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Distinguished Young Woman



DYW Kristen McGuire surrounded by her court, Fourth Alternate Isis Brownlow, Second Alternate Clarissa Vander Poel, First Alternate Aaliyah Chavolla and Third Alternate Kaelah Perez.

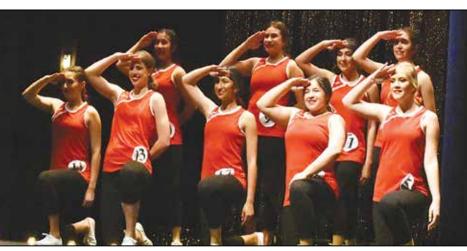
Kristen McGuire in tough contest

Kristen McGuire was named the new Distinguished Young Woman of Shafter and will represent the city in the state competition in July.

Last year's DYW Karly Cleveland handed over the title on Friday night at Shafter High's Fred Starrh Theater, ending a reign that saw Cleveland serve the city at ribbon cuttings, special events and parades.

McGuire became the first winner in over 10 years to win the title without capturing any of the individual phases of the competition. McGuire performed well overall in the categories to outpoint the runners-up who took home the different phase titles. The First Alternate was Aaliyah Chavolla, while Clarissa Vander Poel was named Second Alter-

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A grueling routine was performed for the Physical Fitness portion of the competition.



Alondra Celedon answers a question during the Self Expression phase.



Mayor Gilbert Alvarado presents a certificate to Sergeant Lionel Lopez for his being

named Volunteer of the Year for the local VFW Post.

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If you haven't seen it yet, you should take a look at *The Shafter Press* online. The website, TheShafterPress.com, has every story in the paper, as well as a digital version of the whole paper in pdf form, just as it appears here.

Your comments will make it better, too. Just email the publisher, Michael Schroeder, at mschroeder@TheShafterPress.com with what you like and don't like.

Kudos for lifesavers at council meeting

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

On a night that saw a light agenda, the City of Shafter honored those who save lives, in many forms, from first responders to organ donors.

Mayor Gilbert Alvarado presented Sergeant Lionel Lopez with a certificate recognizing his contributions to the city and being named Volunteer of the Year by the local VFW post.

Sergeant Lopez has been donating his time to the VFW for the past three years. Lopez works at the annual pancake breakfasts and a variety of fundraisers they hold throughout the year. Lopez has been with the department since February 2000

He was given his award recently by VFW President Danny Rueda and Rep. T.J.

Cox. Sergeant Lopez was commended for his strong sense of duty, tenacity, endurance and professional skill that sets the standard

for others who work near him. Shafter Police Officer Jeffrey McCuan was recognized for his service above and beyond what is required as he showed compassion and caring as he helped a Shafter

woman through a very trying time. Officer McCuan was dispatched to assist at the home of Elizabeth Davis. Officer Mc-Cuan responded to the scene and ultimately discovered Davis unresponsive. Segeant Mora of the SPD initiated CPR until medical personnel arrived. It was determined

Officer McCuan was compassionate as he stayed with Kelly Couch, Davis's

that Davis was deceased.

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Standoff at residence in domestic violence call

The Shafter Police Department arrested a man Tuesday night who they said had earlier assaulted a woman and her children.

At around 6:30 p.m., the SPD responded to a call to 409 W. Euclid, regarding a report of a domestic violence. A female adult reported that she had been assaulted by Eduardo Orozco, 25, of Shafter. She had fled the residence with her children before the officers arrived.

The officers spent about two-and-a-half hours trying to get Orozco to answer the

door or communicate with them.

A Kern County Sheriffs K-9 unit arrived at the scene, and Orozco surrendered without further incident. Orozco was wearing only a towel when he exited the house. Orozco was not injured as a result of the incident.

Captain Diane Barnett said Orozco was arrested and charged with domestic violence and obstructing a public officer and was booked at the Central Receiving Facility. –Jamie Stewart



Shafter Police Department and Sheriff's Office deputies surrounded the residence

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: SAT practice -- Study sessions on Tuesdays at the Shafter High School Tutoring Center. For Shafter High School students 3-7 p.m. at the Shafter High School Tutoring Center (Shafter High School Library). A great SAT can open doors and win scholarships, and studying for the SAT exam can help high school students get there. There are no fees and students will have dedicated time to practice to do their best. More information at shafterlearning. com/blog/studysat, call 661-746-5055 or visit 236 James

Spring break classes -- The Shafter Learning Center will be offering classes for students during spring break: March 18-29 for grades 1-4 and April 15-19 for grades 3-8 and 10-12.

College counseling -- Bakersfield College DSPS/academic counselor Elvira Martinez will be available at Wasco Independence High School, 1445 Poso Drive, Thursday, March 21.

MONDAY

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

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

Richland school board -- Richland School District board meets on the third Monday at Golden Oak cafeteria

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

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

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

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

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

Zumba -- 5:30 a.m. at the Walker Senior Center, 505

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

TUESDAY

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.

