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## \$34M city budget approved

**MICHAEL SCHROEDER**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council has approved an operating budget of slightly more than \$34 million for the fiscal year beginning July 1. While this is an increase over the projected \$27.8 million to be spent this year, it won't mean additional taxes for area

residents, according to City Manager Scott Hurlbert.

He explained that additional expenses – such as a proposed \$2.5 million overhaul of the municipal aquatic center and \$4 million for the new Public Works property – have been planned well in advance.

Another factor: The city carries minimal

debt, electing to pay “as you go” rather than take the extra interest in bonding capital projects.

There is an expectation that the city will spend more next year on capital projects, such as landscaping and street repair, that have in recent years have had very tight budgets.

“It’s a case of shifting priorities,” Hurl-

bert said.

Currently, the city has approximately a year of reserves that could be tapped in case of a real downturn – perhaps the best fiscal situation of any city in the state, and certainly in the county, Hurlbert said. There are also additional funds that could be used in an emergency without



The ballet team performs to “Africa” by Toto.

## Dancers go back in time

### Planet Dance pays visit to the '80s

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Planet Dance team took the audiences on a trip back to the 80s when they presented their Mid-Year Gala on Saturday at the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center at Shafter High School. The theater was decked out in the décor of the 1980s, complete with leg warmers, big hair, and glitter. The Tap team opened the show with a toe-tapping routine to “Call Me” by Blondie. The dancers showed uniformity in their steps as they brought the song to life.

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The hip hop team wowed the crowd with “Walk this Way.”

## No more recycle bin at Aquatics

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

For those who are concerned about the environment in Shafter and wanting to make the city a little more eco-friendly was dealt a blow recently when a recycling bin located in the parking lot of the Shafter Aquatic Center was removed from the property.

Resident J.T. Watson contacted *The Shafter Press* concerned that the bin had been taken out and wondered what residents will be able to do to do their part in recycling. According to Lynnda Martin of American Refuse, the bin was specifically created by owner Jeff Martin, to be used at the Shafter location.

It allowed residents to dispose of their recyclable materials, such as plastics, glass, cardboard, paper, etc.

“The bin was used a lot by residents,” Watson said. “There were days where I had to take my recyclables home with me and come back a day or two later because the bin was full. So, I know that the bin was used a lot, letting me know that it wasn’t taken out because it wasn’t being used.”

The Shafter Aquatics Center was the site for the latest event to help Shafter go green and make the city a little cleaner and greener with a bulky waste pick up event that allowed residents to drop off furniture, televisions, computers, mattresses, a great variety of items. The problem with the recycle container it seems, is that residents were using the bin to and the location as a drop-off site at all times of the day and year.

*“There were days where I had to take my recyclables home with me and come back a day or two later because the bin was full.”*

– Resident J.T. Watson

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## Body found in farm silo still unidentified

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Kern County Coroner’s Office is asking for the public’s assistance in the identification of the adult male that was found in a silo in Shafter on June 5.

An autopsy was done and it was determined to be the body of an adult male but no obvious signs of trauma were indicated and no cause or manner of death has been determined yet. According to Captain Diana Burnett of the

Shafter Police Department, “The Coroner’s Office is awaiting the results of the toxicology reports to help determine cause of death.”

The unidentified male was found wearing a dark colored “Volcom” brand t-shirt size large, red colored Adidas brand athletic shorts with black stripes size medium, white colored ankle socks, and a white metal chain necklace. The unidentified male is between the ages of 18-30, Caucasian or Hispanic, with a neatly groomed mustache and a goatee. His hair

is brown, medium length, and wavy. He is 5’10½” tall and weighs 161 pounds.

Shafter Police Department officers responded to a call on June 5 from Westside Farms, off of Zerker Road, just south of Lerdo Highway. Workers from the company had been attempting to get gypsum from a silo located on the property and deemed it plugged. They found the source of the problem was a human body and called authorities. The autopsy was done but the

male didn’t match any reports of missing persons reports filed and there were no obvious signs of trauma, so cause and manner of death are still pending.

If you can help identify John Doe or have any information on this case, please contact the Kern County Sheriff’s Office Coroner Section at 661-868-0119 or the investigating agency, Shafter Police Department at 661-746-8500, and request Detective Phil Yoshikawa.

