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- Dalai Lama

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### Parking Permit Refunds

In response to COVID-19 and the transition to online learning, the Riverside Community College District has decided to refund 75% of the cost for student parking permits, which covers the remaining months of the spring 2020 semester.

Refunds are expected to arrive by the end of April. For permits purchased online, checks will be mailed to the mailing address on file where original permits were mailed. For permits purchased in person, checks will be mailed to the address in the parking system.

### Summer/Fall Registration

The Riverside Community College District has announced that the summer session will remain online as a six-week format.

A limited number of lab portions that cannot be offered fully online will be offered in the hybrid mode.

The summer class schedule was made available in MyPortal/WebAdvisor on April 27, with priority registration beginning May 18. The fall class schedule will be posted June 15, with priority registration beginning July 6.

Check MyPortal for your registration date.

### Excused Withdrawals

Students are being offered an excused withdrawal if they choose to drop classes this semester for reasons related to COVID-19. An EW does not impact the academic standing or repeatability of course or courses.

To request an EW, students should drop on WebAdvisor or EduNav and send a message from their RCCD student emails to [admissionsriverside@rcc.edu](mailto:admissionsriverside@rcc.edu) with the following information:

1. The specific course or courses they wish to drop.
2. Request for a withdrawal (W) grade to be modified to excused withdrawal (EW) due to COVID-19.
3. Request a refund for the dropped courses that staff will process immediately.

Students can verify if the refund amount is correct by checking WebAdvisor's account summary.

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# District, chancellor sued

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VIEWPOINTS

A lawsuit alleging sexual discrimination, coverups of illegal activities and intimidation of whistleblowers was filed against the Riverside Community College District and its chancellor Feb. 18.

Plaintiff Terri Hampton, former vice chancellor of Human Resources and Employee Relations, claims she was repeatedly subjected to Chancellor Wolde-Ab Isaac's wrath from the time he assumed the district's leading role, according to the lawsuit.

"Her job duties became impossible to discharge when in January 2018 Wolde-Ab Isaac became chancellor of the Riverside Community College District and began directing Plaintiff to engage in illegal activities and harassing Plaintiff and other female employees," the complaint reads.

Allegedly, Hampton was harassed by Isaac on a daily basis for insubordination and believes RCCD has unwritten policies that in effect discriminate against women.

Dennis Walsh, the District's attorney, said via email that RCCD and Isaac deny all claims in the lawsuit and look forward to clearing their names.

The lawsuit alleges that Isaac has used the Riverside City College Facilities Department illegally, sometimes directing custodians to perform work at his personal residence during regular work hours. It goes on to name Raymond "Chip" West, RCC vice president of Business Services, as someone who helped Isaac ensure his frequent personal use of RCC Facilities stayed off the official record.

According to the lawsuit, when Isaac communicates a work need at his home, RCC Facilities contacts a vendor and sends that vendor to his home. The vendor faxes the bill to West, who then gives the bill to Isaac for payment.

"West stated he has the invoices faxed directly to him (West) because he did not want there to be an electronic trail via email," the complaint alleges.

West declined to comment, in accordance with district policy.

According to the complaint, Isaac has been investigated for similar activities in the past and even admitted to Hampton that RCC Facilities staff have worked at his home.

"It remains to be seen how far of an investigation was done by the college," said Dennis Wagner, the attorney representing Hampton. "In my opinion, these were sham investigations meant to keep the status quo."

The lawsuit also claims Isaac



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Wolde-Ab Isaac, Riverside Community College District chancellor, speaks at a Board of Trustees meeting. While the lawsuit alleges he has engaged in gender discrimination, his supporters say no RCCD chancellor has hired more women and people of color than Isaac.

has attempted to refuse to work with RCCD's chapter of the California School Employees Association, a union that represents classified staff. It claims Isaac told Hampton the RCCD Faculty Association would negotiate on behalf of the CSEA and later alleges Isaac attempted to have faculty play a role in evaluating the performance of classified staff.

Gustavo Segura, president of the CSEA, said via email that he is unaware of any instances of classified staff being discriminated against.

In the lawsuit, Isaac is accused of being "compliant, beyond appropriate measures, to the demands of the Faculty Union." Hampton alleges Isaac failed to "sunshine" negotiation proposals regarding retirement incentives and retiree health issues, in effect violating collective bargaining laws. According to the complaint, Isaac told Hampton he had simply discussed those matters, not negotiated them, with the Faculty Association so a "sunshine" was unwarranted.

The lawsuit further alleges Isaac negotiated directly with the Faculty Association, a task reserved for her position.

Though unable to speak about the details of the lawsuit, members of the Faculty Association said Hampton was rarely available for direct negotiations and described their experiences working with her as disappointing.

"We welcomed (Hampton) with open arms," said Dariush Haghighat, RCC vice president of the Faculty Association. "For a while it was good. Gradually this excitement turned into disappointment."

