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Memorial marker rejected



Owner Abdula Mohsen cutting the ribbon at the official grand opening.

Ribbon cut on 'true value'

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

True Value Hardware in Shafter held a celebration over the weekend, complete with a ribbon cutting, prizes for attendees, a car show, music and a lot of fun.

The ribbon was cut on Friday morning, with a host of local dignitaries on hand to celebrate the occasion. Owner Abdula Mohsen received a proclamation from the City of Shafter, which was presented to him by Shafter Mayor Pro-Tem Cesar Lopez. Mohsen also was given proclamations by Joseph Lopez, a representative from Congressman TJ Cox's office, and by Zachary Wakefield, representative of Supervisor David Couch's office.

Angel Jimenez provided the sound and music for the event on Saturday, which saw the True Value parking lot



Abdula Mohsen with his son Abdul.

full of classic cars and trucks, thanks to a couple of local car clubs, including Classic Dreams. There was also the LOACH helicopter and yellow Follow Me Jeep from the

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The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council reversed their decision made on July 2 when they voted 3-2 to put a marker at the Veterans Memorial at Veterans Park with their names and titles on it. There will be no additional plaque.

At the meeting on July 16 it was decided that they would revisit the issue at the next meeting after several citizens spoke out about their disagreement with the decision, and several more residents who spoke against it Tuesday night:

Mary Crabb Sharron, who said that she had relatives who had served in Vietnam, including a brother-in-law she never met because he was killed in the war. She said, "I think that there are plenty of places to put your names if you want that, but not at this memorial. Just don't do it there," and Tommy Rodriguez, owner of Deluxe Barber Shop and a veteran, who said, "Veterans Park was created in 2009, if you think it is important to have the names and titles of the members on a plaque there, why not put the members' names on it that were actually part of the creation of the park, not the members who are serving right now?"



Mary Crabb-Sharron speaks to the council about her family members who had served in the military.

Mike Miller, of the AmVets organization, said that at no time during the planning and creation of the memorial did

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Railroad crossing detour

The BNSF Railroad is planning maintenance operations on the track crossing at Lerdo Highway near State Street and Santa Fe Way, requiring the temporary closure of the crossing Tuesday through Friday, Aug. 12-18.

According to the railroad, the work will make it smoother for vehicles going over the tracks, City Manager Scott Hurlbert said. The last time such maintenance occurred was six years ago.

More information is available on the City of Shafter's website, shafter.com, and the City of Shafter Facebook page.

'Annie Jr.' showcases young talent in town

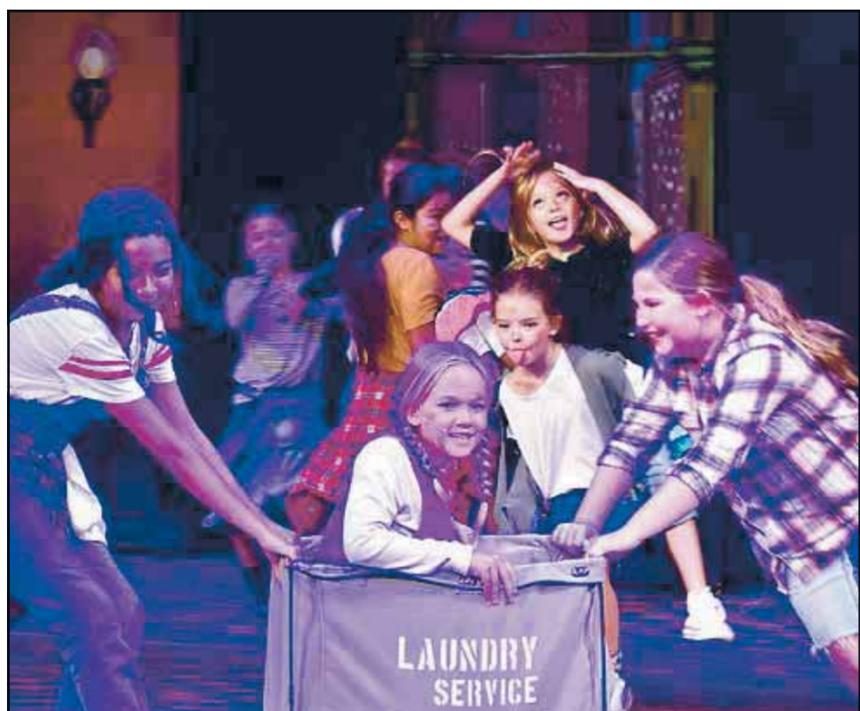
JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Children's Summer Theater celebrated their 24th year with a presentation of "Annie Jr.," which showcased

Most know the story of the little orphan in search of her real parents. Annie, played by Megan Bloemhof, goes in search of them after escaping from the orphanage, which is ran by Miss Hannigan, played by SCST veteran Natalia Crane. Bloemhof belted out "Tomorrow," the signature song of the production. Bloemhof was a mix of cuteness and precociousness in her portrayal.

