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# Parks will get added security

## Zervis resigns for position in county

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Acting City Manager Jim Zervis has submitted his resignation, effective Friday, March 13. Zervis has been in this position since the resignation of former City Manager Scott Hurlbert in August. He reportedly has taken the job of chief operations officer with the County of Kern. Zervis has been the administrative services director for the city since 2011. He has been responsible for accounting, financial management and reporting, investing, risk management, banking and various administrative functions.

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Acting City Manager Jim Zervis

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council approved \$15,000 to have a security company patrol the city's parks at night. Concerns had been raised recently about the traffic that has been seen in the local parks, especially in the restrooms. There have been reports of illegal activity going on as well as people staying in the restrooms overnight. Public Works Director Michael James said that the job of locking up the bathrooms at night, which close at 10 p.m., had been bounced about through the city departments, but as James said, no one from the Public Works Department is working at that hour, and the Police Department has higher-priority issues to deal with through their nights. James said that they opened the project for bids, but the majority of security companies would not come out to Shafter.

One company, SITREP Security Solutions, agreed to patrol the city's parks and bid \$15,000 to do the job. This agreement includes the patrolling of five of the city's parks, including one of the parks at Gossamer Grove. That patrolling would include not just the closing of the restrooms, but also regular patrolling of the entire park. Parks included in the agreement are Mannel Park, Veterans Park, Rodriguez Park, Stringham Park and the park at Gossamer Grove.

*Five city parks will be patrolled, including one at Gossamer Grove.*

The council also approved a resolution to accept a bid from Midstate Barrier, Inc. to install a guardrail down the median of Lerdo Highway. Due to tragic accidents that have occurred on the stretch of Lerdo Highway from Shafter to Highway 99, the city deemed the guardrail necessary. The project is estimated at a little over \$700,000, which is covered by a \$1 million grant received for the project. One issue that drew public comment was a public hearing held about a proposed project that would include burying public utilities along South Shafter Avenue. The project would relocate electric lines on poles underground. According to James, this would help eliminate power outages when a power pole is hit, and it would be safer for residents. One resident was concerned about the costs to homeowners for digging trenches on their properties.

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## Free tax preparation available

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The United Way of Kern County has returned to Shafter with the VITA tax preparation service available free for those residents who qualify for the program. Qualified residents include those who have an annual income of \$60,000 or less. According to Bob Meadows, Shafter business development director, said that there are three remaining dates for residents



to get this free assistance. Each Friday session is at the Shafter Veterans Hall from 4 to 8 p.m. The remaining dates

are March 13, March 27 and April 10. This program falls under the Unit-

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## Dads dance with stars at Golden Oak

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Golden Oak Elementary School was the site for their annual Father/Daughter Dance on Friday night, with over 100 fathers and daughters in attendance. The couples came decked out in their best party wear for a bonding opportunity that included dinner and some great music on the dance floor. According to Principal Annemarie Mendez, this was one of the most popular events of the school year. "We held the Mother/Son Dance for the first time last year, but the Father/Daughter Dance has been in existence for several years, with it always being a packed house." The evening started with a dinner that was rated "delicious" by many of the guests. While having dinner, fathers and daughters had an opportunity to get their photo taken on the stage, with masks and crowns among the props. Once the dancing started, it was time for the daughters to show their dads how it is done as they helped them navigate



Michael and Aaliyah Richer get down low doing the Cha Cha Slide.

through a popular dance among the kids today, the Cha Cha Slide line dance. The fathers got into it and were jumping up and down, doing the slide like pros after a few choruses.

There were also a variety of desserts, including truffles, cookies and other candies to finish off the meal and give more energy for the dance floor.

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# Community Calendar

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW:** Shafter Community Wellness Event — Wednesday, March 11, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid Ave. Stop by for information on health education, Safety and other community services.

**NEW:** Dia del Niño Fiesta — Children in Shafter. Thursday, March 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Shafter Learning Center, 236 James St. There will be music, learning activities, face painting, produce giveaway, etc. Plus Learning Center summer classes vouchers.

**Nuevo:** Dia del Niño Fiesta — Celebrando niños en Shafter Jueves el 19 de Marzo 5:30-7:30 p.m. Centro de Aprendizaje de Shafter, 236 James St. Feria de calle, música, vendedores de comida, libros gratis, cupones para clases de verano del Centro de Aprendizaje.

**NEW:** Shafter Historical Society — Presentation about the early history of Shafter and history of the Shafter Depot presented by Stan Wilson on Tuesday, March 10. Starts at 6 p.m. 236 James St.

**NEW:** Shafter Recreation Center Group Night -- The Bakersfield Condors are excited to host the Shafter Recreation Center! Saturday March 7 game starts at 7 p.m., For tickets and more information, call 661-324-7825 or visit [condors.isportstix.com/order.group.shafterrec/](http://condors.isportstix.com/order.group.shafterrec/)

**NEW:** La Colonia History Night — Tuesday, March 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Shafter Learning Center, 236 James St.

**NEW:** Bakersfield 49th Annual Collectors Showcase — Featuring classic country collectibles March 14 and 15 in the Hodel's Kern Rooms. For more ticket and more information call Barbara Fields, 661-399-1140.

**NEW:** Gospel concert — Featuring Jordan River Boys Sunday, March 8, starting at 11 a.m. at the Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco. For more information, call 559-786-7307 or 661-758-2516.

