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Cities deal with virus \$



Chris and Letty Rivera with their seven grandchildren before the pandemic.

Council looks for stabilization

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The City Council is preparing to deal with a dramatic reduction in revenue due to the coronavirus pandemic. City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez will go over a budget stabilization plan at a workshop on Thursday, April 16, that will reflect the ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Gonzalez said at a previous meeting that they were looking into the different services the city provides and determining what will happen with those services moving forward. He categorized the services as mandatory, core and discretionary services. "Discretionary services are the wants, or feel good services. We will look at those and determine if they will be reinstated or perhaps budgeted for the upcoming 2020-2021 budget," he said.

Gonzalez has not specified what services are considered discretionary.

At Tuesday night's virtual meeting over the internet, Gonzalez said the Public Health Department had sent out inspectors in recent days, looking into what nonessential businesses still were operating in Shafter and giving them stern warnings on the need for them to stop oper-

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Making the masks

Couple donates hundreds to community

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

During this time of quarantine and isolation, a local couple has taken it upon themselves to give back to their community by making protective masks.

Chris and Letty Rivera aren't your average couple next door. When the virus spread locally and people started searching for protective face gear, Letty and Chris devised a solution.

Letty is a seamstress and realized she could help by making masks. So far, she has made over 800 face masks and is proud to be able to give.

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According to Letty, she made 100 by herself in the first week. Now, her mother comes over to help. "We've delivered them to medical clinics, a dialysis center on Oswell in Bakersfield and to Albertsons."

Letty said they have taken care of their neighbors by giving them with masks.

She has been working on an order for 300 masks, and when she is finished with that, she'll begin concentrating on making them for local essential workers, such as

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Note to readers

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune are facing the same thing our readers and advertisers are living with - big changes in the world around them.

In order to best serve our communities with limited staff and limited mobility, we have combined the papers temporarily to publish the news you need and get it to you quickly. Between the print edition and our web sites - TheShafterPress.com and WascoTrib.com - our reporters and editors are working to that end every day.

You can still pick up the paper at locations that remain open during the pandemic

Your comments are appreciated. Please contact the publisher, Michael Schroeder, at 860-839-3389 or mschroeder@TheShafterPress.com.

WWII veteran, 98, came back home

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

After seeing the world, a Wasco soldier chose to return to Wasco.

Born in October of 1921, Jess Lopez grew up in Wyoming. He was only educated until the third grade because his father needed his help working in the fields in order to provide for the family.

"At 19 years old, I joined the United States Army," he said. "That's when I became an American citizen."

Lopez said his fondest memory of that time was looking at the Golden Gate Bridge as they sailed to Japan. "It took us 25 days

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to arrive."

Overall, Lopez appreciated his military experience. He enjoyed meeting people and the experience showed him that life wasn't so simple. "I realized freedom isn't given, it's earned," he said.

One of his brothers, brother, Alfonso, died as a result of a war injury while also serving overseas.

Upon leaving the Army, Lopez returned to California and lived in Greenfield with his family. He drove a truck for several

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Jess Lopez looks at a picture of himself in uniform.

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661-746-2619
Open every day
8 a.m.—9 p.m.

Tony's Firehouse Restaurant

300 E. Lerdo Hwy.
661-746-9244
Open every day
11 a.m.-7 p.m.

El Michoacano

237 Central Ave.
661-746-4872

La Fonda Taqueria and Mariscos

358 Central Ave.
661-746-0034

Don Pepe's Bar & Grill

301 E. Lerdo Hwy.
661-746-6183

China Cuisine

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661-746-3266

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Rocy's Mexican Food

1157 7th St.
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La Fonda

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Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Tomas and Fannie Saldana picking cotton for the Bidart Bros. company of Shafter, around 1960.



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ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

MARCH 31

Marcos Peter Rosales Gomez, 29, of Shafter, was arrested for robbery in the second degree and trespassing on public business property.

APRIL 2

Jesus Rayas Flores, 52, of Shafter, arrested in the 500 Lopez Ave. for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance and disorderly conduct: under the influence.

APRIL 4

Alexander Jaaziel Garibay, 23, of Shafter, was arrested for burglary in the first degree and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Rogelio Barajas, 31, of Shafter, was arrested for burglary in the first degree, conspiracy to commit a crime, destroying evidence, obstruction of a public officer and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

Luciano Cruz, 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Pine Street for

DUI.