But there were not just a couple of stars that carried the show. The entire cast was strong in singing and dancing, from Bloemhof, Crane, Lauren Givens as Grace, Matthew Maldonado as Daddy Warbucks, to the adorable and mischievous orphans under Miss Hannigan's charge.

A plan made by Hannigan and her brother, Rooster, was created to bilk Warbucks



The girls at the orphanage sing about the "Hard Knock Life" they have day after day.



Annie, played by Megan Bloemhof, sings and dances with Daddy Warbucks, played by Matthew Maldonado.

the talent in the area as the kids sang and danced their way through a very challenging score.

out of a reward offered for finding Annie's parents. In the meantime, Warbucks gets attached to Annie and decides that he wants to adopt her. Thankfully, the plan was foiled when the FBI found out the true identities

of Rooster and his girlfriend, arresting them and Miss Hannigan for good measure.

Annie is reunited with a little friend she met along her journey, a four-legged one

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Community Calendar

The Press accepts calendar items as received from non-profit and public organizations.

To add a meeting or event, or correct an item, call 661-292-5100 or email calendar@TheShafterPress.com. Please include contact name, phone and email. Items may be edited for available space and content.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Shafter Woman's Club Mix & Mingle -- Learn more about what Shafter Woman's Club does. Meet new people, new connections. Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 10:30 a.m. 480 Maple St., corner of Maple Street and Tulare Avenue, Shafter.

NEW: Trucking With Clean Fuels Conference -- Tuesday, Aug. 13, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ford Theater, 1101 E. Lerdo Hwy., Shafter.

NEW: Library events -- Every day/all day events at the Shafter Branch Library. Kids Coloring Craze, Game On! Puzzelmania.

Worship hours -- Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church will be starting new worship time Sunday, Aug. 18 at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:30 a.m. as well.

MONDAY

SRPD --The Shafter Recreation and Parks Department Board of Directors meets on the second Monday at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset, at 6 p.m.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m., at 505 Sunset Ave.

Richland school board -- Richland School District board meets on the third Monday at Golden Oak cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault -- Services available on Mondays in Shafter: case management 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (English and Spanish); Peer support group 3-4 p.m. Spanish; peer support group 4-5 p.m. English. Meetings held at 329 Central Ave. Information, 661-322-0931. 24-hour Crisis Line 661-327-1091 or 800-273-7713.

Kern High School District board -- Meeting the second Monday at 5801 Sundale Ave., Bakersfield at 7 p.m.

NA -- Meeting is held every Monday at the Shafter Veterans Hall, 301 California Ave., at 7 p.m.

AARP -- Meetings for the American Association of Retired People are held on the third Monday at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave., at 1:30 pm.

AMVETS - The Shafter post of the AMVET meets the first and third Monday at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 301 California Ave.

Kern County Library -- Weekly events include trivia all day, Knitting Club at 11:30 a.m., Scholar Hour at 2:30 p.m. at the Shafter branch, 236 James St.

TUESDAY

Kids get crafty (Ninos se vuelven artistas) -- At the Shafter Branch Library Aug. 8 and Aug. 22 at 2 p.m.

Zumba -- Classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:10-8:10 p.m. at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

Food Pantry -- Food giveaway the third Sunday, Shafter Christian Fellowship, 632 James St., starting at 1 p.m. First come, first served.

Lions Club -- Meetings second and fourth Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Hall.

Chair exercise 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Arts & crafts 55 years + -- Meeting 10 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Community Bible study -- Nondenominational study meets 10 a.m. at Valley Bible Church.

City Council --Shafter City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays at 336 Pacific Ave. at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission-- Shafter Planning Commission meets second Tuesdays at 336 Pacific Ave. at 7 p.m.

PTA -- The Richland Parent Teachers Association meets the first Tuesday at Sequoia Elementary School, 500 East Fresno Ave., in the library at 6:30 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary -- The American Legion Auxiliary meets on the first Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Hall. The auxiliary also hosts a potluck dinner at the Veterans Hall, 301 California Ave. on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's -- Shafter Healthcare holds Alzheimer's support group meetings on the third Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., at the Shafter Convalescent Hospital, 140 East Tulare Ave. In-

Mystery history



This week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. Send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week, along with the facts behind this photo and a new one to challenge you. **LAST WEEK:** A scene from the Shafter High School Student Body play "Agatha's Aunt," put on by the school's dramatic club, The Muse and Masque Honorary Society, on Dec. 5, 1930. The play was directed by the teacher Martha Joae Barnett. The cast is pictured, from left, Frank Combs, Esther Lane, Alma Zimmerman, Bob Langston, Gertrude Mettler, Wesley Hart, Henry Karber, Lawrence Annis, Hettie Penderson and Elma Handel.



formation, 661-746-3912.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

WEDNESDAY

NEW: Family Storytime -- at 11:30 a.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

Zumba -- Classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:10-8:10 p.m. at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

Youth program -- Awanas Club Program 6:15-8 p.m. at Valley Bible Church, 350 Pine St.

