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Volunteers began arriving at Barker Park around 8:30 a.m.

A cleaner community

140 +beautify streets

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Wasco Tribune Over 140 people participated in the Wasco's Spring Community Clean-Up at Barker Park Satur-

Code Compliance Officer Mathew Maldonado

coordinated the cleanup See SPRING Page 4



ASB T-Shirt winners, from left, Sam Ochoa, Yuliana Gonzalez, Espie Garza, Victoria Bernal and Thanya Romero.

Easter weekend services

There are several Easter weekend events in Wasco beginning Friday through Easter Sunday.

On Friday at 6 p. m., St. John's Evangelical Church at 1129 9th Place will have its annual Passion of the Cross play on the schoolyard. Easter masses will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 8 a.m. (Spanish), 10 a.m. (English) and noon (Spanish).

On Saturday, Westside Family Fellowship, 2150 Palm

Ave., will be having Easter Prep Day, where there will be activities for the entire family beginning at 10 a.m. The church also has a special Easter service at 9 a.m.

Also on Saturday, the Easter Fest will run from 9 a.m. to noon at Barker Park including an Easter egg hunt. All are invited.

—Toni DeRosa

New head of Public Works

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The city will have a new

permanent Public Works director, but it won't be a new face around City Hall.

With unanimous approval of the City Council Tuesday night, City Manager Ortiz-Hernandez Daniel appointed Biridiana Bishop as the new Public Works di-

"Biridiana Bishop has been working in the position as acting public works director since Jan. 2019," Ortiz-Hernandez said. "She will coordinate the activities of the department. Public Works is the largest area of the city's departments and operations, with seven divisions consisting of Water, Wastewater, Sanitation, Streets, Animal Control, Vehicle Maintenance and Facility Maintenance. With such a wide breadth of services to be responsible for, it is crucial to have a director who sees the big pic-

Bishop will receive a salary of \$115,000, effective immediately.

In other matters, the council accepted the written report made by the Kern County Grand Jury in which several areas were recommended for the city to review and respond:

■ Wasco has had freent turnovers in kev leadership positions within city government. The Grand Jury feels that the frequent turnovers will prevent the city from reaching long-term goals, and recommended the city hire a consultant to do a study on why the turnover

is so high.

■ The city's website is not user-friendly, and finding some information was difficult.

Ortiz-Hernandez agreed with this comment and advised the council that the city is working on the website. "I've also had problems getting information that I need," he said.

■ There is no audit of the city's finances for 2017-

Ortiz-Hernandez sponded that with the vacancy in the finance director's position, completing the audit has taken longer than necessary; however, it is currently being completed.

■ While Wasco has been known as the Rose Capital of the World, due to the lack of water, this title has all but disappeared.

The city manager recommended that the city spend money on hiring a water consultant for this issue.

In a follow-up to a proposal that would allow each council member to grant \$2,000 to qualifying nonprofit groups, the council agreed to rework the wording and then bring it back to the council at a later meet-

Leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance was Palm Avenue student Giselle Torres, child of Octavio and Tania Torres.

Ossie Crawford, of the True Love tribes of Bakersfield, presented Gilberto Reyna with certificates in appreciation of his dedication and ability to unify the city while he was mayor.

1 arrested, 1 sought in assault, dog theft



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One of two suspects in an assault and kidnapping of a dog was arrested last week, and the other man is still at large.

On Sunday, April 7, at about 11:30 p.m., two adult male suspects encountered a male walking a friend's dog. According to deputies, the two suspects began to punch the victim in his face, head and upper torso.

The incident occurred at Beckes Street and Flower Street, and the two suspects fled with a 5-to-6-month-old blue nose female pit bull. The victim was treated at a local hospi-

tal for the injuries he received during the robbery. Deputies were able to identify the

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Code Compliance Officer Sergio Gonzalez on the job

He makes life better

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

Code compliance officers are what keep the city adhering to the municipal codes that have been adopted by local government. Sergio Gonzalez is one of two Code

compliance officers for the city of Was-

co; the other is Matthew Maldonado. The two work closely together and were instrumental in the recent Community Clean-up held Saturday at Barker Park.

Gonzalez is a born-and-raised Wasco resident, as is his wife, Isabel. They live in town with their two children, a

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Wasco Tribune New Everyday

SOMETHING

Community Calendar

For updates or to submit additional information about a club, organization or meeting listed in this public service column, call the Wasco Tribune at 661-292-5100 or email calendar@WascoTrib.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Resource fair -- 4th Annual Community Career and Resource Fair. Open to the public. FREE. Tuesday, April 30, 6-7 p.m. at the Wasco Union High School-Cafeteria, 1900 7th St.. Food, raffle prizes,

family resources, college and career resources and more. NEW: Feria de resursos -- 4th Annual Feria de Carreras y Resursos para la Comunidad. ¡abierto al publico! ¡evento gratuito! Wasco Union High School Cafeteria, 1900 7th St. Martes 30 de Abril 2019, 6-7 p.m.