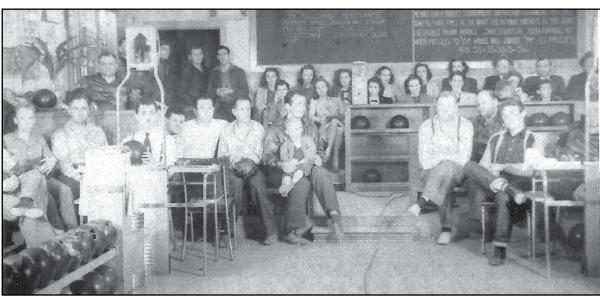
City Council -- Shafter City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays at 336 Pacific Ave. at 7 p.m.

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

Mystery history



This week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. Send your educated (or semieducated) guess to The Press, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafter-Press.com. Winners will be revealed here next week, along with the facts behind this photo and a new one to challenge you. LAST WEEK: "Shafter News Agency" from the 1947 Shafter High Laurion Yearbook advertisement. They offered stationary, office supplies, magazines and newspapers, and were located at 433 James St. The phone number in 1947 was 897. The people are unidentified.



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.

Zumba -- 5:30 a.m. at 505 Sunset Ave.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Zumba -- 5:30 a.m. at Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset

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

Sack Day 55+ -- Every first and third Thursday at 10 a.m., W.C. Walker Center. Commodities - Commodities will be given out at 11

a.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Shafter Youth Center at 455 E. Euclid Avenue. First come, first serve. For more information call 661-746-8235. Turning Point – Jesus Saves Church offers a nine-week program that is Bible-based and will teach you the biblical

principles to become free of a life-controlling problem. The classes are held every Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at 425 South Shafter Ave. SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

at 505 Sunset Ave.

Zumba -- 5:30 a.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.

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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ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department.

March 11

Kailin Robert Beckmeyer, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for public intoxica-

BUTTONWILLOW March 11

Stacy Heaton, 28, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 200 block of East 2nd Street in Buttonwillow for being in possession of a drug paraphernalia. She was cited and released at the scene.

Michael Armstrong, 44, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 200 block of East 2nd Street in Buttonwillow for being in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Aurelio Cota, 48, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 200 block of East 2nd Street on two active no-bail misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern

County Jail. Johnny Ray Mason, 60, of Shafter, was arrested at Tracy Avenue south of 7th Standard Road for expired registration, no proof of insurance, being in possession of a controlled substance and being in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Heather Marie Alverson, 34, of Sacramento, was arrested at Tracy Avenue and south of 7th Standard Road for being in posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia. She was cited and released

at the scene. March 12

Miguel Angel Orozco, 47, of Shafter, was arrested in the 33000 block of Stockdale Highway in Buttonwillow for being a felon in possession of a firearm, prohibited person being in possession of ammunition, felon carrying a loaded firearm, being in possession of a short-barreled rifle or shotgun and on a misdemeanor warrant. He booked into the Kern County Jail.

Lucas Cortes Everardo, 31, of Wasco, was arrested at 325 Central Valley Hwy. in Shafter on a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at

the scene. March 13

Manfiel Lizandro Diaz-Paz, 18, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2600 block of Flower Street in Wasco for driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

March 15

Rene Gutierrez, 43, of Lost Hills, was arrested 21300 block of Badger Street in Lost Hills for discharge of firearm in a negligent manner, carrying a loaded firearm in public and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Lost Hills, was arrested at the intersection of Orlando Avenue and Tulare Street in Lost Hills for driving without a license, wrong display

of license plate, altered ve-

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hicle identification number, possessing burglary tools, possessing a switchblade in vehicle and for resisting arrest. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail.

Dagoberto Valentin Hernandez Rivera, 28, of

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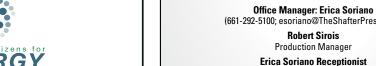
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New Distinguished Young Woman

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nate. The Third Alternate was Kaelah Perez and Isis Brownlow was the Fourth Alternate. For her win, Mc-Guire took home a \$2,000 scholarship and the title, giving her the opportunity to compete for the state title to be held at the Dore Theater in Bakersfield this summer.

Kristen is the daughter of Mark and Susan Mc-Guire and was sponsored by Richland Chevrolet. She tap danced to the tune of "All That Jazz" for her talent.

The evening was emceed again this year by Debbie Powell, who was the DYW of Shafter in 1980, and Randy Toews. Powell and Toews introduced the contestants and the first phase of the evening's competition began, a physical fitness routine. The event tested the girls' endurance, agility and overall fitness with a five-minute routine that challenged the contestants' abilities.

The Physical Fitness portion of the evening was won by Kaelah Perez. Fifty percent of the judging was done before the evening event started, with the Scholastic portion and the judges' interview taking place earlier in the day.