Shafter Community Task Force - Meets the second Wednesday, 9-10 a.m., at the Shafter Police Department Briefing Room.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years-plus at 5, 6 and 7 a.m. at Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

Folklorico -- Dance classes are available Wednesday evenings at Golden Oak Cafeteria. Pee wee ages 5-8 at 4 p.m.; intermediate ages 9-12 at 5 p.m., advanced ages 13 to adult, 6 p.m. Information, 661-746-4352.

Shafter Collaborative -- Meets the third Wednesdays in the Shafter Police Department conference room at 9 a.m.

Women's Club --Shafter Women's Club meets the first Wednesday the Shafter Police Department Conference Room. at 11:30 a.m.

Lions --Shafter Lion's Club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at China Cuisine Restaurant at 7 a.m.

Kiwanis --The Shafter Kiwanis Club meets Wednesdays at noon at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Airport board--Shafter Minter Field Airport District Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the District office at Minter Field, 201 Aviation Street.

Prop 36 -- Spiritual meetings for Prop 36 or others in recovery from addictions at Free Will Baptist Church, 155 Redwood, at 7 p.m. or Home Fellowship Church, 520 California Ave., at 7 p.m.

Rotary -- Shafter Rotary Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Shafter Veteran's Hall for breakfast.

Al-Anon -- Al-Anon meetings are held at St. Therese's Catholic Church, 300 W. Lerdo Hwy., from 9-10 a.m. Information, 562-948-2190 or 888-425-2666.

Prayer night -- Community Night of Prayer and Worship at the Ford Theater offers a chance to gather together as a community to pray together and to worship the Lord. All are welcome at 7 p.m. For more information, call Michelle at 661-630-4059.

THURSDAY

NEW: Toddler Time -- at 11:30 a.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

NEW: LEGO Club Mania! -- at 5:30 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

NEW: STEAM activity -- Aug. 8 and Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

Sack Day 55+ -- Every first and third Thursday at 10 a.m., W.C. Walker Center.

Commodities -- Commodities will be given out at 11 a.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Shafter Youth Center at 455 E. Euclid Avenue. First come, first serve. For more information call 661-746-8235.

Turning Point -- Jesus Saves Church offers a nine-week program that is Bible-based and will teach you the biblical principles to become free of a life-controlling problem. The classes are held every Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at 425 South Shafter Ave.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at 505 Sunset Ave.

FRIDAY

Arts & Crafts 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Chair Exercise 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Karaoke potluck -- Usually every second and fourth Friday starting at 5 p.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Minter Field Air Museum -- is open every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours on other days are by appointment. Call 393-0291 for more information. Admission is free.

SATURDAY

Hiking group --Shafter Christian Fellowship Church, 632 James St., hosts a hiking group every second Saturday.

Men's Fellowship -- High Vision Ministries welcomes all men for fellowship the third Saturday. Information, call Paul at 661-910-2317 or Art at 661-863-8565.

Drug and alcohol alternative program -- Seventh Day Adventist Church, Poplar and West Lerdo Hwy., 7-8 p.m.

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department.

July 29
Juan Jose Zuniga Jr., 38, of Shafter, was arrested for felony threat, domestic violence, stalking and violation of a temporary restraining order.

July 31
Joesia Manuel Martinez, 23, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance and hypo needle/syringe.

Arthur Joseph Martinez, 35, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Aug. 2
Jubenal S. Ambris, 33, of Bakersfield, was arrested

for DUI, basic speed law and proof of financial responsibility.

Jose Javier Mendoza, 27, of Shafter, was arrested for vandalism less than \$400, disorderly conduct and under the influence.

Aug. 3
Nicholas Medrano, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct and under the influence.

Aug. 3
Ivan Hernandez, 20, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct and under the influence.

Mallory Nicole Rogers, 27, of Shafter, was arrested

for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

BUTTONWILLOW

July 22

Miriam Avendano, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18000 block of Poplar Avenue in Shafter for battery on spouse/ex-spouse/date. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

July 27

Monique Samarripas Soliz, 25, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Orange Street and Shafter Avenue in Shafter on a misdemeanor warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

July 29

Juan Martin Barraza, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30000 block of Paseo De Pico Street in Shafter for contempt of court; disobey court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jesus Esparza, 42, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 7700 block of Brandt Road in Buttonwillow for criminal threats and battery. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

July 30

Jiovan Cota Romero, 32, of Buttonwillow, was arrested at the intersection of Mirasol Avenue and High-

way 58 in Buttonwillow for driving on a suspended license, unregistered vehicle

and no proof of insurance. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Congressman TJ Cox with *Shafter Press* Editor Jamie Stewart.

Congressman pays visit to *The Press*

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Congressman TJ Cox, representative of California's 21st District, paid a visit to Shafter last Friday morning, stopping in at *The Press* office.

Cox said that Congress is out of session this week, so he decided to go on a small media tour, visiting a variety of local media outlets, connecting with the constituents and giving us a chance to ask questions and voice concerns about issues that affect our Valley.

