to 18-10 overall and 11-7 in the Big West.

UCI out-blocked LBSU, 9.5 to 5 and held a 4-1 advantage in aces. UCI out-hit Long Beach State .239-.132.

UCI was led by Joy Umeh with 17 kills, hitting .424. She also added two block assists. Middle blocker Onye Ofoegbu had 11 kills and eight total blocks, 1 solo, 7 assisted. Sophomore Marianna Bertolone added nine kills and seven digs, while libero Campbell Jensen had a match-best 13 digs. Setter Kelly Negron tallied 17 set assists, six digs and an ace. UCI out-blocked LBSU, 9.5 to

5.

UCI will end the regular season on the road, traveling to Cal Poly Friday November 26 and CSU Bakersfield Saturday November 27.

Women's Basketball

The UC Irvine women's basketball team led for 30 minutes but had to rally late for a 54-53 win over Seattle U recently at the Redhawk Center.

The Anteaters (3-1) saw their 10-point lead early in the third quarter disappear as SU came all the way back to go up, 53-49, with 1:15 remaining. Sophomore Olivia Williams answered with her fourth 3-pointer of the game to cut the deficit to one with just under a minute to go. After a couple defensive stops, sophomore Nikki Tom found junior Nevaeh Parkinson down low for the go-ahead layup.

With 4.2 seconds on the clock, the Redhawks (0-4) had one more chance but graduate transfer Nyagoga Gony came up with a big block.

Williams paced UC



Nikki Tom
UCI

Irvine with a game and career-high 16 points. She was 6-of-12 from the field and 4-of-8 from beyond the arc. Sophomore Déja Lee also

had 12 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Sophomore Hunter Hernandez added seven points and four boards, while Gony

finished with a team-best six rebounds and a career-high tying four blocks.

Tom continued to have a steady presence on the court with four points, four rebounds, five assists and four steals.

UCI shot just 30% from the field, but continued to capitalize on its defensive effort, scoring 27 points off 27 forced turnovers.

UC Irvine raced out to an 11-2 lead following a four-point play from Lee. The Anteaters increased their cushion to 19-4 at the 4:13 mark, but Seattle U scored the final five points of the first quarter to make it a 10-point game.

UC Irvine started the second half similar to the way it started the first, scoring 10-straight points. Williams hit back-to-back 3-pointers, while Lee also connected from long distance to spark the rally. Seattle U then held the Anteaters scoreless over the final 4:46 and cut its deficit to 44-41 by the end of the third

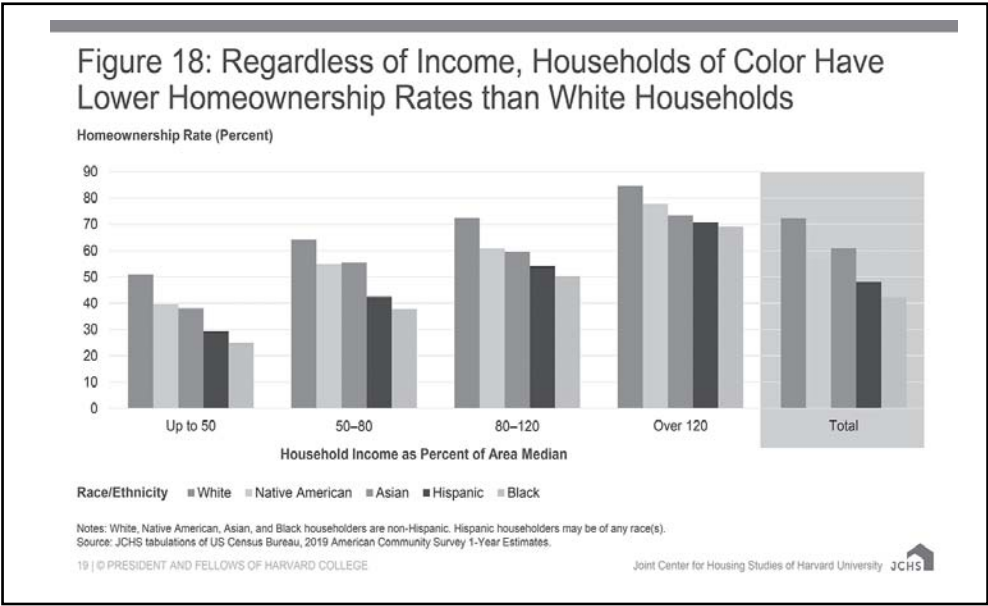
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The 'Eaters went up by five on a couple Gony free throws early in the fourth, but the Redhawks responded with a 10-1 spurt for a 51-47 advantage. The two teams traded buckets before Williams knocked down a clutch triple to bring UCI within one (53-52) with just under a minute to go. After a couple defensive stops, including a missed layup and an offensive foul, UC Irvine called a timeout to draw up one more play as it had 10 seconds to work with, and that play was executed beautifully. Tom delivered a perfect entry pass to Parkinson on the block for the game-winning layup.

