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Little gifts leave legacy

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

There are so many ways that people can leave their mark on the world. Some write great novels, or paint masterpieces, and some leave their mark by their good deeds. Walter Bergen combined these traits, leaving behind 20 masterpieces that will leave his legacy for the children of Shafter.

Bergen passed away recently at age 86. He was born in a house off of Sullivan Road and Enos Lane. Bergen went through Shafter schools and graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

He worked at a variety of places, mainly in the tractor sales industry, retiring as sales manager for B.W. Implement Co. in Buttonwillow.

Bergen was known as a man who loved God and enjoyed serving his church, including being a deacon, church moderator, on the fest committee, including providing coffee and donuts for fellowship before services.

Upon retirement, Bergen returned to his love for woodworking, building furniture for family. Bergen then started building Little Free Libraries for the com-



Bergen leaves behind a legacy of learning

munity of Shafter. Bergen built 20 libraries that dot the Shafter landscape.

Bergen touched many lives that have used the libraries and also those who have taught those children, letting the love of reading enrich those lives.

New rules to follow

TONI DEROSA
The Shafter Press

In addition to the numerous laws affecting business, education and privacy, there are new Department of Motor Vehicles laws that take effect in 2020.

The federal REAL ID Act tightens rules on which forms of identification may be used to board flights within the United States, enter federal courthouses, military bases and other federal facilities.

In order to apply for the REAL ID, you must have proof of identity, Social Security number (if eligible) and proof of California residency.

According to the DMV REAL ID website, the new ID will be required to enter a post offices, Veterans Affairs and Social Security Administration offices; to ride Amtrak; to visit a hospital; or receive life-saving services.

And, as a reminder, beginning Oct. 1, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security will require residents to have a federally approved document, like a REAL ID driver's license or ID card to board domestic flights and to access secured federal facilities and military bases.

Other DMV laws taking effect making it illegal to sell or offer for sale a DMV appointment.

Generals win championship in shootout



The Shafter boys soccer team captured the championship at the Liberty tourney. (Photo courtesy of Jorge Maldonado.)

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The Shafter High School soccer team took down some heavyweights in the Central Valley soccer world on its way to the championship of the Liberty tournament. This tourney draws some of the top soccer teams in the area, including past Valley champions Centennial, Stockdale and Foothill, who won the Division III championship last year.

The Generals, led by Coach Jorge Maldonado, went undefeated in the December tournament, outscoring opponents 14-3 over its four matches.

According to Maldonado, this team plays a great brand of team soccer, with the defenders making it difficult on the opposing team, limiting their scoring opportunities, while giving the ball to the offense in great position. Maldonado said that he doesn't even keep track most of the time of individual statistics, focusing more on the results on the scoreboard. "It doesn't matter who puts the ball in the net because each player, offense and de-

fense, has to do their jobs for there to be a scoring chance."

In the championship match, Shafter took on the Trojans of Foothill High School. The Trojans won the Valley championship in Division III last year, making it the third year in a row that they had made it to at least the semifinals of the Valley tournament.

The two teams were locked in a battle of tough defenses, with the scoring opportunities scarce. At the end of regulation, the score was knotted at 1-1. It stayed 1-1 through the overtime period as well. The Generals took home the championship when they outscored the Trojans 4-3 in a shootout of penalty kicks.

Shafter has an overall record of 6-1-2, with the lone loss a 1-0 defeat at the hands of SSL and Division III powerhouse Arvin.

Shafter will be back in action when they return from the vacation break with a road match at Kennedy High School, then returning on Jan. 15 for a match with rival Wasco Tigers.

Soldier will be remembered Friday

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The Shafter Press

Private First Class Daniel Rodriguez, 19, of Shafter, will be laid to rest on Friday after passing away on Dec. 5 in Texhoma, Texas, while on his way home for the holidays. Rodriguez graduated from Shafter High School in 2018 and then joined the U.S. Army.

Rodriguez was in the news last December when he surprised his nieces and nephews at their schools after being away for six months. Rodriguez went to Redwood Elementary School and the reunion with his nephews, Ruben Leon, Angel Leon and Robert Leon was captured on local television.

According to Yvette Rodriguez, Daniel also went the same day to Maple School

and surprised his nieces Avery LeeAnn Rodriguez and Emery Grace Rodriguez.

Rodriguez was escorted by the Patriot Guard and the Shafter Police Department on Monday night, for his last ride home to Shafter.

Rodriguez died on Dec. 17, at approximately 5 a.m. in Sherman County, Texas, when, according to accident reports, he attempted to pass a vehicle and hit another vehicle head-on, resulting in both vehicles erupting in flames.

Killed in the accident were Rodriguez and two occupants in the other vehicle, an adult, 31, and a 13-year-old boy. A 37-year-old occupant of the other vehicle escaped the burning car and was transported to a

local hospital with life-threatening injuries.

After basic training, Rodriguez was awarded the Army Achievement Medal. He then attended 91H AIT in Fort Lee, Va. He graduated from AIT and was then stationed in Fort Riley, Kan. He also had a unit rotation of nine months in 2019 to Poland and Germany. While in Germany, Rodriguez earned his spurs for completing a spur ride.

The funeral service will be Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. at Basham & Lara Funeral Care at 343 State Ave. Following the service, Rodriguez will have a police escort on the way to Shafter Memorial Cemetery for the burial. A viewing will be held at Basham & Lara on Thursday, Jan. 2 from 5 to 9 p.m.



Daniel Rodriguez will be laid to rest at the Shafter Memorial Cemetery with a police escort.

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Community Calendar

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking all veterans -- A meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. hour at the Veterans Hall, 309 California Ave., Shafter. Call Mike Miller for more details, 661-477-9261.

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

Community awards -- The 72nd Annual Community Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Shafter Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, is Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, at the Shafter Ford Theatre. Tickets may be purchased at the chamber office. Information, call 661-746-2600

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Free Yoga in Wasco — White Wolf Wellness Foundation offers a free Yoga class starting Jan. 7 and continuing Jan. 21, Feb. 4 and Feb. 18 at 7:15 p.m. at the Wasco Community Center, 1280 Poplar Ave. Yoga instructor Yani Valdez teaches stretching to help with pain, stress and anxiety. Provided by Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

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

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 mystery-photo@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Downtown Shafter Christmas decorations on Central Avenue in January 1978.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alzheimer's -- Shafter Healthcare holds Alzheimer's support group meetings on the third Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., at the Shafter Convalescent Hospital, 140 East Tulare Ave. Information, 661-746-3912.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Youth program -- Awana Club program: Jr. high group (6th-8th grades)

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Awana Clubs (K-5th grades) 6-8 p.m. at Valley Bible Church, 350 Pine St.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

Drug and alcohol alternative program -- Seventh Day Adventist Church, Poplar and West Lerdo Hwy., 7-8 p.m. This program is nondenominational and encourages each participant to depend on the strength God provides to deal with issues related to addiction.