APRIL 5

Reina Serria, 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Sunset Avenue for possession of a controlled substance, obstruction of a public officer and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

BUTTONWILLOW

APRIL 4

David Fajardo, 28, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 400 block of Milo Avenue in Buttonwillow for violation of a served domestic violence restraining order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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

MARCH 30

Christopher Rodriguez, 24, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block

of 6th Street in Wasco for burglary, being in possession of stolen property and grand theft. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 4

Francis Schmidt, 51, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Cabernet Drive in Wasco for battery. He was cited and released.

Nathaniel Rios, 25, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 2500 block of Highway 46 in Wasco for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and shoplifting. He was cited and released at the scene.

APRIL 5

Kenneth Irvin Porter, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Cypress Avenue in Wasco for trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Schools out, but students, staff still in touch



Parents and students stood outside and waved to their Forrest staff. (Submitted photo)

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Different schools on the Wasco Union Elementary School District staff have been gathering in their cars at the home school and parading around their neighborhoods' students homes for the last several weeks.

But it doesn't seem likely there will graduation ceremonies this year.

Superintendent Kelly Richers provided an update on Tuesday morning after the district met.

"At this time there are no plans to hold a graduation ceremony for eighth graders," he said. "There will be no summer school, and we don't know if school will start in August, but are planning on that happening."

On Friday, Clemens, Teresa Burke, James A. Forrest and John L. Prueitt staff, maintaining a safe distance, gathered to form long vehicle parades and drove through their school site's neighborhood to greet their students and touch base with them. Many cars had balloons and large signs in their windows wishing students well and honking their horns as they rounded street corners. Kids were beaming from ear to ear seeing their teachers in a parade.

Palm Avenue Middle School took to Facebook and staff spread their message via the internet with words of love, caring and praise for each student. Instructors, staff and administrators shared their feelings on how much they missed their students and gave them uplifting messages to keep them working hard during this time.

Superintendent Kelly Richers said that academic coaches are working on weekly outlines for students to use their workbooks to complete assignments. "Each student at grades 1-5 have consumable workbooks that they will use to complete assignments," he said. "At the [same] time we are handing out Chromebooks for grades 6-8 who have internet connections. Unfortunately, this will only be about 50% of the students in middle school, which is the surveyed number who have internet."

He added that the remainder will use four subject-consumable workbooks. Teachers will provide lessons via Google classroom or other venues that have been identified for internet lessons.

Vice Principal Zachery Ellis asked that all eighth graders swing by Palm Avenue and say hi to their eighth-grade teachers and let them know how they are doing.

After Governor Newsom's announcement and the recommendation of the State Superintendent of Schools that schools remain closed for the rest of the current school year.

Principals of the two middle schools, Thomas Jefferson (Danny Arellano) and Palm Avenue (Oscar Luna) announced that the district will continue with providing distance learning opportunities for all students for the last seven weeks of the school year.

"We will continue to provide weekly work in the form of workbooks, but also online for anyone who has internet access from home," Arellano said. "For example, students in 6th to 8th grade will be able to borrow a Chromebook device to do their assignments via Google Classroom, and we are encouraging all students who have internet access to utilize district reading software from home."

"Academic coaches are currently working on weekly outlines for students to use their workbooks to complete assignments," Richers said.

Palm and TJ middle schools will be providing an opportunity to drive through and pick up a device on Tuesday, April 14, through Thursday, April 16, from 10:30-12:30."

The Palm pickup location will be the cafeteria parking lot, and the TJ pick-up location will be the bus loading zone near the gym.

In other school news, Principal Stephanie Trickey from Maple School District said that their students have been completing work packets that were sent home the last day of school.

"We will be distributing Chromebooks on Tuesday, April 14, for all students," Trickey said.

"Our students are doing great," she said.



A Teresa Burke supporter. (Submitted photo)

Help from Don Pepe's

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Don Pepe's Restaurant and owner Jose Martinez not only cooked up good food this past week, but also cooked up some good old community spirit.

Martinez had decided to close its doors amid the coronavirus situation to redo the floors of the restaurant. Looking at what they had, Martinez decided that they would cook the food and give it away to the community.

Residents started lining up at 10 a.m., and they served plates of food,

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including chile verde and enchiladas until 3 p.m. Martinez said that on Wednesday they served around 300 meals.

