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Creating the new world



A Shafter High teacher paid to have the Fox Theater marquee updated with a special message for Shafter High seniors.



Orquidea's third adoptee is Lizzette Martinez.

A special event for students

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

Due to the virus pandemic and the governor's order of a state lockdown, Wasco High School graduate Ruth Loza Ramos came up with the idea to Adopt a Senior.

"I did this because it's the last year of high school for graduating seniors," Ramos said. "They are missing important milestone events during their senior year such as in-person classroom experiences, senior prom, sporting events, field trips, visits to college campuses and other social events that occur at the school and within the community. I wanted to do something to make this year special for them, so I created Adopt a Senior so members of the community could be a part of the senior-year experience."

Friends, parents and relatives, as well as other community members, have been supportive of this project, and several students have received more than one adoption request.

Orquidea Ocampo adopted three seniors and showered them with gifts this past week. Her newly adopted daughters are Yvette Rios, Lizzette Gonzalez and Daphne Her-

Lizzette Martinez will not only be graduating from Wasco High School but also from Bakersfield College this

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Alexia Garcia and family were pleasantly surprised with this gift basket.

TONI DEROSA AND JAMIE STEWART

Wasco Tribune | The Shafter Press

As of Tuesday, Wasco has had 36 cases of COVID-19, with 26 recoveries. In Shafter, there have been 34 confirmed cases with 30 of those reported as recovered.

No one here has died of the virus, according to the county Department of Public Health's website dashboard.

There were 632 confirmed cases in the county, with 234 recovered and 22 are hospitalized in the county.

On the Kern County Public Health dashboard, Wasco

(ZIP code 93280) has had 36 test positive for the virus and 26 have recovered with no deaths reported in the city.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said that 53 out of 58 counties are eligible to enter into Phase II, which requires counties to have hospitalization rates that don't increase more than 5% over seven days and

have less than 25 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents

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Public Health.

over the last 14 days.

The county Board of Supervisors voted to certify its readiness at Tuesday's meeting. The county will now send a request to the state.

In Shafter, the City Council announced that they will be doing a test run next Wednesday at the Shafter Police Department Conference Room as it attempts to begin having in-person City Council meetings again. This procedure would mean that the council members, the city clerk and city attorney would meet in the conference room together to hold their meeting, while practicing social distancing required. According to City Manager Gabriel Gonzales, "This would be a great alternative. The public would still be able to view the meeting on the Zoom app, but the coun-

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Council tables study on pay

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council voted unanimously to table a compensation study that would determine what other comparable cities pay the

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employees in their different departments, such as Public Works.

Recommended by City Manager Gabriel Gonzales, the study would be performed by Koff & Associates, a consulting firm that specializes in such studies. It would help with classification of different positions, as well as determining what the market value of those positions are, Gonzalez said.

The project would have a cost of approximately \$30,000, which would be funded by monies in the various depart-

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WHS hopes for a live graduation

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School Principal Kevin Tallon sent a letter to all senior parents last week outlining options for the 2020 graduation ceremony:

"The governor of California may allow the reopening of Phase III of the high school stadium to hold a traditional ceremony," Tallon said. "This would be the

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district's preference."

If the district reopened to Phase III, Tallon said the district will have some type of "in-person graduation" in late May or June. "Further details will be provided when the governor moves the state into Phase III," the letter said.

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Shafter High seniors were honored last Friday when the Generals' football field was lit up with a tribute to this year's graduates, complete with Class of 2020 painted on each sideline of the field and a big block S at midfield.



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HEADLINES IN HISTORY



The front page, May 19, 2010

10 years ago: May 19, 2010

A ceremony for some former Shafter High School athletes inducted in Shafter's Athletic Hall of Fame. Among were Dave Anderson (1947), Steven Rodriguez (1948) and Scott Peterson (1983).

20 years ago: May 10, 2000

The Cinco De Mayo queen was Adel Rodriguez. **30 years ago:** May 16, 1990

Band members from Shafter and Wasco were a part of The Golden Empire Suns Youth Band representing California. The band was invited to perform on July 4, 1990, in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the

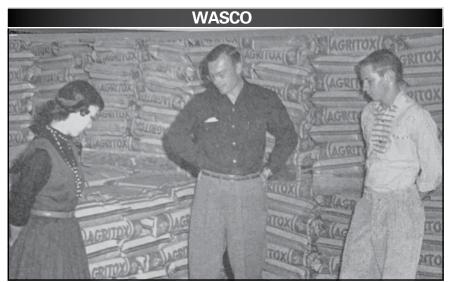
200th birthday of the U.S. Constitution. -Compiled by Erica Soriano

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 The Press, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@The ShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: County Clerk Vera Gibson, a guest at the Green Hotel for a Kern County Historical Society dinner.





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ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Depart-

ment **MAY 17**

Anthony Chavez, 25, of Shafter, was arrested for vehicle theft, burglary of first degree, vandalism, inflicting corporal punishment on a a spouse and possession of controlled

substance. Alex Jesus Neri, 36, of Shafter, was arrested for felon in possession of firearm, receiving of stolen

controlled substance.

Alma Estela Gonzalez, 46, of Shafter, was arrested for theft and extortion of a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

Samantha Estrada Torres, 31, of Shafter, was arrested for battery and willful cruelty to child.

