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Fire Destroys Trailer At Holtville Mobile Home Park

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

A fire broke out at the Browning Trailer Park near downtown Holtville on March 15 and destroyed one of the trailers on the premises.

The location is a manufactured home/mobile home community at 434 W. 5th Street about four blocks west of city hall. There are currently about a half-dozen other trailers in the park. The manager of the park, Tom Wyer, said he was not at home when the

Holtville Fire Department first responded to the scene about 2 p.m.

"I was out driving on the road when a friend called me and said, 'There's a fire and it looks like it's in your area,' " recalled Wyer. "I got back home about 4 p.m. and

the fire department was still here."

Sgt. Roy Patterson of the Imperial County Sheriff's Office noted an ongoing investigation was proceeding and thus he could not disclose any details about what may have caused the blaze. Wyer did reveal the trailer was unoccupied at the time.

"It's a fortunate thing that nobody got hurt and nobody lost anything," he added. "But the important thing is, you can always buy new material things, but you can't replace your life."

Wyer said the trailer belonged to an older couple who left it approximately 90 days ago and promised to return but never did.

"When my friend called I was worried about the other trailers," said Wyer. "Everything I own is in this trailer and I imagine it's the same for everybody else here. The Sheriff's Office was here inspecting - to see if anybody had started it - but they're still investigating it. Nobody had to evacuate, and that's a fortunate thing."



FIREFIGHTERS HOSE DOWN flames at a fire at trailer park in Holtville on March 15.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Holtville Chamber To Host Community Swap Meet

The Holtville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a community swap meet next month, and it is believed to be the first event of its kind in the Carrot Capital.

The event will be open to all local residents, churches and schools and will be held on Saturday, April 14 in Holt Park. Hours will be from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

While both new and used items may be sold, the event is expected to be more of a giant yard sale than a traditional swap meet. The chamber is asking that anyone intending to sell new items or to promote their business use the city's farmers markets and street fairs for that.

The cost will be \$10 for each 12 foot by 12 foot space. Applications can be picked up at the Chamber office during regular business hours or can be printed off the website at www.holtvillechamber.org. Anyone with any questions can call (760) 356-2923.

Holtville Church Hosts Eye Opening Conference On Obscure Disease

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Scleroderma is not well-known, even as 300,000 Americans are afflicted with the potentially fatal disease.

Patient outcomes are vastly improving, thanks to better intervention that includes the efforts of groups such as the Imperial Valley Scleroderma Group. It was organized in June 2015 to spread awareness and foster camaraderie, explained Melissa Macon, IV Scleroderma organizer. Close to a dozen attended the group's forum at the Church of Christ in Holtville on March 19 to share anecdotes about scleroderma.

"There's no known cause or cure so you've just got to fight the symptoms," said Macon. "It's an autoimmune disease where the body attacks itself, affecting more women than men. A lot of it is overproduction of collagen (protein found in animal connective tissue). So your body turns into a sort of living statue."

Scleroderma is somewhat similar to rheumatoid arthritis. It attacks the immune system and results in joint pain, inflammation and chronic fatigue.

Three members of Scleroderma of Southern California attended to explain about peer counseling, physician

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TINA BURGER, ANDREW Emmett and Peggy Hickman of the Scleroderma Foundation of Southern California at a forum to raise awareness of the disease at the Church of Christ, March 19 in Holtville, March 19. PHOTO BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Farmers Market & Street Fair Set For Next Thursday

The first Holtville Farmers Market and Street Fair of the year is set to take place next Thursday evening, with more than 30 vendors already signed up.

Sponsored by the City of Holtville, last Fall's markets drew more vendors and bigger crowds as time went on and next week's show promises much more of the same.

The March 29 event will take place in Holt Park and run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Booth spaces are still available and are free for non-food vendors. The deadline for food booths has passed and no more applications are being accepted for them.

A live musical performance is planned and a beer garden will be set up. Among the food booths will be kettle corn,

shaved ice, funnel cake, french fries, nachos, fresh squeezed lemonade, tacos, homemade baked goods and desserts.