Comida, rifas, recursos para la familia, recursos de colegio y carreras, y mas.

NEW: Easter potluck -- Wasco Senior Center is having a Easter potluck at 10 a.m. Sunday. Bring your favorite dish

or dessert to share. 1280 Poplar St., Wasco. NEW: Barbecue and carnival -- North Kern Christian School holds its 36h annual BBQ/carnival/auction Saturday, May 4, at the school, on the corner of 7th and Peters streets. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues through X p.m. There will be a drive-thru, too. Silent auction/live

NEW: Law Day -- At the Beale Library Auditorium, Wednesday, May 1, 12-6 p.m. at 701 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield. Free 15-minute consultation with attorneys on criminal, probate, family law, disability, immigration, landlord/ tenant, guardianship and more. Consultations scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Easter Fest -- LifeHouse/Casa Vida Church invite you to their Easter Fest. Free event will be held at Barker Park Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

College counseling -- Bakersfield College DSPS/academic counselor Elvira Martinez will be available at Wasco Independence High School, 1445 Poso Drive, Thursday, Pregnancy health -- Bakersfield Pregnancy Center's Im-

age Clear Ultrasound mobile unit will be in Shafter on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 2-5 p.m. Located at 341 Central Ave., Shafter (parking lot across from La Fonda). No appointments necessary.

FREE pregnancy test, first-trimester ultrasound, information and resources available.

Cop and Car - Kern County Sheriff's Office, Wasco substation, Coffee with a Cop and Car Exhibit, April 20, 8-10 a.m., at Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 603 E. St.

BC enrollment -- Bakersfield College is offering Wasco Express Enrollment. Bring high school or adult school transcript if available to 1445 Poso Drive, Wasco, Thursday, April 11, 4-7 p. m. Call 661-758-7414 or 661-720-2024 for

ONGOING

Senior lunch – Senior center serving meal Monday-Friday at 11:25 a.m., 1280 Poplar St.

MONDAY

Sewing crafts -- Sew-N-Sew. Come put your sewing talents to work, different sewing craft every time at the Wasco Library,1-2:30 p.m.

Movies -- After School Movie Time at the Wasco Library, 3:30-5 p.m. at the Wasco Library. Call for details, 661-661-2114.

Office hours -- Mayor Alex Garcia holds office hours on the second Monday beginning Feb. 11, 3-6 p.m., at 810

Rotary Club -- Wasco Rotary Club meets every Monday at the Wasco Recreation Center at noon.

Fishes & Loaves -- Free dinner every first Monday 5-7 p.m. at 408 Griffith Ave.

Adult education -- Enroll for classes at 1445 Poso Drive. High school diploma program, ESL, citizenship and Microsoft Office.

TUESDAY

Library activities -- Card Games, Puzzlemania, Lego Club Mania or Color Me Happy every Tuesday at the Wasco Library, 4-5:30 p.m. For questions, call 661-661-2114.

Woman's Club -- Meeting second Tuesday at noon until May at clubhouse, 1601 7th St.

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Wasco 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 Tribune, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** WHS 85th-year reunion for the school and 50th-year reunion for the class of 1940.



WUESD -- Wasco Union Elementary School District meets second Tuesday in the board room at 6:30 p.m.

Coloring -- Color Me Happy! At the Wasco Library from 4-5:30 p.m.

City Council -- Meets first and third Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on 8th Street.

WEDNESDAY

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) -- Come help us plan events that spark teen interest at the Wasco Library, April 24, 4-6 p.m. Art 101 -- Learn how to figure draw or paint landscapes at the Wasco Library, April 24, 3:30-5 p.m.

THURSDAY

Crossword fun -- At the Wasco Library, April 18, 4-6 p.m. Library Activities -- Color Me Happy, Lego Club Mania, Game On, Family Fun or Card Game Fun -- it's a different activity every Thursday at the Wasco Library, 4-5:30

p.m. For questions, call 661-758-2114. ACTS Class -- Alcohol and chemical treatment series meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Sounds of Pentecost,

2000 Palm Ave. Rides are available. Reading and crafts -- Family story time and crafts 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Wasco Library.

FRIDAY NEW: Seniors exercise -- Wasco Senior Center exercise class, starting at 10 a.m. 1280 Poplar St.

Art lessons -- Discover the art world with educational and entertaining art lessons with the Bakersfield Museum of Art at the Wasco Library April 26, 4-6 p.m.

Family Storytime & Crafts -- 3:30-5 p.m. at the Wasco

PET OF THE WEEK

Come play with Tarzan

Tarzan is looking for his forever family. He is a male German shephard mix about 10 months old. He weighs 40 pounds. He is shy at first but warms up quickly. He came in with six other dogs from an abandoned home. His number is AC19-204.

If you want to play with Tarzan, visit him at the Wasco Animal Shelter, 5409 7th St., or

call 661-758-7240.