MAY 16

Filiberto Chacon Jr., 38, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant. Omar Alonso Urbina

property, driving without Martinez, 34, of Shafter, license and possession of a for DUI, open container and restriction ignition in-

terlock

Jose Reyes Soto, 37, of Shafter, was arrested for obstruction of a public officer, trespassing on railroad property and possession of a controlled sub-

stance. **MAY 14**

Meghan Claire Morris, 35, of Shafter, was arresed for obstruction of a public of officer, false ID and possession of controlled substance.

MAY 12

Don Deshawn Webb, 49, of Shafter, was arrested for theft and extortion of vehicle.

George Ralph Odom V., 21, of Shafter, was arrested for domestic violence.

MAY 11

Mariana Ortega, 19, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: alco-

Jose Crox Mejia Jr., 40, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale and obstruction of a public offi- used not a firearm with

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Wasco substation:

Omar Amado Franco, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2000 block of Prosperity Lane in Wasco for the felony charges of torture, aggravated mayhem, false imprisonment with violence/etc., inflicting corporal injury on a spouse/cohabitant, willful cruelty to child and force great bodily injury likely. He was arrested and booked into the Central Receiving Facility in Ba-

kersfield. Favian Infante, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Oak Avenue in Wasco for felony corporal injury of spouse or cohabitant. He was arrested and booked into the Central Receiving Facility in Bakersfield.

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The wrestling community turned out for Nicolas.

Community sends teen off with a parade

Jamie Stewart The Shafter Press

Shafter High student Nick Garza, who was diagnosed with leukemia

SHAFTER just a month before the start of the SSL wrestling

he prepared to travel to Los Angeles for a bone marrow transplant. The Kern County Fire Department led the way, followed by the Shafter Police Department, and

season, received a hero's parade as

Councilmember Cathy whose car was decorated with red, white

A large number of cars followed, some decorated with balloons and a lot of them with posters with encouraging slogans on

Garza's father, Tomas Garza, said that



they were leaving on Sunday morning to make the trip down south. Garza was going to be tested first for the coronavirus, and then would go through a series of tests to prepare for the bone marrow transplant.

Garza said that he has felt good, and he was smiling as he waved to commuhis teammates from the Shafter High Wrestling team, as they drove by. Garza and his fam-

nity members, including

ily are so grateful for the support that the community has shown. "This was such a last minute deal, but with Cathy Prout, the Police Department, Fire Department and the rest of the community, it came

together,"

Tomas said.

Garza will be down south for three months. He will have the procedure, and, after a hospital stay, will spend his recovery time at a nearby hotel or apartment.

Garza was preparing for his wrestling season in which he expected to battle for a starting spot on the varsity squad. But, after having pain in his abdomen

and shoulder, doctors ran blood work. Tomas and Nicolas had not even made it home before they received a call to come back to the hospital immediately. The diagnosis was given, and Garza was

transported to Valley Childrens Hospital in Madera. "It was so weird. It was just a few pains. You never think it would be something like this," Garza said.

SPD in Wasco

Shafter police arrested a man in Wasco on suspicion of two crimes that occurred in Shafter, beginning on last Friday. Anthony Chavez, 25, was arrested at the Wasco

Motel on Highway 46 on Sunday when officers with the Shafter Police Department received information that Chavez was staying there. Chavez was arrested without incident. It is alleged that Chavez assaulted and robbed his

ex-girlfriend and was armed with a handgun on Friday. Charges include domestic violence and armed robbery. The second case Chavez was wanted for took

place on Saturday. Chavez entered a residence and allegedly stole the victim's vehicle.

After receiving information leading them to the Wasco Motel, the SPD conducted surveillance and obtained a warrant for his arrest, as well as a search warrant. Chavez was arrested at the motel on charges that included domestic violence and armed robbery. The investigation is ongoing.

–Jamie Stewart

Shots fired near home

On Sunday at approximately 9:30 p.m., deputies from the Wasco substation responded to shots fired at the 1200 block of 8th Place. During the investigation, deputies

learned that Espiridon Beltran, 40, had possibly fired several shots from a firearm in front of a residence. Additional investigation revealed Beltran was a restrained person in a criminal protective order protecting the victim who lived in a nearby residence, the Kern County Sheriff's Office said. Deputies located Beltran in the area

and detained him without incident. He

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was in possession of a loaded firearm determined to be stolen. Beltran was arrested and booked into the Central Receiving Facility for carrying a loaded firearm, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, violation of a restraining order and prohibited person in possession of ammunition.

"We don't know that the suspect that was arrested fired his gun," Sergeant Peter Martinez said. "We just know that the person arrested had an order from the court not to be near someone else and was in possession of a gun he could not legally possess." Prohibited by the court protection

order, the suspect was found in possession of a firearm. Because the gun was loaded with additional ammunition he is being considered a "prohibited person in possession of ammunition." "We did not charge the suspect ar-

rested for the unlawful discharge of a firearm," he said. "If we had probable cause for him firing the gun, we would have charged him with that, too."