Jewelry, holiday crafts, clothing, toys, candles, kitchenware, and a lot more great merchandise will be offered by the other vendors.

While all of the usual booths are expected, you never know what wonderful creations might turn up. Remember your first taste of the "new" kettle corn, shaved ice or a pulled pork sandwich?

Vendor applications can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded at www.holtville.ca.gov. Anyone with any questions can call event organizer Denise Garcia at (760) 356-3013. She can be reached through email at dgarcia@holtville.ca.gov.

Easter Bunny Hops Into Town March 31

The Easter Bunny will be visiting Holt Park next Saturday morning as the guest of honor at the Holtville Chamber of Commerce's Easter In The Park.

The egg hunt gets underway at 10:00 a.m. and the Easter Bunny will be there early to hide eggs and greet everyone as they arrive. He will also stick around afterwards so that parents can take photos of their children with

him. After the egg hunt is over, there will be games for the kids to play and an egg decorating contest.

Anyone driving by Holt Park lately may have noticed that the grass is a little high. That's because the city always quits mowing at this time of year so the tall grass will provide more hiding places for the eggs.

This Week In HOLTVILLE Sports!

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

- Boys Golf vs. Brawley Del Rio 2 p.m.
- Track & Field @ Southwest (Away) 4 p.m.
- Swim Team vs. Calexico (Home) 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

- Baseball vs. Southwest (Away) 4/7 p.m.
- Softball vs. Calipat (Home) 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

- JV Softball Tournament @ Southwest HS

MONDAY, MARCH 26

- Baseball vs. Calipat (Home) 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

- Boys Golf vs. Palo Verde BWCC 2 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Kearny (Away) 3 p.m. 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

- Baseball vs. High Tech SD (Away) 3 p.m.

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WOMEN'S History MONTH MARCH 2018

(Publisher's note: In recognition of Women's History Month, The Holtville Tribune is printing an edited version of Ida Edwards Little's reminiscences that was printed in Sally Heineke's Pioneer Women of the Imperial Valley and published by the Imperial County Historical Society. This is the final installment of Ida Little's memories of her life in the Imperial Valley. She died at age ninety-six in a medical facility in Texas in 2003.)

A Continuation of Ida Edwards Little's Remembrances of Early Years in the Imperial Valley

I attended Whittier College for two years after I graduated from Holtville High School. My dad wanted each of his daughters to get a teacher's credential, so, as he said, we "wouldn't have to do housework for a living."

After my two years at Whittier College, I came home for the summer and got a job in a Holtville drug store at the soda fountain and made fifteen dollars a week. I started dating J. T. Little, and we were married in August, 1927. I no longer needed to work at the drug store because my husband made one hundred fifty dollars a month. We rented a house for thirty-five dollars a month. After a few months of being a "housewife," the owner of the drug store offered me my old soda fountain job. He agreed to raise my wages to eighteen dollars a week and give my husband his lunch. I gladly accepted the job. I tried to limit my grocery bill to a dollar a day. If I needed it, I bought flour and sugar on Saturday because I could spend two dollars that day, including the Sunday allowance.

My husband owned a lot in Holtville, and we decided to build a house on it, but that did not happen. We sold the lot, and the it became part of the Holtville High School football field.

The second year of our marriage, I decided to return to college and get my teacher's credential. I went to San Diego State College in San Diego, rented a little apartment and attended college and received an elementary school credential. My husband came to San Diego every weekend. I earned my Bachelors in Education degree several years later by taking extension courses.

After the second summer session, I came home to job hunt. I was hired by the board of the old Eastside School, north of Holtville. I started teaching for \$1,450 a year and taught intermediate grades for three years in a three-teacher school. Near the end of the third year, one of the trustees came to my house to see me. He said my husband had a good job, and I didn't need to work. I was fired; the reason given was that I was married. I found out later that his sister had just finished college, and he wanted the position for her. The first grade teacher at the Eastside School was secretly married. When I was fired because I was married, she quit. The trustee had two positions for his sister.