Tarzan is a male German shephard

ARREST LOG

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

April 9

Daniel Raymond Torres, 34, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and 11th Street for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, possession of heroin for sales, maintaining a residence for the purpose of sales, intimidating a witness, participation in a criminal street gang, unlawful possession of a firearm, child endangerment, felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition and possession of stolen property. He was booked

into the Kern County Jail. Daniel Bojorquez Torres,

59, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1600 block of Poplar Avenue for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, resisting arrest, felon in possession of a firearm and felon in possession of ammunition. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Ernesto Juarez Marquez, 33, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 11th Street and Poplar Avenue for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, on four active misdemeanor warrants and being a felon in possession of live ammunition. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

April 10

Robert Goldston, 24, of Lancaster, was arrested at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Highway 46 on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

April 11

Martiza Ortiz, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2300 block of Camellia Street for battery. She was booked into the Kern Coun-

April 12

Manuel Magallanes, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Bay Meadow Drive for possession of controlled substance

EYE EXAMINATION

paraphernalia and possession of stolen property. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jose Coronado, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of G Street on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

April 13

Angel Ponce-Duenas, 27, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Beckes Street for battery. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Norma Garza, 55, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 7th Place for assault with a deadly weapon. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Joseph Castillo, 34, of Wasco, was arrested at the the scene.

intersection of E Street and 7th Street for scavenging. He was cited and released at



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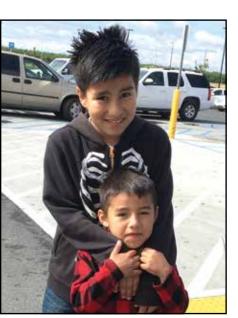
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"Because life is worth seeing"

Around the Town

Shoppers at Walmart and visitors to Starbucks were questioned by the Editor Toni DeRosa as to what their plans were for Easter Sunday.



Daniel Garcia (11) and Cristian Garcia (5) were shopping at Walmart with their mom Andrea Lomus. They are planning on spending the day with family.



Ponce (7th grade) were shopping at Walmart with their dad. He indicated the family would just stay at home with no special plans.



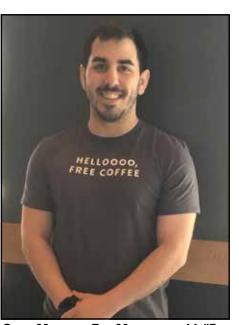
Meaghan Montoya from Starbucks said she would be working from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Easter Sunday. After work, the family will get together at the park. Usually, the day before Easter my mom and I PLANT jelly beans in the soil for my niece, so that on Easter, she comes over and sees that it grew into an egg.



Janet Angel also from Starbucks said she will be working and probably go home and take a nap. Her family will have a barbecue later in the day.



Andrew Murrieta from Starbucks said "I'll be having lunch with my family at a local park."



Store Manager Zac Margaret said, "For Easter, I'll be playing baseball with my family at a nearby park and hiding candy/money eggs around the park for my nieces to find."



Karina Hernandez from Starbucks said, "My plans for Easter are to go to church Sunday morning and spend the rest of the day with my family."



From left, sisters: Arise Pineda, Adelaide Pineda and Mireya Pineda said they would be spending the day with family.

Wasco resident celebrated with tea



From left (seated) Virginia Yursik, resident Mary Ellen Rexius, (back row) Lisa Edick, Janet Grundt, Betsy Rogers and Pat Ketcherside.

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The eldest Philanthropic Education Organization (P.E.O.) member to grace the doors of Shafter's Carrington House is a Wasco

resident. Ninety-nine-year-old Mary Ellen Rexius recently moved into Carrington House's Assisted Living because she was no longer able to get to all the meet-

The P.E.O. is well known for holding great meals and teas, so on March 22, Carrington House and the P.E.O., Chapter JT, partnered to hold a tea for Rexius and all the residents at Carrington House.

The P.E.O. took over an assortment of sandwiches, favorite foods, cookies, sweets, tea and coffee that were served to numerous friends, relatives and residents. It was a joy for P.E.O. members to participate in



P.E.O. members prepared a tea Mary Ellen Rexius.

this event, while being entertained by the talented vocals of Steve Woods, according to many in attendance.

"Steve Woods entertained the members of Carrington House with his humor and selection of classic songs," Barbara Ware said.

P.E.O. is an organization that promotes women in education," Ware commented. "It's affiliated with Cottey College in Nevada, Mo.. an independent women's liberal arts and sciences baccalaureate-granting college."



Due to extensive rains this Winter and Spring we are experiencing rapid weed growth throughout the city. Code compliance will be focusing on properties that have not taken proper action to cut weeds, and it is likely that due to the amount of rain there may be subsequent weed growth after initial cutting that will require a second round of weed removal. If you would like to report a code violation or have questions about weed abatement

please call 661-758-7213 or 758-7216.

WASCO RESIDENTS



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tus pertenencias como cosas, nosotros vemos las historias que vives con ellas. Además, estamos en el mismo barrio. LLÁMAME HOY.