Minter Field Air Museum -- Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours on other days are by appointment. Call 661-393-0291 for more information. Admission is free.

Shafter Depot Museum -- Open every Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tours on other days by appointment. For information call 661-746-4423. Admission free.

SUNDAY

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

For updates of above notices or to submit additional information about a club, organization or meeting listed in this public service announcement call *The Shafter Press* at 661-292-5100, or email calendar@TheShafterPress.com.

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Dec. 22

Maria Acosta Verdugo, 66, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of South Shafter Avenue on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Dec. 23

Andrew Lester Avalos, 21, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of Walker Street for disorderly conduct: drug w/ alcohol.

Nicole Hampton, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the

500 block of Walker Street for disorderly conduct: drug w/alcohol and obstruction of a public officer.

Dec. 25

Espiririon Garcia Salinas, 39, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Christopher Quintanilla, 20, of Shafter, was arrested

in the 200 block of Kern Street for obstruction of a public officer.

Juliana Marie Rangel, 20, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of Butte Court for obstruction of a public officer, assault with a deadly weapon, using force to produce great bodily injury and child cruelty.

Andrew Lester Avalos, 21, of Shafter, was arrested

in the 200 block of Cross Street for scavenging.

BUTTONWILLOW

Dec. 25

Rigoberto Duenas, 47, of Wasco, was arrested in the 20000 block of Tracy Avenue for tampering with a vehicle, conspiracy, possession of burglary tools, petty theft and being in possession of stolen property. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Christmas is over – what to do with the tree

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Yes, it is that time of year again. For those of you who are wondering what to do with your Christmas tree, the City of Shafter has a drop-off location that is available from Dec. 26 until Jan. 10. They are accepting trees at the City of Shafter Corporation Yard at 550 N. Shafter Ave., at the corner of East Tulare and North Shafter Avenues. They will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are asking that

you remove the tree stands, nails and decorations from the tree before bringing it to the location. You can also take your tree to the Shafter/Wasco Landfill at 17621 Scofield Avenue.

It is also time for the city's annual brush and limbs collection. The schedule for the pickup service is as follows: Dec. 16-31, there will be no collections. Jan. 1-15, they will be picking up piles north of Lerdo Highway. Jan. 16-31, they will be south of Lerdo Highway. In February, north of Lerdo

Highway will be picked up Feb. 1-15 and south of Lerdo Highway will be Feb. 16-28.

There are guidelines to follow to make sure that your limbs and brush will be picked up. You need to leave piles in public streets, they cannot be placed in alleys. You also need to make piles less than 10 feet in length, and they also must be two feet apart from each other.

The city asks residents to make sure that stumps and limbs are smaller than one foot wide. If you have palm trees, they must be

placed in a separate pile. You cannot mix leaves and limbs in the same pile. They must be separated or they will not be picked up. You also cannot block walkways or gutters. Make sure the piles are not clogging or blocking them.

Piles that do not meet these requirements will not be picked up and are the owner's responsibility. If you have questions, you can call the City of Shafter at 661-746-5001, or look on their Facebook page for more information.

COUCH'S CORNER

Plans for a happy new year

SUPERVISOR DAVID COUCH

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great 2019 and am looking forward to 2020. It's that time of year to look back at what we've accomplished, and look forward to things we can do to make things better in all of the communities of our district. Accordingly, here are our resolutions for 2020:

One, I promise you will see me or my staff at as many events as possible. If you went anywhere last year, you probably saw us, trying to meet with constituents and understand your needs and see how we can serve you. Expect the same for this year, and the year after, for that matter.

We don't just show up at events. We answer phone calls, emails and other constituent inquiries. We listen. Expect to see that customer-service attitude continue this year. We want to hear from you and try to address your concerns.

First and foremost, as your Kern County supervisor, it is my responsibility to make sure the business of Kern County as it relates to you, and as it is performed through departments such as Public Works, Behavioral Health, the Sheriff's Office and all of the county departments, is performed with the highest quality. Let my office know if you are having any problem with the delivery of services by County departments.

In addition to the "normal" County business, our District 4 office has taken on several "special projects" to improve the quality of your experience with the County. Here are some things you can expect in 2020.

Expect to see another year of our "Movies in the Park" series. These turned out to be well-appreciated ways to get the community together and for us to interact with each of you.

Expect to see the latest public works updates from road construction to pothole repair. We take your input directly to our Public Works folks and monitor their progress on road improvements in your neighborhoods. If you want to know what's going on in your community, ask to get on our mailing list. This year you will also get updates about Keep Kern Beautiful, a new District 4 initiative that affiliates all Kern

County communities with the national Keep America Beautiful program.

Expect to see additional "Know Your Numbers" programs in your neighborhood. Diabetes and obesity are major problems in Kern County and this is just one of our District 4 initiatives to help our residents get to a healthier place.

We've been building the concept for a community and cultural amenity in La Colonia in 2109. Let's take it a step farther and secure the location and the design, maybe even start turning this concept into a reality, in 2020.

Wasco, you are so self-sufficient, but expect us to sponsor your not-for-profits, especially your outstanding SAL program, and we'd still like to see a little coffee shop amenity added to the Kern County Library branch. And let's work together to minimize the negative effects that come from High Speed Rail construction in your town.

This should be the year many of those Shafter/Valley Air Board AB 617 air pollution projects get started. Last year, we joined the community as they cobbled together nearly \$40 million in projects, many of which are already funded, that will truly help the quality of the air in Shafter.

In Buttonwillow, we started working together with your help in 2019 to clean up some illegal dumping. We opened a transfer station as part of that effort. This year we stay on this, making sure those who might illegally dump take their trash take their trash to the dump instead.

In Lost Hills, our "Finish 46" initiative will almost be completed through Kern County. Yeah! Thank you all for your patience on this. Lost Hills should also see some new sidewalks, a new school and a new housing development, thanks to our efforts with the Wonderful Company.

We will make sure county departments continue to do their job in providing service to you. That's my all-encompassing New Year's resolution for all of you.

Got questions? Contact us at 661-868-3680 or email us at district4@kerncounty.com. Happy New Year, District 4!

David Couch is a Kern County supervisor, representing the Shafter and Wasco areas.