Don Pepe's has been a mainstay in Shafter for several years, with the restaurant having a rebirth in 2017 when Martinez took it over, rebuilding an eatery that had become stagnant under the old ownership amid personal problems.

"We love this community, and we do everything we can to help them," Martinez said.

On Thursday, there was another line of people waiting for the to-go plates offered. With Chef Miguel Alcaraz and Manager Pedro Flores, the restaurant has been serving people all week. Originally the idea was to use up the food that they would have lost with their doors closed for the re-vamping. But the response was overwhelming, and the plan changed. "At first we were just going to cook up the food we had on hand, giving back to the community. But the response was so big that we ended up going out and buying more food so we could finish off the week."



League Director Andrew Dunn

Reserve to start late

Not only has the coronavirus interrupted the school year, it has also led to the cancellation of athletic events that were to take place in the summer, such as swimming, baseball and even football practice.

Wasco Union Independent School District Superintendent Kelly Richers said he wasn't even sure if school would start on time in August.

Pecos League Director Andrew Dunn

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reported that due to the COVID-19 quarantine, Reserve players would not be starting practice until June 20 this year.

"We only have the field until August 1, when the kids head back to school," Dunn said. Many players in the league are students.

—Toni DeRosa

Couple working to make masks

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those in law enforcement and the medical field.

"People have offered money for the masks," she said. "I don't want money for them." Instead, she is happy when people donate material.

Letty and Chris are both retired. He is a former prison employee and knows how important the masks are to the prison population and staff. "I have so many friends in the prison system," he said. "We want this over with, so we can go back to normal and be with our family."

The Riveras have seven grandchildren and three on the way. "I miss not being able to see my grandkids," Chris said. "We used to see them every week but now we can't."



Masks packaged and ready for pickup.

State takes action on coronavirus

State Sen. Melissa Herrera last week offered these updates on the state's coronavirus actions:

Medical supplies. Gov.Gavin Newsom launched a website, [covid19supplies.ca.gov](https://www.covid19supplies.ca.gov), to get critical supplies to the front line of California's fight against the COVID-19 crisis. The website allows individuals and companies to donate, sell or offer to manufacture 13 of the most essential medical supplies.

COVID-19 Testing Task Force. The governor has announced a public-private collaboration that will work with stakeholders across the state to quickly and significantly boost California's testing capacity.

Alternate care sites. California is making progress in securing additional beds to treat COVID-19 patients and relief pressure on the health care delivery system. The governor announced California has already secured up to 4,613 additional beds at alternate care sites and shuttered hospitals to care for an anticipated surge in COVID-19 patients, with even more capacity being finalized.

Childcare resources. In response to COVID-19, the governor has announced allowing the California Department of Education and California Department of Social Services the flexibility to waive certain programmatic and administrative requirements for childcare for children of essential critical infrastructure workers.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds. OnwardCA.org is a one stop resource for Californians impacted by job loss due to COVID-19.

Property tax. Counties will use all existing authority to cancel penalties and other charges for homeowners, small businesses and other property owners that are unable to pay their property taxes due to circumstances caused by COVID-19 on a case-by-case basis. However, property owners who can pay or that haven't been directly affected by COVID-19, including international corporations and out-of-state landlords, still need to pay on time to keep critical government services running.

Price gouging. The governor expanded consumer protection against price gouging as California continues to respond to COVID-19. His executive order prohibits sellers of any kind from increasing prices on food, consumer goods, medical or emergency supplies, and certain other items more than 10%.

Distance learning. The governor announced a major agreement between teachers, classified employees, school boards, superintendents and principals to work together to provide distance learning to California's students as a result of school closures due to mitigation efforts against the COVID-19 outbreak. The agreement means more kids will be able to get school resources, such as quality instruction, and empowers teachers to create lessons within clear parameters.

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County on the job as we are sheltered

We are going into another week of the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order, and I believe Kern County is doing great in terms of complying with Gov. Gavin Newsom's order.

But our numbers of those testing positive continue to increase. At the time of this writing, we had our first fatality, in our District 4 community of Delano, and I think we all know we're not done yet. Sadly, there is more to come, but let's follow the guidelines we've been given and stay as safe as possible.

Many of you in the district, as well as many county employees, continue working during this emergency, and I thought I'd give you a quick update on county activities while you do your best to stay safe. Our Public Works Department put out an update on its activities during this emergency. Many of its functions are considered essential.