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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

Worship hours -- Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church will be starting Sunday worship at 10 a.m. from June 23 through Aug 4.

Beat the heat -- Veteran's Park spray pad will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. and on days of extreme heat.

Church sports camps -- Shafter Mennonite Church at 400 Kern St. is hosting three sports camps for all incoming K-6th grade students. The camps and dates are volleyball (June 17-21), wrestling (July 15-19) and basketball (July 29-Aug. 2). The cost of each camp is \$15; if a child attends all three, the total is \$40. Each camp is held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Center gym with an exhibition and dessert for the whole family at 7 p.m. Friday of each camp. Call the church office for more information and registration, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 661-746-4969 or go to shaftermb.org.

Shafter Community Vacation Bible School -- The Incredible Race at the Shafter Ford Theater, 1101 E. Lerdo Hwy. July 8 -12, 9-11:30 a.m. Children entering K-6th grade for the 2019-20 school year. Online registration is available for students and volunteers at shaftervbs2019.myanswers.com/incredible-race/

Pregnancy health -- Bakersfield Pregnancy Center's Image Clear Ultrasound mobile unit will be in Shafter on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 2-5 p.m., 341 Central Ave. (parking lot across from La Fonda). No appointments necessary. FREE pregnancy test, first-trimester ultrasound, information and resources available.

### MONDAY

Knitting 101 (Tejer 101) -- Starting June 10. Mondays at 1 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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 mystery-photo@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week, along with the facts behind this photo and a new one to challenge you. **LAST WEEK:** The Waukeen Broom Factory in 1926, on the north side of Tulare Avenue about a half-mile west of Central Valley Highway. Operated by C.M. Heath, the factory produced 420 brooms a week.



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

Adult Book Discussion (Discusion De Libros Para Adultos) --

Wednesday, June 12 and June 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

Crochet 101 (Tejer 101) -- Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lions --Shafter Lion's Club meets the first and third

Wednesday of every month at China Cuisine Restaurant at 7 a.m.

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

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

Prop 36 -- Spiritual meetings for Prop 36 or others in recovery from addictions at Free Will Baptist Church, 1555 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.

AI-Anon -- AI-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

Crazy Science Experiments (Locos experimentos de ciencia) -- STEAM Activities Club Thursdays at 2 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

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

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

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

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

### FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

## ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department.

**June 14**  
Jeremiah Davison, 23, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Alejandro Tapia Jr., 26, was arrested in the 600 block of Rodeo for possession of a controlled substance, paraphernalia and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Luis Villa Ramirez, 24, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 block of Central Valley Highway for obstruction of public officer, carrying a loaded firearm within vehicle, not registered owner and on an outside agency warrant.

Lorenzo Ortega Jr., 20,

of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

**June 17**  
Michael Joseph Hampton, 34, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 block E. Orange Ave for misdemeanor bench warrant.

Stacey Lynn Roque, 39, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

**June 18**  
Dario Esqueda Mendez Jr., 38, of Shafter, was arrested for vehicle theft, extortion of vehicle and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

**June 19**  
Ricardo Lopez Jr, 21,

of Shafter, was arrested for bringing in control substance, drugs in prison and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

**BUTTONWILLOW June 19**

Catarino Phillip Arismendez, 61, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30700 block of Rodriguez Avenue in Shafter for assault causing great bodily injury, trespass on noncommercial dwelling and retake land after legal removal. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**June 20**  
George Ralph Odom, 20, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18400 block of

Shafter Avenue in Shafter for burglary, vandalism and a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Christian Rodriguez Ordonez, 28, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Lerdo Highway and Cherry Avenue in Shafter for driving without a license and unsafe speed. He was cited and released at the scene.