OBITUARIES

Daniel Rodriguez
Oct. 23, 2000 —
Dec. 15, 2019

PFC Daniel Rodriguez, 19, passed away on Dec. 15, 2019, in Texhoma, Texas. On his way home for the holidays. Rodriguez was born on Oct. 23, 2000, in Bakersfield to Ivonne and Dagoberto Rodriguez.

Rodriguez grew up in Shafter. He graduated from Shafter High School in 2018. After high school, Rodriguez joined the U.S. Army. He went to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for basic training and completed training on Sept. 6, 2018. He was awarded the Army Achievement Medal.



Rodriguez earned his spurs for completing a spur ride.

Rodriguez is survived by his family; Ivonne Rodriguez, Dagoberto Rodriguez, Yvonne (Robert) Leon, Dagoberto Rodriguez Jr (Erika Guevara), Yvette Rodriguez, Irene (David) Villa and his eleven nephews and nieces.

A viewing service will be held at Basham & Lara Funeral Care, 343 State Ave., Shafter, on Thursday, Jan. 2, from 5 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Friday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m. followed by his burial at Shafter Cemetery, 18662 Santa Fe Way.

Robert Ashby Woolley
1-2-2020

Robert Ashby Woolley, 79, died Tuesday December 10, 2019 in Everett, Washington, following a battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He is survived by twin sister Bette Williams, children Kevin Woolley, Sarah Woolley, and Taryn Woolley and grandchildren Katelynn Woolley, Nathan Woolley, and Cashlie Rennie.

Bob was born and raised in Wasco, California, the son of Herb and Ruth Woolley.

In his early years, Bob spent time fishing, hunting, and boating with his father and grandfather. He was also an avid swimmer and tennis player in high school. His passion for flying started at a young age. He was very involved in the family crop dusting business; his father taught him to fly when he was 16 years old.

Bob attended Bakersfield College before enlisting in the Navy. He went to flight training in Pensacola, Florida, then transferred to Tra-



vis Air Force Base where he trained to fly C130s. He was awarded the Air Medal for his service during Vietnam.

Following his father's advice to get training on larger, multi-engine planes, he transitioned easily from the Navy to Trans World Airlines after completing his military service. Bob had a remarkable 34-year career with TWA, flying their entire fleet of aircraft. He retired as a Captain flying 767s internationally.

It was during one of his flights that he met Nancy Dalton, who was serving as a flight attendant. They married, had two children while living in San Jose (California) and then moved to West-

lake Village (California) in 1980, where they had their third child.

Bob moved to Fox Island, Washington in 2006, where he spent his time fishing on his boat and feeding the local wildlife. He was an active member of the Fox Island Yacht Club.

Bob's outgoing nature was cherished by all he knew; he was a friend to everyone he met. A selfless man, he served his family and friends without looking for anything in return. He will be greatly missed.

A graveside service will be held at Wasco Memorial Park on January 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Viewing from 9:30 to 1:30 at Peters Funeral Home.

DEATH NOTICE

Kathleen "Kat" Quary, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 27, 2019. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Have no fear, 2020 is here!

PASTOR JIM NEAL

Years ago (more years than I care to remember) I started an Insurance agency with my main company being one that was less than 15 years old at the time. It was a company rather unique in its products, management and methods of motivation. One such motivational method was a mantra which was repeated as group meetings in and conventions. It went like this:

"I will win. Why -- I'll tell you why. Because I have faith, courage and enthusiasm!"

There were hand motions and gyrations that accompanied this enthusiastic affirmation as well.

However, as we break it down and consider its truths, it will make peering down the "gun barrel" of 2020 a little more exciting and palatable. Turning the page, throwing out the trash and torching the remains of 2019 pales in comparison to opening the book on a brand new year only to find blank pages on which we are to author the next chapters of our lives.

Think with me for a moment about the three great realities found in this little jingle.

All of us desire to *win* at whatever we do, be it a relationship, job, hobby or just life in general. That being said, there are three facets to consider 1) faith 2) courage and 3) enthusiasm.

The first, of course, is the foundation of all of life, and that is *faith*. Every human being has faith in something, someone or some belief system. Unfortunately, many have faith in things that are fickle, fainting or fleeting. Some put faith in money and bank accounts, and those of us with a little gray hair have learned that a bank account, investment funds and the like can take wings and fly away at a moment's notice. Solomon warns in Proverbs 23:5, *"Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven."* The same can be said of trusting (placing faith in) relationships, jobs, cars and things.

Next comes the truth of courage. Now some think that courage is lack of fear. In reality, if you asked anyone who has just exhibited and enormous amount of courage if they were fearful at all, they would

tell you that they had an extreme amount of fear but *acted* anyway. If we are to win at anything, we must make friends with fear, be willing to face it and overcome its crippling consequences. An acronym for FEAR is (F)alse (E)vidence (A)ppearing (R)eal. Do not spend your life hiding from fear. Instead, face it straight up knowing that whatever does not kill us will make us better.

Being fearful instead of courageous causes the one exhibiting the emotion of fear to become a worrisome soul, doesn't it? The terrible thing about worry is that it paralyzes actions, stunts imagination and covers creativity. A survey was done several years ago about the things people worry about, and some interesting statistics resulted. It was found that 40% of things worried about *never happened*, 30% was of things that happened in the past (and we can do nothing about them), 12% were of needless health issues that never materialized, 10% were petty in nature and a *never full* 8% were real and legitimate. Now ponder those numbers and reduce your worry quotient to almost zilch to begin the new year.

Finally we come to the word "enthusiasm." I'm no linguist, but have been told that enthusiasm comes from the Latin word that means "God within." Think about it -- we can be excited and enthusiastic about life when we welcome The Lord of Glory to take up residence in our very lives. Romans 8:16, 17 says: *"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together."*

Although listed last it is truly the glue that holds this entire mantra and life together. It is that in which we place our entire faith and is the element that gives us the courage to face every possible situation. It is what allows us to shout with the Apostle Paul when he said, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* (Philippians 4:13)

Now go out having faith, courage and enthusiasm as you begin to fill the pages in the ledger of 2020...

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The year of 2019 in Shafter – in

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

2019 has come to an end, and it has been a very eventful year in Shafter, full of highs, and some lows, too.

The year started off like the Fourth of July, with plenty of fireworks at the core of the city, as a returning city councilmember, Cathy Prout, retained her seat, as well as a newcomer in Cesar Lopez. Lopez was on the Shafter Recreation Board before deciding to run for the council. When the two were sworn in, the new council voted 3-2 to select Gilbert Alvarado as Shafter's new mayor. Lopez was then chosen as mayor pro-tem.