Seattle U had one more chance with 4.2 ticks on the clock but Gony had a huge block for the 54-53 win.

UC Irvine returns to the friendly confines of the Bren Events Center on Friday, November 25, when it plays host to Long Island University. Tip-off is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

COMMENTARY



COVID Targeted Federal Aid Led to More Black Homeowners

By Charlene Crowell

In a year fraught with financial challenges, going home for the holidays will have heightened significance this year for many Black and Latino

44 percent from 2019-2020., Latino household homeownership rose 2.5 percentage points to 50.6 percent. Both increases surpassed the 1.2 percentage point homeownership rate increase of white households during the same period.

“The Black homeownership rate has experienced a continuous decline since the Great Recession, and Black households have been disproportionately affected by predatory lending practices but the Black homeownership rate is finally showing gains,” states the Institute’s findings

The largest increases in the number of Black homeowners occurred in Florida, Georgia, and Texas.

“Despite the pandemic’s negative effects on employment, swift government actions, such as forbearance and unemployment benefits, helped Black and Latino households sustain homeownership and helped many enter homeownership and benefit from historically low interest rates,” the Institute authors continued.

“We’re seeing a real spark in Black and Latino homeownership because people — in large part, millennials — were able to save during the pandemic,” Andre Perry, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, recently told the Washington Post. “Now whether it’s sustained, that’s a different story. But what you saw in 2021 is a good thing because homeownership creates wealth and other opportunities that benefit entire communities.”

Related findings by the Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS) at Harvard

University underscore how this small but important rise in homeownership benefitted families of color.

In its annual State of the Nation’s Housing 2022, JCHS reports that despite the economic downturn brought on by the pandemic and the surge in home prices, 2.2 million new homeowners were added between the first quarter of 2020 and the first quarter of 2022, boosting the nation’s total number of homeowner households to 83.4 million.

Despite national growth in homeownership between 2020 and 2022, the Harvard report makes it clear that lingering racial disparities in homeownership limit Blacks and Latinos from achieving large equity gains.

“In 2019, the median net wealth of Black homeowners (\$113,100) was just over a third of that of white homeowners (\$299,900) and the median net wealth of Hispanic homeowners (\$164,800) was still roughly half of white homeowners,” states the report. “At least in part, these disparities reflect consistently lower home valuations in neighborhoods that are predominantly Black or Hispanic.”

Homeownership access is also related to an important market variable: low mortgage interest rates. Over half of outstanding mortgages in the fourth quarter of 2021 had interest rates below 4.0 percent, including 13 percent with rates below 3.0 percent. Lower interest rates translated into consumers qualifying for larger and/or higher-priced homes. Conversely, as these rates have increased in recent months, housing dollars cannot go as far.

Hence it is reasonable to conclude that the array of federal assistance during the pandemic enabled Black and Latino Americans to financially piece together a way forward for their families. From 2020’s Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that allowed borrowers to take forbearances for periods lasting up to 18 months, to extended and enhanced unemployment benefits, to student loan payment suspensions, and more — timely, targeted federal initiatives made measurable progress possible.