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A large group of volunteers included Antony Sanchez, Bryan Carranza, Jose Zazleta, Jeremy Nunez, Raymond Verdugo, Edwin Quezada, Savannah Hicks, Alexander Mugallanes, Mark Perez, Jesus Zuniga, Jose Delgado, Zeila Alaniz, Haley Adams, Monique Rodriguez and Jaime Fernandez.



Part of Camilo Vasquez's clean-up crew, from left: Elizabeth Urbina, Jennifer Anaya and Hannah Dor-

Spring Clean-Up beautifies city

From Page 1

and had prepared instructions for all group leaders, plenty of garbage bags and enough pairs of gloves for everyone. Oldsters and youngsters alike worked together picking up trash and debris while walking alleyways within the city.

Helping out with the cleanup were City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez, Director of Public Works Biridiana Bishop, Human Resources Manager Nancy Vera, Code Enforcement Officer Sergio Gonzalez and



Code Compliance officer and organizer of the community clean-up Matt

many others representing the city.

American Refuse hauled everything, while Alianza Recycling and Recovery collected any items with a cord attached.

In addition to Wasco residents being present, two Shafter residents attended in order to scope out how the cleanup was organized. Angie Nelson and Shafter High student David Ortiz observed how Wasco's community cleanup ran. "I like Matt's organization and the way he has everything set up," Nelson commented. "He has great people skills."

Maldonado's father, Pastor Cain Maldonado, provided support for his son as he helped the community with the clean-up activities. Robert Abugan and Larry Erwin from Alianza Recycling and Recovery also aided in the cleanup by manning their large truck and assisting anyone who brought corded items to be disposed of. Anaya Urbina, Ashley Rodriguez, Dan-

iela Ruiz and Emily Rocha assisted Camilo Vasquez as he traversed the alleys from Highway 46 to 6th Street via Palm Avenue. Three eighth-grade Thomas Jefferson girls also helped Vasquez as he led his group from alley to alley.

The crews proceeded in lines gathering up garbage

At the beginning of the cleanup when instructions were being given, Maldonado announced a contest asking each group to post as many clean-up photos on Instagram as they could. The team with the most posts would win a T-shirt for each member of the team.

Seniors Tanya Robero, Thanya Romero, Victoria Bernal, Espie Garza, Yulianna Gonzalez and junior Sam Ochoa all took home a bright orange Community Clean-

Blue Sushi open its doors early to donate teriyaki chicken bowls for lunch for the vol-





A panoramic view of the entire group of volunteers. (Photo by Vincent Martinez)

Wasco man held in shooting of teen

A Wasco man was arrested Sunday in

the shooting of a teenager the day before. On Saturday at approximately 12:40 p.m., Kern County Sheriff's deputies out of the Wasco substation were dispatched to the 700 block of 16th Street after a report of a victim of a shooting. When deputies arrived, they located a 17-year-old male who had been shot in the chest. The juvenile was transported by ambulance to a local-area hospital for treatment, where it was determined his injuries were not life

Deputies determined that the shooting took place near the intersection of 16th Street and Street, where they located a spent 9mm shell casing. During their investigation, deputies determined 31-yearold Jose Coronado of Wasco was a person of interest. Coronado is on misdemeanor probation and subject to search for narcot-

On Sunday at about 2 p m., a Wasco substation deputy located Coronado riding a bicycle near 12th Street and Broadway. The deputy ordered Coronado to stop so he

could conduct a probation search and speak with him regarding the shooting. Coronado refused to comply with the deputy's orders, fled on his bicycle and threw a backpack he was wearing.

Coronado led the deputy in a brief pursuit and attempted to hide behind a vehicle before being taken into custody. Deputies located the backpack Coronado threw away and found it contained a loaded 9mm pistol, several rounds of 9mm ammunition and a

Deputies investigated further and devel-

oped probable cause to arrest Coronado for attempted murder, felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, destruction of evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest. Coronado was booked into the Sheriff's Office

Central Receiving Facility. Anyone with additional information regarding this investigation (2019-00058667) is asked to contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office at 661-861-32110 or Secret

Witness at 661-322-4040. —Kern County Sheriff's Department

Dog stolen after assault, man arrested

Maldonado.

From Page 1 two suspects as 30-year-old Jaziel Santos and 34-year-old Daniel Torres. According to the sheriff's office, a felony arrest warrant was issued for their arrest, charging them both with assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, conspiracy to commit a crime and participating in a criminal street gang. On Tuesday, April 9, Wasco deputies located Torres at Barker Park

and arrested him without incident. Shortly after, deputies served a search warrant at his residence in the 1600 block of Poplar Avenue. During the search warrant's execution, deputies located gang indicia - a printed message -- a stolen firearm and approximately one ounce of heroin and evidence of narcotics sales. Torres was booked into the Sheriff's Office Central Receiving Facility for his felony warrant in ad-

dition to various weapons and nar-

cotics violations. Santos and the stolen pit bull are still at large. Santos is described as a Hispanic male, 5-feet-10 and 160 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Anyone with additional information regarding this investigation (2019-00055561) is requested to contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office at 661-861-3110 or the Secret Witness 661-322-4040.