Cox said that a major development in Congress this past session was progress in the issue of water, which affects the majority of the Central Valley. Cox, who is on the National Resources Committee, said that progress was made when he invited the chairman of the committee, Raul M. Grijalva, to visit the 21st District. Giving Grijalva a chance to see firsthand the challenges helped him see the need for an increased investment in water storage in the Central Valley – both surface and subsurface – to deliver water for farmers and clean drinking water for working-class families. Cox and Grijalva visited local communities and heard from farmers, water districts, and community advocacy groups. They also toured the Friant-Kern Canal.

When asked about the immigration issue, Cox said he believes something has to be done to get an immigration reform created, which he said is closer with ongoing negotiations between the parties. Cox said, "I think that everyone here should be here legally, and we need to get that done without breaking families apart or diminishing our workforce." Cox said that hard-working families should not have to live in fear of being torn apart and are valued for their

contributions to our economy and communities. He said that we need an immigration system that actually works. Cox said that he will work for commonsense immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship and protection for DACA recipients.

Cox has also worked to get funding for community health clinics across the Central Valley. His efforts have resulted in health care access in rural areas so that hard-working families can see doctors and dentists in their own communities.

"I am concerned with the needs of my constituents and have enjoyed this time to connect with those who I am serving. I want everyone to know that they are who I am working for and I value the opinions and concerns of all those in the district."

Cox recently held a Town Hall meeting in Delano and is planning the next one in Mendota, a community in the northern part of the 21st District. He also said that residents do not have to wait for a Town Hall meeting to voice concerns. "We have mobile office hours in several locations, including the Wasco Library, where residents can get assistance in having their concerns heard and addressed," he said, suggesting they contact Joseph Lopez at the Bakersfield office at 661-864-7736 or the Selma office at 559-460-6070.

Cox said that he has worked hard to represent his entire district. "I met a gentleman the other day and he said, 'Mr. Cox, I want you to know that I did not vote for you, but I think you are doing a very good job.'"

"That means a lot to me – knowing that I am making a difference for everyone in the district."

Congress is on a late summer break and will reconvene in the first week in September.

Decisions based on compassion, kindness

CARA HUDSON

After graduating from Shafter High in 2018, Yecenia Chavez decided to attend Bakersfield College instead of a four-year school, like many of her classmates. "My high school grades were decent, but I felt like I could've done better," Chavez said. "I also decided to go to BC for financial reasons."

Even though some might say that attending a local junior college is taking the easy route, Chavez's biggest challenge in college

so far has been managing her time and gaining her independence while still living at home. "I had to live at home and ride the bus to BC this year, which made it hard to manage my time with clubs and school," she said.

Because she had to arrange her schedule around public transportation, Chavez was not able to be quite as involved as she would have liked. One of the extracurricular groups that Chavez was especially passionate about was the theater troupe. "I was in Theatre Club, but I



Yecenia Chavez decided to attend Bakersfield College to start her college career.

first took a summer psychology class to see if she liked it, and then decided to take AP psychology during her senior year at Shafter High. That is when Chavez realized that the subject was the path for her.

Chavez is grateful for the support she received from her friends and family while studying at BC. "My parents helped me out with money, and my mom made me food, so that was really nice!" she said with a laugh. Even though BC is not far from Chavez's home, some of her classmates were not familiar with Shafter. "People would ask where I was from and I sometimes had to tell them about Shafter and where it is," she said. "Lots of people at BC are from places that I've never heard of, so that helped me to expand my own worldview."

The thing Chavez misses most about Shafter High is her "theater family." Even though she was not able to participate in theatre at BC as much as she would have liked, she did have the opportunity to look at the stage from a different perspective. "I

got to see my friends perform, and it felt different to be in the audience rather than onstage," she said. "That was a new experience for me."

One of Chavez's goals next year is to start driving to school rather than taking the bus so she can stay late for theater rehearsals if she needs to. "Depending on how much time theater takes, I may consider joining some other clubs, too," she said. After completing two years at BC, Chavez plans to transfer to Fresno Pacific University. "I have heard good things about the different programs there and the internships that are offered to students," she relayed. "Plus, the campus is a lot more green than it is here!"

Cara Hudson is an intern for the City of Shafter. This article is a part of the ongoing Shafter Graduate Project, which shares stories of graduates in their college careers. To read more about Yecenia Chavez and other graduates, visit the City of Shafter's Facebook page.

True Value is official

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Minter Field Air Museum in the lot, as participants were getting their pictures taken with the vehicles. They also gave away a few big-ticket items, such as a new barbecue, lawn mower and edger.

Attendees also were treated to free tacos, popcorn, cake and drinks as they checked everything that the large store has to offer.

The store has been open since February, adding an additional option for residents who are looking to fill their hardware needs.

The Mohsen family have called Shafter home for 20 years and have been serving the community since then. They have a market on Los Angeles Avenue, La Favorita, that has been a mainstay of Shafter.

Abdula Mohsen and his family decided to expand their businesses and open a store that would save the residents of Shafter the trip into Bakersfield. True Value has an inventory of items that fit home repair needs.

There is a complete inventory of paints, tools and supplies for electrical, plumbing and woodworking projects. If you need keys, they have it covered. Needing supplies for your lawn and garden projects, you can check that off your list right here.