“The lessons learned during the pandemic have led to a number of proposals to greatly expand the housing safety net and provide increased support for first-generation homebuyers,” stated Chris Herbert, JCHS Managing Director. “While these measures have yet to be implemented, it is important to continue the policy debate over the best approaches to making housing affordable for all.”

Democracy’s Future:

Voters Make Important Down Payment

By Ben Jealous

A lot of good news came out of this month’s elections—and enough bad news to remind us that we can never let our guard down when freedom and democracy are at stake. This year, democracy itself was on the ballot, and voters made an important down payment on its future.

election. The anger he fostered with lies about election fraud led to a violent attempt to stop Congress from affirming Joe Biden’s victory.

What did that have to do with this year’s elections? Trump tried to get his people in power as governors and secretaries of state so they could pull off in 2024 what they were not able to do in 2020.

Voters weren’t having it. The “Red Wave” that Trump was counting on was blocked. Most of the secretary of state candidates running on Trump’s election lies were defeated, which means that important guardrails against future assaults on our democracy remain in place.

To further resist the threat of authoritarianism, we must lift up young leaders who will be democracy’s champions for this and future generations. People For the American Way’s Young Elected Officials Network is celebrating the

election of young leaders as new members of Congress from across the country: Greg Casar from Austin, Texas; Emilia Sykes from Akron, Ohio; Maxwell Frost from Orlando, Fla.; Summer Lee from Braddock, Pa.; Robert Garcia from Long Beach, Calif.; Sydney Kamlager from Los Angeles, Calif; and Jasmine Crockett from Dallas, Texas. Dozens more were elected to local and state offices, building a crucial leadership pipeline.

One bright spot was Pennsylvania, where voters elected state attorney general Josh Shapiro as governor, rejecting a far-right promoter of Trump’s election lies, and voted to send Lt. Gov. John Fetterman to the U.S. Senate rather than Trump’s hand-picked celebrity con man. What has gotten less attention is the exciting news about who will replace Fetterman as lieutenant governor: state Rep. Austin Davis, an impressive young Black man who has devoted his life to community and public service since he was a teenager.

There were other bright

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In 2020, Americans voted not to give President Donald Trump a second term. He wasn’t willing to accept his loss, and tried to overturn the

election. The anger he fostered with lies about election fraud led to a violent attempt to stop Congress from affirming Joe Biden’s victory.



families.

New research findings reveal that between 2019 and 2021, a period that included COVID-19 pandemic assistance programs, homeownership among Black and Latino families increased. The increase was due in part to pandemic assistance like suspended student loan payments and extended or enhanced unemployment benefits that changed household budgets. During these same years, financially troubled homeowners who received federal assistance, gained the resources to avoid foreclosure, largely through forbearance programs.

As a result, Black and Latino homeowners shared in the largest equity appreciation in the past three decades. As home equity grows, so does family wealth.

Analyzing the latest data from the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, the Urban Institute, a DC-based nonpartisan research organization, found that Black household homeownership rose 2 percentage points, to

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FOOD

Bring the Family Together with Breakfast for Dinner



Huevos Rancheros

FAMILY FEATURES

Despite busy lives and full schedules, finding time for regular meals with loved ones encourages connections and conversations that can benefit mental and physical well-being. Gathering your family, friends, coworkers or neighbors at least once a week to spend time together over a meal provides opportunities to decompress and socialize.

If you're looking for a little delicious inspiration, the American Heart Association recommends scheduling one night per week to create a recurring tradition and enjoy favorites such as breakfast for dinner. Recipes like Egg, Avocado and Black Bean Breakfast Burritos; Huevos Rancheros; and Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls from the Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, nationally supported by Egghand's Best, are perfectly suited for sharing while making time to destress at the dinner table.

In fact, according to a study by "Canadian Family Physician," regular meals at home with loved ones can reduce stress, boost self-esteem and make everyone feel connected with mealtime conversations that allow a chance to unplug and unwind.