--Toni DeRosa contributed to this

Hoping to give city a good cleaning

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, several notices were approved that gave of Shafter is being proacproperty owners notices that their properties had been deemed nuisances and were subject to being cleaned by the City of Shafter.

Those properties includ-

201 E. Lerdo Hwy. 843 E. Lerdo Hwy. 188 S. Wall St. 611 E. Lerdo Hwv.

121 S. Beech

129 S. Beech 320 N. Shafter Ave. 200 Elm St.

534 Minter Ave.

With the addition of Code Enforcement Officer Matt Maldonado, the City

tive in an attempt to keep the city clean and beautiful. Those property owners listed have not commenced cleanup of those properties, the city says, and the next step in the process is to adopt a resolution finding that the nuisance exists and ordering the City Manager to proceed with the work of abating the nuisance pursuant to Chapter 8 of the Shafter Municipal Code.

The city will have their crews clean up the properties with the costs of the abatement the responsibility of the property owners.

BELOW: 534 Minter **BOTTOM RIGHT: 320 N.** Shafter Ave. RIGHT: 188 S. Wall





city-owned parks.

Concerns about violence raised at council

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

A resident voiced her concerns about crime at Tuesday's City Council meeting, after an officer-involved shooting last

Ruby Medina asked whether the city could get more police presence in the area on from 8th to 16th Streets after Thursday's incident on 8th Street. Martinez also mentioned that another incident occurred on Sunday, May 17, when shots were fired on

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8th Street.

She stated that this has become a high crime area within the city.

Sergeant Peter Martinez later described the May 15 incident as a domestic violence situation where he said 21-year-old Daniel Gomez had repeatedly stabbed two unnamed women. "Both women have recovered and are currently at home," Martinez

Medina requested the city come up with an innovative solution to reach as many people as possible by posting information on the city's website to aid the community on where to get help.

In other business, the council reviewed an updated lease agreement with the Recreation and Parks District. This item was tabled until after the new Recreation and Parks District board can review it.

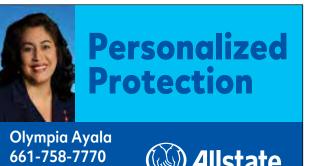
At a joint council and district meeting in 2019, the district asked the city to use Mea-

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sure X funds to help pay for lighting in the

City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez told the council members that the city is still investigating ways to bring the city current with COVID-19 precautions, such as glass partitions for offices where the public comes into contact with city employees.

The city recognized the Public Works Department during Public Works Week and presented a proclamation to staff members in the department.



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Breakfast and lunch can be picked up through our drive through or walk up stations from 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at Redwood/Richland Jr High Cafeteria located at 331 N. Shafter Ave. Shafter, Ca, 93263. Youth must be present to receive a meal.

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Seniors aren't forgotten

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She was born in Bakersfield and grew up in Lost Hills. She entered the Wasco school system in 2016.

Martinez's best memories from high school are all the



Ruth Loza Ramos adopted three students plus her own son. She is shown with Addison Vasquez, an eighth-grader from Palm Avenue Middle School.

went to all Wasco schools growing up. She played softball, volleyball and golf, and was involved in color guard and is a candidate for Wasco Rose Queen this year.

'What I enjoyed most about high school was perform-

rallies and the school spirit. Her

mediate goal is to attending California State University, Fullerton, where she will major in business. In five years, Martinez hopes to be set in her career.

During time at Wasco High, she was involved in Future Farmers of America, California Scholarship Federation and Wonderful Academy College Prep.

"Eventually, I want to run my own business," she said.

The third student Ocampo adopted is Daphne Hernandez.

Hernandez was born in Bakersfield



Ruth Loza Ramos with Junior Anaya, a WHS senior.

ing the Friday Night Lights with the Color Guard team and joining Rose Queen candidates," Hernandez said.

"What I liked least would definitely be this quarantine," she said. "I wish I had finished my senior year properly."

Hernandez is planning on attending Fresno State University and will work on her teaching credential. "I definitely see myself aiming to be a professor and working on my degree," she said.

During the pandemic, she said that she spent a good amount of time with her family and remained positive. "I had my schoolwork, so I'm grateful, but I do have my worries about the outcome of the future," Hernandez said. "One thing that surprised me was the pandemic. I never thought it could have affected Wasco like it has."

Shafter High seniors adopted

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

As Shafter High seniors faced the end of their high school career without a proper graduation ceremony, the community of Shafter came together to honor those students for the twelve years they have worked to complete the iournev.

Cynthia Marquez, a local woman who has been involved in many school and community events, helped head up a special event to honor the seniors.

The event, Adopt-A-Senior, invited community members to adopt a Shafter High senior and treat the student to a basket of gift certificates, cards, sweets and other goodies.

lies pick out gifts, Marquez caps and gowns from the

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and company posted seniors on Facebook, including the students' names and a little about them such as their favorite foods and interests.

Students were surprised as the baskets were delivered to them. "This event has been so much fun, with the adoptive families brightening up the students' days as they go through this

tough time," said Marquez. Due to its success, Marquez said they are planning to hold it again next year. "We are going to get it planned in advance so the entire senior class will be involved and adopted."

In addition to the Adopta-Senior event, students encountered a surprise on Fri-To help adoptive fami- day when picking up their



Ann Strader with former student Jimena Garza and her gift basket.