In addition to an array of building and repair supplies, they also carry sporting goods, pet supplies – even clothing. Store Manager Mohammed Mohsen said, "We have a little of everything here, and we are still adding inventory. We listen to the needs of the people and are working to fill all of those needs."

Mohsen said that he appreciates the city of Shafter and said that they have had a growing clientele since they opened. "We have done very well, and we are looking forward to growing our business even better."

"We just love the people of Shafter, and they have been very good to us. This is a great place for our family, and we want to keep serving the community for a long time."

'Annie Jr.' a talent showcase

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named Sandy. She celebrates with her, the Warbucks household, and her friends from the orphanage on her upcoming adoption.

The Shafter Children's Summer Theater program was started 24 years ago by Cris Starrh. She is assisted help from Cassandra Martin as director, Brent Starrh as assistant director, and Wendy Wilson as musical director. The production used a live band, under the direction of Chad Givens, who

also played the drums in the production. The children started rehearsals in June and worked all summer, building up to the performance nights with many hours of work on the score and choreography.

The production left a heartfelt message in the playbill, as they dedicated this year's production to Fred Starrh, who passed away earlier this year. Starrh was a long-time supporter of the arts in Shafter, especially among the young people of the community.

OBITUARIES

Benny McLeod
June 17, 1930 –
August 2, 2019

Benny McLeod was born in Wasco June 17, 1930, and lived there until his death on Aug. 2, 2019. His parents, Lemuel M.

and Ona Lee McLeod, and brother Larry McLeod preceded him in death. Benny is survived by his wife, Betty; son Mike and wife Mellonie; daughter Donna; son Lemue; four grandchildren; and 11 great grand-

children. Viewing will be Thursday, Aug. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home in Wasco. Services will be Friday, Aug. 9th at 9:30 a.m. at Wasco Cemetery.

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The kids had a chance to play instruments that were made and played by Native Americans.



Coastal Park Rangers let the kids see nature artifacts up close.

With grant, kids get a taste of beach life

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Children from the Community Action Partnership of Kern and the Friendship House were beneficiaries of a grant from the California Coastal Commission which provided for a trip to the beach, where they received education on ocean pollution, watersheds and marine debris.

Approximately 120 students from the Shafter Youth Center and Friendship House Community Center attended the Kids Ocean Day event.

The event started with a scenic bus tour to William Randolph Hearst Memorial State Beach in San Simeon. Shafter Youth Center's Angie Nelson, director of the CAPK in Shafter, said that one of the highlights of the trip was the look on the

kids' faces as they watched the herd of zebras on the range off Highway 1, near Hearst Castle.

The day continued with the kids working at six rotating stations of activities, led by California State Park rangers. From beach cleanup to learning how elephant seals move on land, kids learned so much information in such a short time. They learned about Native American culture and



The kids were amazed by the size and speed of the elephant seals.

played with instruments made by Indians from the area.

Shore whaling was an activity that allowed kids to go on the pier and learn about the majestic creatures that make appearances almost daily. After lunch, the kids got back on the bus and took a 4.5-mile ride north, to the Piedras Blancas Rookery to see elephant seals. "The kids

were amazed by the size of the animals, and even more surprised when they saw how fast a 5,000-pound seal moves," said Nelson.

Friends of the elephant seals in San Simeon were on hand to give the kids more information on local wildlife, all in the cool 70-degree weather with mild sun. Although the summer program is coming to an end for the year, Nelson and her crew still are at work with their afternoon programs that will be beginning when school is in session. This program includes activities for the kids to do after school, as well as provides assistance for kids who need help with their homework and a work space and supplies to allow kids to complete their assignments in a safe and helpful environment.

Stuff the Bus benefits needy students

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Students who are facing a new school year are usually nervous and excited, not knowing what to expect and the challenge of making friends if they are going to a new school. Rudy Salas, partnering with the City of Shafter, Richland School District and Shafter Healthy Start, are alleviating a lot of worries for students who also have the concern of having enough supplies to have a successful school year. Assemblymember Rudy Salas held a Stuff the Bus event in Shafter on Saturday August 3 at the Dollar General parking lot, located off of Lerdo Highway. The event was the third in a series of Stuff the Bus events put on by Salas. He also held events in Delano and Wasco.



Thanks to numerous sponsors and volunteers, the event was a success.

The event saw several volunteers collect donations

of supplies needed for the upcoming school year such as backpacks, notebooks, pencils, folders, and other items that a student would need to be a success in the classroom.

The supplies collected, according to Athena Skapiniakis of Assemblymember Salas' office, will go to Shafter Healthy Start, which will distribute the supplies to those families in need before the school year begins. "Last year, we made an announcement about the giveaway and distributed the items that way. This year, we

believe that Healthy Start, who has personal dealings with the families in the area, will have a good idea of who is in need of the supplies and will distribute them accordingly."

There were several groups on hand to assist with the drive, including the Shafter Lions Club, Classic Dreams Car Club, Girl Scouts Troop 2447 and Shafter Healthy Start. "We appreciate all of our sponsors and those who donated items for this special event.," added Skapiniakis.