I applied for a teaching position at Sunset Springs Elementary School, which was just a few miles away. I was hired as principal and upper-grade teacher. Sunset Springs was also a three-teacher school, but it had a bus. The bus had to make trips to pick up the children and two trips to take them home. This made an ideal teaching opportunity for me. I taught the assigned math pages on a one-to-one basis. With just half my children in the room those periods, I was able to give them individualized instruction.

I remember an incident that happened the first day of school at Sunset. I was still working in my room when the bus driver came in from his last trip with a little first grade boy. The boy's mother had brought him to school in the morning, and the

Teaching In The Valley's Early Years

bus driver did not know where he lived. I took him in my car to find his home. I drove up one road and down another in this large district. He would say, "There's my house," bus as we got closer, he would say it wasn't. Finally, as the sun was going down, we found his house. Was I glad!

In the spring of 1933, while teaching at Sunset, I became pregnant, so I resigned. My first son was born on Christmas Day in 1933. My husband was managing the Edwards ranch property at this time, and we lived in a little house on the Edwards home ranch. I did not intend to return to teaching, but the Great Depression was slow in recovering, and teachers were scarce, so I started teaching again. Then we hired housekeepers to take care of our children. There were no day care centers. The house was so small that the housekeeper slept on a day bed in the front room and kept her suitcase under the bed. Her husband worked at a dairy, so I took her there on Fridays after school, and her husband brought her to our house on Sunday evenings. She worked

for me for many years when I returned to teaching.

I taught third grade for several years in the Holtville Elementary School and was fired again. The trustees fired four teachers because they were married and their husbands had jobs. I was glad that the other three teachers were some of the best teachers who ever taught in Holtville. I had heard that this might happen, but I wanted to know for sure.

My husband and I bought a ranch on Orchard Road and remodeled the old house on it. I did not intend to return to teaching, but when my second son was a first grader, teachers were scarce again. The superintendent of the Calexico schools asked me to substitute in their "opportunity room," which had mostly sixteen-year old boys. I taught in that room for one week. The superintendent asked me if I would teach a fourth grade at Dool School for the rest of the year. It was a segregated school with all Mexican children. I consented to teach if I could bring my first grade child to school with me. The superinten-

dent could not understand why I would want my child in an all-Mexican school, but he said he did not object. The first day my son Jim was in that school, his playmates taught him many cuss words. He learned to speak Spanish quickly, and that has been very valuable to him.

I spent several years teaching the intermediate grades at Alamitos School, which was southwest of Holtville. When that school consolidated with Jasper School, I was invited by a Verde School trustee to teach at Verde School. I taught primary grades for nineteen years at Verde and later became the principal there. I retired from teaching at age sixty-two.

I have traveled much and have found that there is no place I would rather live than in Holtville.

(Publisher's note: Books about the history of Imperial Valley are available for purchase at Pioneers' Museum located at the corner of Highway 111 and Aten Road in Imperial.)

Calendar

Pioneers' Museum Lecture Series

Will be held Friday, March 30, 6:00 pm at the Pioneers' Museum, Aten Road and Highway 111 (across from IVC). This month's topic will be "Little Known Secrets of The Salton Sea" by Jasmyne Phillips. The cost is \$10.00 for meal: Lecture is free. Please call the museum to RSVP before 4:00 on March 29 to make reservations; 760-352-3211

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MARCH 24: Pete Guillen.
MARCH 25: Butch Vogel, Rick Turner, Jeff Downs, Dylan Cooksley.
MARCH 26: Smith Hilfiker, Judy Wilson Roth
MARCH 27: Melina Elizabeth Rivas, Joslynn Knight, Sam Hilfiker, Jr., Brandon Cradic, Mary H. Samaha, Jane Angulo†.
MARCH 28: Tisha Nelson, Alissa Ludwig, Brielle Reese Iten, Adam Fjeldsted.

Anniversaries

MARCH 23: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Goodsell
MARCH 24: Mr. & Mrs. David Bradshaw
MARCH 28: Mr. & Mrs. Morgan Brady

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County Spelling Bee Goes To The Wire In Photo Finish

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Fierce competition characterized the Imperial County 13th Annual Regional Spelling Bee on March 14 that fielded the event's largest lineup ever of students vying for the championship.