Fox Theater. A Shafter High updated, congratulating the Shafter High class of 2020.

Despite the challenges teacher paid to have the of this time, students at marquee at the Fox Theater Shafter High have been shown that they are appre-

Shafter homes aglow for special event

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press In the third week of Shafter Strong month, homes in Shafter were aglow with lights - some red or blue, some

with an array of colors. The event was the brainchild of local photographer Colleen Diltz and other community members who wanted to



Captain Diana Barnett's house is awash in blue.

They are also encouraging the entire community to finish off Shafter Strong month by decorating vehicles

- cars, bikes, scooters, etc. - and parading through town to show commitment to the community and a sense of unity.

The month has been full of spirited decorations. It



Old Glory waving proudly during Shafter Strong month.

kicked off with a week of patriotism, where residents were encouraged to fly Old Glory at their homes, along with red, white and blue banners.

This was followed by a week of chalk drawings completed by residents on their sidewalks and driveways with inspirational messages and messages of thanks to first responders who have served the community.

Diltz said this event has only been made possible by the entire community. "This city has plenty of spirit and pride, which is what makes an event like this a success," Diltz

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have something to unite the

community and give residents something do during this down time. This week.

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One night, the home of Cap-

Barnett of the Shafter Police

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was awash in a

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Council won't study pay, for now

From Page 1

mental accounts.

Councilmember Cathy Prout said that she did not think that it was wise for the city to spend the money on the study at this time, when the city is dealing with the virus situation. City Manager Gabriel Gonzales said, "Even in this unique situation, the city still has business to conduct, which will assist us in dealing with the negotiations."

Councilmember Chad Givens concurred with Prout, saying that it was not the right time to have a study done, given the possibility that there may be major changes months from now that might make the study obsolete. "I just don't think that this is the right time to be spending the money on a study," commented Givens. The 5-0 vote in favor of tabling

the recommendation makes it possible to revisit the issue.

In another unanimous vote, the council approved a recommendation

move forward with studies that will result in a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 43 and Santa Fe Way. The roundabout would alleviate traffic congestion and reduce the safety risks that the current intersection presents, Caltrans said. The plan is that

the city covers the

preliminary engineering and rightof-way acquisitions, estimated at about \$4 million. Caltrans has committed to fund the construction. which, based on similar roundabout projects they have built, will cost between \$6 and \$8 million. The council had recently autho-

rized a project that will commit \$1.5 million in local Federal Transportation Improvement Program funding



Prout voices her stance

against spending on a study in this environment.

43 North,43 South) could access the roundabout. In recent months, Caltrans has suggested that a downgraded four-legged intersection, without a Beech Avenue connection, would be a better alternative. Keeping Beech Avenue open

would mean maintaining an atgrade rail crossing at the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway,

engineering work to performed by Cal-In the early stag-

es of project planning with Caltrans, the roundabout was laid out as a "fivelegged" intersection, meaning that all five existing street alignments that currently connect the intersection (Beech Avenue, Santa Fe Way, Los Angeles Avenue, Highway

which subjects the project to requirements issued by the California Public Utility Commission, which has jurisdiction over at-grade crossings. Caltrans said that if the fivelegged roundabout was considered, there would be a need for signals in all directions to ensure that vehicles trying to exit the at-grade Beech Avenue crossing are not held up by cross traffic.

Caltrans and Public Works both agreed that traffic signalization defeats the purpose of having a roundabout, which is to alleviate the traffic congestion and impacts of the BNSF Railway. It was also pointed out that when the High Speed Rail project has completed its section in the area, it would mean the elimination of Beech Avenue anyway. After discussion, the council

decided to approve the four-legged intersection without the Beech Avenue connection. This allows the studies and engineering plans to move forward.



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Several options for WHS grads

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If Phase III does not happen in May or June but later in the summer or fall, there won't be a traditional graduation ceremony. "If that happens, we know that having a ceremony will not be possible. Many graduates plan to move on to the military, college and work commitments that will take them away from Wasco," Tallon said. "We will hold out hope that we are able to meet the May or June timeline."

Tallon added that, in addition to the above options, the district plans to honor the Class of 2020 with a virtual celebration." The video will premiere on Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m. on the school's Facebook page and other media platforms.

We hope this gives you an opportunity to celebrate safely with your family from home," Tallon added. "The video will include keynote speeches, individual videos or pictures of graduates and other surprises. We will make a decision in June about how we will give out the diplomas."

"With this spring's school closure due to COVID-19, it has been difficult on all students, but especially our seniors," Tallon said. "We are saddened that your senior year is ending this way, but we cannot wait to see how you will overcome this adversity and thrive."

He also said that life is often about overcoming challenges and making the most of opportunities. "This will certainly be one of those times for our graduating seniors. Think fondly of all the good memories and relationships that you have developed at Wasco High and remember that none of those can be taken from you. Although we are apart, we will get through this together."

He mentioned that last week, students checked in their textbooks and dropped them off to a U-Haul. The district then sanitized them and returned them to the library.

Tallon said that there will not be Winner's Circle academic awards ceremony this year, and scholarship recipients will be announced at a fu-



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Details of next phases

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cilmembers would be all in one room, making it easier to conduct the meeting, especially with the Powerpoint presentations and other tools that are utilized during the budget preparation meetings.'