**VITA** free tax filing — United Way of Kern County is offering free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance services to help file 2019 tax returns March, 13, 27 and April 10. Contact the city at 661-746-5001 for more details.

**Shafter Community Wellness Fair** — The event on Wednesday, March 11, starts at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 455 E. Euclid Ave., the Shafter Youth Center. Health, education, safety and community resources make for community wellness and will be covered at the event. Get information for the services you may have been looking for.

**Early Care & Education Certificate** — Class leading to certification -- CHDV B70NC-Introduction to careers in early childhood education – will be offered Saturdays from March 21 to April 4, from 8 to 11 a.m., and also 12 to 3 p.m. For information, call 661-720-2024 or 661-758-7414.

**Cuidado Temprano y Educación a Las carreras Educación de la infancia** — Dias: Sábados 3/21-4/04 Horas: 8-11 a.m. y 12-3 p.m. Para información adicional contáctenos en los siguientes números, 661-720-2024 or 661-758-7414.

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**MOFA** -- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation of Bakersfield is a vocational training at no cost. Career enhancement classes, externship, computers, typing and GED. Call for more information, 661-336-6821 or email [MAOF.org](mailto:MAOF.org).

**Shafter Animal Control** — Donations are welcomed: nonplumping cat litter, kitten/puppy chow and stainless steel buckets. Drop off donations at the shelter, 18849 Shafter Ave. Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday 1-7 p.m.

## Mystery history

Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to [ThePress@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:ThePress@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Kern Fruit Company shed taken by professionals Seron Brothers Photography in 1926.



## MONDAY

**NEW:** After School Story — at the Shafter Branch Library at 3 p.m.

**NEW:** Adult Book Club — March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

**Free Fit Camp** — Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid Ave. On Instagram at [getfitgigi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitgigi).

**Free Zumba Gold** (modified Zumba) — FREE to all ages. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., at 505 Sunset Ave., the Walker Senior Center. Call Shafter Recreation for information, 661-746-3303.

**Influencers** -- Women's group in Shafter. Mondays at 6 p.m. at 350 Pine St. in the Fellowship Hall. A journey-guiding women into an intimate relationship with Christ. For more information, call. Rebecca, 661-549-0237.

**North Kern 4H** – Meetings at 7 p.m. second Monday of each month. Located at 523 Broadway St. at the Karl Clemens Elementary School Cafeteria, Wasco.

**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 first 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.

## TUESDAY

**Free yoga** — White Wolf Wellness Foundation offers a free yoga class March 3, 17 and 31 at the Wasco Community Center, 1280 Poplar Ave. Yoga instructor Yani Valdez teaches stretching to help with pain, stress and anxiety. Provided by Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

**Adult Hip Hop Class** -- 7 p.m. at the Shafter Recreation Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset. Classes are \$3 donation. Led by Brandi Root.

**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. Information, 661-746-3912.

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

## WEDNESDAY

**Wellness Wednesdays** — Every last Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., at Shafter SDA Church, 17898 Poplar Ave., Shafter. Join in on recipe exchange featuring healthy plant-based foods and healthy nutrition.

**Play Doh Party** — 2:00 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

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**Free Fit Camp** -- Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m., at Man-nel Park. On Instagram at [getfitwgigi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitwgigi).

**Youth program** -- Awana Club program: Jr. high group (6th-8th grades) 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Awana Clubs (K-5th grades) 6-8 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.

## WEDNESDAY

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

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## CORRECTION

Due to a production error, last week's story on the High Speed Rail meeting left off the last two paragraphs:

The current 7th Street crossing will be closed, Toni Tinoco said.

Regarding construction from Poplar Avenue south to Bakersfield, the right of way is all approved, and it is expected that HSR will begin property acquisition this year.

The Press regrets the error.

## ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

### FEB. 22

Hector Carmen Moreno Jr., 34, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI, failing to stop at stop sign and on an outside agency warrant.

Armando Frausto Monarrez, 32, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

### FEB. 21

Miguel Angel Ortega Franco, 36, of Shafter, was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled

substance.

Patrick Ray Keenom, 33, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Abel Juarez, 32, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI.

Mike Ramon Cabral, Jr., 33, was arrested for theft and extortion of a vehicle, possession of burglary tools and on an outside agency warrant.

### FEB. 19

Joshua Fernando Jara,

21, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of California Avenue for corporal injury to a spouse and battery on a person.

Jeremy Wilson, 43, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Louise for occupy dwelling with is posted unsafe, and possession of paraphernalia and a controlled substance.

Ashley Lanelle Roden, 31, of Shafter, was arrested for occupying a dwelling

posted unsafe.

### FEB. 18

Arturo Daniel Malanche, Jr., 39, of Shafter, was arrested for transporting a controlled substance, possession of burglary tools and open container.

### FEB. 17

Robert Kailin Beckemeyer, 22, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of East Euclid Avenue for battery on person and disorderly conduct with alcohol.

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# Symphony brings classics to life for community

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Symphony, led by conductor Stephen Penner, performed for audiences throughout the weekend with the final events of this year's Colours festival, with concerta that took listeners from Mozart to Beethoven.

Saturday evening, Penner acknowledged Concertmaster Julia L. Haney, and the concert began. The ensemble is made up of several local players in around Shafter and Kern County, and has played at the last few Colours Festivals, featuring everything from Hollywood favorites to classics, such as this year's performance.

The orchestra began the evening with Symphony No. 40 in G minor by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The piece has four different parts, and each one seems to tell a different tale. From the low vibrato of the cello to the impossibly high notes hit by the violins, the night was filled with a number of difficult pieces that tested the musicians' skills.