A pool of 63 students from 32 schools matched word prowess aiming for the title of 2018 Imperial County Spelling Bee Champion at the Jimmie Cannon Theater at Southwest High School in El Centro. Students were mostly from the fourth to eighth grade with the youngest, Julia Murillo Nunez, in the first grade.

The evening belonged to a familiar face, Nathan Ostermann, the 2017 champion, who successfully defended his title with poise despite a fierce battle through fourteen rounds with runner up Mia Isabella Gutierrez, a sixth grader at St. Mary's Catholic School in El Centro. After Mia faltered on spelling p-l-e-u-r-i-s-y, Nathan, a seventh grader from El Centro's Wilson Junior High School, first spelled b-i-t-u-m-e-n and then for the win, e-x-p-r-o-p-r-i-a-t-e.

All students earned the right to be at the competition, noted Todd Finnell, Imperial

County superintendent of schools, since each had won class and school competitions.

"These academic competitions are so important for our youth who excel in so many ways," said Finnell. "Our hats are off to all of you. But we want you also to relax and enjoy yourselves."

What is great about the spelling bee is it puts students on a stage with no spell check, group work or parents hovering over their shoulder, remarked Todd Evangelist, ICOE director of development and community relations.

"A lot of students in our academic events tend to engage in other competitions," said Evangelist. "These are serious students. They have the habit of rigor in their lives and you'll see that on display tonight."

John Lazarcik, spelling bee pronouncer and ICOE STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) coordinator, noted his number-one job was to pronounce each word correctly so students have an understanding of the word before they attempt to spell it.

"We also want to put them at ease," he said. "Tonight is about spelling but it's also about having fun."

Nathan admitted it "felt good" to defend his title.

"I'll try my best and see how it works out," he said. "What worked last year is what I'm doing again."

But Therese Ostermann, Nathan's mother, revealed a bit more of the efforts invested in preparation. This year, Patty Young, a retired English language arts teacher, volunteered to coach Nathan. He also focused on researching word origins, whether based in Latin, Greek or old English, to decipher each word's spelling.

As is tradition, Nathan advanced to the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. this May.

"Last year's trip to Washington, D.C., really put him in strategic mode to calibrate proper spelling," Therese said. "When he saw what some of the kids do in Washington, D. C., it gave him greater appreciation of what kids his age are capable of doing."

Other notable competitors

included Arianna Venegas and Rosamaria Desilagua of Holtville Middle School, as well as Alize Quintana and Chloe Dizone of Pine Elementary School. Making a vigorous effort as well was Danielle Ostermann, Nathan's fifth-grade sister from Sunflower Elementary School in El Centro.



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B.H. MCCANN

Services were held on Tuesday, March 20, for Benjamin H. McCann, Jr., who passed peacefully at home on March 12.

Mr. McCann, known to most as B.H., was born October 14, 1927 in Loraine, Texas, to Benjamin H. McCann and Inez Callis McCann. Their family moved to California shortly thereafter, settling in the Jacumba area. As a child, Ben attended Jacumba school, and later Central Union High School in El Centro, where he excelled both academically and in sports. He developed a strong work ethic early on, bucking hay at age 11 for a penny a bale, and continuing to work to support himself throughout his teen years.

B.H. enlisted in the U.S. Navy upon graduation, and served on the U.S.S. West Virginia as the assistant to the ship's Executive Officer. After the war, B.H. earned his Associates degree from Imperial Valley College, and his B.S. in Business at San Diego State University, where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

He went to work for the Pontiac dealership in El Centro after graduation, and bought his first load of feeder calves in 1952, beginning his career as a rancher. Several years later, in 1958, he purchased land on Zenos Road in

Holtville and began building what would become the McCann Cattle Company.

In 1953, he married Lavada (Vicki) Staggs, and they settled in Holtville, raising two daughters and actively supporting school and community events ranging from 4-H and FFA to Jobs Daughters, Band and Girls' Basketball. B. H. taught his daughters to throw a football, waterski, and ride a horse, and encouraged them all their lives to try their hardest, pursue their dreams and never give up.