**June 22**  
Raymundo Hernandez Pernas, 20, of Vallejo, was arrested at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Rowlee Road in Buttonwillow for domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**June 23**  
Joshua Dale Harvey, 40, of Tupman, was arrested at the intersection of Sullivan Road and Martin Avenue in

Bakersfield for driving on a suspended license and having a taillight out on his vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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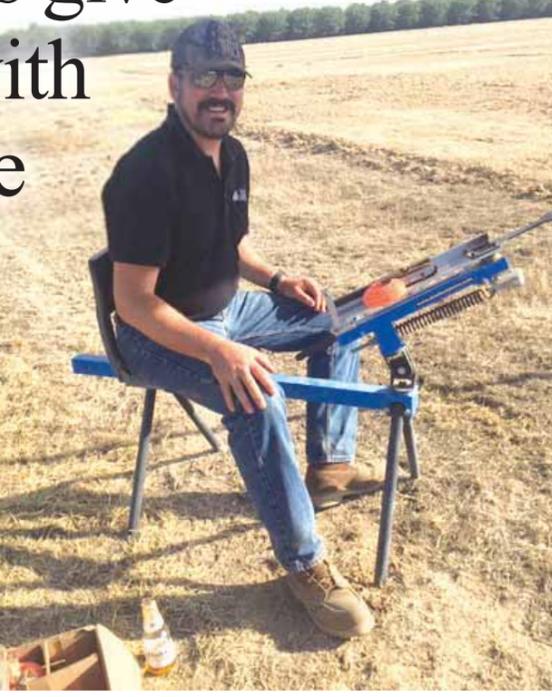


# Rotarians give thanks with a surprise

In their annual step-down, or demotion, celebration event, the Shafter Rotary Club decided to reward current President Garry Nelson with a surprise – a clay-shooting party at the home of Clark Goehring near 7th Standard Road Monday night.

The group toasted Nelson's service, and looked forward to the tenue of Lisa Marie Mendez – working on the tent below.

Doug Piuser launched the targets below.



# Wilson wins state historical society award

On June 22 in Placerville, Stan Wilson was awarded the Waddingham-Doctor Award of Merit by the Conference of California Historical Societies.

This award is given individuals who have given exemplary service to a historical society for 25 years or more.

Wilson has been active with the Shafter Historical Society for 40 years, served as the first president and is currently the curator-director of the Shafter Depot Mu-

seum.

Wilson also received recognition from the California State Assembly. A number of letters of support were sent to the conference in support of the nomination, which originated with the Shafter Historical Society.

Society members attending the awards ceremony in Placerville were Stan and Nancy Wilson, Stephanie Benito, and Roy and Susan Shaffner.

# Sky is the limit for local kids at VBS

Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church hosted their annual Vacation Bible School and had a great turn out. The theme this year was "SKY." The kids learned that no matter what is going on in their lives, everything is possible with God. Each day, the children, who were from ages K-6th grade, learned a new Bible verse, as well as rotating to different stations.

One station saw the kids creating a new art project each day. The first day they painted t-shirts that had the SKY theme on it. On Tuesday, the attendees made rainbow windsocks, put together with crepe paper of different colors, as well as cotton balls on the tops.

The kids were treated to snacks each day, After giving them that extra energy to enjoy the high-flying fun. Bible story time saw the staff decorating the room in a variety of scenes, depending on the lesson for the day. Each day took the kids back to Biblical times, giving them a valuable lesson that they can use in their ev-



Story time teaches the kids about God's love and power.

ery day lives.

Of course, it wouldn't be VBS without some music with choreography to go with it. A full staff of volunteers makes the Vacation Bible School an adventure that all of the kids can enjoy. At the game station, the kids played a variety of games, each of them aimed at building teamwork. One had the kids toss bean bags to each other until they got around the circle and crossed the finish line.

will fly through the sky, with limitless possibilities as they search for the great things that come with loving and trusting God. On Friday, the kids invited their parents for a special session that displays everything that they have learned throughout the week. In addition to the toe-tapping songs, the kids will display their creations made in the Imagination Lab and letting the parents and friends know the verses and lessons that they have done earlier in the week.

The kids trained to be part of the flight crew that



Kids ended each day with high-energy music and messages.



Faith Givens gets ready for her turn in the relay race.



Society members attending the awards ceremony, from left, were Stan and Nancy Wilson, Stephanie Benito and Roy and Susan Shaffner.

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# Vanguard medical celebrating 5 years

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

It has been five years since a group of local physicians and administrators decided to form a corporation that would give the residents of Shafter, Wasco and the surrounding communities a personalized option for their healthcare needs.