The Mozart piece has parts that have a slow, lazy mellow tone, but the piece builds to a crescendo of sound, bringing the music up a level and a spike of intensity.

The Beethoven piece that was performed was Beethoven's Symphony NO. 4 in B-flat major. This is a tried and true piece that has



Conductor Stephen Penner leads the symphony through an intricate piece.

brought the excitement of classical music to a wide range of people. The violins carry the majority of the load in this piece, with the strings being the star. Haney and her section were up to the task, and put on a performance that displayed the delicate sound of the violin at points, and also how powerful it can be when it is played with the intensity the symphony's program.

The symphony also was able to play in front of a packed house on Friday, as they put on performances at the Shafter High School auditorium. This was the second year of this event, as the musicians in the orchestra were greeted with thunderous applause as Penner and a few of his musicians played some classics.

The ensemble played for all of the elementary schools in the area. The kids were appreciative of the music and respectful to Penner and his group. Penner spoke between during pauses in the music to give information on the different sounds that the symphony could make come out of their instruments.



The Shafter Symphony performed for over 1,200 people over the weekend.

# Parks, bathrooms to get added security

## Zervis leaving for county

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Zervis was previously director of finance for the City of Wasco and was also the assistant city manager, overseeing city departments and directing the day to day management of the city's Finance Department.

Zervis handed in his resignation on March 2.

The city has been very fortunate to have Zervis for the past nine years, members of the Coty Council said. "Jim is the best, and the county realized that and got him," said Councilmember Cathy Prout.

Councilmember Chad Givens confirmed this sentiment, adding that the county knew his capabilities, and they were willing to do whatever it took to have him on their team.

"He is effective at not just maintaining and balancing financials, but at leading a team in a direction that allows for the best value-for-cost ratio," Givens said.

"He is a brilliant mind who has done a fantastic job of guiding us in a difficult time who will be missed tremendously."

Jim Zervis had not commented publicly on the resignation at press time.

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James said that he wouldn't imagine the cost would be more than a couple thousand dollars, but that was just an estimate. The resident, Fred Thomas, said that he did not believe the property owners should have to foot any of the bill for the project.

"We don't get any benefit from the project, other than there not being any poles sticking out of the ground," he said. "I

don't think that should be our responsibility."

The council agreed and approved PG&E to start the planning process for the project with the condition that they will visit the issue of the financial responsibility for the trenches, agreeing with the residents that they should not shoulder that cost. The possibility of shortening the scope of the project to cut the cost would be considered.

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# History lecture Tuesday

Than Picman, librarian of the in Shafter branch of the Kern County Library, announced that a historical lecture will be presented Tuesday, March 10, at 6 p.m., at the Shafter Learning Center.

Stan Wilson will be presenting the program he gave at the Kern County History Symposium, "Shafter," plus the presentation given at the centennial of the Shafter Depot in 2017, "Shafter Depot -- 100 Years of Service to the Community of Shafter."

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# FOCUS ON LOCAL BUSINESS

## Hitchcock's nearing 100 years in business

Wide variety of parts serves all types of needs

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press /  
Wasco Tribune

Hitchcock's has been serving the residents of Shafter and all of Kern County for over 96 years, and according to owner Jesse Escobedo, the business is going strong and will have no problem getting to its centennial celebration.

"Business is really good right now," Escobedo said recently. In addition to his loyal customers, there's plenty of individuals who saw their grandparents shop in Hitchcock's through the years. "Yeah, it seems funny when I have a customer who will

tell me, 'Hey I used to come in here with my grandpa!'"

This business can help no matter if you are a farmer who needs a part for his equipment, a person restoring a car or just someone needing a part for your truck. They have a variety of parts, supplies, cleaners and accessories that will take care of your needs.

Escobedo mentioned that he services some big accounts from the businesses at Lerdo Highway and Highway 99, as well as businesses at the Wonderful Logistics Park.

"We were able to get some big corpo-



Jose Sanchez, owner Jesse Escobedo and David Velez are here to help you with parts needs.

rate accounts from some of the businesses out there. It has been really good."

Anyone who knows Escobedo knows that in addition to running

a successful business, he also does much to give back to the community. He never advertises his generosity, but he doesn't hesitate when

there is a need in the community. They support sports teams, children's organizations and local clubs.

Hitchcock's has a skilled staff including Jose Sanchez and David Velez, who will get most any part that you need, be it in stock or ordering it from their warehouse, which is only 12 minutes away. There, they can get almost anything that they might not have in stock at the moment. "I love my staff. If they don't know about a certain part, they will work to find an answer."

Escobedo said that he is happy with the way business is going

and loves the community of Shafter.

Escobedo loves talking about an old saying that was on the paperwork back when Chuck Hitchcock ran the place: "Every time we make a friend, we grow a little."

Escobedo said that he was kind of embarrassed and reluctant to use the saying, because it was really Chuck's. "But even today, it is a great saying. Every time we make a friend, or take great care of a customer, we grow a little."

With the way Hitchcock's treats their customers, it looks like they will keep growing every day.

Anyone who knows owner Jesse Escobedo knows that in addition to running a successful business, he also does much to give back to the community.