The Faculty Association submitted an official inquiry of Hampton's used sick days after experiencing many issues contacting HR. Haghighat said that it did not make sense that Hampton was present two days a week despite having a heavy

workload.

"It was extremely frustrating working with her," said Rhonda Taube, president of the Faculty Association. "She was never available."

Taube claimed that although it was agreed that HR and the Faculty Association would meet monthly, she only met with the plaintiff twice in the span of a year and a half because Hampton would cancel most meetings. When she would email Hampton, Taube claims she would receive an automated response.

"We weren't able to conduct the work of our business of the Faculty Association," Taube said.

Wagner said the Faculty Association is aligned with the chancellor and also accused the RCCD Board of Trustees of continually covering for Isaac, claiming settlements have been doled out in the past to avoid further issues.

"The trustees knowingly allowed bad behavior to continue," Wagner said. "People being paid off indicates money was spent to stop lawsuits."

The lawsuit alleges Hampton first noticed an issue with the chancellor when in December 2017, shortly before officially assuming the position, Isaac wanted then Chief of Staff Janet Christine Carlson to be released from her contract. Isaac said Carlson was incompetent and refused to work with her, according to the complaint. Allegedly, Carlson had vocally opposed Isaac being named chancellor, leading to tension and mistrust between the two.

According to the lawsuit, a similar situation emerged with Peggy Cartwright Lomas, former associate vice chancellor of Strategic Communication. The lawsuit claims Cartwright was released without being evaluated or allowed an opportunity to improve her performance, which was the reason for her being let go.

"(Isaac) was getting rid of people he disliked," Wagner said.

The complaint goes on to claim Isaac attempted to force Hampton to assign higher level duties to Diana Torres, director of Human Resources and Employee Relations, without appropriate compensation while Hampton was on medical leave. When Hampton refused, Isaac became intimidating toward both women, according to the document.

Hampton claims the intimidation of women and preferential treatment of men by Isaac is habitual. According to the lawsuit, Isaac forced Hampton to present confidential labor relations information during a Board of Trustees meeting in October 2019 despite her multiple attempts to convince the chancellor that the presentation should be made in private.

Backlash for the presentation ensued and Isaac allegedly blamed Hampton entirely during subsequent meetings with then Board President Tracy Vackar, RCCD's three college presidents and CSEA E-Board members.

Those allegedly present at these meetings declined to comment, in accordance with district policy.

Wagner claimed several district employees confirmed the lawsuit's allegations after reading the April 1 article by The Press-Enterprise on the matter.

"I can't release their names but I've been contacted by several people who said I can take their deposition on the lawsuit," Wagner said.

The Faculty Association, which drafted a press release in response to what they called a biased article in The Press-Enterprise, expressed its support for Isaac.

"We refuse to stand idly by while (Isaac's) reputation is smeared," the press release reads. "Never has there been a greater champion for our students and for the communities we serve. He has promoted the most able leaders regardless of gender or ethnicity."

The Faculty Association submitted the release to The Press-Enterprise but has yet to receive a response.

Hampton is seeking compensation for medical treatment undergone due to the hostility she claims to have experienced for whistleblowing about Isaac's alleged activities. The lawsuit claims Hampton has become physically ill, cannot sleep and has trouble performing basic daily functions.

"All she's entitled to is financial damages," Wagner said. "She also wants to enlighten the area as to what (Isaac) is doing."

Members of the Faculty Association said they were shocked at the lawsuit's allegations.

"I sincerely hope this case goes to court," Haghighat said. "Let everyone see the truth."





PHOTO COURTESY OF RCCD

The Charles A. Kane building houses the Financial Aid Office at Riverside City College. Students can apply for emergency aid remotely on the Riverside Community College District website. The district received a total of \$18, 036,432 in emergency federal aid, half of which is reserved for student need.

# Emergency aid not available to some

## Federal guidance on distribution of funds restricts pool of eligibility for pandemic relief

**ERIK GALICIA**  
NEWS EDITOR

Undocumented students will not be eligible to receive federal coronavirus relief money, which was distributed to Community Colleges last week.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 27 allowed for a total of over \$18 million to be awarded to the Riverside Community College District. Half of this money is meant to help students and the other half is meant to fund institutional needs.

“The guidance provided by Gov. (Gavin) Newsom last week told us that we are not able to provide funding to DACA students that are not identified as citizens of the United States, or here with social security numbers,” Jeannie Kim, associate vice chancellor of Grants and Economic Development, said during the RCCD Board of Trustees meeting April 21.

Although initial federal

guidance on how these funds should be distributed to students was vague and allowed individual colleges flexibility, the U.S. Department of Education announced April 21 that aid recipients must be FAFSA eligible to be CARES Act eligible, narrowing the range of students who qualify for aid.

“The FAFSA eligibility lists out citizenship or affirmative authority to be here in the U.S. legally,” Kim said.

International students and students who were exclusively in online classes before the pandemic are also ineligible for emergency aid.