The Health Department stated that there is hope that the epidemic is nearing its end; however, many places must continue to monitor social distancing and the wearing of protective masks.

President Donald Trump has presented guidelines for Opening up America Again in three phases.

The guidelines include:

- Continue to follow state and local guidance as well as Center for Disease Control guidance, especially by continuing to wear face coverings.
- Continue to practice good hygiene by washing hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow. ■ Disinfect frequently used items
- and surfaces as much as possible. ■ Strongly consider using face coverings while in public and particu-

larly when using mass transit. People who feel sick should stay home:

- Do not go to work or school.
- Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider.

Employers. Develop and implement appropriate policies, in accordance with federal, state and local regulations and use the industry's best practices regarding the following:

- Social distancing and protective equipment.
 - Temperature checks.
 - Sanitation.
- Use and disinfection of common and high-traffic areas.
- Business travel. ■ Grocery stores and other shop-
- ping destinations. ■ Continue to encourage telework

whenever possible. Phase I states that all vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus

back home. Phase II

Individuals. Vulnerable viduals should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practiced, could carry the virus back home. Precaution should be in place to isolate from vulnerable residents.

When in public, individuals should maximize physical distancing from others. Social settings of more than 50 people, where appropriate, distancing may not be practical should be avoided unless precautionary measures are

Employers. Employers should continue to encourage telework whenever possible.

Close common areas where people congregate and interact or enforce moderate social distancing protocols.

Under Phase 2, elective surgeries can resume on an outpatient and inpatient basis at facilities that adhere to guidelines.

Phase 3

Vulnerable individuals can resume public interactions, but should practice physical distancing, minimizing exposure to social settings where distancing may not be practical, unless precautionary measures are observed.

Low-risk populations should consider minimizing time spent in crowded environments.

Employers. Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites.

Hospitals can resume. Those who interact with residents and patients must continue to be diligent regarding hygiene.

Sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship can operate under limited physical In addition, gyms can open if they

adhere to standard sanitation proto-And bars may operate with in-

creased standing-room occupancy,

where applicable.









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THE SHAFTER PRESS Thursday, May 21, 2020

Ivan Perea Torres May 26, 1984 -May 14, 2020

Ivan Perea Torres passed away peacefully in his home with his family by his side on May 14, 2020 in Shafter. He was born on May 26, 1984, in Bakersfield to Nicolas Hernandez Torres and Maria Perea Torres.

Ivan married Stormie Michelle Gray in Bakersfield on Dec. 24, 2009. They have two children, Ethan Nicholas Torres and



Karalyah Maria Torres. Ivan worked in con-

struction. He was a terrific handyman and could fix anything. He was a very creative individual; his talents were endless. He had a great sense of humor that was out of this world. He could make a joke out of any situation.

OBITUARIES

Ivan was very helpful and generous. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. Ivan will truly be missed.

Ivan is survived by his spouse, Stormie; his son, Ethan; his daughter, Karalyah; his mother, Maria Perea Torres; his brothers, Nick and wife Alice Torres, Rigo Torres and wife Yvette Torres, Jesus Torres; sister Sonia and husband Victor Saldana and sister Wendy and husband Lucas Alberto; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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He was preceded in death by his father, Nicolas Hernandez Torres.

A viewing will be held at Basham & Lara Funeral Care in Shafter on Thursday, May 21, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Burial services will be held Friday, May 22, at 1 p m. at Shafter Cemetery.

Manuel Gonzalez Ortega,, 75, of Shafter, passed away May 13 in Shafter. Basham & Lara

Funeral Care, Shafter. Veneranda S. Torres, 82, of Wasco, passed away May 16 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

DEATH

NOTICES

Vidal Martinez, 59 of

Bakersfield passed away

May 10 in Bakersfield.

Basham & Lara Funeral

Care, Shafter.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE **NOTICE OF HEARING**

ON ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY TO LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESS-MENT DISTRICT NO. LL001-2015 OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER (ANNEXA-TION NO. 4 AND ASSESSMENTS PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED ON THAT PROPERTY

FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 7:00 p.m. on June 2, 2020, the City Council of the City of Shafter ("City") will conduct a public hearing regarding the annexation of certain residential properties within Tract Map No. 7332 Phase II, generally located near the northwest corner of Seventh Standard Road and Community Drive, in the City of Shafter, County of Kern, to Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. LL001-2015 ("District")

as Annexation No. 4, and the assessments which are proposed to be levied on existing and annexed parcels of property within the District for fiscal year 2021-2022. The total amount of the assessments which are proposed to be levied for fiscal year 2021-2022 on all existing and annexed parcels within the District is \$581,446.20. The amount of the assessment which is proposed to be levied on each existing and annexed parcel is \$537.20 per unit of benefit (i.e., a residential lot). The assessments are proposed to be levied to pay the annual cost of the installation, operation, maintenance and servicing of landscaping, public lighting facilities and any other appurtenant improvements ("Improvements") in the District. The total amount of the assessments

which are proposed to be levied on existing and annexed parcels within the District is equal to the amount of the estimated annual cost of the installation, operation, maintenance and servicing of the Improvements within the District for fiscal year 2021-2022. The amount of the assessment which is proposed to be levied on each existing and annexed parcel in the District was calculated on the basis of the proportionate special benefit derived by the parcel in relationship to the entirety of the costs that are related to the installation, operation, maintenance and servicing of the Improvements for said fiscal year and was determined by dividing the estimated annual cost by the number of units of benefit within the District. The assessments will be levied on all existing and annexed parcels within the District so long as such assessments are necessary to pay the annual cost of the installation, operation, maintenance and servicing of the Improvements in the