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PASTOR'S CORNER: A Special Easter message

Why not open the cage

door of unforgiveness

and release the person or

persons who have hurt you?

Easter is time to set captives free

PASTOR JIM NEAL

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, Your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." – Mahatma Gandhi

I heard a speaker say one time that the worst thing a person can do when starting a speech, sermon or an article such as this is to begin with an apology. But here goes. You will please forgive me as I share on

the subject of forgiveness. You see, I have had a very full week, with this subject taking center stage on each turn. And then on top of that we are at the beginning of Christ's "Passion week" that culminated in the ultimate act of forgiveness.

I'll spare you the gory details, only to say I have experienced it first-hand, in a group presentation concerning the hideous crime of human trafficking, and then a climatic viewing of the movie "Unbroken: Pathway to Redemption." If you haven't seen this movie or the original, simply entitled "Unbroken," let me fervently recommend them

to you

This concept, the one of forgiveness or lack thereof, is not a new challenge to mankind. It has been forever in the forefront for all of us as we wrestle with the test of its emotions throughout our lifetimes. Many times, we have heard

it said or have even uttered the words, "I'll forgive you, but I will never forget!!" That statement is a two-edged sword that tests and tries our humanness of every side, doesn't it?

We know we should forgive and truly want to, but that conniving memory of ours keeps reminding us of the wrong that has been thrust upon us. And if we give it place and emotionalize those feelings, we are never truly freed from the clutches of its many tentacles.

May I shed some light on this matter by

saying "You will never forget." But then how do we truly forgive? Glad you asked.

When God says He forgives and forgets, what is He saying? As the omniscient God, can He truly forget? I say "no," as God He cannot forget anything; however, what He is saying is that He will no longer hold it in our account. He simply credits it to the account of Christ in our

justification.

To forgive and to

forget means then
to "no longer hold
it in the other persons account." You
see, we all keep accounts concerning
wrongs or perceived

wrongs done against us. That account can get mighty full and burdensome if there are never any conscious withdrawals. I read it said, "When a deep injury is done to us, we never recover until we forgive." Add an addendum to that statement: "by emptying their account."

It might help to remember this little thought: "Unforgiveness (like any negative emotion) is an acid that does more damage

to the vessel in which it is stored (you) than on the victim on whom it is poured." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had this topic in mind when he was quoted saying, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

As believers in the finished work of Christ's Calvary, and as we approach Easter, why not open the cage door of unforgiveness and release the person or persons who have hurt you the most, freeing them of the bitterness and malice that you have been harboring for way too long and granting them the "pardon of withdrawal." Set them free and not only watch but personally experience the liquid love of forgiveness wash over the both of you.

Yes, it has been aptly stated so many years ago, "To err is human and to forgive divine." Why not have the greatest Easter season you can possibly have by setting the captives free?

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



Sergio Gonzalez relaxes in his office after a successful community clean-up.

Gonzalez makes life better

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boy and a girl.

After graduating from Wasco High, Gonzalez went to work for Bank of America, beginning as a teller and working his way up to a personal banker. He did that for six years.

When it was time for a change, he

left BofA and worked for a Ford dealership in Shafter. That job lasted until the dealership closed; then he returned to the bank There was an internal pull inside

Gonzalez leading him toward a career move in which he would be able to give back to the community in which he was raised. He applied for a position as a code compliance officer in Wasco and was hired. So far, he's been with the city for about five years. "I thought it would be good to work in

the city where I grew up," Gonzalez aid.

Gonzalez describes his job as

mainly property management within the city. "We drive up and down the streets and check up on whether or not the properties are being correctly maintained," Gonzalez said. "We make sure there are no weeds overtaking the yards, no debris piled in the front yard and that there are running utilities in each residence."

In addition, Gonzalez stated that code compliance officers keep a look out for rodent infestations.

"It's all about quality of life," Gonzalez said. "We want everyone in the city to be able to have a good quality of life. We want everyone to know there are agencies that can help if times are tough."

Basically, Gonzalez code compliance officers enforce the city's laws. But there's more to their jobs.

"If a resident is experiencing difficulties, we have a list of agencies we can refer them to," Gonzalez added. For Gonzalez, working for the city

of Wasco, his family and his faith are

what keep him motivated to continually give back.

In addition to his job, family and faith, Gonzalez has a love for baseball—Dodger baseball, that is. Prior to getting

faith, Gonzalez has a love for baseball—Dodger baseball, that is. Prior to getting married, he and his wife toured baseball parks around the United States. He can say he's been to Wrigley Field in Chicago, Fenway Park in Boston, Yankee Stadium in New York (before they tore it down) and several others.

"We did the traveling before we

had kids," Gonzalez laughed.

Family Auto helping people

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

Jose Aspericueta Silverio wants you to come into one of his two used car lots and leave with a shiny, highly polished and mechanically sound vehicle.