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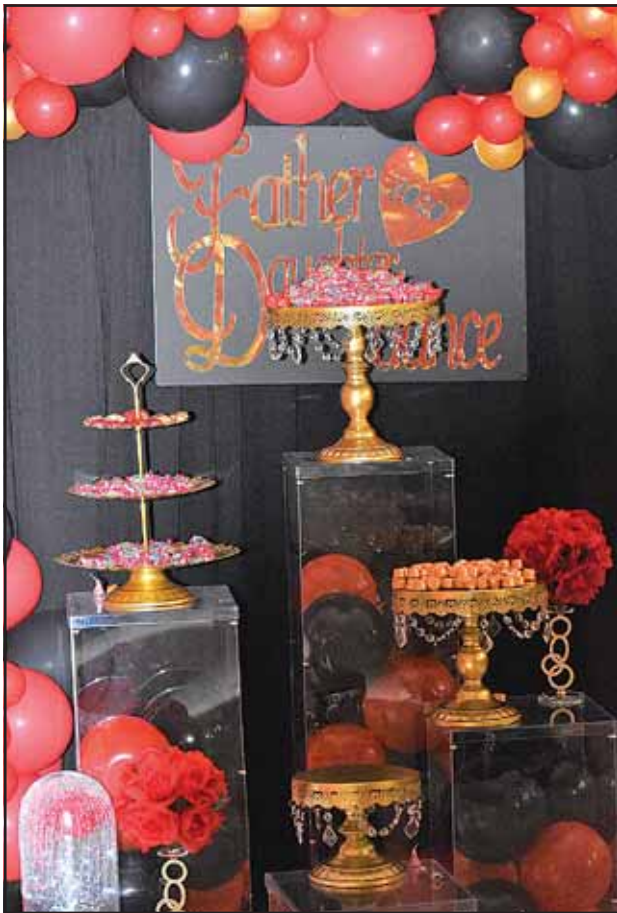
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## 11 arrests in probation crackdown

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

For those who were wondering about the heavy police presence on Saturday in Shafter, it was due to a probation compliance check on local probationers and parolees.

The operation was a result of a concerted effort between over 50 officers and deputies from seven different law enforcement agencies in Kern County. In addition to the Shafter Police Department, there were officers from the Ridgecrest Police Department, Kern County Sheriff's Department, Delano Police Department, California Department of Corrections, Kern County Probation Department



The Taft Police Department was one of seven different agencies involved in the operation.

and Taft Police Department.

Over 50 locations were targeted by officers and deputies doing compliance checks. As a result of the operation, 11 suspects were arrested, and 51.25 grams of methamphetamine and over 64 grams

of marijuana, including "wax," were seized, along with two guns.

The charges on the subjects ranged from felon in possession of a handgun, possession of drugs for sales and child endangerment. The suspects were booked at the Kern County Sheriff's Central Receiving Facility.

"This is a great example of Kern County law enforcement coming together to ensure safer neighborhoods in our Kern County communities," Shafter Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann said afterward.

He expects similar operations to be conducted in the future.



This semiautomatic weapon was seized as part of the probation search involving five different agencies.



This gun and ammo was found in a check of a felon that was violating his terms of probation.

### NOTICE TO ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS

The Wasco Union High School District has issued a "Request for Qualifications" seeking proposals from qualified firms interested in providing architectural services for the District regarding:

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Selection of a proposal will be based upon qualifications to provide the services requested. Cost will be considered as one of several factors, but will not necessarily be determinative.

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# FOCUS ON SHAFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Produced by SHS and coordinated by English teacher Larissa Davis

## Video classes: High-tech and hands-on

Shafter High School has housed a high-tech studio lab on campus for six years. In the technology studio, students have the opportunity to take Video Production, Broadcast Journalism and Video Game Design.



The Video Production course is a chance for students to learn all the components that go into making a film from how to use pro-

fessional cameras, writing scripts, acting and directing, and the editing software to put all the finishing touches on the film. The students study films in class and then work together in groups to create their own film based on components they learned from watching master films.

They begin with the basics of how to point and click the camera and edit each shot to make smooth transitions between scenes. Students quickly learn it takes a lot of time and effort to make a film. By the end of the year, students will create an original 15-minute film. The students in this course also participate in a short film festival. They get 48 hours and specific criteria to create a 5-6 minute film. The films are played in a real theater and judged in different categories.

In the Broadcast Journalism course, students use industry technology to create live productions. The students put on a daily show, "HQTV," to highlight the events going on

around campus with a unique and tailored approach. The technology the students learn to use in this course are exactly what they will encounter in a real newsroom. Because of the technology available, students film



Colorgaurd performing at a competition.

## Something for everyone in variety of music groups

The music program at Shafter High School provides many opportunities for students to participate in different musical and performing groups. Shafter High offers Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Pit Orchestra, Choir, Drumline and Colorguard.

Most new members of the band begin in Concert Band to focus on skills and getting their musical knowledge to a higher level. After becoming more skilled in their crafts, students have the opportunity to audition and join Jazz Band and/or Wind Ensemble.

In Jazz Band, members receive extra practice time and learn a secondary instrument. These students learn how to play different styles like jazz, rock, latin and

swing-style music. In the Wind Ensemble, the group plays only wind instruments and percussion. This is a top-level group because there is only one student on a musical part.

In the spring, band students have the opportunity to participate in the Pit Orchestra for the Shafter High School Spring Musical. This select group of students are playing professional level music to accompany the show to get a taste for what it takes to be a professional musician. This allows a bigger experience for the musical and involves the music department as a whole. Drumline and Colorguard are audition groups that work outside of class time prepare their competition show to compete in the PPAACC indoor drumline and color guard circuit Both groups join the full band in the fall to perform and compete in field shows and parade competitions. Over the past few years, the group has placed 3rd at the Fresno Fair parade competition, took 1st at the Camaro Christmas parade and placed high in the Ridgeview Field competitions. The band also has opportunities to participate in different festivals, like the Santa Barbara Jazz Festival, and to play at the UCLA football game.