Student Trustee Jorge Zavala expressed disappointment with the federal developments.

“It’s unfortunate to hear that undocumented students will not be receiving (aid) considering we are a Hispanic-serving institution,” Zavala said. “Also how students who don’t qualify for FAFSA will not receive it. I know students who don’t qualify for FAFSA but still can’t afford their books.”

Jose Alcala, secretary of

the Board of Trustees, urged the district to find other ways to support all students left out by the emergency relief bill.

A district task force developed a point-based system for determining the distribution of emergency aid. Eligibility criteria include California residency, enrollment in the spring 2020 semester at the time of applying for aid, declaring an RCCD college as the home college of record and having COVID-19 related financial burdens.

Points will be awarded to students for being veterans, foster youth, having been laid off or lost work hours due to the pandemic and so on. This will be determined through student records and applications.

“Based on this point scale, those who receive the closest to 22 points would be at the highest priority for receiving funding,” Kim said.

These top priority students will receive grants of \$500, while lower tiers will offer \$400 and \$300 payments.

“We are planning on sending this information out by putting a

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must be enrolled in Spring 2020
- Must declare an RCCD college as home college
- Must have COVID-19 related financial needs
- California residency required

**Based on 22 point scale system of need, qualified students will fall under (3) TIERS**

**Tier 1 - \$500    Tier 2 - \$400    Tier 3 - \$300**

**April 27-Application Available**

**May 1-Applications Due**

**Week of May 4-Awards Distributed**

IMAGE COURTESY OF JORGE ZAVALA

Riverside Community College District Student Trustee Jorge Zavala urges students to apply for emergency aid as soon as possible.

website together where students will be able to access this information readily,” Kim said.

Applications for the aid were made available to students April 27 and are due by May 1. It was announced at the RCCD Academic Senate meeting April 27 that 2,937 students applied for aid within two hours of the application being sent out.

The district expects to distribute grants the week of May 4. If money remains after allocation, those funds will be given to students with the maximum need in the top tier. Students should visit [rccd.edu/covid\\_funding\\_resources](http://rccd.edu/covid_funding_resources) to apply for aid.

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California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley tells student reporters via Zoom teleconference April 14 that the state is bracing for COVID-19’s economic fallout.

# State Chancellor holds conference Foresees financial hardships due to COVID-19 pandemic

**ERIK GALICIA**  
NEWS EDITOR

A bleak economic forecast was predicted for the state’s Community Colleges during a teleconference with student reporters April 14.

“We don’t know how big of an impact this is going to be because we are not through this crisis yet,” Eloy Oakley, California Community Colleges Chancellor, said during the call.

The Riverside Community College District is planning for the financial fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic and this factor, in part, led to its decision to cancel spring break. According to Oakley, the state is also bracing for disrupted tax revenue and serious impacts on education.

“There will likely be cuts

to our budgets,” Oakley said. “We’re going to advocate heavily to protect community colleges.”

Oakley claimed community colleges train 70% of first responders in California. He said deep funding cuts would weaken the abilities of colleges to prepare the workforce. His stated goal is to prevent the types of cuts that happened in the 2008 recession, which severely disrupted the state’s community college system.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 27 allowed for \$300 million in aid for California community college students.

“The allocation goes to colleges based on full-time enrollment,” Oakley said. “Colleges have received guidance that they should be using to serve the needs of the lowest income students. Each

college is determining the greatest need.”

The loss of income many students are experiencing because of the pandemic is impacting their financial ability to continue attending college. Oakley said developments from his office aim to establish the continuity of education for as many students as possible.

According to the chancellor, in addition to the smaller grants meant to help students fulfill their basic needs, the state is working to ensure that a federally supplemented unemployment insurance program is available to students.

Oakley also stressed the importance of having as many California students as possible counted in this year’s census and urged those who have not participated to visit [californiacensus.org](http://californiacensus.org).

“The impact of students not being counted in the census really extends for a decade,” Oakley said. “It’s critically important because that influences how much money the state of California receives for higher education. How much Department of Labor funds we receive to help students who are unemployed.”

Gov. Gavin Newsom sent a letter to the state legislature in March announcing that the previously drafted budget for the upcoming fiscal year will not be ratified and work will only proceed on a workload budget.

“What this means is we will only fund ongoing programs that are essential to continuing the education of our students,” Oakley said. “The budget committee announced that in August they will reconvene after revenues are better understood to determine whether or not there’s going to be

additional cuts.”

The chancellor said difficulties students have faced in transitioning to online instruction have exposed California’s digital divide. Districts across the state have identified students who do not have access to WiFi connections and the necessary technology to continue their education effectively.

“That’s maddening because it not only affects community college students, it’s affecting K-12 students as well,” Oakley said. “The key is to keep them enrolled. UCs and CSUs will continue to accept our transfer students.”

Oakley said the state assumes restrictions will be in place through Spring 2021 but assured that no California Community College will stop offering education.