This change in leadership led to six months of tension that grew more oppressive as the weeks went on. Council members seemed at odds with each other often, not being able to agree on much. It came to a head when Mayor Alvarado and members Lopez and Manuel Garcia, were called out by a large group of residents for trying to rule the city at their



The Delph family accepted the award for Best Commercial Renovation at the Chamber of Commerce dinner.

of the Shafter Colours Festival, which has brought the talents of the residents to the forefront, enabling them to display that talent on a big stage. Included in the festival was a performance by the Shafter Symphony, an art gallery featuring numerous local artists, as well as an original play by Larry Starrh that was put on at

tion 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 Alternate. The Third Alternate was Kaelah Perez, and Isis Brownlow was the Fourth Alternate. For her win, McGuire 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 McGuire, and was sponsored by Richland Chevrolet. She tapdanced to the tune of "All That Jazz" for her talent.

There was a standoff between the Kern County Sheriff's Department's SWAT team and a man at the Wonderful Company: Ricardo Maldonado was arrested after 16 hours. Deputies were called out to 136000 block of Highway

the Ford Theater. The play, "Engaging Adam," was somewhat of a departure for playwright Larry Starrh. This production was darker than his previous ventures, but still highlighted quick wit in a tale of betrayal and romance at the turn of the century Europe.

There was also a spaghetti dinner, chili cook-off, Colour Run, coffeehouse music, as well as all of the museums in town open to



The play "Engaging Adam" was dark and a hit

will and not taking the city's best interest to heart. One specific issue was a plaque that was proposed to be placed at Veterans Park with the names and titles of the City Council members on it at the Veterans Memorial that was placed at the park to honor local veterans. This caused outrage by a large number of people and the idea was eventually shelved.

This led to talk of a possible recall effort.

The tension eventually lessened, and the council started working together more as a unit.

The year also started out with the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet, which honored a variety of citizens and businesses that made outstanding contributions the past year. The Commercial Remodel of the Year went to the Delph family, who remodeled the McDonalds in Shafter, making it one of the most advanced locations in the county, with a state of the art oven and a new system that allows customers to order their food online and pick it up at the location, delivered to their car. The Young Person of the Year went to Marco Rodriguez, who, in addition to being a catalyst for the Valley Runners-up Shafter Generals football team, was a star in the classroom as well, as one of the six valedictorians in the class with a 4.5 GPA.

January also saw the accolades roll in from the Generals' outstanding season in 2018. Alex Aguilar was named the Offensive Player of the Year for Kern County and teammate Jackson Sanchez was also on the first team.

February

February saw the return



The Colours Fun Run is always a big draw.

the public. The festival gives the artists in Shafter and the surrounding area a big stage to display their talents on.

The Shafter Symphony entertained a school full of children when they held their concert at the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center. This concert was put on for hundreds of grade-school kids in the Richland School District. Conductor Stephen Penner paused the concert numerous times to explain the different instruments and what kind of sound they make. For a lot of the kids, it was their first exposure to classical music and stringed instruments.

March

Kristen McGuire was named the new Distinguished Young Woman of Shafter and will represent the city in the state competi-

33 near Lost Hills regarding a man on the roof of a building on the Wonderful Company's property. According to Public Information Officer Angela Monroe, the man was armed with a makeshift sharpened weapon. Attempts to talk the man down did not work and additional agencies were called in. The property was evacuated and workers were called and told not to come to work. At the time of the incident, Public Information Officer Angela Monroe said that they were taking every precaution to end the situation with no one injured. As evening approached, nonlethal bullets were utilized, and Maldonado was taken into custody where he was transported and received medical treatment.

April

April saw the first in what would be several pioneers that Shafter lost in 2019. Fred Starrh, longtime farmer and leader in the cotton industry, passed away at the age of 89, surrounded by family at his home following a stroke.

A Shafter resident since his family made its way to Shafter from Arizona in 1935, Starrh was a leader in the cotton industry, at one time serving as the chairman of Cotton Incorporated. He played an instrumental role in the merging of Cotton Incorporated and the National Cotton Council.

During the George H.W. Bush administration, Starrh was appointed to serve on the Cotton Agricultural Trade Advisory Committee and Cotton Marketing Committee by Secretary of Agriculture Ed Madigan. He advised on the development of the 1990 Farm Bill.

Away from the agricultural world, Starrh was still a leader, serving his community for over 15 years on the Kern County High School District Board, as well as a trustee for the Richland School District. Starrh was also a founding member of the Shafter Recreation District.

The City of Shafter was touched by Starrh's life, including his many hours of service as well as his generosity. Former Mayor of Shafter and current City Councilmember Cathy Prout said, "I feel fortunate to have known and worked with Fred in the city for many years. He will be truly missed by so many people he has touched throughout his life."

Starrh influenced not only the business of agriculture, but also touched people personally by giving them opportunities to thrive themselves. Son in law Jay Kroeker said, "Fred not only strove to be great in his business, he also wanted those who worked for him and around him to thrive and be great as well."

An example of this was this statement made by Carlos White of Insect Lore, Inc.

"Fred Starrh was not only my friend, but was in a great way the reason for my success. He offered to hire me to check his fields independently and with that and getting just a few farmers' fields, I had enough money for my family to survive."

Starrh was a leading supporter of the local theater, music and art programs in the city, signified by the naming of the Shafter High School Auditorium as the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center. Starrh was also honored with his inclusion into the Cotton Incorporated's industry Hall of Fame, was named Shafter's Farmer of the Year, received the Western High Cotton Award and his recognition by the American Society of Agronomy.

Starrh was also well known for his decade-long lawsuit against local oil company Aera Energy, Inc. Starrh had claimed -- ultimately, successfully -- that the company had knowingly contaminated his groundwater, resulting in a multimillion-dollar judgment.

April also saw the reopening of the GAF plant near Lerdo Highway. GAF is one of the leaders in the roofing industry, and they



Plant manager Nigel Abraham of GAF spoke at their reopening.

manufacture roofs for about one out of every five homes in the United States. GAF Materials cut the ribbon for the reopening of their Glass Mat plant that was shuttered in 2009.

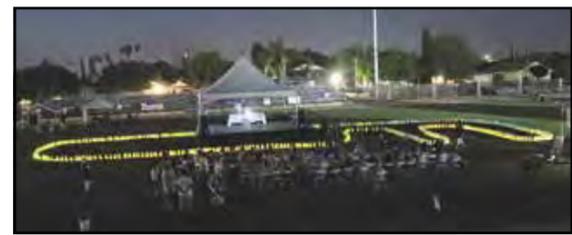
students, teachers, and especially his family for helping him throughout his high school career. "My family, at the end of the day, was the glue that kept me together. They kept me from falling



A man faces off with the KCSO SWAT team.