The City Council has determined that the amount of the assessment which will be levied per parcel for each existing and annexed parcel within the District in future fiscal years may be increased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County Area provided that the amount of the assessment is not increased by more than four percent (4%) in any fiscal vear and provided that the amount of the assessment to be levied on any parcel in any fiscal year shall not in any event exceed the reasonable costs of the proportional special benefit conferred on the parcel. Property owners who vote Assessment Ballots in support of the levy of the proposed assessment will also be voting in support of such an increase in the annual amount of assessments to be levied in future fiscal years.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Clerk will tabulate the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in support of or opposition to the levy of the proposed assessments. A majority protest will exist if the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in opposition to the levy of the proposed assessments exceed the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in favor of the levy of the proposed assessments, weighting those assessment ballots by the amount of the proposed assessment to be imposed upon the identified parcel for which each assessment ballot is submitted. If there is a majority protest against the levy of the proposed assessments, the property will not be annexed to the District and the City Council will not levy the proposed assessments on existing and annexed

N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meetings live via You-Tube https://www.youtube.com/user/ CityofShafter/ If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter. com. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263.If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00pm on the Monday prior to the Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Council meeting.

Consistent with Executive Order

Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Dated: May 15, 2020 Publish Shafter Press May 21, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE SEMIROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT Kern County, California NOTICE INVITING BIDS COX CANAL INTERTIE PROJECT

parcels of property within the District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT (hereinafter "District") until 2:00 p.m. on May 29, 2020, for the construction of Specifications No. 20-01, Cox Canal Intertie Project ("Project") including, but not limited to, the furnishing of all labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, and facilities necessary therefore, and transportation, utilities, and all other items as provided in the Contract Documents associated herewith, of which each and every document comprising the entirety of the Contract Documents are incorporated at length as if fully set forth herein. The Project is located within Kern County and in the vicinity of Wasco, California. Bids will be received at the offices of the District, 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, CA 93280, until the stated time

SPECIFICATIONS NO. 20-01

and date, at which time and place the bids will be opened. If a contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive Bid Proposal on the basis of prices in the Bid. The bidding requirements and the Work are fully described in the Contract Documents. Electronic Adobe Acrobat ® Portable Document Format (PDF) of Contract Documents are being made available to Bidders either by email or a download link. No paper (hard) copies of Contract Documents will be provided to Bidders. Requests for electronic Contract Documents may be requested from Grace Martin, GEI Consultants, Inc. at gemartin@geiconsultants.com. Request must include company name, requesting person's name, requesting person's physical address, requesting person's email address, and requesting person's phone number. Addenda will only be distributed to requesting person. In light of the California Governor's March 19, 2020 executive order, and other emergency executive orders regarding COVID-19, and consistent with applicable laws, regulations and orders, the District will conduct the bid opening and mandatory pre-bid conference via teleconference. The District is requiring all bidders to perform a mandatory self-guided tour of the project site. Bidder shall contact Grace Martin, GEI Consultants, Inc. at gemartin@geiconsultants.com or (661) 716-3010 to schedule appointment for self-guided tour. Self-guided tours will be limited to a duration of two (2) hours. Self-guided tours will be limited between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm and start May 11, 2020 and end May 14, 2020. A sign-in form will be provided at time appointment is made for Contractor to sign and return after completion of self-guided tour. The mandatory pre-bid teleconference will be conducted by the Semitropic Water District on May 15, 2020. The pre-bid teleconference will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. It is anticipated that the teleconference will last approximately two (2) hours. The call-in telephone number and passcode for the bid opening and mandatory pre-bid conference teleconferences will be provided on the bid-tour sign-in form.

While the Work to be performed with respect to the Project is more fully described and detailed in the Plans and Specifications, the principal components of Work to be performed includes the following:

Construction of a 200 cfs pumping plant, including inlet and outlet structures, vertical axial flow pumps,48-inch diameter pipelines, valves, couplings, and pipe supports.

Construction of a concrete spillway and stop log facility. b.

Construction of concrete electrical equipment slabs.

d. Construction of a pre-engineered electrical equipment shade structure.

Furnishing an installing chain-link fencing and gates.

Furnishing and installing crushed rock ground cover. g.

Construction of canal lining. Demolition of existing canal concrete lining.

Clearing, grubbing, and stripping.

Furnishing and installing rip-rap.

Site grading and earthwork.

Furnishing, installing, maintaining, and removing temporary canal isolation structures.

Furnishing, and installing stilling well. n. Site electrical, instrumentation, and SCADA. O.