He's had the Wasco lot for eight years and the one in Delano for four, and he's got a wide variety of cars to meet every budget.

The least-expensive car he has sold is a 2012 Ford Fiesta for \$3,900 and the most-expensive one was a 2016 Z71 Chevy pickup for \$45,000. "The oldest car I have on the lot is a 2005," he says.

In order to qualify for a vehicle, Silverio says, "No credit is OK. We even have options for people with bad credit."

"My greatest joy is being able to help someone who comes in afraid they won't qualify for a car," Silverio said. "I feel so happy when I can do this for the customer."

One special thing he is able to offer are low-priced cars. Silverio has about 130 cars to choose from between the two lots, and each one has been checked out by his mechanic before it is driven off the lot.

He purchases his vehi-

cles from Bakersfield, Los Angeles and San Francisco. "My reputation is im-

portant to me," Silverio said. "If you leave the lot and then have a problem, I don't want that. I would rather you leave and not have any problems at all."

But he is realistic; cars

have problems, but when they do, you need a good mechanic who will be truthful with you about what is wrong with your car. Wasco Family Auto of-

fers full maintenance on vehicles such as brakes, tuneups, air conditioners, etc.

Silverio brought up

those "forever cars," like

Toyotas. "People will come

in and look for a new car because they are tired of the color or they want a different model," he said. "Even though their car might be in great shape, they are just tired of it."

Prior to owning his two car lots, Silverio worked in the oil fields; however, he found himself buying and selling cars on his days off. He's always been interested in cars.

He is excited about re-

He is excited about remodeling his Wasco lot. He wants it to look sharp with new paint and a new office. He loves having his lot filled with cars because it gives customers more to choose from.

"My internet business does very well," he said. "In fact, that is where most of my business comes from." Silverio shared how he

got the name for his lots.



From left, Employees Serwind Arroyo and Jack "Junior" Sidhu.

He met a man in Los Angeles who owned a car lot called Family Auto. "He impressed me so much with his knowledge and work ethic, when I opened my

lot, I asked him if I could use his lot's name and he said yes."

Wasco Family Auto is located at 1102 Highway 46. They can be reached at 661-758-8376, and they are open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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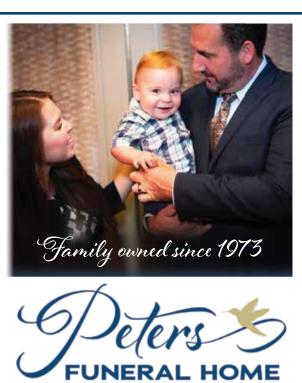
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LEGAL NOTICES

Fictitious Business Name Statement Jerry's Farm Labor Contracting, INC. 2019-B2236

29351 Whisler Road Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 29351 Whisler Road Wasco, CA 93280 Jerry's Farm Labor Contracting, INC 29351 Whisler Road

Wasco, CA 93280 State of Incorporation or Organiza-

The business is conducted by: Cor-

Date the business commenced: 03/01/2004

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/Blanca N. Garcia Date Statement Filed: 04/01/2019 Date Statement Expires: 04/01/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/N Franco Publish Wasco Tribune April 4, 11, 18,

25, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 18-55123 APN: 488-072-12-00-6

You are in Default under a Deed OF TRUST DATED 10/15/2014. UN-LESS 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.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. 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

greater on the day of sale. Trustor: FRANCISCO MILAN AGUILAR JR., A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY

of Sale) reasonably estimated to be

set forth below. The amount may be

Duly Appointed Trustee: Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 10/21/2014, as Instrument No. 000214130999, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Kern County, California,

Date of Sale:5/6/2019 at 10:00 AM

Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the City Hall, 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$141,215.39 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property:

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WASCO, CA 93280

Described as follows:

As more fully described in the Deed A.P.N #.: 488-072-12-00-6

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

may hold more than one mortgage or

deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-866-539-4173 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkauction. com, using the file number assigned to this case 18-55123. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the

scheduled sale. Dated: 4/1/2019

Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP, as

30 Corporate Park, Suite 450 Irvine, CA 92606 For Non-Automated Sale Information,

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4173 www.servicelinkauction.com Michael Busby, Trustee Sale Officer This office is enforcing a security interest of your creditor. To the ex-

tent that your obligation has been discharged by a bankruptcy court or is subject to an automatic stay of bankruptcy, this notice is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a demand for payment or any attempt to collect such obligation EPP 28611 Pub Dates 04/11, 04/18,

04/25/2019 Publish Wasco Tribune April 11, 18,

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT **OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME Villa Hedging & Topping**

2121 Persimmon St Wasco, CA 93280 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 2121 Persimmon St

Wasco, CA 93280 Jaime Villa 2121 Persimmon St

Wasco, CA 93280

Daniella Elizabeth Villa Barboza 2121 Persimmon St

Wasco, CA 93280 I declare that all the information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) Business was conducted by: General