Scholastic winner was Clarissa Vander Poel. The Scholastic judge looked at the contestants' transcripts and college entrance exam scores, including SATs. Vander Poel won a \$200 scholarship for the achievement. One of the most chal-

lenging and nerve-wracking portions of the evening is the Talent phase. Each contestant has 90 seconds to display their talents for the judges. There were a variety of performances as contestants played instruments, performed monologues, sang and performed color guard routines in the Talent portion of the night. Kaelah Perez took home the Talent title with a performance of "Solfeggietto" on the piano. The final phase of the

judging for the evening was the Self Expression phase. This allows the participants to display their poise, grace, public speaking and self expression under pressure. Each participant walked the stage, danced with their escort and answered the question, "What is your passion and why?" Aaliyah Chavolla won the Self Expression phase. When asked her passion, Aaliyah said, "Running is a passion of mine.



People ask me how I can run for fun, I just tell them that I love the feeling I get when I finish a race."

One award that is voted on by the girls themselves is the Spirit Award. This award goes to the contestant who best epitomizes the spirit of the event. This award went to Stephanie Ledezma, along with a \$200 scholarship.

During intermission and

before the event began, the audience was entertained by Mr. Martinez and his Richland Junior High Jazz Band. Distinguished The

Young Woman program is one of the oldest and largest scholarship programs for high school girls in the nation. Last year, close to \$1 billion was given away in scholarships nationwide for high school juniors.

In addition to the scholarship money, the program also gives the young ladies a chance to prepare themselves for life after high school, with their life skills program that helps the girls with public speaking, building self confidence, self-esteem and leadership. With the title in hand,

McGuire will now begin her reign for the next year

as Shafter's DYW. She will serve the city in various ways, including in parades, ribbon-cutting ceremonies and special events throughout the year. She will also spend a week in Bakersfield staying with a host family as she competes with over 100 girls from throughout the state of California, vying for a spot in the national competition held in Mobile, Ala.

PET OF THE WEEK

Lucky ready to move



Lucky is the family who gets to take him home.

Meet our sweet pup named Lucky! Lucky is a black and white pit bull mix who is guessed to be around 5 months old. He was found as a stray roaming the countryside. Lucky has been neutered and is current on his vaccinations. He is now available for adoption and is looking for a family to love him unconditionally.

We have observed Lucky to be a sweet and playful boy. He loves to be petted and given treats. Belly rubs and hugs are lots of fun for him as well. Lucky could use some basictraining classes to teach him manners and some basic commands.

Come out to the Shafter Animal Shelter to meet to this cutie pie. You won't regret it.

You can view Shafter Animal Control's home page at shaftercritters.petfinder.com. If you have further questions, email animalcontrol@shafter.com or call 661-746-2140. E-mail is not checked on Sundays or holidays. The shelter is at 18849 S. Shafter Ave. Shafter Animal Control is a municipal animal shelter that takes in more animals than they can find homes for. Space is very limited, as are resources, so if you are interested, do not wait to inquire or it may be too late. Though we house all types of animals, only adoptable ones are posted on the website. Adoptions are on a first come, first serve basis.

—Shafter Animal Control

HISTORY IN HEADLINES

From the pages of The Shafter Press:



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From the archives of The

10 years ago: March 25,

Michelle Starrh was crowned 2009 Junior Miss. 20 years ago: March 24,

Plans were drawn out for the new Rite Aid on Lerdo Highway and Central Avenue.

30 years ago: April 5,

Retired Richland School Librarian Genevieve Craig was awarded the National Librarian Award.

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From Page 1 daughter, for the next two hours until family arrived. Couch was grateful for Officer McCuan's dedication and caring. She also was grateful for the phone call that she received two weeks later from Officer McCuan reaching out to her in her difficult time.

The city also recognized a lifesaver in a different form as they proclaimed April DonateLife month. Christine Wilson, former city clerk, was there to accept the proclamation on behalf of DonateLife.org.

Chicken Fettucine Alfredo

Chicken Piccata

Lasagna Bolognesa

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

DINNER

This organization works to have individuals say yes when filling out the donor information on their drivers licenses and ID cards.

Wilson said that there are over 350 individuals waiting for organs and tissue for transplant in Kern County alone. Wilson herself donated a kidney to a woman in Wasco, Michelle Hernandez, who was present at the meeting, giving her a new life free of dialysis. Wilson encourage all of the people in attendance to think about making this effort to save a person's life.

Fish Filet Florentine

Spaghetti

Salad, Dessert & More

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beyond his duty as he comforted a daughter whose mother had just passed away until family members could arrive.







Christine Wilson, representing DonateLife.org accepts a proclamation announcing that April is DonateLife month in the city of Shafter.

COMMUNITY PARK **DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS**

Families, Seniors, Teens and Kids...

Shafter Recreation is developing an exciting new Sports Complex/Community Park and we want to know what you think!!! Help us design the park YOU want in Shafter...