**Dr. Novira Sunner is the administrator of Vanguard Medical Management Co.**

Vanguard Medical Corp. is owned by Dr. Chan Park, and it has a staff of local doctors who have gathered together to give the local residents a unique service in which they are cared for by a company that offers a variety of services in a close knit family atmosphere. "We wanted to give the community a service that makes the patients feel more like they are visiting a private practice, instead of going to a big corporation that doesn't give that personalized service," Sunner said. Park and several other doctors, some of whom had worked together previously at National Health Services (now known as Omni Health Corp.) put to together Van-

guard. "We wanted to form a group that would keep the community healthy while giving them the entire menu of options without having to go to a big company."

Vanguard Medical Corp. offers general practice medicine, as well as chiropractic services. They also have on staff an OB-GYN.

The group loves the small town atmosphere of the communities that they serve. "We love the community and think that they deserve the best care available to them without losing that personal touch that we can give them."

Vanguard takes all major medical insurances including Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Kern Family Health Care and many others. They take

appointments but they also welcome walk-ins in both of their facilities. They had a new addition recently when they acquired the practice of Dr. Jae Kim, a longtime physician in Shafter. "Dr. Kim wanted to keep treating his patients, but didn't want to deal with the daily paperwork and business side of the practice. So, we took over this aspect



**The Shafter family at Vanguard Medical Corp.**

of the practice, allowing Dr. Kim to concentrate on his patients without the hassle of the business side of it," commented Sunner.

Vanguard Shafter facility is on Kern Street, and in 2018, they added a location in Wasco, which offers all of the same services as the Shafter location. Dr. Sunner also added that they will be adding another

physician to their fold. "We have a doctor who has been in Shafter as long as Dr. Kim joining us in July. Dr. Jong Moon will be joining Vanguard and will have the same advantages as Dr. Kim, letting him enjoy treating his loyal patients without the headaches of all of the paperwork that goes with it."

# No more recycle bin at Aquatics Complex

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There were numerous complaints from residents on the lot being a dumping ground for trash, furniture, mattresses and other large items, making it an eyesore for the city. "People were complaining that it looked really tacky and people were just dumping whatever they wanted at the site," Martin said.

Ultimately, the complaints were enough that it necessitated American Refuse to remove the bin. "We were requested to remove the bin," said Martin. "It makes me

so sad to have to do it because a lot of people were doing such a great job using the bin. They were washing out their containers, separating the items, just using the bin the way it is designed for and doing such a great job in helping the environment."

Martin spends her workdays educating the public, schools and businesses on the importance of recycling and how individuals and businesses can go about recycling the correct way. Due to her efforts, the majority of our schools now have recycling programs in place. In fact, two of the

schools were recognized publicly for their programs. Grimmway Academy was recognized by the Kern County Board of Supervisors for their recycling program, which is at close to 0% waste that is going out to the landfill, disposing of almost all of their organic waste to recycling centers.

Sequoia Elementary recently won a cash prize for their efforts in their recycling program. "I am so proud of our schools and individuals who have embraced the recycling programs and are doing their part in making Shafter a cleaner place to live," commented

Martin. "This is what is so frustrating about this situation. There are people doing the right thing that are being punished for a select few who are not following the guidelines," concluded Martin.

With the removal of the recycling bin at the Aquatic Center, residents can still take their recyclables to the City Yard of Shafter located off of Shafter Avenue. There are recycle bins there that residents can use to put their materials in. Martin encouraged those who want to recycle to utilize these bins.

# Planet Dance goes back in time to '80s

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There was also numbers in the first half of the show by the Ballet Corps, who performed a routine to Toto's "Africa". The group, led by teacher Jill Jimenez, showed their dexterity and

balance as they displayed moves on pointe, as well as spins and plies.

The crowd went wild as the Hip Hop team came on stage and performed a rousing rendition of "Walk This Way" by Aerosmith.

All of the teams performed throughout the event. There were numbers by the ballet, tap, hip hop and jazz. There are different levels of each genre, with beginning and advanced groups for every medium.

Planet Dance is an award-winning troupe that travels throughout the state



**The jazz team took the stage for "Love is a Battlefield."**

during the season, competing at KAR events, Radix, several Hollywood Vibe events, as well as a couple

of Velocity events during the year. They are also national champions after winning the title in Las Vegas for the team competition. They also have several dancers who have won individual awards for their performances as well as trips to New York City for an All-Star event that is by invitation only. You can also catch the teams in action locally in parades, community events, and their big Christmas Show that takes place in December.