Work must be completed during the periods identified in the Specifications.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 6100(b), any contractor, subcontractor, and/or specialty contractor, as defined under Business and Professions Code Section 7026, submitting a proposal shall possess, at the time the contract is awarded, that classification of contractor's license required by law to enable the contractor to perform the Work contemplated under the Contract Documents, as more specifically set forth in the specifications. Specifically, a Class A - General Engineering contractor's license is required for the project. Contractors shall provide the District with their Contractor's license number and expiration date as provided in the proposal. It is the District's intent that "plans," as used in Public Contract Code Section 3300, is defined as the construction contract documents, which include both the drawings and the specifications. No contractor or subcontractor may be qualified to submit a Bid, be listed on a Bid proposal, or engage in the performance of any Work

associated with this project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 et seq. [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded the contract for the project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. The District reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive or to make award to the lowest responsible bidder and

reject all other bids. This published notice does NOT reproduce all the bidding requirements; accordingly, the above-referenced Plans and Specifications are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Notice Inviting Bids. An acceptable bid can only be prepared by reading and following all of the instructions that are found in the Specifications, which includes Sections A and B thereof. Each Bidder is required to sign a Noncollusion Affidavit and submit it with his bid. The successful Bidder is required to furnish a Payment Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract and a Faithful Performance Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract; the bonds to be secured by a surety company or surety companies satisfactory to the District. Bids shall be based on the payment of not less than the prevailing rate of wages for this locality and project as determined by the Director of

the California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. and the Davis-Bacon Act, whichever is greater. Prevailing wage schedules for Kern County are available from the Department of Industrial Relations-Division of Labor Statistics & Research via the internet at www.dir.ca.gov. Copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages are on file at the office of the District and will be made available to any interested party on request. Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage schedules can be found at www.wdol.gov. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. (See Labor Code section

1771.4(a)(1).) Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish the records specified in Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissions, in the manner set forth in Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(3)(A)-(B). Contractors shall be required to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(2).)

Questions regarding the type of work required, or requests for electronic Adobe Acrobat ® Portable Document Format (PDF) plans and specifications may be addressed to the following: Grace Martin, GEI Consultants, Inc. at geiconsultants.com.

This project is funded in part by a federal grant: WaterSMART Drought Response Program. The grant is being administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Since a Federal grant is providing funding for the project, the Contractor, its Subcontractors and Suppliers will be required to comply with all applicable Federal requirements.

Semitropic Water Storage District By: /s/ Jason Gianquinto General Manager

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Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, equivalent securities may be substituted for monies withheld to ensure performance of the

April 30, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT ROLL **HEARING** Regarding the Adoption Of As-

sessment Rates & 7th Standard

Annexation Assessment Rates for the Upcoming Year & Assessment Roll Availability for

Review. In accordance with California Law,

the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Board of Director's will consider assessment rates for the upcoming vear's assessments for Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District and 7th Standard Annexation. Public hearings for the same at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at the District Office located at 16294 Highway 43, Wasco, CA 93280 (corner of Kimberlina Road and Hwy 43). At that time, the Board will consider any objections to the proposed assessment rates prior to final adoption.

Dated: May 7, 2020 Dana S. Munn

General Manager-Secretary of the **Board of Directors**

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PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **High Mountain Apartments** 2020-B2248

630 Cherry Lane Tehachapi, CA 92561 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 631 S Olive Street Ste 860 Los Angeles, CA 90014 Cherry Mountain, LP. 631 So Olive Street, Ste 860 Los Angeles, CA 90014 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA The business is conducted by: Lim-

ited Partnership Date the business commenced: 12-

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

/s/Pratik Jogani, General Partner Date Statement Filed: 05/05/2020 Date Statement Expires: 05/05/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Shafter Press May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider possible uses of financial proceeds made available in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic the Coronavirus Aid. Relief and Economic Securities Act (CARES). The total of the proceeds available to the City is estimated to be \$93,000. The City is seeking community assistance to identify eligible and qualifying projects for the funding. For those wishing to propose a project, it is requested that all information including project description and estimated costs be provided to the City Clerk at Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue. Shafter, CA 93263, no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 29, 2020. Projects that the City may consider include but are not limited to community park facilities, street and alley construction, water, sewer, drainage infrastructure

and public buildings. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Information regarding this project funding is on file in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and is available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the proposed project is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Anyone challenging any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed on this Notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the public hearing. Consistent with Executive Order

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Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Date: May 15. 2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE SHAFTER AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

Se hace saber por el presente aviso que en Martes, 2 de Junio, 2020, a las 7 p.m., el Consejo de la Ciudad de Shafter llevará a cabo una audencia pública para considerar posibles gastos del Ley de Ayuda, Alivio y Seguridad Económica contra el Coronavirus (CARES) estimado ser \$93,000. La Ciudad está buscando asistencia de la comunidad para identificar proyectos elegibles y calificantes para la financiación. Aquellos que deseen presentar una propuesta de proyecto, por favor envíe toda la información incluyendo descripción del proyecto y los costos estimados a la Secretaria de la Ciudad a Municipalidad de Shafter, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263, no mas tardar de 5:00 p.m., Viernes, 29 de Mayo, 2020. Los proyectos que la ciudad puede considerar incluyen, pero no son limitados a las facilidades del parque de la comunidad, construcción de calle y callejón, infraestructura de agua,