/s/Daniella Elizabeth Villa Barboz,

Original FBN Statement File Number: 2014-B1485 Original FBN Statement Filed on:

03/01/2019 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/01/2019 MARY B. BEDARD Auditor-Controller-

County Clerk By: /s/J Bojorquez, Deputy Publish Wasco Tribune April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

Fictitious Business Name Statement **Villa Topping & Hedging** 2019-B2243

2121 Persimmon St Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 2121 Persimmon St Wasco, CA 93280 Daniella Elizabeth Villa Barboza 2121 Persimmon St Wasco, CA 93280 Jaime Villa

2121 Persimmon St Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Gen-

eral Partnership Date the business commenced: 04/01/2019

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Daniella Villa Date Statement Filed: 04/01/2019 Date Statement Expires: 04/01/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/J Bojoquez Publish Wasco Tribune April 11, 18,

25, May 2, 2019

Fictitious Business Name Statement **Fernandez Great Deals** 2019-B1883

407 11th Ave Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 1109 Dover St Delano, CA 93215 Luis Francisco Barboza

1109 Dover St Delano, CA 93215 Mayra Azucena Fernandez Santos 1109 Dover St

Delano, CA 93215 The business is conducted by: Mar-

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/Mayra A. Fernandez Date Statement Filed: 03/15/2019 Date Statement Expires: 03/15/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Wasco Tribune April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

Fictitious Business Name Statement Jennifer Gardiner Books 2019-B2156

29341 Kimberlina Road Wasco, CA 93280

Mailing address of business: PO Box 1200 Wasco, CA 93280 Jennifer Gardiner 24747 Sullivan Road Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Indi-

Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the

use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seg., business and professions code.) /s/Jennifer Gardiner

Date Statement Filed: 03/27/2019 Date Statement Expires: 03/27/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/A Zubeldia Publish Wasco Tribune April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2019

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT **OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME Daredia Group**

900 Truxtun Suite 230 Bakersfield, CA 93301 County: KERN

Mailing address of business: 9010 Long Island Dr Bakersfield, CA 93311 Daredia Group, INC. 900 Truxtun Suite 230

Bakersfield, CA 93301 I declare that all the information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as information, which he or she knows

Business was conducted by: Corpo-/s/Ali Daredia, President Original FBN Statement File Number:

to be false, is guilty of a crime.)

2018-B8685 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 12/06/2018

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/04/2019 MARY B. BEDARD Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/J Garcia Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2019

> **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Daredia Group 2019-B2366 Ali Daredia 2019-B2367

Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25, May 2, 2019

900 Truxtun Suite 230 Bakersfield, CA 93311

900 Truxtun Suite 230 Bakersfield, CA 93311 State of Incorporation or Organiza-

The business is conducted by: Cor-

Date the business commenced: 01/01/2019 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Ali Daredia, President Date Statement Filed: 04/04/2019 Date Statement Expires: 04/04/2024

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/J Garcia Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25,

May 2, 9, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE PUBLISHING OF ORDINANCES IN**

I, Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk of the City of Wasco, declare that the following urgency ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on July 7, 2015. ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - 651

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAS-CO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 643 AND WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE SEC-TION 13.22.050 TO PREVENT A LOSS OF WATER PRESSURE THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE FIRE SUPPRESSION AND CITIZEN SURVEY.

business hours.

this Ordinance in summary form in accordance with law, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of July 2015 by the following vote: AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 2019

Mailing address of business: STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT 900 Truxtun Suite 230 Bakersfield, CA 93311 Daredia Group, INC 1841 Bay Meadow Dr. Wasco, CA 93280 County: KERN Mailing address of business: P.O. Box 487 Wasco, CA 93280 Esteban Almanza Vera 1841 Bay Meadow Dr. Wasco, CA 93280 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: Indi-/s/Esteban Almanza Vera, owner

Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

SUMMARY FORM

Due to the length of this ordinance, it is being summarized as follows. Amending ordinance #643 and Wasco Municipal Code Section 13.22.050 to prevent a loss of water pressure that could jeopardize fire suppression and citizen safety. The original ordinance is available for review at the office of the City Clerk, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA during regular The City Clerk is ordered to publish

Original FBN Statement File Number: 2018-B1556 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 03/05/2019 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/10/2019 MARY B. BEDARD Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco, deputy Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25,

Fictitious Business Name Statement **One Step Tiling** 2019-B2498 1841 Bay Meadow Dr.

OF USE OF FICTITIOUS

BUSINESS NAME

One Step Tiling

Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: P.O. Box 487 Wasco, CA 93280 Esteban Almanza Vera

1841 Bay Meadow Dr.

May 2, 9, 2019

Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Indi-

Date the business commenced: 04/10/2019 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

/s/Esteban Almanza Vera Date Statement Filed: 04/10/2019 Date Statement Expires: 04/10/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/N Franco May 2, 9, 2019

Publish Wasco Tribune April 18, 25,

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ANOTHER VIEW

We live in a diverse

community. I represent a

diverse district. My goal

is to make sure I represent

everyone and that we

hear your concerns.