B. H. was a steady presence at local gymkhanas and high school rodeos, and built an arena at his feedlot in order to provide another place for local events. In 1980, he was made an Honorary Chapter Farmer by the Holtville FFA for his ongoing support and contributions.

While raising his daughters, B.H. continued to build his business, expanding the feedlot to 100 acres with a capacity of 18,000 head of cattle. Over the years, he vertically integrated the company to include growing of alfalfa and other crops and introducing a cow-calf operation on property he purchased in Imperial. He maintained his successful operations through the many ups and downs of the cattle market for 40 years, surviving and thriving until he sold the business

in 1994.

As an employer, his management style inspired loyalty and respect, and some of his employees remained with him for decades. His integrity, dedication, perseverance and shrewd business sense served him well.

After retirement, B. H. enjoyed spending time with his family in San Diego, Portland, and Colorado. He took memorable trips to Europe and Canada with his daughter, Vivian, and her husband, and in his later years resided with his daughter, Carol, and her husband in San Diego. He loved gardening, the stock market, watching basketball, and appreciating all the beauty of nature.

B.H. was preceded in death by Vicki, his wife of 40 years, and his sister, Norma Inez Gaines. He is survived by daughters, Vivian (Shawn Hensinger) McCann of Portland, Oregon, and Carol (Tristan) Heaton of San Diego, California, as well as his sister Mescal Jean (Micki) Vosburgh, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He will be long remembered for his gentle spirit, wisdom, generosity, and true kindness and interest in others. Services were held at the El Centro First Baptist Church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20. Graveside services followed at Evergreen Cemetery in El Centro.

Clerk/Recorder Warns Property Owners About Scam

Imperial County Clerk/Recorder, Chuck Storey, warns citizens of Imperial County who are property owners they may become targets of opportunistic individuals.

Storey has once again become aware that property owners in various Counties, including Imperial County are receiving correspondence that solicits property owners to send them money to obtain a "certified copy" of their deed. Citizens should know that the County Recorder is the only agency in Imperial County that can issue certified copies of a recorded deed(s); no other State or County agency is authorized to do so.

Property owners can come into the Clerk/Recorders office or mail in a request and pay \$2.50 for the first page and \$1.00 for each additional page for a certified copy of the recorded deed.

These predatory providers charge exorbitant fees for a service that can be obtained at the office of the County

Clerk/Recorder for a nominal fee. Even these third party service providers must obtain the certified copy from the recorder prior to issuing it to a person who may be deceived into paying the exorbitant fees; very often they keep the money and do not provide the service.

Many services provided by the Clerk/Recorder are being offered on the internet for costs that far exceed the costs that the County Clerk/Recorder would collect. Citizens should contact the Clerk/Recorders office on how to obtain records of Imperial County events such as birth, death, marriage or official records recorded in his office. Individuals who have received a record of this type that is not originally certified by the County Clerk/Recorder or in the case of vital records not on security banknote paper and certified by the Imperial County Clerk/Recorder should notify law enforcement or the Clerk/Recorder.

Meloland Road Closed For Bridge Repairs

The Imperial County Department of Public Works has announced the closure of Meloland Road from Holton to Worthington Roads from February 28 through May 4 for bridge repairs.

Motorists are advised to utilize alternate routes. For more information or emergency contact Imperial County Department of Public Works at (442) 265-1818.

OBITUARIES

CHESTER MALONE

Chester S. Malone, 89, of Holtville went to Heaven on March 1, 2018. He was born March 8, 1928 in Harrah Oklahoma to Ada and J.K. Malone.

On July 28, 1950 Chester married Wilma. They were married for 67 years.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma; son, Mike and daughter-in-law, Susan; daughter, Dana and significant other Wendell Wright; granddaughter, Shari and her husband Andrew Matteson; grandson, Sean and

sister Margina Wicker of Oklahoma.

Chester proudly served his country as a Marine at the end of WWII. He farmed for 50 years for various companies across Arizona and California. He was fortunate to be able to fly his airplane, which he loved, in the scope of his work. Chester also enjoyed golfing and camping in the White Mountains of Arizona. Chester loved the Lord and his church family at Central Baptist Church of El Centro.