The chancellor is planning to hold another conference with student media sometime in May.

# Former district nursing student dies at 20 Family says she was unwilling to leave front lines of pandemic

**SAIDA MAALIN**  
LIFE EDITOR

A nursing student working on the front lines of the pandemic died April 10 from COVID-19 complications.

Valeria Viveros, 20, also known as Valerie, was a former Riverside City College District student, according to Robert Schmidt Senior Public Affairs Officer for RCCD.

Viveros showed symptoms and rushed to Corona Hospital where she was cared for in the

Intensive Care Unit. She died seven days later.

Viveros worked as a nursing assistant at the Extended Care Hospital of Riverside, where she may have contracted the virus. Many patients and staff members tested positive for the virus at that facility.

Due to strict COVID-19 safety measures, her loved ones were not allowed to visit her in the hospital.

Family remembered Viveros and her life on a GoFundMe page created by her aunt Rafaela Pinto Urrea.

The page had raised \$23,941 as of April 29 for the Viveros family,

surpassing the goal of \$15,000 to help with funeral expenses.

“In her first job as a nurse assistant, my 21-year-old niece Valeria did not have the heart to stay home,” Urrea said on the GoFundMe page. “She was driven to be with the elderly under her care at a skilled nursing facility in Riverside in spite of the fact that several patients were infected with COVID-19.”

A former classmate and friend, Neshae Nault, took to facebook to host a prayer in honor of Viveros.

“She was always a positive person and always loved to help people,” Nault said.

Viveros would have turned 21 on May 7. Friends from high school posted on Twitter and Facebook, expressing their disbelief that Viveros is gone.

“Valerie would want people to know that she’s in a happier place and she’s not suffering anymore,” said Mariann Davis, Viveros’ best friend. “Remember the good times that you shared and even if there’re bad ones, laugh at them.”

The two met as freshmen at Norco High School, where they graduated from in June 2017.

“There are so many memories we shared,” Davis said. “I just want everyone to remember



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Donate to the Viveros family at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/valeria-viveros039-memorial-fund>.

the sweet and kind girl that she was. She would do anything for anybody.”





A protester holds a sign that reads “Don’t tread on me!!” as he walks down 12th Avenue in Riverside on April 25.



A woman who goes by Lona is seen protesting on the 14th Street bridge above the 91 Freeway. She voices her concerns and disgust about the stay-at-home order.

# Anti-shutdown

ERIK G  
NEWS E

Feelings of financial desperation and theories of a coming fascist government hit the streets of Riverside on April 25. Dozens converged on downtown, marching down Market and 14th Streets, demanding that Riverside County and California be reopened.

The protest was the latest in a string of nationwide demonstrations opposing pandemic restrictions meant to slow the spread of COVID-19. Some said they represented those who are out of work and will not be able to sustain much longer.

Protester Bassad Pesci said that although he is still coping well financially without work, he is looking at the bigger picture.

“I’m ok,” Pesci said. “But there’s plenty of people who are gonna have a complete break apart of their lives if this goes on much longer.”

According to Pesci, COVID-19 statistics do not add up to a crisis. He claimed that COVID-19’s fatality rate, a rough estimate of which can be calculated by dividing deaths by known cases, could be as low as 0.2% because health officials are finding infections to be 10 times

higher than originally thought.

The California Department of Public Health reported 1,651 deaths out of 41,137 known cases, amounting to a fatality rate of around 4% as of April 25. That number jumps to nearly 6% when looking at national numbers. These percentages are 20 and 30 times higher, respectively, than Pesci’s estimate. But Pesci maintained that the true number of infections is not known.

“If you’re scared, quarantine yourself,” Pesci said.

Opinions among protesters about the severity of the pandemic varied. While admitting the seriousness of the situation, marcher Jess Perez said it is now controlled enough to reopen California.

“I think if people are sick they need to get treatment,” Perez said. “If people are afraid to get sick, they have the right to stay home. But it’s manageable now.”

Perez also likened the shutdown to the activities of Nazi Germany, calling it a government experiment.

“I think our government is overreaching and they’re suppressing the people,” Perez said. “Causing businesses to shut down, people to lose income, not be able to provide for their



A man holds a sign that states “Reopen California” on 14th Street

ANGEL PEÑA



# own protest

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families, not be able to get well when they need to because they don't have the means to do it. Then they become completely reliant on the government."

A protester who wished to be identified only as Lona expressed a harsher judgement of the situation, describing it as an elite-led conspiracy to wipe out masses.

"We wanna open California from that fascist pig (Gov. Gavin) Newsom," Lona said. "To have a fascist government shut down my country and consider my brother a nonessential, f--- them."

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation contributed to \$125 million in funding for what it calls the COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator, a project aiming to develop treatments for the virus, according to their website. Lona called this an attempt to create lethal vaccines, echoing rising theories that argue Bill Gates holds some responsibility in the pandemic.