Other departments still working include:

- Most waste facilities are operating, though some may be operating on a reduced schedule
- Roads and traffic divisions
- Wastewater plants
- Building inspectors, although they have modified their procedures, as has our

permitting section, switching to online procedures

- Engineers and construction teams
- Code compliance is closed to the public, but complaints can be submitted online

For more detailed information on public works activities, check out the county website and click on the Public Works Department. Much thanks to this group, all the county departments and our essential employees that keep working through these challenging times.

The department you're most likely to see in the forefront during this is the Public Health Department, which is leading our county's response to the emergency.

This week, officials are recommend-

ing to us, the Board of Supervisors, that we proclaim a local health emergency. This proclamation gives the Public Health Department greater powers to enforce the

governor's executive orders. In particular, Public Health will have the authority to issue orders related to communicable disease control, develop and implement plans to work with partners to ensure targeted populations have access to medications and vaccines needed to contain the outbreak, and access resources from the state and federal government.

Daily, the department is providing timely updates on how many in the county have been

afflicted, tested and where these cases are occurring. This number changes frequently and helps all of us to gauge how severe is

this event in the county and where we are being hit the hardest. You can go to the Kern County website at kerncounty.com and check this out yourself.

While this emergency is frightening and may make some folks react as if it's everyone for themselves, I am heartened by the continuing and overwhelming stories from families and workers throughout Kern County who are remaining resolute during this crisis and working together to keep us all safe. You are the heroes in this crisis, and our hearts are filled with gratitude at your willingness to serve your community, save lives and work united. I hope this lesson — that we are all united and that we take care of each other — is the one we take with us once we get past this time of crisis. It's a lesson we all need to learn.

If you have any questions, our office is working through this crisis and we can help you get your business with the county moving forward. Just call us at 661-868-3680 or email us at district4@kerncounty.com. Be safe.

David Couch is Kern County supervisor, representing the 4th District, including Shafter and Wasco. The opinions expressed in his column are not necessarily those of the papers or their management.



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FOCUS ON LOCAL BUSINESS

Fatuncle farms isn't all about nuts

Switch to grains for farming family

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

This time last year, Fatuncle farms was all about almonds; however, that's changed in this new day and age. Fatuncle farms is part of a family company that has been farming for four generations. Their goal is to create a

recently begun to grow grains for use in food and beverages.

Wasco resident and employee Camilo Vasquez has been called the kitchen manager, inventory manager, cook, cooking instructor and public relations guy.

"We originally grew and sold different flavored almonds," he said. "With the way things are changing, we are now specializing in grains"

He said that people use grains for different consumables such as beer, pastries and bread.

Vasquez has been with Fatuncle farms for 10 years. He is also in charge of the local farmers market that is open during the summer months.



Santiago Vasquez, Camilo Vasquez, Nathaniel Salas and Darren Armstrong at one of the Wasco farmers markets.

Vasquez used to host healthy cooking demonstrations at the Wasco library the first Wednesday of every month; however, he's uncertain if that will continue once the quarantine is over.

"I've been updating

myself on different cooking modules that will become part of my

said. He was an instrumental part of the District Garden Project at Palm Avenue, which was a reward-

ing experience for him. "I learned so much being a part of that project," he said.

"My mission is to produce food environmentally in a responsible way," Vasquez said.

Because Bakersfield College doesn't have classes in session now, his schooling has taken a back seat to his job.

Fatuncle farms is located at 14833 Annin Ave. in Wasco. They can be reached at (866-290-0219.

"My mission is to produce food environmentally in a responsible way"

-Camilo Vasquez, Fatuncle farms



A bag of almonds that Fatuncle farms sells at farmers markets throughout California.

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Mainly known for their variety of flavored almonds, they have

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Shafter plans budget reset

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ation. He also said that the Shafter Police Department will also be reminding businesses that they are not to be open unless they are deemed "essential."

The city is discouraging residents from using the city's parks during this Easter weekend, especially in groups larger than 10 people.

There was nothing said about friends gathering for the Easter holiday, but the city's website reminds residents that visitors should not be in homes, even if they are friends, family that does not live at the residence or other residents. No gatherings are recommended at a person's house, even if everyone is family and have no symptoms or are negative for the coronavirus.