County's role in immigration

SUPERVISOR DAVID COUCH

This week I wanted to discuss what seems to be the most controversial issue in our nation at this moment: immigration. It's important for all of us to understand the roles of all the different jurisdictions of government so that we can better know where one goes to get the results we want. As part of that, I have made it a goal of our office to better understand immigration law and policy and to understand where the county fits in this equation.

As part of that education process, District 4 staff including myself have attended seminars and met with experts on immigration. As it turns out, immigration law is considered the second-most complex set of laws, just behind tax law.

This week we toured the Mesa Verde Detention Facility and an ICE-funded facility in Bakersfield. The facility holds undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers until their court-determined immigration status is decided. I wanted to make sure conditions were humane for our undocumented detainees within that facility.

During my tour, I was accompanied by attorneys from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the United Farmworkers Foundation (UFWF). I saw nothing that made me fear for the safety and well-being of these detainees while they were in the custodial care of ICE and its contractor for the facility, GEO. Nor did the ACLU or UFWF attorneys express grave concerns about the facility's operation.

To be clear, the county has no jurisdictional authority over this facility. The facility, and immigration in general, is driven by federal and state rules.

The county doesn't make immigration law, although it is bound to follow the laws established. While the circumstances that led to the need for a detention facility of this sort is unfortunate, the positive benefit of this facility being here is that families can visit (and

they do) without having to travel far away. This would cause additional stress on an already unfortunate experience. The county does have a role regarding

immigration, and we coordinate closely with the ACLU, UFWF and other agencies to make sure this role is followed correctly. Some new state laws have arisen that re-

quire the county to be transparent and limit

communication with ICE as prescribed by law. For instance, we may have inmates in our county jail that are undocumented. The law establishes that the county does not notify ICE of these undocumented people's status unless these undocumented people have committed more serious crimes. The county needs to have policies in

place that show compliance with the state law. We have met regu-

larly with immigrant rights' groups, the Kern County counsel and the Sheriff's Office to make sure we are in compliance with the law and that we are transparent. As part of this transparency that is required by law, a public meeting is mandated, called the TRUTH forum, that al-

lows the public to address their concerns. Our first TRUTH forum ever was con-

ducted at the Board of Supervisors meeting last December. This year, as the chair of the board, I have asked that we move this meeting up, and we have an evening and night session at the Board of Supervisors chambers so that the public can have an opportunity to address its concerns. This meeting is



being scheduled for early May. I welcome you all to attend. We live in a diverse community. I repre-

sent a diverse district. My goal is to make sure I represent everyone and that we hear your concerns. Take advantage of this public forum, the TRUTH forum, to address your concerns regarding this hot issue. Better yet, take advantage of our weekly Board of Supervisors meetings to address any issue regarding county government. That is one reason why we have these meetings to get the public's input.

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David Couch is Kern County supervisor in the 4th District.

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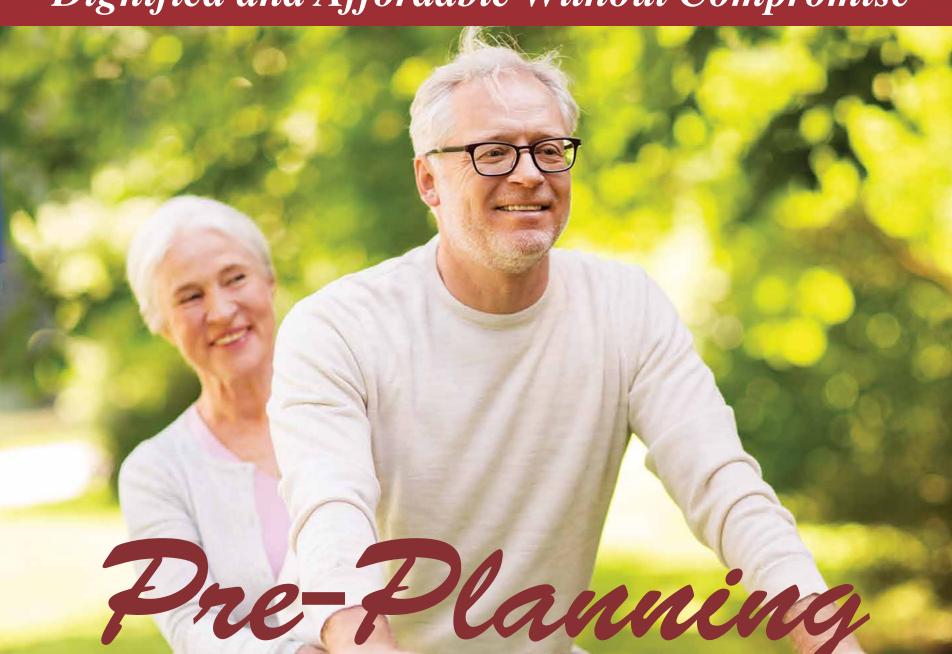
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