- Baseball/Softball Fields
 Dog Park • Community Garden • Playground
- Jogging/walking Areas Amphitheater
- Soccer Fields Running Track • Pickleball Courts • Basketball Courts
- Skate Park Outdoor Gym
- Community Center Tennis Courts BBQ/Picnic Areas

Please plan to attend one of our upcoming meetings and tell us what YOU want!!

Monday, March 18th, at 6:00 pm the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset

Tuesday, March 26th, at 6:00 pm at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset

Saturday, March 30th, at 10:00 am at the Ford Theater, 1101 E Lerdo Hwy -NEAR OUR PROPOSED PARK SITE!

> Additional Meetings will be held on Tues., April 2nd and Thurs, April 4th

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Spring sports in full swing – and on the run

JACKSON SANCHEZ

For The Shafter Press

The Lady Generals softball team took on Arvin March 11, and they dominated the game, winning 23-3. Then, on March 13, the Generals took on McFarland, and they run ruled the Cougars by the 5th inning, winning by a final of 28-0. Nat Espinoza had a dominating performance versus the Cougars, with 15 strikeouts. The Generals' record is now 3-0 in league play, which puts them in a tie for first with Cesar Chavez.

The Shafter High baseball team took on the Arvin Bears last week, and they lost a tough one.

Most of the March 11 loss was on the Generals, as the team just made errors they usually don't make.

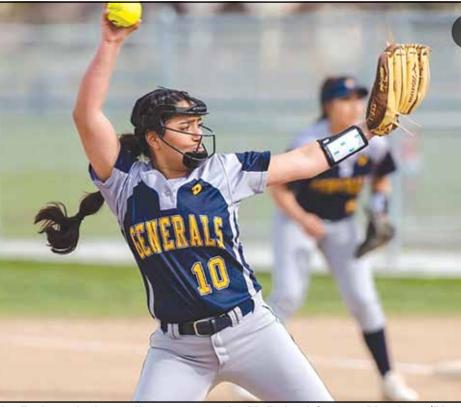
But the locals did bounce back in their next game against McFarland, 4-2. Alan Feria had a good game for the Generals getting a couple RBI and playing great defense. The Generals are now in 4th place in the South Sequoia League with a 1-1 record.

The track and field team had their first SSL power meet, which counts 20 percent towards the league championship. The Generals varsity boys and girls all dominated, crushing the other teams. The Generals seemed like they had a standout athlete in every event on the track.

Their next power meet will be on March 27 at Cesar Chavez.

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Nat Espinoza had 15 strikeouts versus the McFarland Cougars March 13. (Photo courtesy Kern High Schools Network).

KernTransit



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PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

> Wasco Library 1102 7th St.

April 15th, 2019 3:45p-5:45p

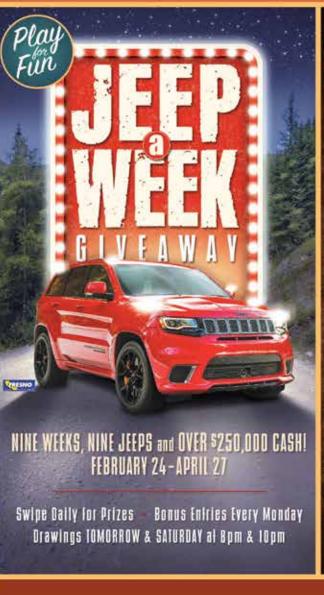
Persons interested in public transit in the unincorporated areas of Kern County, including routes currently operated by Kern Transit, are invited to attend this public meeting to discuss possible unmet transit needs. Anyone unable to attend may submit comments until

May 10th, 2019 to:

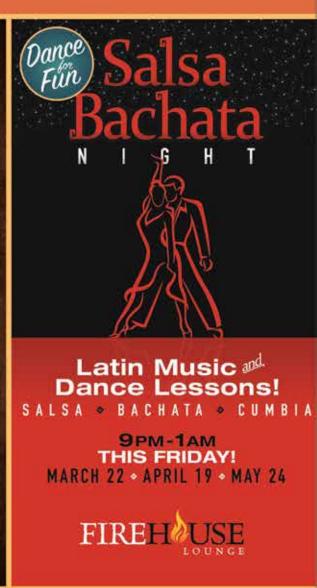
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The solar panels installed at Richland Junior High.

Richland a Breakfast Champion

The Richland School District was honored recently by being named a Champion for Breakfast award winner - the first time a Shafter school has received such an honor.

The school district has been getting more environmentally sound and aware. Under the tutelage of Nutritional Director Mason Hollingworth, the district has implemented several new lunch and breakfast programs. The district has been able to offer every student free lunch and breakfast this year, no matter of their family's income level. Hollingworth applied for a grant before the year began and was accepted, allowing all of students to receive

meals free of charge.

The food has also gotten better, according to parents and students. One parent has a fifthgrader going to Golden Oak, and she comments, "I didn't care for the food a few years ago, but the past couple of years, the food got a lot better."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Nutrition and Food Service announced five winners of the Champions of Breakfast award. Richland was chosen for its success in boosting breakfast meal quality by collecting and effectively utilizing student feedback to create a high-quality breakfast program.