The choir program performs at concerts in the



A student working on the video editing software.



The band performing at a parade.



The band playing at a field competition.

many live events, such as plays, music programs, sporting events and assemblies.

This year, the course will also highlight live eSports events. Once learning the technology for live productions, students have an opportunity to take a certification to become a tricaster and get a job right on the spot.

Video Game Design is a fun opportunity for students to learn how to make their own video games. The course begins by teaching students the basics of coding and how to work with different elements that go into a video game. They start by making linear 2D games such as Pong, then progress to a more interactive game like Asteroids. As the course continues, students learn how to create characters, sounds, and backdrops. The capstone activity is making their own

video game.

The teacher of this program, Jerald Pierucci, was excited to bring these courses to Shafter High School and has continued to grow the program. His hope for students is to love what they are learning and apply it to a future career. More specifically, he wants his students in Video Game Design "to learn to love coding"; his students in Video Production "to understand all that goes into films and spark an interest to continue learning on a higher level"; and for his live broadcasting class "to develop the skills to speak in front of people and show confidence on camera." Overall, Pierucci wants all of his students to learn something that they can take beyond the classroom and be successful in any career they choose.



Students recording their own video project.

Shafter community, as well as district festivals and performances throughout Kern County. They were recently featured in the 23ABC Christmas Choirs television special that aired on Christmas Eve, and was recorded on stage at the Fox Theater. The music director, Philip Bustamante, wants "to help students have a passion for playing and listening to music, expose them to dif-

ferent genres of music, and to make them a well rounded adult." He also has a goal for the music program to "bring it to a higher level of success and notary."

Bustamante wants people to know they "aren't just a little school out here in Shafter." He wants recognition for all the hard work the students put in and the success to back it up.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT Isis Brownlow

Isis Brownlow is a senior at Shafter High School. Over the past four years, she has participated in the FFA, ASB, DWY and the swim team. In FFA, Isis was a chapter officer for two years; she would attend different leadership conferences and bring back knowledge to make the Shafter High

School chapter a better program. Isis also showed several animals at the Kern County Fair over the years: pigs, goats, chickens and a steer. She won 1st in class for her pig sophomore year.

Isis is the social media liaison for ASB. She keeps up the ASB social media accounts to inform students

and the public all about the things happening on and off campus. As a junior, Isis participated in the Distinguished Young Woman program, where she performed a monologue for her talent presentation and placed 4th alternate.

Isis has also been a part of the swim team for 4 years. Her favorite stroke

is breaststroke and any freestyle events. Her favorite part of high school has been "attending different athletic events, dressing up during spirit weeks, and being a part of many teams."

After graduation, Isis plans to attend Cal State Bakersfield and study to become a nurse.



Isis Brownlow

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The Lady Generals won the championship in their first tournament of the season.

# Lady Generals spring into action

## Champions on their own turf

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Lady Generals softball team opened their season with a tournament championship on their own turf, defeating the Chavez Titans in the Shafter Slugfest's title game, 8-3.

The tournament, held Wednesday through Saturday last week, attracted eight teams divided into two pools, playing a round-robin system, with each team facing the other three teams in their pool. The top team in each pool played for the championship.

The Lady Generals were joined in their pool by West High, McFarland and Bakersfield High School. The other pool consisted of Arvin, Wasco, Chavez and North High. Shafter opened with a 15-0 win against the Vikings of West High. Nataly Espinoza pitched the shutout for the Lady Generals, while the offense pounded out over 20 hits for the game.

In the second game, the locals beat the Lady Drillers of BHS, 11-3. In their final pool play game, Shafter pitched another shutout, beating McFarland, 20-0. The Lady Generals showed their depth as they



Serenity Angulo slides in safely to widen the Lady Generals' lead.

of the season by connecting with a 2-1 pitch that sailed over the left center fence, stretching their lead to 6-0.

After widening the lead to 8-0, the Titans managed to produce three runs in the fifth inning, cutting the lead to 8-3. Serenity Angulo, a freshman, stepped on the mound and finished the game by shutting them down, allowing the Lady Generals to capture the title.

This year's squad only has three seniors on it, with the majority of the players in their junior year. They even had three freshmen on the field for the title game. Led by Head Coach Julia Garcia and her staff, this year's team is on track for a successful season, already beating one of their main obstacles in the SSL, Chavez. They will be meeting the Titans again on Tuesday, March 17, in SSL play. The Lady Generals will be in action on Friday, March 13, when they take on San Joaquin Memorial in their opening game of the Madera South Showdown tournament in Madera.

There was also a junior varsity tournament at the complex, and the Shafter Lady Generals JV team came away with a second-place finish. Shafter beat West High 17-4 and Bakersfield High 23-3 before closing out pool play with a 13-3 win against the Stars of North High School. The Frontier Titans went undefeated in their pool to meet the Lady Generals in the championship game. The Titans scored 11 runs in the first two innings to build what would be an insurmountable lead as they cruised to a 15-3 win over the Lady Generals.



Alicia Pompa connects for Shafter's first homer of the season.

used four different pitchers in the tournament. In addition to Espinoza and Serenity Angulo, they also used Mia Ortiz and Katrina Trejo on the mound.