A Celebration of Life was held March 17 at Central Baptist Church in El Centro.

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City of Holtville

Compiled and Edited by Shawn Carroll



THURSDAY, MARCH 8

NOT THE WAY TO IMPRESS FRIENDS: At 10:23 a.m. a caller reported some kids with a bag of drugs. Deputies investigated and determined that the substance in a plastic baggie was laundry detergent.

STOLEN CELL PHONE: At 3:38 p.m. a woman went into the local substation to report the theft of a cell phone from the girls' locker room of a school earlier that afternoon. The phone was described as a gold iPhone 6 with a clear case and was valued at \$600.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

STOLEN TOOLS: At 10:04 a.m. a resident went into the substation and reported the theft of four toolboxes from his pickup, which had been parked

in the 700 block of Orange Avenue. The black Craftsman tool boxes were said to have been taken sometime between 10:00 p.m. the night before and 8:00 a.m. that morning. The boxes and tools were valued at approximately \$4,000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

TRAILER STOLEN: At 5:29 a.m. a caller reported discovering their 28-foot travel trailer/toy box missing. A deputy took a report on the stolen trailer.

PUMP STOLEN: At 7:22 a.m. a farming company employee reported the theft of a water pump from a field south of town. The pump was valued at \$1,200.

IN THE CANAL: At 9:26 a.m. a 911 call was relayed to dispatchers about a traffic accident that had just occurred at

Orchard Road and Interstate 8. The driver of a Toyota Tacoma had reportedly ended up in a canal and was injured. Holtville firefighters and Gold Cross paramedics were dispatched. The woman was treated at the scene and transported to the hospital.

GOT IN SOMEHOW: At 1:51 p.m. deputies checked on security at Finley Elementary School after some kids were reported to be riding their bikes on school grounds. All of the gates were found to be closed and locked.

GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY: At 7:15 p.m. a complaint was received about loud music coming from a residence in the area of Third and Chestnut. A deputy spoke with the residents and they agreed to turn the volume of the music down.

BAD FALL: At 8:52 p.m. a

caller reported seeing an elderly woman collapsed on the floor of her home. Deputies and firefighters were dispatched and were able to get inside through a window. The woman was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

RAISING A RACKET: At 9:04 p.m. a caller complained about a loud celebration, complete with a PA system and karaoke machine, taking place. Deputies spoke with the revel-

ers, who said they would try to keep it down.

WANTED WOMAN: At 9:52 p.m. a deputy reported stopping at Fifth and Palm to talk to a pedestrian. Lydia Aracely Ruby, 31, was taken into custody after it was learned that she had an outstanding warrant out for her arrest. She was also charged with suspicion of possession of a controlled substance and suspicion of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Scleroderma.....from page one

referrals and educational information. Arriving from Culver City were Andrew Emmett, the regional foundation's executive director, Tina Burger, patient services director, and Peggy Hickman, a board member.

Hickman recalled she was diagnosed with scleroderma in 2005. The following year she met Burger at UCLA where volunteers got involved with clinical trials. She attended support meetings in nearby Fountain Valley, yet realized she was not in a position to help others at the time.

"Because I was fortunate to have had Dr. Clements and Dr. Furst, (they) helped me shift my mindset to helping others," said Hickman. "When I received a call from Tina saying she was now working with the foundation, I knew it was time to give back."

In her address, Burger noted that some doctors do not know the difference between scleroderma and other autoimmune diseases unless they have extensive and intimate understanding of the lab work involved. Sometimes patients are referred to a rheumatolo-

gist, but there is a big difference between a rheumatologist and a scleroderma specialist and so patients wind up on the wrong medication.

Besides blood testing, patients also need base-line testing to make sure internal organs are not affected, noted Burger. They also should have a pulmonary-function test, a high-resolution scan of the chest and an echocardiogram.

One of the more effective drugs to treat the disease is Rituximab, said Burger. It can help avoid potentially fatal effects.

Macon said she was diagnosed when she was 13. First her skin became hardened and then it affected her heart and lungs.