The School Breakfast pro-

gram is a no-cost breakfast for all students, no matter what their financial situation is. The program started in 1966 as a pilot program and was made a permanent entitlement program by Congress in

The US Department of US-DA's Food and Nutrition Services administers the program at the federal level. At the state level, SPB is administered by state agencies, which operate through agreements with local school food authorities.

Each year, as in previous years, students are evaluated on their income and need. With the grant, each student is entitled to a lunch at no charge.

Schools going solar to save energy, money

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The Richland School District will be self-sustainable when it comes to energy once projects now underway are completed by the summer's end, says Martin Rodriguez, chief business officer and project manager for the district.

At Richland Junior High, Solartec, Inc., is beginning to install solar panels that will provide the power needed to operate Richland Junior High and Redwood Elementary Schools. "It will take between four to six weeks for the project to be completed," Rodriguez said. "After it is finished, the schools will be self-sufficient, generating enough electricity to power both schools."

This project is the first phase of a plan that will see all of the schools in the district have solar panels installed on site. After the Richland/ Redwood project is finished, Sequoia Elementary School will come next. Two sets of solar panels will be installed on the property, where the parking lot is at right now.

At Richland, the panels are being installed in the south end of the play fields at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Golden West Avenue. The area will be protected by fencing, inaccessible to students or the public. Golden Oak will come next, making the entire school district to become energy self-sufficient.

According to Rodriguez, the Richland, Redwood, Golden Oak and one of the Sequoia projects are the result of the Joint Powers Agreement between the school district and the City of Shafter. This agreement provides funds for the schools to have renewable energy systems to be installed, helping to eliminate dependence on utility

The cost of the projects is contingent on the savings per year that will be generated by the installation of the panels. "The cost is approximately 90 percent of the savings that will be generated by the use of the panels. This translates to about \$320,00 to \$350,000 per project," said Rodriguez.

The remaining project that is going in at Sequoia Elementary School is the result of funds provided by Proposition 39. "Prop 39 provided funds for all schools for projects that will result in the use of renewable energy sources for power," explained Rodriguez. "We had enough money remaining from the fund to pay for this project." Golden State Power is complete this project, installing solar panels. "This project came in at about \$305,000 for the entire project, which is actually \$40,000 lower than our estimated budget," Rodriguez said.

The projects mean a savings for all of the schools in their utility ex-

A main focus has been on making area schools more environmentally conscious and sustainable. American Refuse has been working with local schools when it comes to reducing waste that is generated by the schools, helping the schools divert the majority of their waste to different recycling facilities, cutting the amount that ends up in the local landfill.

Cities soon will be penalized and fined by the state for noncompliance in reducing their waste to an approved amount, and Richland's stated goal is to beat these deadlines and create a greener and cleaner environment for its stu-

Leprechaun leaves a pot of gold for students

A classroom at Sequoia Elementary School was visited by a little leprechaun last week as St. Patrick's Day approached. Mrs. Hinks' T-K class was the site of a break-in, and the suspect was about 2 feet tall, wearing a big hat, shiny black shoes and a green suit.

The students would come into school in the morning, and there would be desks and chairs moved. They also noticed when they came back from recess or lunch, there would be marbles or toys scattered in the floor. Knowing that the classroom was tidy when they left, the students knew the culprit had to have been the mischievous little

Their teacher said that the leprechaun had been known to visit her class when it came close to St. Patrick's Day. She said that they would have to make some "leprechaun catchers" to try and capture him put an end to the mischief. "I told the children that we might be able to catch him this year, so we made a lot of traps, trying to lure him into their catchers," said Hinks.

The students had a lot of fun making their very own traps. They ranged from boxes with tissue paper inside and glitter on the outside to a trap that consisted of a poster board with a rainbow on it with a pot of gold at the end.

The room was aglow with green glit-

tering boxes, waiting for the suspect. "We have to have the catchers in the classroom by Thursday so we can set the traps so we might catch him on Thursday night, "Hinks

Well, the students brought their traps into class on Thursday, ready to catch the little guy if he dared to visit. One student didn't want to stop there. Faith Givens was ready to spend the night in the classroom on Thursday night, but, according to Hinks, Faith's mother had other ideas.

"We put out some stuff at home and when we got up, he had eaten all of our chocolate coins," Faith said,

When they returned to class on Friday morning, there was a basket with a letter in it. Hinks read the letter to the class. It read: "Hi kids, you thought that you guys were tricky with your traps, trying to catch me. But, you guys aren't quite as tricky as me. But, I loved your traps, they were awesome! To show you how much I liked the catchers, I left you guys a basket full of gold chocolate coins. I know I will be seeing you guys again!"

The children ate the candy after they cleaned up the mess that Tiny Tommy the Leprechaun had made. The children were happy that he liked their traps and are looking forward to another chance to catch him. They said that it will be even more fun next time they try to get him.