"I know the pig is planning to kill all of humanity with his little vaccines," she said. "Two million are gonna die. If that isn't enough, you have Leon Musk and Bill Gates killing you with 5G towers."

Despite protests, 75% of

Californians oppose an abrupt end to the stay-at-home order, according to a California Health Care Foundation poll published April 24. A national HuffPost poll conducted between April 17 and 19 found that 60% of Democrats and 58% of Republicans feel pandemic restrictions are reasonable.

Just a mile away from the march, Riversiders at the farmers market on the intersection of Fifth and Main Streets said it is not the right time to reopen society.

"Not until it's ready," Daryl Norsell said. "Until the people who have spent their lives studying say so. I trust those guys. It's a temporary thing."

Norsell called the protests "ignorance on display."

Craig Sheldon, a vendor, agreed.

"It's not like the government is just saying this," Sheldon said. "They're going off of the recommendations of the entire medical community. Human lives are far more important than dollar signs."

Although Newsom has announced that California's stay-at-home order does not have a set expiration date, Riverside County's order is set to expire April 30. An extension has yet to be announced.



Signs that read "Reopen" fill the 14th Street bridge above the 91 Freeway on April 25. Protesters plead for support from other residents in Riverside County.



t over the 91 Freeway, protesting the Riverside County shutdown.



Two men are seen leading the protest against the stay-at-home order. Dozens of people donning pro-Trump attire participated in the protest April 25.





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Clockwise from top, Robert Smith of The Cure live in Singapore August 1, 2007. King Krule live at Rebel August 29, 2018. SWANS “Filth” album cover 2014.

# Albums to listen to while quarantined

As important as it is for the public to remain indoors right now, it can be quite tedious to those who feel the need for entertainment. Here are five albums to social distance to.

STEPHANIE ARENAS  
STAFF REPORTER

**The Cure’s ‘Pornography’**  
“Pornography,” released in 1982, is the fourth studio album released by British goth rock band The Cure.

Whether you are having a dreadful day or simply find yourself awake in the middle of the night and unable to fall asleep, “Pornography” is the type of album to relieve you of all your worries.

The band had hit a fork in the road at the time of the album’s recording. Intending to break the band up after the release of this album, lead singer Robert Smith belted his heart out one last time.

You can hear the hopelessness and misery in Smith’s voice as he serenades his soul into each song.

If you are interested in a more melancholic and gothic sound, this is the album for you.

Personal favorite: “The Hanging Garden”

**Swan’s ‘Filth’**  
“Filth,” released in 1983,

is the debut studio album for the American noise rock band Swans.

The sound might lead you to realize that there was nothing like it in its time.

It’s loud, destructive, rigid and so much more.

Its lyrics reference heavy topics: corruption, rape and abuse of power. Issues that many artists at the time wouldn’t even dream of singing about.

Swans were ahead of their time and unfortunately did not see any critical praise until decades after the release of “Filth.”

“Filth” is the type of album that needs to be listened to in its uninterrupted entirety in order to feel its full effect. It demands its listener’s undivided attention from the beginning and delivers a melancholic ambiance by the end.

Personal favorite: “Right Wrong”

**Fugazi’s ‘The Argument’**  
Any of Fugazi’s albums are worthy of play because they are all phenomenal in their own way but if you have to pick one, pick “The Argument.”

Released in 2001, “The Argument” would go on to be Fugazi’s sixth and final album before their break up in 2003.

Many bands tend to lose their touch over time. Fugazi is one of the few exceptions. They grew as artists and expanded in a more experimental direction without losing their roots.

The album’s lyrics, such as, “And inside, I know I’m broken / But I’m working as far as you can see,” truly capture what Fugazi stood for and have stuck with me to this day.

If you are interested in listening to a more experimental

and artistic style, Fugazi is the band for you.

This album alone features songs that are heavy, slow or somewhere in between so there is something for everyone.

If you had to choose only one album, I would highly recommend this one because, in my opinion, it is the best album on this list.

Personal favorite: Every song is tremendous in its own way but “Life and Limb” stands above the rest.

**Surfing’s ‘Deep Fantasy’**  
Surfing is an Australian vaporwave band formed in 2011.

Released in 2012, “Deep Fantasy” exudes a pleasant ambiance that immerses you in a dreary world as you delve deeper into the album.

If you want to feel as though you are taking a trip to the beach then this is the album for you.

This album is perfect to listen to when you feel the need to calm those quarantine nerves.