Chavez made it to the title game with victories over North High, 9-1, then by beating fellow SSL opponents Wasco, 10-7, and Arvin, 11-3.

In the title game, the Lady Generals jumped out to a 5-0 lead after four innings, pounding out eight hits in the first few innings. Junior short stop Alicia Pompa smacked the Lady Generals' first homer

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Cards or ITIN for themselves and each family member or dependent. Also needed is childcare-provider information, including the name, address, and tax ID or Social Security number for each child to be claimed for child-care expense. Banking information for direct

deposit, such as routing number and account number, will be needed to for the refund. The previous year’s tax returns are helpful but are not required. For more information, go to the United Way of Kern County website or call 661-834-1820.

## ARREST REPORT

**BUTTONWILLOW**  
**FEB. 19**  
Justin Wayne Long, 25, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Standard Road and Jumper Avenue in Buttonwillow for being in possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.  
**FEB. 20**  
Brian Jenson Echevarria Aguero, 27, of Bakersfield, was arrested at Shafter Court, 325 Central Valley

Highway in Shafter, for a court remand. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.  
Dawna Marie Moore, 46, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 2000 block of Palomas Avenue in Buttonwillow on a misdemeanor warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.  
**FEB. 26**  
Adam Arviso, 19, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Jumper Avenue and 7th Standard Road in Buttonwillow for conspiracy and petty theft.  
Ethan Arviso, 22, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Jumper Avenue and 7th Standard Road in Buttonwillow for vandalism, petty theft, conspiracy, possession of

a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.  
**FEB. 27**  
Ramiro Conrado Enriquez, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of 16th Street in Wasco for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and on a felony bench warrant.  
**MARCH 2**  
Nicole Hampton, 33, was arrested for shoplifting.  
**MARCH 1**  
Jose Alejandro Mendez, 20, was arrested for imprisoning with violence, battery on spouse.  
**FEB. 29**  
Joe Alejandro Martinez, 30, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Ash Avenue for destroying evidence, obstruction of a

public officer and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.  
Juan Jose Flores, 44, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.  
Dirk Barton Underwood, 49, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of control substance paraphernalia and on an outside agency warrant.  
Marlene Vargas, 34, of was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia.  
Edwin Hernandez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.  
Miguel Angel Romero Lopez, 28, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and sales.  
Pedro Pena Lopez, 38, was arrested for child cruelty, possession of con-

trolled substance and paraphernalia.  
Karissa Antonette Aguilar, 20, of Shafter, was arrested for controlled substance paraphernalia.  
Anthony Chavez, 25, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance.  
Luis Angel Garza Jasso, 35, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.  
Marco Antonio Silva Jr., 21 was arrested for felon in possession of firearm.  
**FEB. 28**  
Precious Marie Edwards, 34, was arrested on the Santa Fe Way and East Los Angeles for DUI.  
Maria Acosta Verdugo, 67, of Shafter, a was arrested for possession of controlled substance and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.



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**10 years ago: 2010**  
Lenea Lara won the title at the 35th Junior Miss Competition at the Shafter High School auditorium.  
**20 years ago: 2000**  
Shafter's Young Person of the Year

award went to 18-year-old Stephen Penner.  
**30 years ago: 1990**  
Bank of America installed an automatic teller machine—the town's first ATM.  
—Compiled by Erica Soriano



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY

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

STEAM Activities Club — Join for science experiments March 12 and 26 at 2 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.  
Lego Club Mania — Thursdays at 5:30 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

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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. This program is nondenominational and encourages each participant to depend on the strength God provides to deal with issues related to addiction.  
Minter Field Air Museum – Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours on other days are by appointment. Call 661-393-0291 for more information. Admission is free.  
Shafter Depot Museum – Open every Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tours on other days by appointment. For information call 661-746-4423. Admission free.

### SUNDAY

Food pantry -- Food giveaway the third Sunday of each month at Shafter Christian Fellowship, 632 James St., starting at 1 p.m. First come first served.  
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# One way to help the homeless

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On Wednesday, Feb. 26, I joined work crews from the Bakersfield Homeless Center and Caltrans as we kicked off a program that was initiated in the District 4 office and will serve the entire county well, especially all the communities of the district.

This program is the litter abatement program on state highways in the county, utilizing the homeless and homeless-vulnerable workers employed through the county's contract we just signed this week with the Bakersfield Homeless Center.

When we try to solve the problem of homelessness, we have to understand that one important component, perhaps the most important component, is that for a person experiencing homelessness to truly get back on their feet, those that can work eventually have to start working again. This "jobs" component of the solution is the one that costs the least, gives a sense of self-

worth to the recipient and accomplishes a tangible benefit.

This program is not new, as the City of Bakersfield has been doing it for some time, but it is new to the county. It has already helped many folks from Bakersfield out of homelessness, and as your District 4 supervisor, I intend to see it help in our rural communities as well. And the beauty of this program is that while we are helping our homeless population get out of homelessness, we are beautifying our communities as well.

The program is starting small, with one crew of six workers to be assigned to clean

up state routes five days a week, but expect it to grow, as the state, the county and the general public will likely find additional dollars and additional projects for a program like this, where the return on investment is so great.

I'd say using the same tax dollar to get important community work performed while at the same time getting people out of homelessness is a great way to utilize our limited resources.