The company is family-owned, with Corinne Matera the matriarch. Her children Jacob Hernandez and Jill Jimenez teach several

classes and are in charge of the competition teams. They also have excellent help with teachers Miss Veronica and Miss Vicky who teach multiple classes.

They have students from Shafter, Wasco, and several surrounding communities who want to be a part of this award-winning team. Corinne also runs a boutique in Bakersfield that sells costumes, work-out gear, as well as t-shirts and dance accessories. This local, family owned company keeps entertaining, as well as giving our children the chance to express their artistic sides, as well as turning them into fit, confident young people.

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Mixed 20 free relay team of Parker Valderrama, Sydnee Macias, Josephine Martin and Annemarie Puisar.

# Local swimmers sting the competition

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press  
The Shafter Stingrays continued the competition season with a strong performance at the recent Lake-side meet, held at Garces High School on Saturday. With a total of 23 swimmers competing in 69 events, the Stingrays came home with several top ten finishes.

Shafter's teams is composed of swimmers of different skill levels and are

from ages 7 to 16 years old. The team was led by Sydnee Macias and Josephine Martin on the girls' side and Sean O'Neil, David Serrano, Parker and Landon Valderrama on the boys' side.

Martin continued her strong season with a first place and two fourth place finishes. Martin won the Girls 11 50 yard Freestyle. She was also part of the Mixed 11-12 200 yard Freestyle Relay team which finished in fourth place with a time of 2:16. The other members of the relay team were Annemarie Puisar, Parker Valderrama and Sydnee Macias.

In addition to the fourth place in the relay, Macias also took home a third place in the Girls 11 50 yd Freestyle and a third place in the Girls 11 50 yard Butterfly final. Macias rounded out her meet with a fourth place in the 100 yard Freestyle Final. Annemarie Puisar took home more awards this week with four top five finishes. Puisar got a first place in the Girls 11 50 yard Breaststroke and got second place in the 50 yard Butterfly. Puisar added

two fourth place awards, one in the Girls 11 50 yard Backstroke and as part of the fourth place relay team.

On the boys side, Sean O'Neil won the Boys 11-12 50 yard Breast Final as well as getting a second place in the 50 yard Butterfly and a fifth place in the 50 yard Freestyle Final.

David Serrano captured three fourth places on the day. Serrano got fourth in the Boys 14 100 yard Freestyle event, as well as fourth places in the 50 yard Backstroke and the 50 yard Breast Final.

Parker Valderrama was a part of the fourth place relay team and the fourth place home third place in the Boys 12 50 yard Freestyle Final.

The Stingrays will be closer to home this weekend as they will be competing in a meet at powerhouse Rio Bravo Greeley on Saturday June 29. The meet begins at 9:00 a.m. with the Backstroke events. Shafter has meets remaining in Tehachapi, Bakersfield at the home of the Bakersfield Aqua Aces, with the season concluding at Bakersfield College at the Kern County Championships held on Saturday July 20.



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PASTOR'S CORNER

# Allow yourself to be molded

**PASTOR JIM NEAL**

Proverbs 28:27 "He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses." Psalm 37:4 "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

Were you raised in a home where your parents, grand-parents or care givers told you over and over that "it was more blessed to give than to receive?" I surely was and today am extremely glad to have had that "life lesson" drummed endlessly into my psyche as I have truly found that axiom to be so true.

I can still vividly remember the 'Christmas', as we tore open our gifts, giving little thought to the hours it took to beautifully wrap them, the look of excitement and love in my parent's eyes and the expressions of joy that visibly shown on their faces. However, what I remember more fondly now than then was the love and affection in my mothers' eyes when she opened the carelessly wrapped cheap gift I had bought and wrapped for her. I often wonder what she did with all that cheap perfume bought at the local "Five & Dime" store.

Oh, there was this one occasion that a gift was not so lovingly received. That was on a Mother's Day when I was 8. I had captured a green garden snake put it in an empty Folgers coffee can covered it with dry grass and proudly presented it to Mom as an additional gift. Needless to say, that was one time when it was definitely not more "blessed to give than receive."