Personal favorite: “Your Touch”

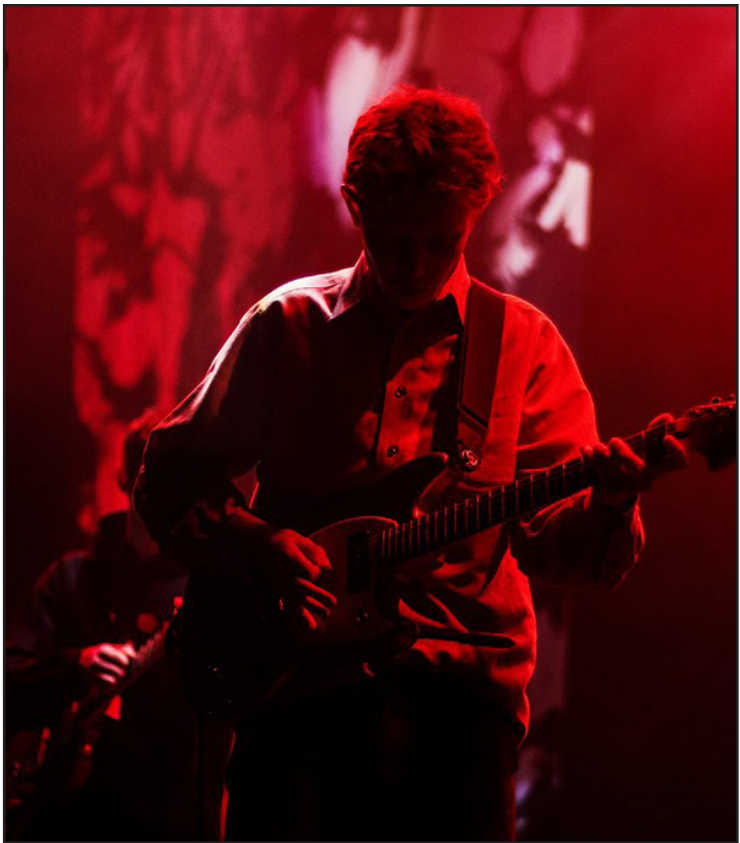
**King Krule’s ‘The Ooz’**  
Released in 2017, “The Ooz” incorporates elements from genres such as R&B, punk rock, jazz and so much more.

If you are simply seeking some background music while working on homework or a last minute essay, then this is the album for you.

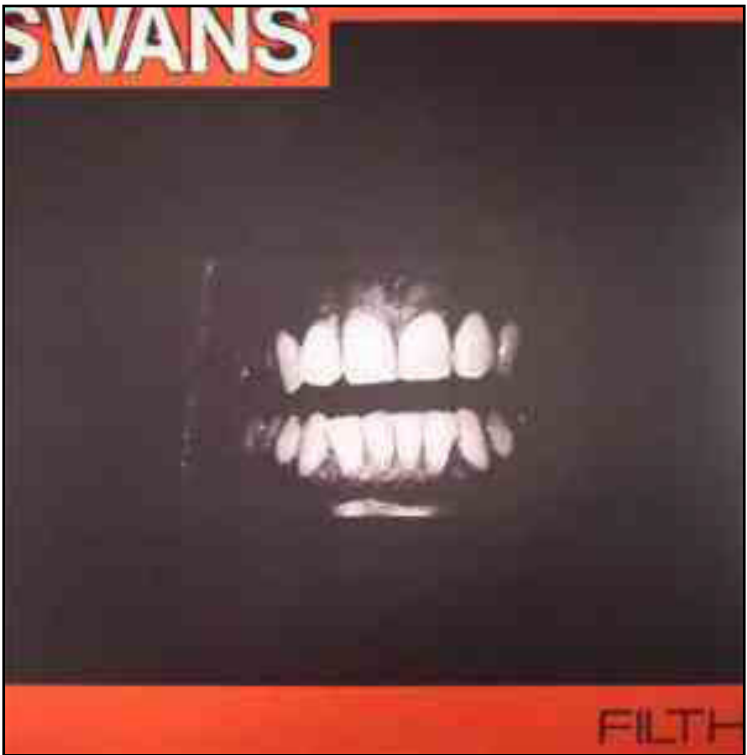
“The Ooz” is a little over an hour long but is worth a listen as it brings a thrilling atmosphere from beginning to end.

Relaxing and tranquilizing even in its heavier songs, “The Ooz” is the perfect album if you are looking for a more diverse track listing.

Personal favorite: “The Locomotive”



COURTESY OF MAC DOWNEY



COURTESY OF DESIGNDAY



# RCC alum chosen for film festival

## Former student wins Audience Best Animation

SAIDA MAALIN

LIFE EDITOR

A Riverside City College alum’s short film “Over the Moon” won Audience Best Animation at the 18th annual Riverside International Film Festival from April 21-26.

“It’s great to be in a festival in my hometown,” David Sanchez, the film’s creator, said during a live Q&A following the film’s preview April 22. “I grew up around Riverside and was born in Moreno Valley. This was really cool to be a part of because it’s local. Makes it very comfortable.”

Winners were announced April 26 on the RIFF website through Vimeo and Zoom, live platforms allowing everyone to participate and watch for free.

Sanchez was not the only one in the animation spotlight. RCC’s very own animation instructor Will Kim’s short film, “The Hole,” was also selected. The films were played on day two of the six day film festival.