Local dignitaries including Mayor Gilbert Alvarado, Councilmember Cathy Prout and representatives from Supervisor David Couch and Rudy Salas' offices were on hand to celebrate the reopening. GAF is

apart in times of need," said Espinoza. Espinoza went on to say that he thought, without a doubt, that in the crowd lies the future of tomorrow. "Seated before me are tomorrow's engineers, doctors, teachers, military



Relay for Life is still saving lives.

the nation's leader in manufacturing roofing materials, with one in four homes and businesses roofed with GAF roofing materials, according to industry leaders.

May

Shafter and Wasco came together once again to fight for a common goal in the Relay for Life.

The cities of Wasco and Shafter have a rivalry which is one of the fiercest and oldest rivalries in the county, if not the state. Students face off on the gridiron and on the courts, and the residents of the respective cities have grown up with the tradition of disliking the other community.

The cities came out in force to fight the disease. Teams were formed, raising money to help find a cure.

Wasco Mayor Alex Garcia welcomed the participants and told them that the ultimate goal was to help eradicate cancer, making events such as this one unnecessary.

The event was 12 hours long. The day was filled with games, music, entertainment and inspirational words from those who have fought and are fighting this great fight.

May also saw students from Shafter High and Richland Junior High walk across the stage as graduates as they held their annual Commencement Exercises. Shafter High Generals took center stage on Wednesday night as they held their annual Commencement Exercises. Principal Russell Shipley announced that there were 347 students to walk across the stage to collect their diplomas, ending their high school careers and embarking on the next step in their young lives.

The Shafter High Band, led by Phillip Bustamante played the students in with the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance", as the honorary Flower Girls headed up the procession. Senior Class President Juan Espinoza welcomed the parents, friends and family to the proceedings and gave the first speech of the evening. Espinoza thanked his fellow

personnel, and everything in between."

Alyssa Perez mentioned in her speech the time just four short years ago when they entered those halls as nervous freshmen with the highest of expectations, not knowing what the next chapter held for them. "As the pages kept turning, day by day, month by month, and year by year, we always knew that this day would eventually come, sitting side by side, in cap and gowns, walking across the stage, and receiving our diplomas, showcasing all of our hard work."

Several awards were handed out as the administration recognized the top four placers in the class. Out of the four places, there were a total of ten students awarded. Tied for fourth place in the class were twin brothers Willem and Zebulon Water-



Graduate Marco Rodriguez speaks at their graduation ceremonies.

house, with GPAs of 4.378. Hugo Perez was awarded for having the third highest GPA in the class with a 4.40. The Salutatorian Award, given to the student with the second highest GPA in the class was received by Ezekiel Mendez, who ended his high school career with a 4.412 GPA. Principal Shipley then announced that there was an unprecedented situation at the top of the class. "For the first time in school history, we have an incredible six students who earned a perfect 4.5 GPA, tying for first place in the class."

Those students are Alex Aguilar, Juan Espinoza, Tyler Martinez, Julia Pitter, Marco Rodriguez and Lilyana Villa. "I am so proud of this class for their achievements and am looking forward to seeing what the future holds for them," said Shipley.

June



Kristen McGuire was named Shafter's Distinguished Young Woman.

words and pictures

Richland School District Superintendent Dago Garcia resigned, effective June 30, and Richland Junior High Principal Rosa Romero was named interim superintendent. Board President Deanna Rodriguez-Root said at the time that "Dr. Garcia has decided to move on and will no longer be Superintendent."

There was no specific reason given for the move and there has been no comment on the decision from the District.

Romero has over 30 years of experience in the education field, with 25 years being spent in administration. Some of her experiences include being a bilingual teacher, summer school coordinator, migrant resource teacher, assistant principal and principal at Redwood, as well as Richland Junior High.

Board of Trustees member Caine Maldonado said that the move was not a total surprise but stated that the most important thing to remember is the children. "We



City Manager Scott Hurlbert resigns.

have great teachers who care about our kids. We are going to move forward continuing to make Richlan a great school district."

A grisly discovery was made by a farm worker at Westside Farms. A body was discovered in a silo in which a worker was trying to pull some gypsum out of. Fearing that the farm equipment, called an auger, was clogged, the worker investigated the source of the blockage when he discovered that it was a human body.

The body was eventually identified as Allen Jeffrey Stracener, 26 of Bakersfield. The Kern County



The AB13 Steering Committee is put in charge of prioritizing improvements needed to better the air quality in Shafter.

July opened with another Fireworks Extravaganza at Shafter High School. Fourth celebrated with a big bang at SHS



The annual Fireworks show was a success.

At the holiday celebration at Shafter High School on Wednesday night, the sky was lit up like, well, the Fourth of July. The event was put on by the Shafter Chamber of Commerce with the support of several local businesses and donors in the community.

The event has built a reputation as one of the premier happenings for the holiday, with the activities and the colorful fireworks show. It has drawn a number of families from Bakersfield and the surrounding communities in Kern County. "We have been coming here for the past five years. We love it. The fireworks show is awesome and there is so much to do for the kids that doesn't cost a fortune," said Margarita Nunez, who traveled from Bakersfield to attend with her husband and three children. We used to go to the Bakersfield College show, but when they stopped having it, we searched for a different show and decided to try this one a few years ago. We have been coming ever since."

August
Former City Manager Scott Hurlbert resigned, with the council voting 3-2 to accept the resignation. The meeting was filled with impassioned pleas from citizens for the council to change their stance on the issue. Several people spoke out about the change, stating that the council had forced Hurlbert out, citing the agreement between Hurlbert and the City of Shafter, which said that upon resign-

ing voluntarily, Hurlbert would not be entitled to any severance pay. With the announcement that Hurlbert is to receive a package close to

\$250,000, it was clear to the residents that Hurlbert had not voluntarily resigned.

Following the meeting, there was immediate talk about the possibility of a recall. Citizens who were not happy about the departure of Hurlbert claimed that the city was not going in the right direction and that there had to be something that could be done.

James Zervis, the administrative services director for the city of Shafter was named acting city manager after the resignation of Scott Hurlbert. Zervis has been employed by the city since 2011. Zervis serves as the chief financial officer and treasurer of the city. Zervis came to Shafter from Wasco, where he was the city manager 2009-2011.