The students' "leprechaun catchers" impressed the tiny culprit.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert Michael Olson, 27, passed away March 9, 2019, in Bakersfield. Peters

Funeral Home, Shafter Linda Studer, 66. of Bakersfield, passed away March 14, 2019, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home,

Miguel Garcia Robles, 92, passed away March 17 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

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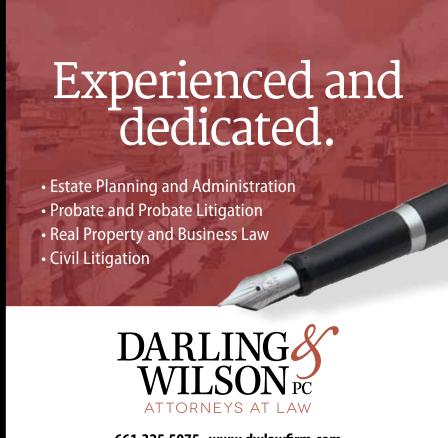
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PASTOR'S CORNER

Life begins at end of your comfort zone

Do you long for a comfort zone? Nido R. Qubein says in his little book "Attitude: the remarkable Power of Optimism" that a comfort zone is a place to rest, to be safe and a place to be comforted and coddled. Sounds like a nice enough place to be doesn't it? However, think about it -- does that sound like a place where a person can grow, strive and change his world? Of course not; rather, it sounds like a nursery, a place full of infants but not for those who desire to change their little corner of the universe or beyond.

What causes us to shrink and slink away

to a place of comfort and coddling? What is it in us that seems to sing along with Eddy Arnold as he sang years ago, "Make the world go away and get it off my shoulders"? Is it fear, uncertainty of what is around the next corner or just plain laziness? We see shows like "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" and think wouldn't that life style be nice, all the while thinking they must just live in the lap of luxury without a care in the world, when in truth if their lives were examined we would find that to reach the pinnacle to which they have achieved that there were years and years of no more comfort zones!

Mr. Qubein goes on to say that comfort zones are like caves with four distinct attri-

Their darkness makes it hard to see.

Their stagnant air grows stale and becomes hard to breathe.

Their walls box us in.

Their low ceilings keep us from stretching to our full height.

It is only when we examine our lives with full use of our fertile minds and a reenergizing of our dormant pioneer spirits that we will be able to shake loose of the impotent design of life's nurseries and plunge head

long into the fray known as life. It is only when we are creative within ourselves and willing to stretch beyond what others might say is futile, that we will soar live the admonition of the prophet Isaiah, "...they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and

It is only when we kick loose of the chains that bind and throw back the "fuzzy" blanket of tranquility that we will be able to reach the heights to which we have been called -- to do, to create or to build. Jim Neal is the pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Shafter.

OBITUARIES

Otha Donald "Fats" **McWilliams** Oct. 16, 1937-March 6, 2019

Otha Donald McWilliams, of Bakersfield, died March 6, 2019. He was 82. "Fats" was born Oct. 16, 1937 Tuscola, Texas, to Benita Black and Joe Monroe McWilliams He was married to Rose Ann Myers on May 26, 1956, in Shafter.

He worked in matinenance at Turning Point Rehabilitation.

He is survived by his wife, Rose McWilliams, the love of his life for 62 years; daughter Kathy Ann Noble and son Gregory Donald McWilliams; grandchildren Tommy Noble, Kayla Noble-Thompson, and Gregory, Shawnel, Nick, Brittany, Noah, Ashley, Cod and Eddie McWilliams. Also, by many great grandchildren, sister LaVern Crawford, and many nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his mother, Benita; Father Joe; brothers Drennon and Olin McWilliams; sisters Cleda, Jessie Lee, Jonell and Genieva; and son-in-law Tommy Noble Sr.

Fats was a member of Trinity Life Chapel, where he became a deacon. He loved his church family. He would bring the prisoners from Turning Point to the Wednesday night service so they could give their life to Jesus. He was a very giving man who enjoyed feeding the homeless and people in need.

His door was always open to everyone. His life revolved around his family and friends. His wife was his world, along with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. His number one thing was taking them all to Hart Park to feed the ducks. He was one of eight children who grew up very close together.

Grandpa/Papa would always say, "I love my papa, and my papa loves me -beep-beep."

His grandkids and greatgrandkids would sing that song back and forth with Viewing was held on

March 14, at Peters Funeral Home, Shafter. Services were held on March 15, at Trinity Life Chapel, Bakersfield. Graveside burial followed to Shafter Cem-

Carl Junior Powell June 20, 1932 - March 1, 2019

In loving memory of Carl Powell, a caring father and devoted husband, who passed away near Seattle at age 86.