“This is such a great accomplishment and great honor for the entire RCCD community,” Dariush Haghighat, an RCC political science instructor, said in an email. “Congratulations professor Kim and RCC alum Mr. Sanchez for a job well done.”

During the Q&A, Sanchez, Kim and other RIFF members discussed the technology, technique, time management and inspiration behind each film.

“It’s really awesome being here with Will,” Sanchez said. “I love it.”

Viewers that participated in the audience choice awards were allowed to go through each film on the day of it being previewed and rate each one numerically based on least to most favorite.

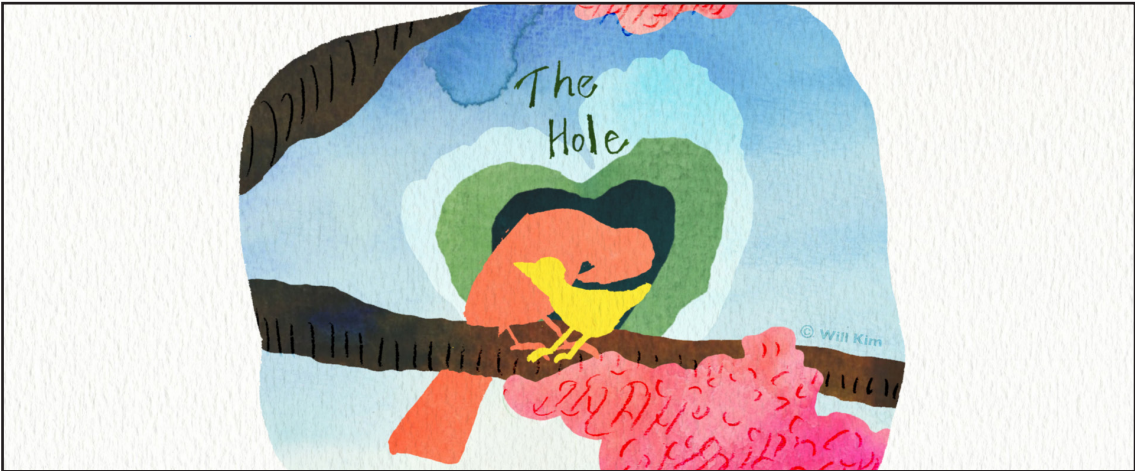
“The Hole” was a 31 second film about a mother bird and her baby falling off a tree and failing to fly, causing the baby to fall in a hole.

“I teach all forms of animations,” Kim said. “I use watercolor when it comes to my personal work, freelance and commercial work.”

Kim’s short film featured music by Green Seo. The dramatic yet harmonious beat built suspense as the bird fell.

“It was all me and Green who composed the music for my film,” Kim said.

“Over the Moon” was a four and a half minute animation about an awkward first encounter between a man and woman on a date. The twist is the man is a wolf. The moon activates his wolf features while on the date, prompting him to wittingly chase after the curtains to keep them closed.



COURTESY OF WILL KIM

From top, The Hole Directed by Will Kim. Over The Moon Directed by David Sanchez.

The short film was funny and well put together.

“I couldn’t have done this without all my classmates that worked with me,” Sanchez said.

They both had their own unique touch that moved viewers who actively stayed connected in a live chat as the films played.

“Loved it,” viewer April Lynn said in the RIFF live chat.

This year the festival wanted to focus on a wide variety of genres and subjects in relation to human misunderstandings, misfortunes, social reform, war and immigration.

RIFF has annually sought to bring together independent filmmakers from all over the world since 2002.



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# Chrissy Teigen goes bananas for quarantine bread

## Supermodel resurfaces tweet of comforting recipe during pandemic

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You know what bananas are good for? Banana nut bread! It’s superior to all bread loafs and it might even just be easiest to bake.

I’ve experimented with plenty of banana nut bread recipes, but one that took the trophy was Chrissy Teigen’s and uncle Mike’s famous banana bread recipe. My family couldn’t get enough of it.

Teigen released her recipe to thousands of fans via Twitter in 2017. It was so popular that it resurfaced on Twitter on February 10, when Teigen brought the tweet back and mentioned that a great way to spend quarantine was baking some delicious banana bread.

Seeing the recipe return and having nothing else to do during these times, I decided to give the recipe a go.

When I baked the banana bread it came out moist and fluffy. It burst with flavors of dark chocolate, coconut and of course banana.

The recipe begins with a list



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of ingredients you will need to gather. Two ingredients I was very surprised to see were boxes of vanilla instant pudding mix and unsweetened shredded coconut. I’ve never encountered both ingredients in a banana bread recipe but boy was I missing out.

Now, I first started off by preheating the oven to 325

farenheit after I greased and put flour around my Bundt pan. Then I started to mix the wet ingredients in a bowl, smashing 6 bananas adding 4 eggs and ⅔ cup of canola oil. Teigen makes it very clear in her tweet you need 6 bananas under NO circumstances will you use less.