The council approved a project that will connect the city's sewer system to the housing development at Gossamer Grove. They authorized the city engineer to award a construction contract with a price of up to \$2.9 million for the city's funded part of the project. The project, known as the Southeast Shafter Sewer Extension, was broken up into two phases.

Phase I will be funded by the city of Shafter. This phase covers the system section that goes from Santa Fe Highway to Zerker Road. This covers a two-mile stretch of pipeline.

Phase II of the project will be funded privately, with the majority coming from Lennar Homes. Currently, the Gossamer Grove development is being serviced by the North of the River Sewer System. An agreement was reached between North of the River, the City of Shafter and Lennar Homes for sewer services to be provided to the homeowners in the development until the year 2027 or a volume limit based on the number of homes being serviced, which is approximately 1,500. There are now over 400 homes being serviced, with another 359 being offered in their next phase. According to Lennar Homes, the limit could be hit as soon as the end of 2020, so an alternative option has to be in place before the limit is reached.

September

The Shafter Steering Committee awaited a response from the San Joaquin Valley Air District Board as they review their Community Emissions Reduction Plan.

The San Joaquin Valley Air District selected two communities to be the pilot programs for this project. Shafter joined the south section of Fresno as the inaugural participants.

The committee sent its first set of recommendations to the San Joaquin Valley Air District Board for review, including recommendations on different programs proposed to reduce emissions in vehicles, reducing the amount of pollution in the air due to wood burning and replacing gas engines in farm equipment with clean electric engines.

A new threat to Kern County was unearthed, including right here in Shafter -- a different species of mosquito that has exploded on the scene this year.

"The last few years, we might find a couple per year, but this year it has been crazy. There are not too many areas of Kern County that have not seen at least some activity of the pest," a county official said.

It is called Aedes Albopictus, a species of mosquito that originally was found only in Africa. It is also referred to as the yellow fever mosquito. In addition to yellow fever, this species can carry the Zika virus, dengue

fever and chikungunya.

October
The Shafter Generals football team, in a rebuilding year -- or so some thought -- found themselves in the midst of a six-game winning streak, including wins against Kennedy and

Wasco.

The Generals pulled off a big upset as they knocked off the previously unbeaten Kennedy Thunderbirds, 27-21, giving them a chance to capture at least a share of the South Sequoia League title.

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Shafter's year in review

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The last time the T-Birds lost a game to a Central Section team was to the Generals during the regular season last year. Kennedy then went on to go undefeated the rest of the season and beat the Generals in the Valley Championship game.

Shafter exacted revenge as they beat Kennedy in every phase of the game.

In the 93rd installment of one of the longest and fiercest rivalries in the county, the Shafter Generals held off a late charge by the Wasco Tigers and won bragging rights for the year with a 28-21 victory.

The Generals won the "Big Game" two years in a row, with the latest game allowing the Generals to claim

a share of the SSL title – and a spot in the Valley playoffs.

Two Town Hall meetings were held to allow the public to give input into the recruitment process to find a new city manager.

Residents were asked at the start of the first meeting what they liked about living in the community of Shafter. Several residents responded with answers as varied as about the strong commitment Shafter has to its educational system, to the lengths that the city goes to keep our community members safe in their homes and on the streets of Shafter.

Susie Dobbs commented that she was impressed by the response time that there is when it comes to the



Jackson Sanchez scores for the Generals.

Shafter Police Department. There were a number of citizens who thought that the financial stability of the city is one of the best advantages of living in Shafter.

There was also a question put to the public about what they would look for in a new city manager. One of the answers was that the candidates needed to have the "excellent performance" they saw with Scott Hurlbert and his predecessor, John Guinn.

November

Shafter loses two more pioneers

A joint funeral service was held at First Presbyterian Church in Bakersfield on Monday for local pioneers Donald and Izetta Camp, who passed away just days

of each other last week in Bakersfield, after sharing over 70 years together.

Donald Camp Sr., with his family, operated one of the most well-known farming institutions in the area. He was born in Shafter, while his parents, Wofford Benjamin (W.B.) Camp Sr., and his wife, Georgia Anna Camp, were living at the U.S. Cotton Research Station.

In addition to operating D.M. Camp & Sons, which is a very successful institution, the family also owns and operates Kern Machinery and several other John Deere Agriculture dealerships in the Southern San Joaquin Valley and elsewhere.

In addition to the busi-



The Christmas Parade drew hundreds to the downtown area. Here is Angie Nelson with Santa.

ness side of the couple, they were loved by so many for their generosity and compassion. Both Donald and Izetta were known for their humble personalities and were quick to sidestep the limelight, opting instead to enjoy helping people without all of the accolades. According to son Donald Jr., Donald Sr. said, "Work hard and be good at what you do, but don't have a big ego and put yourself first above everything."

Local farmer Stan Wilson said that he dealt extensively with the family's John Deere enterprises and said, "I have never heard anything but good regarding Don. Everyone I have talked to mentions that Donald is a true gentleman."

December

The Shafter Depot Museum held their annual Christmas celebration with refreshments, music, Christmas trees and fun.

The Shafter Brass Band performed for the crowd, playing a variety of holiday favorites. Among the band was former Judge Gary Ingle, who is celebrating his 40th year playing Christmas music for the community of Shafter.

The event featured 16 trees decorated in the theme for this year, "Lights, Camera, Christmas!"

The museum is ever-changing, with new exhibits and a refurbished upstairs, which contains a child's playroom, a sitting area from the early part of the century and a kitchen out of the '20s.



The Turkey Bowl was won by the veterans.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 21, 2020, 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 the following:

Municipal Code Amendment: An amendment to Title 15 of the City of Shafter Municipal Code, to adopt and amend the 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code, in accordance with State law; amendments to Chapters 15.04, 15.06, 15.08, 15.10, 15.12, 15.16, 15.20, 15.24, 15.26, 15.28, 15.32, 15.34, 15.36, 15.40, 15.44, 15.48, 15.51, 15.52, 15.54, & 15.56. The proposed amendments consist of structural,

fire and life safety, green building and sustainability, and administrative provisions or procedures. The majority of the proposed amendments are a continuation of previously adopted amendments from prior code adoption cycles. The 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code is comprised of the California Building Code, California Residential Code, California Electrical Code, California Plumbing Code, California Mechanical Code, California Existing Building Code, California Energy Code, California Green Building Standards Code, California Historical Building Code, and California Fire Code. Every three years, the State of California adopts the latest edition of the California Building Standards Code to establish uniform standards for the construction and maintenance of buildings,

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T.S. No. 19-0639-11 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다. NOTE: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LU'U Y: KEM THEO DAY LA BAN TRINH BAY TOM LU'OC VE THONG TIN TRONG TAI LIEU NAY PLEASE NOTE THAT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(d)(1) THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON THIS DOCUMENT BUT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED OR PUBLISHED AND THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION NEED ONLY BE MAILED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/4/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: BRANDON CRAIG MELENDY AND AMBER ROSEMARIE MELENDY, HUSBAND AND WIFE Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation Recorded 4/8/2016 as Instrument No. 000216043735 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Kern County, California, Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9325 RED PINE DRIVE SHAFTER, CA 93263 A.P.N.: 482-265-15-00-9 Date of Sale: 1/22/2020 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: On the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$323,619.51, estimated The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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electrical systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, and fire and life safety systems.

Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines. Copies of documents related to the above project are on file and available for review at the Shafter Building Department 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 the above noted project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Should anyone challenge 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.

Dated: December 20, 2019 /s/Yazmina Pallares Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press January 2, 9, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Statement of Abandonment Of Use of Fictitious Business Name S & S Haulz

418 Real Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93309 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 418 Real Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93309 Justin Scott Avis 418 Real Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93309 Santino Margarito Lopez 418 Real Rd. Bakersfield, CA 93309 I declare that all the information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) Business was conducted by: General Partnership /s/ Santino Margarito Lopez, owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B6691 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/21/2019 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 11/25/2019 MARY B. BEDARD, CPA Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/E Del Villar, Deputy Publish Shafter Press December 19, 26, 2019 January 2, 9, 2020

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Fictitious Business Name Statement SS Haulz

2019-B7377

701 Planz Rd Apt 34 Bakersfield, CA 93304 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 701 Planz Rd Apt 34 Bakersfield, CA 93304 Santino Margarito Lopez 701 Planz Rd Apt 34 Bakersfield, CA 93304 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 10/21/2019 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Santino Margarito Lopez Date Statement Filed: 11/25/2019 Date Statement Expires: 11/25/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/E Del Villar Publish Shafter Press December 19, 26, 2019 January 2, 9, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Back to Herbs

2019-B7569

2425 Haley Street Bakersfield, CA 93305 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 10161 Park Run Drive Ste. 150 Las Vegas, NV 89145 V & J Enterprises, Inc which will do business in California as Back to Herbs 10161 Park Run Drive Ste. 150 Las Vegas, NV 89145 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 05/04/2004 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Michelle Morales, Secretary Date Statement Filed: 12/04/2019 Date Statement Expires: 12/04/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez Publish Shafter Press December 19, 26, 2019 January 2, 9, 2020

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2019-B7562

2425 Haley Street Bakersfield, CA 93305 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 10161 Park Run Drive Suite 150 Las Vegas, NV 89145 V & J Enterprises, Inc. which will do business in California as Back to Herbs 10161 Park Run Drive Ste. 150 Las Vegas, NV 89145 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 05/04/2004 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Michelle Morales, Secretary Date Statement Filed: 12/04/2019 Date Statement Expires: 12/04/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/R Roberts-Martin Publish Shafter Press December 19, 26, 2019 January 2, 9, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Rudnick Fence Co.

2019-B7717

2810 Case Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 2810 Case Bakersfield, CA 93308 Rudnick Fence Co. 2810 Case Bakersfield, CA 93308 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced:

12/11/2019

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Joseph W. Rudnick, President Date Statement Filed: 12/11/2019 Date Statement Expires: 12/11/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/A Rangel Villaseor Publish Shafter Press December 19, 26, 2019 January 2, 9, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement So Let's Be Clear

2019-B7667

785 Tucker Rd #6243 Tehachapi, CA 93561 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 785 Tucker Rd #6243 Tehachapi, CA 93561 Tamatha Mae Engel 785 Tucker Rd #6243 Tehachapi, CA 93561 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Tamatha Mae Engel Fictitious Business Name Statement Filed: 12/09/2019 Date Statement Expires: 12/09/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/R Padilla Publish Shafter Press December 19, 26, 2019 January 2, 9, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement El Toro Furniture

2019-B7426

429 James St Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 429 James St Shafter, CA 93263 Jose Manuel Jaramillo Lozano 228 N Grant St Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 11/26/2019 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Jose Manuel Jaramillo Lozano Date Statement Filed: 11/26/2019 Date Statement Expires: 11/26/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez Publish Shafter Press December 26, 2019 January 2, 9, 16, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Statement of Abandonment Of Use of Fictitious Business Name Wally's Welding

588 Harris Drive Shafter, CA 93263

County: KERN Mailing address of business: 588 Harris Drive Shafter, CA 93263 Osvaldo Hernandez 588 Harris Drive Shafter, CA 93263 I declare that all the information in

this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) Business was conducted by: Individual

/s/Osvaldo Hernandez, owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B7936 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 12/23/2019 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/23/2019 MARY B. BEDARD, CPA Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/R Edmiaston, Deputy Publish Shafter Press January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Starr Welding

2019-B7938

588 Harris Drive Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 588 Harris Drive Shafter, CA 93263 Osvaldo Hernandez 588 Harris Drive Shafter, CA 93263 Alexis Starr Hernandez 588 Harris Drive Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Married Couple 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/Osvaldo Hernandez Date Statement Filed: 12/23/2019 Date Statement Expires: 12/23/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/R Edmiaston Publish Shafter Press January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Central Cal Stairs

2019-B7901

19456 Colombo St Ste J Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 5721 Cypress Point Drive Bakersfield, CA 93309 Kevin Bradley Jarrett 5721 Cypress Point Drive Bakersfield, CA 93309 Beth Marie Jarrett 5721 Cypress Point Drive Bakersfield, CA 93309 The business is conducted by: Married Couple 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/Kevin Bradley Jarrett Date Statement Filed: 12/20/2019 Date Statement Expires: 12/20/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/R Edmiaston Publish Shafter Press January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2020

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of Public Cemetery District No. 1 meets the third Thursday of every month at the District Office, Shafter Cemetery. Publish Shafter Press January 2, 2020

Cox backs post-traumatic stress research



Rep. TJ Cox introduced an amendment to the Department of Defense appropriations bill for the fiscal year of 2019 that increased research on post-traumatic stress disorder, and the congressman said that he was letting veterans know that people care and that they are standing up every day Americans and veterans.

Rep. Cox is proud that not only was his amendment adopted in an overwhelming bipartisan vote, but also included in the final bill, that will be sent to the president for his signature.