Another point that will be dis-

cussed at the workshop is the loss of sales tax that is and will be experienced by the city of Shafter.

Gonzalez informed the Council that there is a program that is helping small businesses in California by allowing them to defer up to \$50,000 of sales tax to an interest-free 12-month payment plan.

Offered by the California Department of Taxes and Fees Administration, this will allow businesses with less than \$5 million in taxable annual sales to defer the payment of that tax.

"This will mean a double-whammy for the city," Gonzalez said. "We not only lose that sales tax revenue in the immediate, we will also lose the money perhaps for the remainder of the year. We will get the revenue, but it can take up to 12 months to get it."

Councilmember Manuel Garcia

thanked Public Works Director Michael James and his crew on getting the street sweeper operational and going again, and also praised the Shafter Police Department for its presence in town and their performance in the city.

On that note, Chief Kevin Zimmermann said that his officers have continued to serve the city with the same dedication and ability throughout this time and have cracked down even further on speeders in residential neighborhoods, as well as other traffic situations in the city. He also informed the council that his department also is working on an investigation that involves a large amount of theft. "I cannot go into specifics because it is an active and fluid investigation, but it involves hundreds of stolen items," he said.

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A WWII vet came home

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and received his first farm labor contracting license in 1954.

"I owned my own farm labor contracting business, 'Jess H. Lopez FLC' from 1954 to 2001," he said.

Lopez's family moved to Wasco in 1958, and he has considered Wasco his home ever since.

Retired for several years, Lopez shared that he is "most proud of my family, and of the great men and women they have all become."

He gives his parents credit for instilling in him the values of hard work and family. "It helped me become successful in my farm labor contracting business. But, most of all, I am extremely proud to be a United States Army veteran and to have had the opportunity to serve my country as an American citizen."



World War II veteran Jess Lopez today.

OBITUARIES

Delbert (Peewee) Crawford
Dec. 24, 1939 – April 7, 2020

Delbert (Peewee) Crawford, son of a long time Wasco family, passed away at his home in San Pedro on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

Delbert was the youngest of five siblings of CO and Dollie Crawford. Delbert is survived by his twin brother Deryl (Bumbo), sister Wanda and brother Vernon, as well as his wife of 49 years,



Barbara, daughter Alaina, son Cameron and his wife Grace, grandson Paul and

granddaughter Nola.

Delbert graduated from Wasco High School in the class of 1958. Following a tour in the U.S. Army, he went to work at his dream job in the U.S. space program working for Hughes Air and Space in Southern California.

The pandemic is forcing a delay in the memorial service, which will be sometime in the summer or fall when life returns to a semblance of normalcy.

DEATH NOTICES

Woodrow Wilson, 70, of Bakersfield, passed away April 3. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Henry E. Barela, 63, of Shafter, passed away March 22. Peters Funeral Home,

Shafter.

Antonio Pacheco Reyes, 65, of Shafter, passed away March 29 in Ensenada, Baja California. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Roy Scroggins Jr., 80,

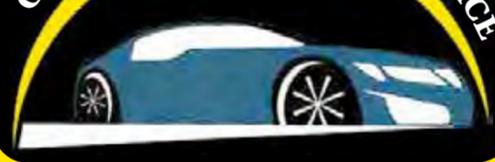
of Bakersfield, passed away April 7. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Pedro Sedano, 70, of Wasco, passed away April 7, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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God is still here in times of crisis

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Where is God in times of crisis? Perhaps we can easily relate ourselves to that question due to recent events that jeopardize the life of the masses. But now, is really God away from us?

We just celebrated the 5th Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel of John 11:1-45, proper to that Sunday, we heard a character Martha who said to Jesus: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." This came from a person that, according to the scriptures, was close friends with Jesus. The Messiah used to go to the house of Martha and her brother Lazarus and her sister Mary.

When Lazarus got very ill, the sisters sent a word to Jesus asking for help, but it seems Jesus did not care much about it. He even stayed

two more days where he was with his disciples. Sadly, Lazarus died, but Jesus was not there. Martha confronted the person she thought was their friend, "Lord, if you have been here, my brother would not have died."

Maybe we feel like Martha in this time of crisis and it seems Jesus is not around. Did he not promise to be with us, to feed us with his body and blood?

It is a tragedy the deaths of so many due to the coronavirus pandemic. Recent reports suggest that only here in the U.S. up to 100,000 people may die. We are in a time of crisis. What are we going to do now?