Meals don't have to be elaborate for a successful evening together. Despite the perceived effort involved with preparing a meal, research published in "Preventive Medicine" shows those who have frequent meals with others, particularly parents with their children, may improve social and emotional well-being.

In addition to the mental and emotional benefits of meals with loved ones, eating together can also encourage healthier choices when better-for-you recipes are on the menu. Dining as a group can provide inspiration to try heart-healthy recipes that include the wide variety of vegetables, fruit, whole grains and healthy protein sources recommended by the American Heart Association to help prevent heart disease and stroke.

To find recipe ideas, conversation starters and more tips for mealtime, visit heart.org/together.

Huevos Rancheros

Servings: 4

Salsa:

- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 1/2 cup diced yellow onion
- 1/2 cup diced poblano pepper, seeds and ribs discarded
- 1 small fresh jalapeno pepper, seeds and ribs discarded, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added crushed tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Huevos Rancheros:

- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 4 large eggs
- 4 corn tortillas (6 inches), warm
- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/4 cup shredded low-fat Mexican cheese blend

- 1 small avocado, quartered and sliced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
- 1 medium lime, cut into four wedges (optional)

To make salsa: In medium saucepan over medium heat, heat oil, swirling to coat bottom. Cook onion 2 minutes, or until almost soft, stirring frequently. Cook poblano and jalapeno peppers 2 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in garlic. Cook 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes, water and salt. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover to keep warm.

To make huevos rancheros: In medium nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat oil, swirling to coat bottom. Cook eggs 3-4 minutes, or until whites are set and edges are fully cooked.

Place one tortilla on each plate. Top each tortilla with beans and one egg, being careful not to break yolk. Gently top each egg with warm salsa, cheese and avocado slices.

Sprinkle each serving with cilantro and serve with lime wedge, if desired.



Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls

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Servings: 4

- 1/4 cup uncooked quinoa, rinsed and drained
- 2 medium tomatoes, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1 cup no-salt-added frozen corn, thawed
- 1/2 medium avocado, pitted and diced
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
- nonstick cooking spray
- 4 large eggs
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- red hot-pepper sauce, to taste (optional)

Cook quinoa according to package directions. Remove from heat.

Spoon quinoa into four bowls. Top each with tomatoes, corn, avocado, green onions and cilantro, if desired.

Lightly spray large skillet over medium-high heat with nonstick cooking spray. Crack eggs into skillet. Sprinkle eggs with salt and pepper. Cook, uncovered, 3-4 minutes, or until egg whites are set but yolks are still runny. Using spatula, carefully transfer one egg sunny side up into each bowl. Sprinkle with hot sauce, if desired.

Egg, Avocado and Black Bean Breakfast Burritos

Servings: 4

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 1/3 cups liquid egg whites
- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained
- 4 whole-wheat tortillas (6 inches, lowest sodium available)
- 2 medium avocados, sliced
- 1/4 cup hot sauce or salsa (lowest sodium available, optional)

Lightly spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium heat.

In skillet, stir egg whites constantly with rubber spatula to scramble. Cook until eggs are almost set. Add beans, stirring until combined and heated through.

Microwave tortillas on high 45 seconds. Transfer to work surface.

Spread egg mixture in center of each tortilla. Top with the avocado and hot sauce, if desired.

For each burrito, fold two sides of tortilla toward center. Starting from closest unfolded side, roll burrito toward remaining unfolded side to enclose filling. Transfer with seam side down to plates.



Egg, Avocado and Black Bean Breakfast Burritos

ENTERTAINMENT

The Wonder

By Dwight Brown
Film Critic NNPA News Wire

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It's a very simple story, at first. A modest allegory that pits religious fanaticism against common sense in a test of wills that slowly becomes biblical.