The thoughts today convey two concepts: 1) the admonition to give to those less fortunate than ourselves

and 2) the Lord's desire is to give to US personally!! Truthfully most of us have little or no trouble wrapping our minds around that first one; we may not be as faithful as we should be; however, we believe it just the same. It is with this second concept that we become somewhat puzzled and perhaps even a little bit "frazzled". Why is that?

There may be a myriad of reasons as to why this is true for most; but I believe that the reason for our mysterious confluence to the second concept is wrapped up in a misguided concept of "worthiness." For most the ability to receive graciously is unconsciously bound in the our "feelings" of having to do something to deserve the gift, the reward or the compliment. Whether er conscious or not most people feel they must look, act, feel or smell right to be deserving of any gift.

The Palmist speaks of just the opposite with the use of the word "delight". This Hebrew word takes on the meaning of becoming soft and pliable as the clay used by the potter to form, mold and create pottery. The implication becomes quite obvious and is this; as we become as the soft and pliable clay on the potters wheel the hands of the loving caring Lord forms, molds and creates a vessel that allows the desires of our hearts to be fulfilled. As we allow and trust our Creator God to mold us into the "vessel of His choos-

ing our own ability to receive the gifts for which we were intended to receive becomes an act of worship and not a reward for which we have somehow become worthy.

It is in this molding process that we complete the cycle of giving and receiving. It is only after we begin to understand the divine principle of giving and receiving that as we give to those less fortunate or to those serving God in a unique service that we realize we are giving as He gives out of a heart filled to over-flowing with love and compassion and not out of duty or obligation. It is then and only then that the glorious glowing light of Jesus' teaching in Luke 6:38 shall illumine and radiate in your very soul: "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." (KJV)

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Louise May McDaniel, 87, of Shafter, passed away June 20. Peters Funeral Homes, Shafter.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Richland mistakes may be repeated

My interest in Richland School District affairs was again sparked by the forced resignation of Superintendent Dr. Garcia, and public statements by district CBO and others in position to know of the financial health of the district.

Most enlightened citizens of this community were fairly sure, after the election last fall, that Dr. Garcia's resignation would be the end result. But few, if any, would have even imagined it would have happened in a short 6 months.

Well, that is now water under the bridge, but this boards past record over the past 10 to 11 years, on selecting and working with superintendents is excruciating poor. My

educated guess is that you may be about to make some of the same mistakes again.

It's no secret that the district, last year on a cash basis, deficit spent by over 500,000.00 dollars, and that the district deficit, this coming fiscal year will be substantially more.

It is also no secret that the past superintendent was increasingly concerned about the fiscal hole the district is digging for itself, along with improper fund transfers.

In my opinion, this seems to boarder on fiscal mismanagement.

After some investigating, I discovered that a special county audit by FCMAT was placed on the agenda by Dr. Garcia, at the

last board meeting, for the purpose of a deep audit to help the board determine and prioritize spending, and perhaps unnecessary and even wasteful spending. This is a service the County office provides to districts that may need help in these financial matters, and was removed from the agenda.

Because of the divided nature of this board, which almost, at times, seems to border on dysfunction, and the increasing criticism of the CBO, it seems to me that this board is unable to deal with the complexity of these issues. Therefore, I strongly suggest that you reconsider your actions and approve the FCMAT audit.

Now 2 small caveats to this if you will

about the FCMAT audit. I hope that there will be no confusion in thinking the regular annual audit that is performed, will be sufficient, because the audit performed by FCMAT is totally different, in its scope and purpose, as you know.

Also, a cost of 18,000.00 dollars for a FCMAT audit to help you get to the bottom of these financial matters is minimal, compared to the continued contract buy outs of past superintendents that you seem to have no problem in the past.

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinions and views here tonight.

STAN VOTH  
Shafter

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PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Board of Directors of Shafter Recreation and Park District reviewed a preliminary budget at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 17th, 2019. The preliminary budget is available for inspection at the District office located at 700 E. Tulare Avenue, Shafter, California during normal business hours. Please be further advised that the Board will meet to adopt the final budget at 6:00 p.m. on July 22nd, 2019, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the District Board, at 505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter California. Any person may appear at that time and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items.  
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