We all have wondered to ourselves, when we see a homeless person on the street, how we can help. We've wondered if we give that person money, how will they use that money? With

a wrap-around navigation center funded with private contributions from you in the community with a heart to give, we can increase our jobs programs, we can ensure the surrounding community is clean and safe, and we can help our homeless population get back on their feet.

To the other remaining communities in District 4, you are next. I urge you to join the Homeless Collaborative's Rural Subcommittee as they find solutions in your communities. Already, I see folks from Wasco there and have spoken with folks from Lamont and Arvin about initiating steps in their communities.

Want to know more about how you might be part of this solution? Contact the district at 661-868-3680 or email us [district4@kerncounty.com](mailto:district4@kerncounty.com).

*David Couch is Kern County supervisor, covering District 4, which covers the Shafter and Wasco areas.*

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## OBITUARIES

### Danny Harold Wilson Sr. Jan. 22, 1958 -- Feb. 18, 2020

Danny Harold Wilson Sr., age 62, passed away on Feb. 18, 2020, at San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield. He was born on Jan. 22, 1958, in Bakersfield to Henry Dennison Wilson and Goldin Lavonne Walden.

Danny married the love of his life, Cathy Wilson, on June 27, 1982, in Carson City, Nev. They were together for 44 years and married for 38 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family and loved watching his grandchildren grow up. His grandbabies were the light of his life. He was a family-oriented man, and family always came first.

He loved outdoors, enjoyed camping, and he was definitely the jack of all trades. Danny gave his life to the Lord a few years ago and has loved attending church ever since.

Danny is survived by his wife, Cathy Wilson, of Bakersfield; his daughters, Brandie Rogers, Tina Herrera, Teresa Wilson-Muzzy, Melissa Vazquez and Danica Coronado; his sons, Danny Wilson Jr. and Henry Wilson; his sister, Beulah



(Wilson) Nichols; and his brother, Wiley Hanks. Also, his 25 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Danny is preceded in death by his mother Goldin Lavonne Walden, his father Henry Dennison Wilson, his brothers John and Billy, and his daughter Marlene Wilson.

Services for Danny are as follows: Viewing will be held on March 12, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Basham and Lara Funeral Care located at 343 State Ave in Shafter, California. Funeral will be held on March 13, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Shafter Cemetery located at 18662 Santa Fe Way in Shafter, California.

A reception will be held during the viewing for all family and friends.

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Zamora's Gardening Service 2020-B0925

18475 Poplar Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
P O Box 764  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Wulfrano Zamora Hernandez  
18475 Poplar Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Carmen Jimenez Zamora  
18475 Poplar Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: 02/01/1990

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/Wulfrano Zamora  
Date Statement Filed: 02/03/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 02/03/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Use of Fictitious Business Name You & Yours Coffee Club

3400 Omega Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
3400 Omega Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Silvia Leticia Avalos  
3400 Omega Ct.  
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: Individual  
/s/Silvia Leticia Avalos, Owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B1794  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 03/13/2019  
This Statement of Abandonment filed on: 01/23/2020  
MARY B. BEDARD, CPA  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez, Deputy  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Wildflower Coffee Cart 2020-B0658

3400 Omega Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
3400 Omega Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Silvia Leticia Avalos  
3400 Omega Ct.  
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/Silvia Leticia Avalos  
Date Statement Filed: 01/23/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 01/23/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

A.P.N.: 258-040-33-00

Trustee Sale No. 20190661

**NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED**

注：本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사

항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다

**NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACIÓN DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LUYU Y: KÈM THEO ĐẦY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3 (d) (1) THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON THIS DOCUMENT BUT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3 (a) THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED OR PUBLISHED AND THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION NEED ONLY BE MAILED TO THE MORTGAGE OR TRUSTOR**

**YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED April 16, 2013 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.**

On March 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. MICHAEL T. WHITTINGTON, Trustee, or Successor Trustee, or Substituted Trustee of that certain Short Form Deed of Trust with Assignment of Rents ("Deed of Trust"), dated April 16, 2013 executed by KONARK RANCHES LLC, a California limited liability company as Trustor, to secure certain obligations in favor of KASSEB NESHEIWAT and JACQUELINE NESHEIWAT, husband and wife as joint tenants as Beneficiaries, recorded June 12, 2013 as Document Number **000213081988** of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Kern County, California will under and pursuant to said Deed of Trust sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, a cashier's check payable to said Trustee drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, at: **IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE FRONT, EAST ENTRANCE TO THE BAKERSFIELD CITY HALL, 1501 TRUXTON AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA 93301**

all that right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as:

**SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 047-290-13

☒ The street address or other common designation of said property: 28194 Pond Road, Wasco CA

☒ Name and address of the beneficiary at whose request the sale is being conducted: **Kassab & Jacqueline Nesheiwat, C/O Michael T. Whittington, 10000 Stockdale Hwy., Suite 380, Bakersfield CA 93311**

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Directions to the above property may be obtained by requesting same in writing from the Trustee within 10 days from the first publication of this Notice.

**The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and the reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$1,886,258.00.**

**NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, size and dollar amount of outstanding liens that may exist on the property by contacting the County Recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for providing this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924 g. of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of the property, you may call (661) 864-6899 and reference the file number assigned to this Trustee's sale of 20190661. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale date may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend at the scheduled sale.

DATED: February 21, 2020

**MICHAEL T. WHITTINGTON  
10000 STOCKDALE HIGHWAY, SUITE 380  
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93311  
Telephone number: (661) 664-6899**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT MICHAEL T WHITTINGTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW, MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

**EXHIBIT "A"**

THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

The Southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, in the County of Kern, State of California, as per the Official Plat thereof on file in the Office of the Surveyor General.