Ireland 1862, 13 years after the Great Famine of 1845/49 caused millions of deaths. Anna (Kíla Lord Cassidy), an 11-year-old girl living in the rural Irish Midlands, is seemingly the saint of her devout community. The Chosen. Her family claims she hasn't eaten for four months, yet she walks, talks and shows no signs of stress or the dying process. A local all-male council hires and sends for Lib Wright (Florence Pugh, Little Women), an English nurse who tended to soldiers during the Crimean War. She will oversee a 15-day study to determine if the girl is surviving on God's love, or not. The edict: "It's not your job to question us. You are here only to watch."

To Lib's surprise, one of the pillars of the community, Sean Ryan (David Wilmot), states that a second guardian, a nun named Sister Michael (Josie Walker), will also observe the phenomenon. Their final report is due in two weeks and the council hopes the findings will verify this blessed occurrence. A nosy English journalist, Will Byrne (Tom Burke), also investigates "the miracle girl." He and Lib seek the truth.

Producer Tessa Ross's

source material is Emma Donoghue's 2016 novel The Wonder, which cuts across themes of religion, deification, child rights and women's issues in ways that are old and new. Writer/director Sebastian Lelio and cowriters Donoghue and Alice Birch wrote an intense script that veers only slightly from the central plot of exposing a hoax or verifying a wonder. Tangents off that main story include a ruse and coverup, a romance between strangers and the dynamics of a nurse whose maternal instincts indicate something is wrong. That possibly a young girl's stubbornness has backed her into a dark corner. Lib: "If Anna doesn't eat, she'll probably die."

In the Victorian era, "fasting girls" were phenomena. They feigned an ability to not eat and yet thrive due to a miraculous act from God. A magical power. It's likely that marvel back then is what's now known as anorexia nervosa. E.g., in Wales a girl named Sarah Jacob claimed to have the fasting power. She died at age 12 in 1869 and her parents were convicted of manslaughter for not interceding. The real-life history of Anna's situation adds urgency to Lib's mission and gives the film a strong base.

This very primal tale unfolds against the backdrop of the vast Irish Midlands. Barren plains carpeted in earth tone colors, shades of greens and washed-out browns. A landscape so untouched it looks medieval. Grant Montgomery's production design is as bleak as



the surroundings. Art director Til Frohlich's gloomy color palette eschews bright hues. One of the few hints of lighter tones is Lib's pale blue dress (costume designer Odile Dicks-Mireaux), which perceptively has a brown ring of dirt on the bottom.

Earthy, pastoral scenes and cloudy skies are recorded in a storybook way (cinematographer Ari Wegner, The Power of the Dog). The footage is further enchanted by an absorbing musical score (composer Mathew Herbert, The Cave), which aside from typical ominous string music, features haunting whale crying sounds. Images of a burning house, a girl lying by a holy

brook and stubborn old men sitting at a judgement table are indelible.

Chilean director Lelio (A Fantastic Woman) favors a minimalism that rarely features more than one or two characters on screen, few homes, near empty roads. Though fear, anger and deceit are on view, emotions are rarely peaked. It's as if Lib is trying to rouse the dead and get them to see that a young girl's life is at stake for the sake of religious pride. The drama is understated, but the risks and consequences are monumental. Lelio's only questionable judgement is starting and ending the film in modern times, with a camera focused on a film studio. In

those first moments a cryptic voiceover says: "We are nothing without stories... so we invite you to believe this one." It's an unnecessary device.

Pugh portrays the quintessential, mid-1800s Nightingale nurse. Kind, generous, helpful. Trying to sort out holy feats from hard realities. She fights the council, archaic beliefs and unconcerned parents, without hysteria but quite willfully. As the quest for saving Anna becomes more taxing and urgent, Pugh wears that stress on her face like a martyr.

Burke as Will, the other voice of reason, supports Pugh's efforts adding a surprising chemistry between

the two. Cassidy portrays Anna as a child in need of an angel. The entire group of stern heartless council members are well played by a frumpy cast: Wilmot, Ciarán Hinds, Toby Jones, Brian F. O'Byrne, Dermot Crowley.

A brave woman tries to dispel quackery. Stubborn old men block her. It's a sobering, push and pull—a drama shorn down to its essentials, both visually and emotionally. A plight that merits an adult audiences' attention for 1h 48 minutes. Until they see a reckoning, solution or a young victim expire.