alcantarilla y drenaje, y edificios pú-Dicha audencia está abierta al público y todas las personas interesadas están invitadas a asistir y ser escuchadas. Información acerca de esta financiación del proyecto está archivada en la oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad en la Municipalidad, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, y está disponible para revision pública. Cualquier persona que desee ser escuchada o que desee presentar pruebas a favor o en contra del proyecto propuesto, es avisada y dirigida a cualquira, de aparecer en el momento y lugar mencionado o enviar comentarios por escrito a la Secretaria de la Ciudad a Municipalidad, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Cualquier persona retando algun tipo de acción propuesta que es el tema de una audencia pública que aparece en este aviso, esa persona puede ser limitada a plantear las cuestiones abordadas en la audencia pública o en corre-

spondencia por escrito entregada a

la Secretaria de la Ciudad en o antes

de la audencia pública.

De acuerdo con la Orden Ejecutiva N-29-20, no se permitirá la participación del público en persona y no habrá una ubicación física desde la cual el público pueda observar la reunión. Le recomendamos que observe las reuniones del Consejo de la Ciudad en vivo a través de YouTube https://www.youtube.com/ user/CitvofShafter/. Si desea hacer un comentario sobre un tema específico de la agenda o comentario público, envíe su comentario por correo electrónico antes de las 5:00 p.m., Martes 2 de Junio, 2020 a la Secretaria de la Ciudad a Municipalidad en CitvClerk@shafter.com. Si desea hacer un comentario por escrito la Secretaria de la Ciudad a Municipalidad, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263, Si desea hacer un comentario durante la reunión en vivo, las personas que llaman primero deben registrarse con la Secretaria de la Ciudad a Municipalidad a 661-746-5012 antes de que la reunión comience a recibir instrucciones y el número de llamada y el código. Llame antes de las 5:00 pm del Lunes anterior a la reunión del Consejo para tener tiempo suficiente para inscribirse. Deberá proporcionar su nombre, número de teléfono y el número de artículo que desea dirgir. Todos los comen-

reunión del Consejo.

tarios públicos se proporcionan al Consejo de la Ciudad y al personal

correspondiente, para su revisión y

consideración por parte de la Junta

antes de tomar medidas sobre los

asuntos enumerados en la agenda y

se incorporan al registro oficial de la

Yazmina Pallares, La Secretaria de la Ciudad Fecha: 15 de Mayo, 2020 Publish Shafter Press May 21, 2020

PASTOR'S CORNER

WASCO TRIBUNE

Pandemic, politics and ping pong balls

PASTOR JIM NEAL

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs

Solomon in all his wisdom hit the nail on the head with this nugget of truth, didn't he? The Psalmist said it this way in Psalm 33:12a, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." And one of America's most beloved Presidents, Abraham Lincoln had a favorite scripture he oft quoted, "And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:25 NKJV) Well, it does seem at this time that our

country, our states and even our churches are being bantered about as ping pong balls from one opinion to another, one cure to another and from one expert to another. It seems as everyone wants his or her 15 minutes of fame in the spotlight of this Pan-I am no expert, nor do I seek 15 min-

utes of fame. I am simply a fellow sojourner trying to navigate this landscape with some thoughts and questions rattling around in my heart and soul. Some are asking is this a "judgment of God" on America and the world at large? Others try to probe, push and pry its arrival into the lines of prophetic scripture as a sign of the soon return of Christ. Most though are simply "sheltering in place" trying to make the best of a tenuous situation while trying to decipher an answer amid the plethora of thoughts, attitudes and plans of our leadership.

Whether you believe it to be a judgment of God or whether it can be nestled into prophetic Scriptures does not really matter, does it? We are going to have to buck up and "weather the storm" whatever it is, aren't we?

This one thing I know. For a nation, whose foundation was laid and hammered out from the principles found in Holy Scriptures we have drifted far from our moorings. As we continue to drift into the sea of oblivion of sacred truth like a ship without an anchor, we as a country seem to be "tossed about" by every wind and whim of the elected few as they wrestle for power Often, we as individuals feel as if "what

is the use" or "does it really matter what I or my church body thinks"? Yes, yes, a thousand times yes. Allow me to call to your attention three passages of Scripture for meditation and prayer. The first is 2 Chronicles 7:14: "...we must humble ourselves, pray and seek His face." 2) James 1:5: "...ask for wisdom which God promises to supply liberally" and finally, 3) Malachi 3:6 "For I the Lord do not change... He is sovereign, powerful and loving; caring for His children at all times. Always remember the admonition of the

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Apostle Paul, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9 ESV)

Jim Neal is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Shafter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of Michael Mettler, aka Michael L. Mettler, aka Michael Lynn Mettler

Case Number: BPB-20-002322 1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Michael Mettler, aka Michael L. Mettler, aka Michael Lynn Mettler A Petition for Probate has been

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that: Ronald D. Mettler be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and should not grant the authority. 6. A hearing on the petition will be

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Of Assessment Rates & 7th Standard Annexation Assessment Rates for the Upcoming Year & Assessment Roll Availability for Review. In accordance with California Law, the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Board of Director's will consider assessment rates for the upcoming

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