It is okay to go to Jesus to ask him for help, and like Martha, we may confront him and express to him that we feel overwhelmed, that this is too much for us to handle. Perhaps in

this time of brokenness is when God's grace is ready to work in us.

Martha thought that their friend was away and careless of her needs. But as the Gospel suggests, in John 11:1-45, Jesus was always there. This Jesus is not away from us, either.

Before the coronavirus pandemic maybe we did not care much about the large number of people that die due to crime, bullying, drugs, abortion and so more. Perhaps these tragic events may wake us up. Perhaps also in this time that believers and nonbelievers are forced to live in quarantine we may learn to appreciate freedom, friendship, family and attendance to Sunday Mass. Furthermore, perhaps we may become new people that care for the needs of each other.

God is never away from us. Jesus has the power to bring us back to life.

OBITUARIES

Melinda Martinez
Aug. 28, 1975 – March 31, 2020

Melinda Martinez died March 31, 2020, with her loving husband, Donald Quinonez, at her side.

She was born to Efrén and María Martínez on Aug. 28, 1975, in Bakersfield. She resided most of her life in Shafter, then later moved to Delano, with her husband. She was preceded in death by father Efrén Martínez, mother María Martínez, sister Ismelda Gutiérrez and son Nicholas Martínez.

She was survived by her husband, Donald Quinonez; son Michael García and his wife, Adrianah García, and daughter Meah; Aliza "Marissa" Gutiérrez; Nathan Martínez and his



wife, Tracey Martínez, and son Nathan Josiah Martínez; and finally her youngest son, Johnathan Martínez.

Melinda was a very loving, caring woman. She loved to cooking different meals. She also enjoyed eating her Kentucky Fried Chicken when she got the chance. She would random-

ly dance to whatever song that was playing. She was loved by so many people -- her family, her older siblings, Israel Gutiérrez Jr., Sylvia Olivo, Alfredo Gutiérrez, Hilda Barela, Albert Gutiérrez and Cynthia Martínez, who loved and cared

for her dearly. Melinda will be greatly missed.

A viewing will be held at Peters Funeral Home, Shafter, on Thursday, April 9, from 2 to 8 p.m. Graveside services at Shafter Cemetery on Friday, April 10, at 10 a.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Patty's Cleaning Services 2020-B1500

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County: Kern
Mailing address of business: PO Box 1347 Shafter, CA 93263
Patricia Gonzalez
406 Karla St Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2000
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/Patricia Gonzalez
Date Statement Filed: 02/26/2020
Date Statement Expires: 02/26/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/R Roberts-Martin
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10929 Cypress Falls Ave Bakersfield, CA 93312
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/Michael Lee Sugg
Date Statement Filed: 03/13/2020
Date Statement Expires: 03/13/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/R Roberts-Martin
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PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Use of Fictitious Business Name Gracian's Grill

860 E. Tehachapi Blvd Tehachapi, CA 93561
County: KERN
Mailing address of business: 860 E. Tehachapi Blvd Tehachapi, CA 93561
Jose Gracian
916 Golden West Ct Tehachapi, CA 93561
Rodrigo Gracian
19712 Brite Valley Rd Tehachapi, CA 93561
Guadalupe Monserrat Cardenas 27960 Ack Aok Ct Tehachapi, CA 93561
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/Rodrigo Gracian, Partner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B7933
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 12/23/2019
This Statement of Abandonment filed on: 03/12/2020
MARY B. BEDARD, CPA Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Gracian's Grill 2020-B1923

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County: Kern
Mailing address of business: 860 E. Tehachapi Blvd. Tehachapi, CA 93561
Gracian's Grill Inc
860 E. Tehachapi Blvd. Tehachapi, CA 93561
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2020
A new Fictitious Business Name

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Kebana Estilo Co. 2020-B1921

11118 Vista Del Valle Drive Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern
Mailing address of business: 11118 Vista Del Valle Drive Bakersfield, CA 93311
Elisa Vanessa Villarreal
11118 Vista Del Valle Drive Bakersfield, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
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/s/Elisa Vanessa Villarreal
Date Statement Filed: 03/12/2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement CBS Consulting 2020-B1933

10929 Cypress Falls Ave Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
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Michael Lee Sugg

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 Gracian, Vice President
Date Statement Filed: 03/12/2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Will's Trucking 2020-B1669