Excepting therefrom a triangular shaped parcel of land bounded on the West by the West line of the Southwest quarter of said Section 27 and bounded on the North by the North line of said Southwest quarter and bounded on the Southeast by a diagonal line beginning and ending at points 40 feet from the West quarter corner of said section, measuring along last named West and North lines.

Also Excepting therefrom (a) all oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances, and all minerals, whether metallic or non-metallic, in, under or on said real property, or any part or parts thereof, or which may be produced, extracted or removed therefrom; (b) the exclusive and perpetual right of exploring or drilling or mining said real property and each and every part thereof, and of producing, extracting or removing therefrom all such oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances and all such minerals, and of using, marketing or otherwise disposing of the same, and of extracting and using water from said real property in connection with said operations, or any of them; (c) the right to drill, construct, use, remove and dispose of wells, ditches, sumps, pipelines, roads, buildings and other structures necessary, useful or convenient in connection with the exploration, drilling or mining of said real property, or any part or parts thereof, and the production, extraction, treatment, storage and removal therefrom of such oil, gas and other hydrocarbon substances and such minerals, and the use, marketing or disposition of the same; (d) the rights of ingress, egress and regress in, over and across said real property and each and every part thereof, to the extent that such rights may be necessary, convenient or useful in connection with the ownership or enjoyment of the rights, titles and interests described in the preceding clauses (a) to (d), inclusive. Each and all of the provision of this paragraph shall inure to the benefit of and bind the successors, assigns and lessees of the Grantor and the personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns of the Grantees. If the Grantor should transfer and convey all of its rights, titles and interests herein reserved, it shall in no event be responsible for the performance of any of the covenants or provisions herein contained which are to be performed subsequent to such transfer and conveyance, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, as reserved by Crown Zellerbach Corporation, by Deed recorded September 21, 1948 in Book 1559, Page 184 Official Records.

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Learn from the past, but learn to plow ahead

PASTOR JIM NEAL

"If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small." --Proverbs 24:10  
"Strength and growth come only through continuous effort and struggle." --Napoleon Hill

Have you ever come against a struggle, a roadblock or a seemingly insurmountable obstacle? Of course you have, if you have lived any length of time or tried anything considered off the beaten path. Sometimes those barriers are self-imposed; other times they are tossed in your path by a boss, a co-worker, a foe or friend. It matters not how they got there; they hurt and challenge just the same.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer once said of adversity, "One who gains strength by overcoming obstacles possesses the only strength which can overcome adversity."

The immediate action for many is to try and skirt the issue, take a detour or in some way play "ostrich" by pretending they are not there, better known as escapism. I imagine that becomes normal as we are bombarded by commercials that tell us there is a better way, a new pill for consumption or a plan that is "failproof," be they from TV, radio, Facebook or email.

However, haven't we more times than not found that once the storm has been weathered, the obstacle overcome, or the mountain of grief climbed that we stand perhaps a little battered and bruised but standing taller. We find ourselves stronger, wiser and more confident. Funny how life works, isn't it? It is the struggle that makes the victory so sweet. I do not know who said this but the nugget, "don't curse the darkness, light a candle" sure applies to my

life and to yours as well, I am sure.

Solomon in all his wisdom said, "If you faint in the time of adversity, your strength is small!" I wish I could always say that I enjoy this Proverb; however, many times I am challenged by it because I seem to find myself "fainting" in the times of adversity, at least in the beginning. Yet, I find and have found that the strength comes as I realize the basic truth that of his axiom, and that is that adversities are a part of life, *period!* It is when we battle through an adversity that we are once again reminded of the awesome truth of Paul's words in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose." We cannot escape them until our bodies are laid to their final rest.

So, what is the solution? Victory

comes as we remember these three points: 1) challenges, obstacles and hurdles are a part of life, and are God-ordained -- get used to it; 2) They can either make us bitter or better, our choice -- choose wisely; and 3) Whatever we spend our time focusing on becomes the giant in our lives; so, focus on the solution, victory and the power within (Philippines 4:13) and not on the problem that lies before you. (Philippines 4:4-8)

I suppose the biggest challenge is that we live life in the gear of "drive" but we learn and grow in the gear of "reverse." Hindsight as is said is always 20/20; however, we must plow through to receive that perfect vision and thought.

Have a great week *plowing ahead...*  
Jim Neal is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Shafter.

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7 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Education Instructional Aide  
5.25 hrs/day, 8:15 am - 2:15 pm  
Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent AND AA Degree or 48 semester units or a paraprofessional exam.

To review the essential job functions and apply, visit the Richland School District website at: www.rsdshafter.org Equal Opportunity Employer

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7 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

SRPD Seeks Summer Activity Leaders

Shafter Recreation seeks part-time Activity Leaders for our 2020 Summer Day Camp. Camp hours are 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. Activity Leaders will work up to 5.25 hours a day and up to 5 days a week. Hours will be flexible to meet the needs of campers. Applicants should be at least 18 years old, experienced at working with kids from K-8th grade, flexible, enthusiastic and creative. Skills/knowledge related to one or more of these areas are a plus: fitness/sports, coding, drama, photography, weaving, music, science/math, art, Legos and/or Guitar Hero. Interested persons can apply at 700 E Tulare Ave., Shafter. Deadline to apply is March 20th.

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