In a separate bowl I missed the dry ingredients, 2 cups of

flour, 2 cups of sugar, 1 box of vanilla instant pudding mix, 1 teaspoon of baking soda, and 1½ teaspoons of kosher salt. After I combined wet and dry ingredients, in the words of Ms. Teigen “combine gently.” As I mixed I began to put in the chocolate chunks and shredded coconut I desired.

Lastly I put my mix in the

bundt pan and let it bake in the oven for about 55 to 60 minutes, at random times I would check the bread by inserting a toothpick until it came out clean.

Now came the best part, taking out the banana bread once it was baked and letting it cool to serve. Let me tell you as it was baking it smelled delicious. I couldn’t wait until it was finally time to try it. Took my first bite after serving it and the first thing that came to mind was delicious!

I was extremely happy with my results, and happy with my decision overall to try and make this recipe. The entire time I baked I had so much fun, my sister was even helping me throughout the process.

Times can be a little hard and extremely boring during quarantine but a fun way to make the time pass by is definitely baking. I recommend getting in that kitchen and trying to make any recipe that calls your attention!

Who knows, maybe you’ll end up on Chef’s Table after quarantine.



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EDITORIAL



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# Americans deserve better

## Distribution of stimulus checks excludes millions

Millions received government issued stimulus checks this month to ease the financial burdens caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, millions of others received nothing.

Undocumented immigrants have been laboring in the countryside, rain or shine, ensuring food makes it on the plates of hungry Americans. They have been working alongside American citizens in grocery stores, restaurants and gas stations, risking infection to support their families and keep society afloat.

Depriving families of aid based on immigration status, especially during times of crisis, is cruel and exclusionist. It is an act rooted in American Exceptionalism. But President Donald Trump’s nativist cult following contradicts itself when it calls the pandemic a hoax

while simultaneously supporting his decision to put a halt to immigration for the sake of “flattening the curve.”

Immigrants and people of color have been treated as second class citizens for generations and this is proof that they are still perceived as such, despite them being the workhorses behind essential services during times of need.

Now the government says some U.S. born citizens are second class too.

A portion of tax paying Americans did not receive stimulus checks because they are married to immigrants without a Social Security Number. They are not even eligible for the additional \$500 per child.

Some couples could have avoided this if the spouse who is a U.S. citizen had filed separately.

But how were they supposed to know that the government was

going to exclude them?

The International Revenue Service states that individuals are eligible if they are “a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or qualifying resident alien” and must have a SSN that is valid for employment. Although, if one spouse is in the military then only one is required to have a valid SSN.

Despite beliefs that the Trump Administration is “draining the swamp,” its exclusion of those who America has excluded for centuries simply amounts to a continuation of the status quo.

America should care for all of its residents, no matter their marriage or “legal” status.

This exclusionary act is affecting many here in Riverside. International students and undocumented students at our very own Riverside Community College District will not be receiving any federal aid.

Students from mixed status families may also be excluded from receiving aid. Some U.S.-born students with undocumented parents may be left struggling as the economic fallout of the pandemic ravages their families’ finances. Although many disagree with birthright citizenship, the fact remains that such students are American citizens and are entitled to federal aid.

If it is to hold ground, the argument that stimulus money should be reserved for “real Americans” should be extended to the agricultural fields. Will those “real Americans” who are out of work be willing to work the farms for crumbs?

The reality is that these people are here, they are working, and contrary to popular belief, many are paying taxes without ever seeing a return. They, like all in this country who are struggling, deserve aid.

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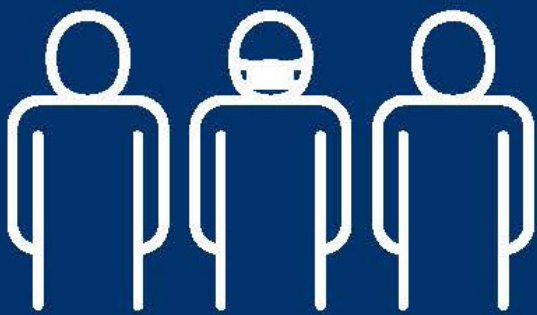




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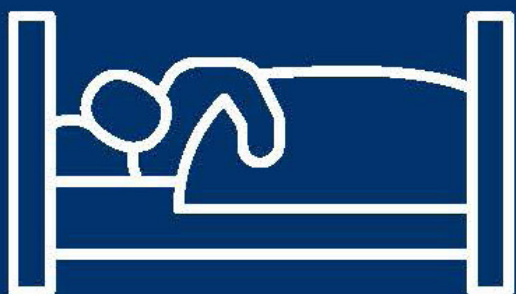
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Use a tissue to cover  
coughs and sneezes, then  
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Wash your hands  
with soap and  
water frequently.



Eat well, stay hydrated,  
and get plenty of sleep.



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