615 Kern St Apt 10 Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business: 615 Kern St Apt 10 Shafter, CA 93263
Wilfredo Cordova
615 Kern St Apt 10 Shafter, CA 93263
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/Wilfredo Cordova
Date Statement Filed: 03/04/2020
Date Statement Expires: 03/04/2025
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By: /s/R Edmiaston
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PUBLIC NOTICE Buttonwillow USDA Real Estate Property For Sale

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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. G-8919

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, RESCINDING SECTION 10.04.472 AND ADDING SECTION 10.04.678.1 TO CHAPTER 10.04, TITLE 10, KERN COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE, ESTABLISHING A 45 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON SHAFTER AVENUE, SHAFTER

The following ordinance, consisting of five (5) sections, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held

on the 17th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:
AYES: Gleason, Scrivner, Maggard, Couch, Perez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
/s/Leticia Perez
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California (SEAL)
ATTEST: KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By /s/Theresa M. Derouchie, Deputy Clerk
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with Government Code section 25124 and it shall take effect and be in full force on and after the 17th day of April, 2020.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern has determined, upon the basis of a traffic engineering survey completed in accordance with Section 22358 of the California Vehicle Code, that the prima facie speed limit declared in the following Section is the most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and is safe and reasonable upon such designated street.
Section 3. Section 10.04.472 of the Kern County Ordinance Code is rescinded.
Section 4. Section 10.04.678.1 is added to Chapter 10.04 of the Kern County Ordinance Code as follows:
Section 10.04.678.1. Shafter Avenue.

Upon Shafter Avenue between five hundred (500) feet south of Orange Street to six hundred (600) feet north of Richland Avenue, a distance of approximately one thousand one hundred (1,100) feet, the prima facie speed limit is forty-five (45) miles per hour.
Section 5. The Road Commissioner shall cause to be placed and maintained appropriate signs giving adequate notice to the public of the regulations provided in Section 3 and 4 of this Ordinance.
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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. G-8920

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, RESCINDING SECTION 10.04.208 AND ADDING SECTION 10.04.662 TO CHAPTER 10.04, TITLE 10, KERN COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE, ESTABLISHING A 45 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON POPLAR AVENUE, SHAFTER

The following ordinance, consisting of five (5) sections, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the 17th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:
AYES: Gleason, Scrivner, Maggard, Couch, Perez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
/s/Leticia Perez

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California (SEAL)
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Section 3. Section 10.04.208 of the Kern County Ordinance Code is rescinded.
Section 4. Section 10.04.662 is added to Chapter 10.04 of the Kern County Ordinance Code as follows:
Section 10.04.662. Poplar Avenue.

Upon Poplar Avenue between Orange Street and Riverside Street, a distance of approximately two thousand six hundred thirty (2,630) feet, the prima facie speed limit is forty-five (45) miles per hour.
Section 5. The Road Commissioner shall cause to be placed and maintained appropriate signs giving adequate notice to the public of the regulations provided in Section 3 and 4 of this Ordinance.
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement The Chef's Knife 2020-B1868

620 Hofman Dr. Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business: 620 Hofman Dr. Shafter, CA 93263
Jonathan Marklane Rhodes
620 Hofman Dr. Shafter, CA 93263
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/Jonathan Marklane Rhodes
Date Statement Filed: 03/11/2020
Date Statement Expires: 03/11/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 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 adopting a proposed resolution revising the user and regulatory fees and rates for various City services. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Project documents are on file and available for public review in the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said fees, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Council via Sylvia Granillo, Finance Accounting Manager ((661) 746-5001) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at sgranillo@shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to this public hearing.
Dated: April 6, 2020
Yazmina Pallares
City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Paul's Typesetting & Graphic Design 2020-B2059

742 Pine Cone Street Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business: 620 Hofman Dr. 742 Pine Cone Street Shafter, CA 93263
Phillip Paul Arenas
742 Pine Cone Street Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 01-10-2001
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/Phillip Paul Arenas
Date Statement Filed: 03/25/2020
Date Statement Expires: 03/25/2025
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	<i>Ascension Sienna</i>	
\$2,195		\$2,390 \$195 ↑
	<i>Pisces Sand</i>	

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 and prices are taken from casket price lists dated -
 Basham and Lara Sept. 6, 2018 and
 Peters Funeral Home June 1, 2019.