"I have my good days and bad," she said. "But I'm using multiple medications and going to Planet Fitness is helpful."

Claudia Garcia, who has had scleroderma for seven years, spoke for many when she vouched for the forum's usefulness: "It empowers us to know what the symptoms are and ask our doctors to investigate."



Bicycles To Benefit Kids

The Imperial County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Christ Community Church's Bicycle Repair Ministry to repurpose bicycles that have been found or recovered but gone unclaimed. The Bicycle Repair Ministry restores the bicycles and then gives them away to disadvantaged youths and children in Imperial County.

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Finley March Madness Basketball Champions



MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL has reached all the way to Holtville. Students at Finley Elementary School held their own hoops tournament last week. Semi-final and final rounds were held Friday morning, with lots of action for players and spectators alike to enjoy.
COURTESY PHOTOS



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SCAG Projects Power Beyond the Sum of Its Parts

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Imperial County has some large and influential neighbors in the Southern California coastal areas and despite the size difference the two areas realize they are important to each other. In that spirit, a delegation from the Southern California Association of Governments will visit Imperial County on March 29 for a tour and luncheon.

SCAG is comprised of six counties and 191 cities with a population of 19 million. Even though Imperial County is a member, the other counties are much larger, including Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura.

Despite the seemingly divergent purposes of the members, a common thread binds SCAG together, noted Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro mayor and a former SCAG president.

"Our land ports have an impact on L.A. and Long Beach," she said. "SCAG allows us to do comprehensive regional planning that makes sense for the entire region."

For example, a new highway in one county can affect its neighbors, Viegas-Walker noted, explaining, "Each jurisdiction has different rules governing what constitutes a car pool (minimum number of people) ... and some lanes are accessible only certain hours."

SCAG acts as an advocacy group and just returned from the state capitol promoting Senate Bill 1 to ensure funding keeps flowing to state transportation projects, said Margaret Finlay, SCAG president and mayor of Duarte in Los Angeles County. It also battled to pass Measure M to increase sales taxes to improve mass transit in Los Angeles County, she recalled.

"SCAG stands stronger because we are not just one town or county," said Finlay. "When we go up to the state capitol we get into Anthony Rendon's (speaker of the Assembly) or Kevin De Leon's (Senate pro temp) office."

Imperial County is "critical" to SCAG" she added, stating, "Housing in Imperial County is lovely, and you don't have to spend an arm and a leg to afford a Southern California lifestyle."

Launched in 1965, SCAG is a Joint

Powers Authority under California law that assembles to address regional issues. It develops long-range policy for regional transportation improvement programs, housing-needs allocations and for a portion of South Coast Air Quality management plans.

"SCAG makes an array of information accessible to members and uses those connections for access to education and jobs that's valuable to us here," Viegas-Walker said.

Explaining how networking with SCAG helps the county, Imperial County District 2 Supervisor Luis Plancarte recounted how he meets monthly with representatives of other counties that have already experienced growth problems Imperial is just now encountering.

"With 19 million people, SCAG suddenly becomes an augmenter for the (Imperial) Valley's concerns," said Plancarte. "Recently, a bill for air reduction standards was proposed but we spoke to the California Air Resources Board and got them to reconsider because it wasn't just one but six counties saying it doesn't make sense."

Imperial County District 4 Supervisor Ryan Kelley acknowledged the county must better address problems such as asthma, and that health and quality of life are mutual priorities of SCAG members.

"Each member agency has additional responsibilities for air quality through a local air district or a joint powers like the South Coast Air Quality district," he said. "To date, we have received support from SCAG on air quality issues in Imperial County and the Salton Sea."

Discussing Imperial County's placement in the SCAG region, Kelley added education and employment prospects are important and assets must be leveraged to foster development of both.

"We are on the Coachella Corridor (Mexicali to Long Beach)," he said of the links to important locales in other SCAG counties. "We can see the development of mining, manufacturing, distribution and transportation projects in the near future. Our proximity to Mexicali, San Diego, Coachella Valley and Yuma is key to our growth."