In select theaters and on Netflix.

Money

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Studies show repossessions of cars are also on the rise.

In his business, Dozier helps middle-income African American families and small business owners to create strategies to get out of the hole, but he understands the temptation to use credit.

Like so many others, he comes from a family background where credit cards were the first choice, until the bill came due.

Too many owners go for plastic, he said. It's more expensive now as interest

rates soared this past year. At 24% interest, it could take years to pay off.

"Credit card debt is pervasive, whether you're starting a business or you suffer a downturn or costs rise, that's where we go to use it. It makes up the difference, we run to our credit cards," he said.

The latest Federal Reserve Bank report shows that household debt, including mortgage, auto loans and credit card debt increased by \$351 billion to \$16.51 trillion from the prior quarter. They report that balances now stand \$2.36 trillion higher than at the end of 2019, before the pandemic recession.

It shows just how bad things are, and Dozier wants

his clients to recognize how the credit-based system makes everything more expensive, whether a watch, a car, to an iPad.

When explaining money, he likes to look at how some millionaires roll. One of his clients is a pilot, who drives a ten-year-old car that's paid for, but the family owns properties. They have great insurance coverage, and their business has plenty of revenue and investments.

"It started when he was ten years old, it's a completely different way of living your life," he said. "It's a big conversation. You gotta kill it at the root, it manifests in grabbing a credit card, or applying for a loan."

One great benefit of 100

Black Men of Long Beach, he said, is reaching their young men early on about self-discipline.

"You have to be examples with people, with family. That's a big nut to crack and I understand that, but the greatest influence you can have is on the people around you and also having your own self-control as well," he said.

With the 100 BMLB curriculum, the program reaches about 40 students in LBUSD, successful in raising student awareness in the past two years.

But he feels students and parents need to watch how credit card companies target youth as potential spenders.

"They send you a credit card application immediately

before they enter into college, it used to not be like that, it used to be after they get into college," he said. "The interest rates have gone up on all of them. It's pretty expensive."

Plenty of programs are available for people to learn money management, which he hopes can attract more in the Black community to learn the habit of being a saver, not a spender. It is a learned value system.

"If they're not willing to make those choices they go out and get the \$500 lease on a car they can't afford," he said. "They keep \$4-5000 in the bank when they should have a six-month reserve plus their retirement."

But many Americans have

much less than that in the bank. The Fed also reported last year that 35% of American adults are not prepared for a \$400 emergency.

"For these adults, the most common approach was to use a credit card and then carry a balance, although many indicated they would use multiple approaches. Twelve percent of all adults said they would be unable to pay the expense by any means, matching that seen in 2019," the report said.

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Wheeler

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"I am honored to be elected to lead during such a critical time for workers," said Wheeler. "In a post-COVID reality, we have to rebound, restabilize and reimagine from the perspective of workers to ensure we are on the right path, and that has to be our priority."

A Baton Rouge, Louisiana native, Wheeler was serving as the LA Fed's vice president at the time of her election. Her years of experience as a labor worker, union representative, and activist earned her a reputation as a steward of speaking up for the voiceless and demanding fair treatment from employers.

Wheeler emerged as a labor leader in the late 90s when her advocacy for Black operators at South Central Bell (SBC) prompted her co-workers to elect her to lead the local union. She became

president of the Los Angeles Chapter and President of the California State A. Philip Randolph Institute, an AFL-CIO-sponsored group bridging the gap between the African American community and the labor movement through civil rights campaigns, voter registration, and job training.

"Yvonne and I grew up in the labor movement.

She is the right person to lead the LA Labor council. She has integrity and she is a true leader who understands how to bring people together from diverse backgrounds.

She is fearless and at the same time very humble. She is a natural organizer and a natural leader. She will bring those skills to the labor council and the labor movement will thrive," said Doug Moore, Executive Director, UDW/AFSCME, and AFSCME International Vice President.