Recently, the House of Representatives passed a pair of key Fiscal Year 2020 funding bills, also called "mini-bus bills." Cox has been very active in this process, fighting for Central

Valley priorities often ignored in the funding process. Without legislative action to authorize necessary operating expenses, the government was set to shut down on Dec. 20. A shutdown would have resulted in a freeze in military pay, critical health and safety programs across the country being halted, and billions of dollars in lost revenue from the economy.

This bill funds numerous crucial projects, and fills the critical funding needs for those who serve. In June, Cox introduced the amendment to the appropriations bill that increased research for post-traumatic stress disorder among the brave Americans who served our nation, by \$10 million.

"Our nation's veterans and their

families have sacrificed everything for our country and freedom. We cannot let them fall through the cracks - that's why my amendment was so critical," said Cox. "Additional research is needed to better understand post-traumatic stress disorder and help clinicians provide adequate treatment to patients before symptoms become chronic. My amendment which is in the final bill, heading to the president's desk, will invest an additional \$10 million to help inform our health professionals on how they can best treat our servicemembers and communities across our nation who have been diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, and psychological health conditions."

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He or She has two or more years of verifiable work experience in a janitorial, custodial, or housekeeping position. Some essential functions include but are not limited to, servicing and cleaning or supplying restrooms. Clean building floors by sweeping, mopping, scrubbing, or vacuuming. Tend to kitchen office area, such as starting coffee at the start of the day or emptying and washing coffee pots at the end of each shift. There is a strong demand for high quality, organized and repeatable results. Must have a valid CDL & the ability to read and understand information and ideas presented verbally or in writing and the ability to communicate information in English so others will understand. Send your resume to: recruiting@pacific-ag.net You may apply online by visiting indeed.com or you may stop by our office to apply at: 29341 Kimberlina Rd, in Wasco.

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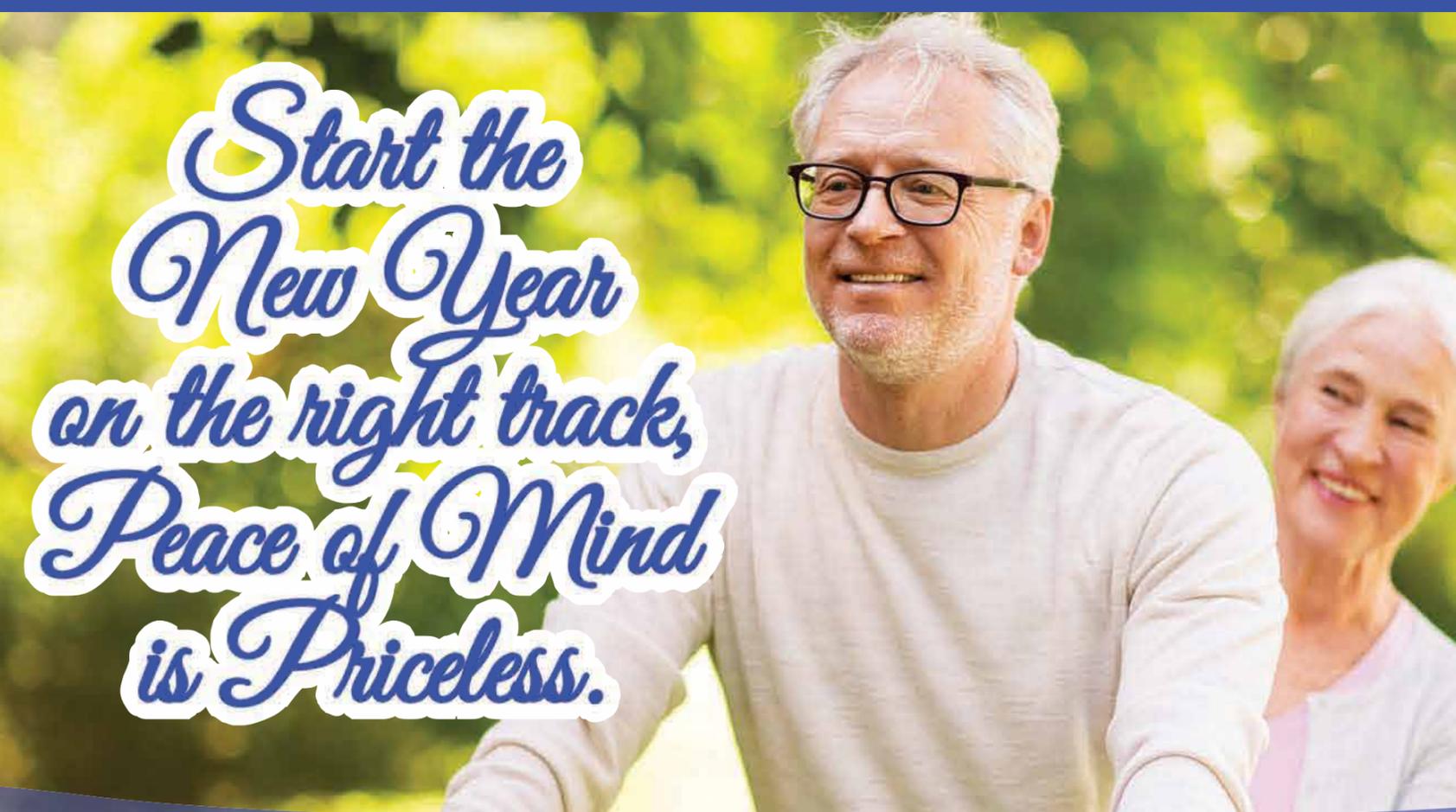
Trabajador de Servicio de Edificio / Custodio

El trabajador del Servicio de Edificio / Custodio mantiene los edificios en condiciones limpias y ordenadas. Realizará tareas de limpieza considerables, como limpiar pisos y alfombras, lavar paredes y vidrios, y eliminar la basura. Los deberes incluyen el cuidado de edificios de oficina y mantenimiento, la realización de actividades rutinarias de limpieza, y la notificación a la administración de la necesidad de reparaciones.

Él o Ella tiene dos o más años de experiencia verificable en un puesto de housekeeping, custodia o limpieza. Algunas funciones esenciales incluyen, entre otras, darle servicio y limpiar, o suministrar baños. Limpiar los pisos del edificio barriendo, fregando o aspirando. Atiende al área de oficina de la cocina, como comenzar el café al comienzo del día o vaciar y lavar las cafeteras al final de cada turno. Existe una fuerte demanda de resultados de alta calidad, organizados y repetibles. Debe tener una Licencia de CA válida y la capacidad de leer y entender la información y las ideas presentadas verbalmente o por escrito y la capacidad de comunicar información en inglés para que otros la entiendan. Envíe su currículum a: recruiting@pacific-ag.net

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