Salas said that drives such as this will go a long way in preparing the children for the new school year. "By working together we were able to help provide a lot of students here

in Shafter with essential school supplies that kids need to be successful in school."

Salas also added, "When our students succeed, it benefits the entire community." Salas thanked the sponsors and those who volunteered their time and energy to this drive.

The event means that a good portion of the students who might be unprepared for the school year will have that concern off of their minds. "I am so grateful for the people who

put this on. They don't realize how much of a blessing this is," said Leticia Nagana, who has two kids attending Richland schools this year. "When you add in the school clothes, supplies like paper and pencils, backpacks, folders, it can get really expensive," said Nagana.

The Stuff the Bus events are held by Salas, partnering with organizations throughout the 32nd Assembly District to help students achieve academic success.



Girl Scout Troop 2447, led by Bobbi Camacho, inventoried the donations, making it easier for the items to be counted.

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DEATH NOTICE

Yolanda Magana de La Paz 55, of Shafter, passed away July 31. Bashman & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 2, 2019
County of Kern – Planning and Natural Resources - Community Development Division
2700 M Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, CA 93301-2372
Phone (661) 862-5020
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS
On or about August 20, 2019, the County of Kern Board of Supervisors will consider the submission of a request from the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department (PLNR) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Los Angeles Field Office, for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as: CD Project #18.18.1 – City of Shafter Community Pool Improvements. The project consists of the following activities: design and construction of community pool related improvements for the Shafter Aquatic Center, located at 269 Poso Ave., including: rehabilitation of concrete deck and pool surfacing, installation of new covered picnic area irrigation and landscaping improvements within City-owned Balsitis Park. Planned design improvements may include: ADA access improvements, resurfacing of the concrete deck surrounding the pool area, pool re-plaster, installation of shade-providing cover for picnic area/spectator spaces, demolition of existing grass and landscaping improvements, including grading and site compaction. The City of Shafter will be responsible for carrying out the design portion of the project. The project beneficiaries include a service area which includes entire incorporated City of Shafter, which qualifies as a low to moderate-income area. This area includes 15,900 persons, 60.38% of whom have low to moderate incomes (HUD 2006-2010 (2018) American Community Survey Data). At least \$83,000 in HUD funds have been requested by the City of Shafter for project implementation.
The proposed minor facility and accessibility related activities are categorically excluded under HUD regulations found under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) using the following citations: 24 CFR 58.35(a)(1), Minor facility rehabilitation activities for existing facilities, with less than 20% expansion of the current use; 24 CFR 58.35(a)(2) special projects directed towards the removal of material and architectural barriers for improved pedestrian access by the elderly and disabled; and, 24 CFR 58.35(a)(6). However, since compliance with one or more statutes listed in 24 CFR 58.5 requires formal consultation and/or mitigation, a Request for Release of Funds has been prepared for submittal to HUD. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file with the PLNR – Community Development Division located at 2700 “M” Street, Suite 250, Bakersfield, CA. 93301, where the ERR can be examined and/or copied on weekdays during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department - Community Development Division co: James Golden, 2700 M Street, Suite 250, Bakersfield, CA 93301. All comments received by August 13, 2019, will be considered by PLNR prior to submission of a request for release of funds to HUD.
ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION
The County of Kern certifies to HUD that David Couch in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD’s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Kern to use Program funds.
OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
HUD will consider objections to the Responsible Entity’s (RE) Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date specified above or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the County of Kern; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the RE has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, if applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; or (e) another Federal, State or local agency has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD (Attn: Environmental Officer), Los Angeles Field Office at 300 North Los Angeles Street, Ste. 4054, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or contact by phone (213) 894-8000, fax (213) 894-8107 or via TTY Relay at (213) 894-8133. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.
David Couch, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 
(Government Code Section 54953.2) Planning and Natural Resources Department
Community Development Division
2700 “M” Street, Suite 250
Bakersfield, California 93301
Phone: (661) 862-5020
Facsimile: (661) 862-5052
TTY Relay: (800) 735-2929
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Commercial Design Concepts

2019-B4474
Commercial Interior Design Concepts
2019-B4475
4800 Native Dancer Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
4800 Native Dancer Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Dana Mar Miller
4800 Native Dancer Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Dana Mar Miller
Date Statement Filed: 07/08/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/08/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Antojitos Aguas Karen

2019-B4465
5306 Sunbird Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
5306 Sunbird Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313
Elsa M Munguia
5306 Sunbird Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Elsa M Munguia
Date Statement Filed: 07/08/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/08/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME Jiffys Store

538 Central Avenue
Shafter, CA 93263
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
538 Central Avenue
Shafter, CA 93263
Munir Gazem Obaid
736 California Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
I declare that all the 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.)
Business was conducted by: Individual
/s/Munir Gazem Obaid, owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B2371
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 04/05/2019
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 07/15/2019
MARY B. BEDARD, CPA