In 2002, she was recruited by the AFL-CIO as a national field representative. Wheeler also co-chair of the L.A. Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride in 2003, championing the plight of immigrant

workers. Her credits include pivotal L.A.-area campaigns such as the longshore union lockout, supermarket strike/lockout, and helping to defeat Gov. Schwarzenegger's 2005 special election initiatives.

Wheeler served as an AFL-CIO Senior Field Representative covering all of Southern California. She also served as the California Area Director for AFSCME Western Region prior to serving in Washington, DC as the Special Assistant to the American Federation of Government Employees

(AFGE) National Secretary-Treasurer. She transferred back to California to reunite with her family in 2014.

"Change is never easy," Wheeler said. "But it is what we need right now. Our members, our communities rely on us, so we will fight to uplift their voices and build their power to make sure they are never put in this position again. My term as President will not be about what I can do, or what my staff can do, but what we will all do together."

Voters

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spots. Democrats will hold a majority in the Senate, so Republicans will not be able to stop President Biden from building on his excellent record of naming brilliant federal judges who are committed to justice for all. Voters in Los Angeles elected Karen Bass

as mayor and dumped Sheriff Alex Villanueva, notorious for overseeing an abusive department. Voters in several states protected access to abortion. Far-right attempts to build a national "Red Wave" with racist fearmongering about crime and bigoted smears of transgender people didn't work, though they did enough damage to keep some good people out of office.

One bit of bad news came with the narrow victory of Kris Kobach as Kansas attorney

general. Kobach made a name for himself with attacks on immigrants and relentless attempts to restrict voting. Voters previously rejected his bids for governor and Senate, but, sadly, he's back.

So is Trump, who officially launched his campaign to get back into the White House just a week after voters said "no thanks" to his most high-profile allies. It's a reminder that in politics, no victory is final. The struggle is never over. In fact, even this election

isn't over, as Georgia voters must return to the polls for a crucial runoff between Sen. Raphael Warnock and Trump's candidate Herschel Walker.

Citizenship is a responsibility that requires constant recommitment. On that front, I'd like to share a bit of exciting personal news. Next year, I will continue my advocacy for a more just and sustainable world in a new role as executive director of the Sierra Club, the nation's most influential grassroots

environmental group. I am delighted that my successor as president of People For the American Way will be Svante Myrick, who is just the kind of young leader our nation needs. He was elected to the city council of Ithaca, New York, while still a student, and at age 24, he became the city's first Black mayor and the youngest mayor in the state. He was reelected twice by huge margins, and now he's bringing his leadership and passion for defending democracy to the

national level.

Much to be grateful for. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and Professor of the Practice at the University of Pennsylvania. A New York Times best-selling author, his next book "Never Forget Our People Were Always Free" will be published by Harper Collins in January 2023.



\$1.7M Raised for Walk to End Alzheimer’s to Fund Free, Local Support, and Research

Nearly 5,400 residents from across seven Southern California counties joined together from October 1, through November 5, each participating in one of 13 Alzheimer’s Association Walks to End Alzheimer’s California series events in their local communities.

Long Beach participants- 701 strong- participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s at Rainbow Lagoon Park in Long Beach, and together raised more than \$135,703 to ensure no one has to face Alzheimer’s or any dementia alone.

Monies raised at the walks provide 24/7, year-round care and support through the Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900). The

chapter holds support groups in-person, online or via telephone; social engagement and educational opportunities; and community forums throughout the year. The Association is the largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer’s research, and California Southland Chapter volunteers meet with legislators at every level of government to advocate for people living with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers.

Actor Percy Daggs III emceed this year’s Long Beach Walk to End Alzheimer’s. In 2001, Percy learned his grandma Sadye had Alzheimer’s disease. Known for her dedication to others, Grandma Sadye was a pillar in the community and the Daggs

family up until she passed away in 2013.

In Long Beach, Walk to End Alzheimer’s sponsors, volunteers and supporters demonstrated a collective dedication to end Alzheimer’s and all other dementia, and to support those facing a dementia diagnosis along the way.