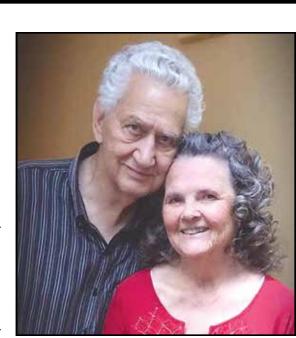
He was born in Canadian Township, Okla., and spent most of his life in California, where he and his wife raised their family and he enjoyed a career as a minister.

He was survived by his wife of 66 years, Lois Powell, by 17 days. He is survived by their children: Kathy Smithee of Bakersfield, Sharon Garcia of Kent, Wash., Steve Powell of Albuquerque, N.M., and Glenda Baker of Stockton; by his brother, Tom Powell, of Bakersfield, and by his six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. **Lois Katherine Powell**

August 19, 1933 - March 17, 2019

In tender memory of Lois Powell, a cherished wife and mother, who passed away in Kent, Wash., at age 85. She was born in Kennett, Missouri, and

spent most of her life in California, where she and her husband raised their family and she served as the church pianist and pastor's



She was predeceased by her husband of 66 years, Carl Powell, by 17 days. She is survived by their children: Kathy Smithee, of Bakersfield, Sharon Garcia of Kent, Wash., Steve Powell of Albuquerque, N.M. and Glenda Baker of Stockton; by her sisters, Jewel Smith of Missouri and Judy Curtis of Las Vegas; and by her 6 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

LEGAL NOTICES

Fictitious Business Name Statement Vic and Sasha Photography 2019-B1205

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The business is conducted by: Mar-Date the business commenced:

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/s/Victor Villalpando Date Statement Filed: 02/20/2019 Date Statement Expires: 02/20/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement JB Refinishing 2019-B1258 907 Jeffries St

Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 907 Jeffries St Shafter, CA 93263 Juan Jose Berumen 907 Jeffries St Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: NA A new Fictitious Business Name

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Name Statement **Camilo & Miguel Lopez Trucking** 2019-B1257

Fictitious Business

326 Shaw Ave. Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 326 Shaw Ave. Shafter, CA 93263 Camilo Garcia Lopez 326 ShawAve. Shafter, CA 93263

Miguel B. Lopez 615 Kern St. #13 Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name

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Fictitious Business Name Statement **Junior Custom Construction** 2019-B1287 137 W Ash Ave

County: Kern Mailing address of business: 137 W Ash Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Octaviano Valle Martinez 137 W Ash Ave Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Indi-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/ Octaviano Valle Martinez Date Statement Filed: 02/25/2019 Date Statement Expires: 02/25/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

and March 7, 14, 21,2019

Publish Shafter Press February 28,

By: /s/A Zubeldia

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL FORFEITURE Property was seized pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11470 in the following case and you are hereby notified that the Tulare County District Attorney's Office has instituted proceedings to forfeit this property pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 11488.4(i) (4). The case number and property description is set forth below. Case VCU277575: On December 26, 2018, at or near 565 Lexington, Apartment C, City of Delano, County of Kern, California, officers of the Tulare County Sheriff's Department seized the following property due to violations of California Health and Safety Code Sections 11351, 11378, and 11379: \$35,998.00 in U.S. Currency. On December 26, 2018, at or near 445 18th Avenue, Apartment 217, City of Delano, County of Kern, officers of the Tulare County Sheriff's Depart-

ment seized the following property

due to violations of California Health

and Safety Code Sections 11351, 11378, and 11379: \$9,000.00 in U.S. Currency. The property has an appraised value of: Approximately \$44,998.00. The seized property is described as: Currency of the United States of America. You are instructed that if you desire to contest the forfeiture of this property, you must file a verified claim stating your interest in the property. You must file this claim in the Tulare County Superior Court, Courthouse, 221 S. Mooney Blvd., Room 201, Visalia, California, within 30 days after the receipt of this notice. You must serve an endorsed copy of your claim on the Tulare County District Attorney's Office, Courthouse, 221 S. Mooney Blvd., Room 224, Visalia, California, 93291 within 30 days of filing the claim in the Superior Court. Claim forms may be obtained from the Clerk of the Superior Court, Courthouse, 221 S. Mooney Blvd., Room 201, Visalia, California, 93291. In the case where a claim is timely filed and a contested hearing is held you will have the following rights which include but are not limited to: you have the right to use the subpoena powers of the court and order witnesses to attend, you have a right to testify on your own behalf, submit evidence showing the legitimacy of the seized assets, and a right to cross examine the petitioner's witnesses. This is a civil action, you have the additional right to represent yourself or hire your own attorney, and there is no right to appointed counsel in this case. If your claim is not properly filed within the time allowed, the property may be ordered forfeited to the State to be disposed of according to law. TIM WARD District Attorney Jennifer **Fultz Senior Deputy District Attorney** Publish Shafter Press March 14, 21,

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Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 424 Mark Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Heidi Kay Zartman 424 Mark Ave Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: 03/18/2019 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this state-

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Fictitious Business Name Statement **E&J Trucking** 2019-B1117 214 West St