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Illuminate Photography

2019-B4778
603 Greenwood Meadow Lane Unit 1
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
603 Greenwood Meadow Lane Unit 1
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Jamie Alvin Black
603 Greenwood Meadow Lane Unit 1
Bakersfield, CA 93308
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 07/10/2019
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Jamie Alvin Black
Date Statement Filed: 07/22/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/22/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/J Garcia
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Melissa Pool Classical Conversations

2019-B4614
726 Tamara Way
Shafter, CA 93263-1811
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
726 Tamara Way
Shafter, CA 93263-1811
Melissa Gayle Pool
726 Tamara Way
Shafter, CA 93263-1811
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Melissa Gayle Pool
Date Statement Filed: 07/15/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/15/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
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By: /s/A Zubeldia
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Coldwell Banker Preferred, Realtors

2019-B4568
9100 Ming Ave., #100
Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
9100 Ming Ave., #100
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Bakersfield Westwind Corporation
9100 Ming Ave., #100
Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 05-16-1989
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/John J Garone, President
Date Statement Filed: 07/12/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/12/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/J Garcia
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Coldwell Banker Preferred, Realtors

2019-B4570
3820 Coffee Rd., #1
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
9100 Ming Ave., #100
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Riverlakes Brokers, Inc.
9100 Ming Ave., #100
Bakersfield, CA 93311
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 10-14-2003
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/John J Garone, President
Date Statement Filed: 07/12/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/12/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/J Garcia
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Dennis George Automotive

2019-B4745
831 E Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
831 E Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
Dennis George Automotive LLC
831 E Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Jeffrey L Flack Jr., Owner/President
Date Statement Filed: 07/19/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/19/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
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By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME Juice it Up

481 Woollomes Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
481 Woollomes Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
Delano Juice HN, Inc.
481 Woollomes Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
I declare that all the 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.)
Business was conducted by: Corporation
/s/Daniel Nunez, Secretary
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B4334
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 06/28/2019
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 07/26/2019
MARY B. BEDARD, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/J Garcia, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Juice it Up!

2019-B4870
481 Woollomes Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
481 Woollomes Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
Delano Juice HN, Inc.
481 Woollomes Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Daniel Nunez, Secretary
Date Statement Filed: 07/26/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/26/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/J Garcia
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Petroleum Pros Transport

2019-B4821
420 Chris Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
420 Chris Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Roberto Reyes Villavicencio
420 Chris Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 03/01/2017
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Roberto Reyes Villavicencio

Date Statement Filed: 07/24/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/24/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/J Garcia
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PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME Bakersfield Barbell

2420 Mohawk St Suite 600
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
2420 Mohawk St Suite 600
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Nicholas James Terry
4601 Tobin Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Victor Sanchez
4000 South Real
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Josh South
9704 Sherborne Apt D
Bakerfield, CA 93311
Cody Gann
11511 Pacific Shores Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312
I declare that all the 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.)
Business was conducted by: Co-partners
/s/Victor Sanchez, owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B3265
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 05/10/2019
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 07/29/2019
MARY B. BEDARD, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/J Garcia, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Bakersfield Barbell Bakersfield Barbell Club

2019-4890
2420 Mohawk St Suite 600
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
2420 Mohawk St Suite 600
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Victor Anthony Sanchez
4000 S. Real Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Nicholas James Terry
4601 Tobin Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Cody Gann
11511 Pacific Shores Dr
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Josh South
9704 Sherborne Apt D
Bakersfield, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: Co-Partners
Date the business commenced: 07/29/2019
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Victor Sanchez
Date Statement Filed: 07/29/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/29/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
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By: /s/J Garcia
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Kumon of Bakersfield-Riverlakes

2019-B4893
5549 Calloway Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
714 Jackson St
Bakersfield, CA 93305
Academic Enrichment Center of Bakersfield LLC
5549 Calloway Dr.
Bakersfield, CA 93312
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Julissa Bhakta, Manager
Date Statement Filed: 07/29/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/29/2024
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By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement So Tanacios

2019-B4965
8301 Brimhall Rd., Bldg 1400,
Studio 104
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
14603 Madison Michelle Way

Bakersfield, CA 93314
Michelle Marie Connelly
14603 Madison Michelle Way
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Michelle Marie Connelly
Date Statement Filed: 07/31/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/31/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/J Bojorquez
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Nevarez Truck & Trailer Repair

2019-B4355
350 Atkinson Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
350 Atkinson Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Ambrosio Ismael Nevarez
350 Atkinson Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Ambrosio Ismael Nevarez
Date Statement Filed: 07/01/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/01/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-19000016

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Christina Malone filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present Name
Calista Kristina Garcia
Proposed Name
Calista Kristina Malone
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
a. Date: 9-13-19 Time: 9:00 am Dept: B
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF
Superior Court-North Div. Shafter-Wasco Branch 325 Central Valley Highway Shafter, CA 93263
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: The Shafter Press 406 Central Ave, Shafter, CA 93263.
Date: 7-9-19
/s/Jose R. Benavides
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement El Cangrejo Sea Food

2019-B4943
290 E Ash Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
290 E Ash Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Braulio Machorro-Betan
290 E Ash Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Braulio Machorro-Betan
Date Statement Filed: 07/31/2019
Date Statement Expires: 07/31/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/J Bojorquez
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No plaque on vet memorial

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the subject come up of putting the names of City Council members on a plaque at the site. "I would like to know why you think you should have your names and titles there at a memorial that honors our veterans."