“The Association is committed to ensuring support is available for those facing a dementia diagnosis here in Long Beach while also working toward a cure for Alzheimer’s disease.” Said Alzheimer’s Association California Southland Executive Director Meg Barron. “Those who walked with us as well as those who continue to volunteer and sponsor these

events help families across this community, every day, as well as those who may face an Alzheimer’s diagnosis in the future. Thank you.”

The Walk to End Alzheimer’s in Long Beach was the 12th in the series.

For more information on the care and support, research, and advocacy programs made possible by walkers, visit alz.org/socal. For more information on the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s or to donate to the

2022 walks, visit alz.org/walk. The Alzheimer’s Association California Southland Chapter serves Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Kern, Kings, Tulare and Inyo counties.

City to Launch Childhood Experiences Questionnaire

The City of Long Beach is partnering with Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) to launch the first ever Childhood Experiences Questionnaire, which will gather information from parents/guardians of current kindergarten students about their children’s early development and experiences linked to health and well-being, education and social outcomes.

“We are partnering with the school district on this effort to help improve the lives of children in Long Beach,” said Mayor Robert Garcia. “I encourage all parents of students in kindergarten to complete the survey and let your voices be heard.”

This fall, parents/guardians of LBUSD students who are currently enrolled in kindergarten will receive an email with instructions how to complete the questionnaire, including a unique code, for each child, to use to access the questionnaire, which will open for submissions in November 2022. Families who complete the questionnaire will be entered in a raffle to receive learning supplies for their children. Additionally, the City and LBUSD will offer the questionnaire in Spanish, Tagalog and Khmer as well as provide computer labs for parents to complete the survey

with guided support from Health Department or LBUSD staff. Findings collected from the questionnaire will be shared with the Health Department’s Early Childhood Education program. Leaders from both agencies will then meet to discuss how to provide and improve supports for children and families.

“We thank the City of Long Beach and the Health Department for partnering with us to better understand the challenges that young families are facing,” said LBUSD Superintendent Jill A. Baker. “By working together, our city and our schools can improve services for children and their families.”

Currently, data on young children living in Long Beach is limited, and no data set presents a holistic understanding of what families experience when raising young children. Historically, this lack of data has made it challenging to understand the strengths and needs of families with young children in the city and provide funding and localized services to support their success. Data collected from the Childhood Experiences Questionnaire will help teachers, school administrators and community partners implement a more equitable approach to services and programming in Long Beach.

“Having access to data, specific to Long Beach, will build more equitable and culturally inclusive support systems for all young children and families in our city,” said Health and Human Services Department Director Kelly Colopy.

In 2018, the City adopted the Early Childhood Strategic Plan. The questionnaire, along with the access to population-level data specific to early childhood, aligns with Goal 4 of the plan to “improve the quality of programs and services offered to children from birth through age 8,” and Goal 7, to “strengthen alignment of existing birth through age 8 governance structures and early childhood supports.”

This program is made possible by the [Long Beach Recovery Act](http://longbeach.gov/recovery), a plan to fund economic and public health initiatives for Long Beach residents, workers and businesses critically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. More than \$2 million dollars has been allocated to support early childhood education, childcare and literacy development for residents adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional information about the Long Beach Recovery Act is available at longbeach.gov/recovery.

Water saving actions that make a big difference

Regardless of the season, California is still experiencing an extreme drought. Here are a few simple tips to help you save water.

CUTTING BACK ON OUTDOOR WATERING even for one day a week can save up to 20% more water

RECYCLING INDOOR WATER to use outdoors can cut water use by 30%

ADJUSTING SPRINKLER HEADS AND FIXING LEAKS saves up to 6,300 gallons of water per month

USING A BROOM TO CLEAN OUTDOOR AREAS saves 6 gallons every minute you’re not running a hose

WATERING EARLY MORNING OR LATE AT NIGHT can save 50% of sprinkler water otherwise lost to wind and evaporation

For more tips visit

SAVE OUR WATER.com