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County: Kern

Mailing address of business: 214 West St Shafter, CA 93263 **Emmanuel Badillo Alvarez** 214 West St Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Indi 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/Emmanuel Badillo Alvarez Date Statement Filed: 02/15/2019 Date Statement Expires: 02/15/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/J Garcia Publish Shafter Press March 14, 21,

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15803 Saint Clement Way Bakersfield, CA 93314 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 15803 Saint Clement Way Bakersfield, CA 93314 Ki Hong Lee 15803 Saint Clement Way Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name

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Name Statement **Ede Investment Company** 2019-B1664 9508 Four Pines Drive Shafter, CA 93263

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Fictitious Business

County: Kern Mailing address of business: 9508 Four Pines Drive Shafter, CA 93263 Gabriel Nwobodo Ede 9508 Four Pines Drive Shafter, CA 93263

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Name Statement AC Accounting LLC 2019-B1684

524 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 524 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Armando Camacho LLC 524 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263 State of Incorporation or Organiza-The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company Date the business commenced: 03/01/2019 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., busi-

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Name Statement **Empire Trucking** 2019-B1330 740 Sycamore Rd Arvin, CA 93203

Fictitious Business

County: Kern Mailing address of business: 740 Sycamore Rd Arvin, CA 93203 Jose Luis Moreno, Jr. 740 Sycamore Rd Arvin, CA 93203 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 01/15/2019 A new Fictitious Business Name

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Fictitious Business Name Statement **Cordero's Transport**

2019-B1800 277 Walnut St. Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business:

277 Walnut St. Shafter, CA 93263 Luis Angel Cordero 277 Walnut St. Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Indi-

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PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adopting a proposed resolution revising the user and regulatory fees and rates for various City services. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Project documents are on file and available for public review in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said fees, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Council via James Zervis, Administrative Services Director ((661) 746-5001) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at jzervis@shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to this public hearing.

Dated: March 13, 2019

28, 2019

Publish Date: March 21, 2019, March

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/s/Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk

- PROMOTIONAL FEATURE -

What does 'waste' mean to you?

When most people hear the word "waste," they think of garbage, trash, landfill, discarded, what we throw away and don't need. It is the last step in a very long process from manufacturing, transport, retail, to consumer, to home, to use, to not needed and discarded. Many people, products and resources are used in everything we buy. Just think of the worldly things that are available to us when we walk into a store. As you back out of your "waste," did you really need to create what you did? Did you plan ahead for all the things you were going to waste?

Waste, as in being "waste full"

When you are dishing up your plate of food at a buffet, you are most likely really hungry. As you pass through the line, you see one item, then another and another, stacking your plate until it resembles a pyramid of food that is waddled through. Have you ever stopped halfway through that line and contemplated, "Am I really going to eat all this?" Or is your mind consumed with hunger and getting your money's worth? How much did you actually eat and how much did you throw away when you came

to the end of that meal?

When you fill a glass of milk all the way to the top, is it out of habit to fill an empty item or did you really want all that milk? Did you drink it all or throw it down the drain? Can we retrain ourselves to only take what we need? Can we stop ourselves and change our habits to examine what we are actually going to use and train ourselves to take just what we need? Waste as in one use

A good example is single-use plastic. A single-use plastic item is something you know you will only use one time and then discard it. It can be a plastic bag for some, a wrapper on an item we are buying, drink container, etc. What about when we are in a rush to grab a meal on the go? How much waste do we generate? Take for example a salad to go. It prob-

ably has a fork wrapped in plastic that is discarded and a salad dressing wrapper that is thrown away. In addition, there is the container. How many items of plastic trash did that make? Could we have done something to be proactive and maybe packed a salad in reuseable containers and not generated

all that single-use plastic which we discarded? Do I get a new plastic

water bottle every day and throw it away, or do I bring a useable one? When we are at the store, do we buy for convenience or what we plan to throw away? Most of us buy out of con-

venience, but what if in that moment, we thought about the end results of our actions. Think backward from our waste. If we buy in bulk, can we use reuseable containers that would serve the same purpose as the exact same item in 30 prepackaged items, plus the outside package? The latest Cal Recycle 1383 study shows

that two-thirds of our waste stream is organic materials. NRDC studies show that 40 percent of the food we buy, we throw away. With National Sword and its ban on

plastics going to China, what can we do with all the single use plastic we generate? Most of our single-use plastic does not have a "home," so it's going into our landfills. As we trend into this new market of waste, we



A selection of single-use waste found in "garbage."

need to reevaluate what we buy. Stop and ask ourselves, "Is this something that can be made into something else again? How many times will I use this item before I discard it? Is there a better choice when I am at the store of what I am buying? When I get take out, is it in a Styrofoam container that will take 500 years to decompose or is it a cardboard container that can be sent to compost with my food waste?"

The time has come that each of us needs to look backward from the waste -- a look into what am I producing or using and the results of my single action. One small step forward to changing our mindsets and habits will yield big results that affect all of us.

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