Rafael Zamudio also spoke up with a similar opinion. Zamudio said that he had a lot of friends who are veterans, and it was not right to put a plaque with their names on it with the veterans that served our country and are honored at the memorial. "You guys have done a good job getting some of our alleys done, why not put your names on one of these alleys if you want your name on something?"

Councilmember Chad Givens said that he did not vote for the plaque during the first vote, and he would not be voting for it this time. He said that he did not think it was appropriate for the plaque to be there.

Councilmember Cathy Prout had the same sentiment. Prout said, "I voted no on this and I still do not think that it has any place at the memorial."

Councilmember Manuel Garcia, who was in favor of revisiting the issue at the July 16 meeting, said that he did not want his name on any plaque at the site, but he qualified his remarks.

"I talked to five veterans, and they did not have a problem with it. They said that we should go ahead and put the plaque in. So, I think it is just who you ask about it."

Mayor Pro-Tem Cesar Lopez said that he didn't want his name on it, either.

"Let me say this, there are plaques with

names and titles at the Shafter Veterans Hall, and nobody seems to have had a problem with that."

He went on to say, "As for using taxpayers' money for the plaque, the city got a new Christmas tree, spending taxpayer money on it and nobody had a problem with it, but they do with a \$1,000 expense for the plaque?"

Lopez, who originally voted for the plaque, said several people talked to him about the issue and not have a problem with the plaque, but they would not come and speak at a meeting. "There is a bigger problem here. They will not come to meetings to speak."

Mayor Gilbert Alvarado said that he would not be voting for the plaque either, but said that the issue got turned around from what its original intention was. "We did not intend to offend anyone. I think everyone who has served our country. This was not meant to put us on a par with the veterans being honored. We are not un-American or communists."

He also saw a problem with the debate. "I have people here that I consider friends that did not come to me to talk to me about this," he said.

A vote was taken, and it was decided that there would be no additional plaque being added to the memorial site.

Earlier in the meeting, Don Loveless read part of a letter he had sent to the council. He said that there is an anxiousness in the city about the direction that the city is heading. He said that there are rumors go-



Rodriguez, a veteran, encouraged the members to reconsider their decision.

ing around that changes are looking to be made, but no one actually knows what these changes are. "I would like to suggest to the council that they find a way to inform the citizens what their intentions and goals are. If they knew what the changes entailed, it might alleviate some of the worry and concern being felt right now."

Gary Rodriguez also spoke, wanting an update on the progress of the North Shafter Improvements Project that is underway. Rodriguez was told by Public Works Director

Michael James that the city had met with Caltrans and surveying on the land will likely start in the next week. He also said that they are in talks and have requested putting a light at the intersection of Fresno Avenue. James also said that they are receiving and installing a speed sign that will be on Highway 43, letting drivers know how fast they are traveling and reminding them to slow down. A closed, secret session followed, involving the performance evaluation of City Manager Scott Hurlbert.

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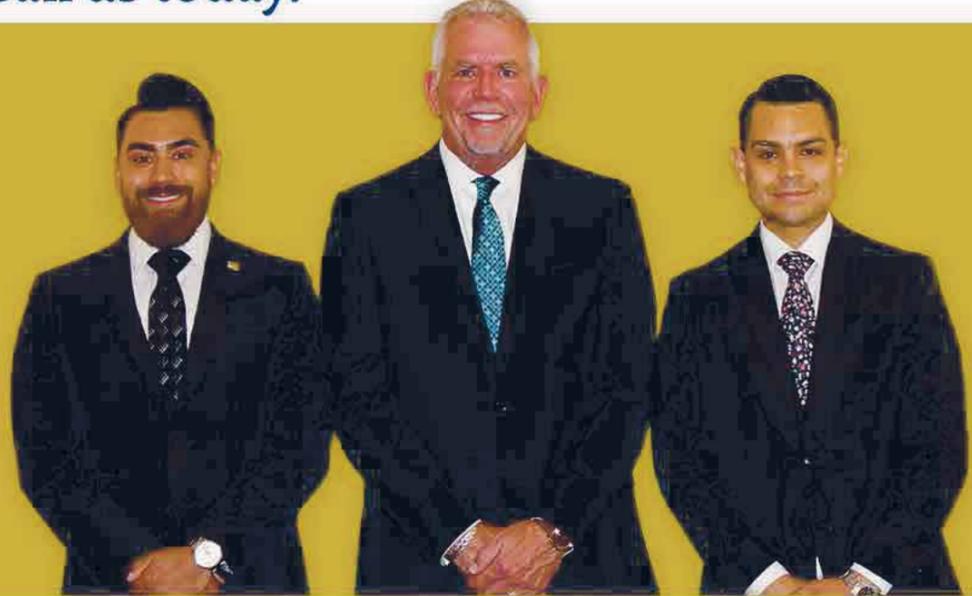
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