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SDSU Occupation Showcase Challenges Job Hunters' People Skills

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Landing a good job requires persistence and contacting many prospective employers, job seekers learned at the San Diego State University, Imperial Valley Campus, 2018 Spring Career Fair on March 15. The event featured 38 employers, many accepting resumes on site as the campus served as a convenient employment center for the dozens of current and former students looking employment-or a better job,



MARTIN ESPINOZA, SDSU-IV alumni inquiring about employment from Fernanda Ledezma, Holtville Unified School District at the career fair in Calexico, March 15. PHOTOS BY WILLIAM ROLLER

noted Melyssa Gonzalez, SDSU-IVC student life and career services coordinator.

"There's lots of prospects out there but students must attend events like this and take advantage of any opportunity," said Gonzalez.

Already with a criminal justice degree obtained from SDSU-IVC in December, Martin Espinoza inquired about teaching at the Holtville Unified School District exhibit. Espinoza works as a loader for UPS.

"I'm searching for (teaching) work now," the Holtville High School alumnus said. "I'd like to do high school mathematics. I'll probably apply online."

Holtville Unified is seeking elementary special education and multiple subject teachers, as well as high school teachers in math, science, English and special education. Compensation starts at \$51,000 per year. In addition to teaching credentials, prospective teachers must be team players, remarked Fernanda Ledezma, Holtville Unified parent liaison.

"Working as a substitute or teacher's aid is always a great stepping stone to getting that first teaching job," she said.

Esteban Gonzalez, who has his bachelor's degree

in psychology, attends the SDSU-IVC teacher credentialing program. He was talking to the State Farm Insurance representative about getting his insurance license.

"I thought it might open some doors, maybe I'm a good seller," he said. "I have experience as a tele-marketer for Pep Boys. If State Farm will teach me, then I'll do it."

Alonso Durazo is an account representative for Sierra Jaime, an insurance agent whose El Centro office handles State Farm products. To get an insurance license a person needs 51 hours of coursework for property and casualty and 40 hours for life and health. Training is available online at testteachers.com.

"We intervene in crisis situations to help people put their lives back together," said Durazo. "What I've learned is you absolutely have to connect with a customer. I love to be the best part of my customer's worst day."

Juggling single parenthood while pursuing a criminal justice degree leaves Dallana Oliva little time for her 2-year-old daughter. That is why she would prefer a job with no weekend work and what motivated her to inquire about employment at Sun Community Federal Credit Union.

"I don't have banking experience, but I want to learn the financial industry," said Oliva. "I used to work at Tommy Hilfiger and Ross, so I'm good at working with people."

Sun Community Calexico branch manager Maria Lucas noted banking experience is preferred but not required.

"We want employees who are enthusiastic--team players," said Lucas "We do a lot for the community, so we need employees who care about the community and provide excellent customer service."



ESTEBAN GONZALEZ, SDSU-IV grad student with Alonso Durazo, account representative for a State Farm Insurance at the career fair.

Red Cross Fetes Volunteers At Imperial Valley Event

BY NATALY VASQUEZ

March is Red Cross Month and the organization uses it as a chance to honor its large number of volunteers, who outnumber its staff members 10 to one.

"We have the best volunteers in the (Imperial) Valley, who have assisted in 39 incidents during the past year with 292 assisted, and 32 were kids. They drove 4,000 miles in the old ERV (emergency response vehicle) installing 500 smoke alarms in the Imperial County," said Sean Mahoney, the newly appointed regional chief executive officer for the American Red Cross San Diego/Imperial County.

He spoke at a March 7 meet and greet at the Cheval Farms Carriage House north of Imperial.

"The same volunteers were also part of the 500-pillowcase campaign in which they teach children about preparedness by

putting an emergency kit in a pillow case in case of an incident," Mahoney remarked.

The American Red Cross is an organization that provides emergency assistance for disasters-large and small-in the community and builds safer communities worldwide. It also provides service to military members and their families and is the nation's largest blood supplier.

Mahoney used the occasion to share his mission statement for the Imperial County chapter.

"Installing smoke alarms is a big push for us since many residents do not have smoke alarms in their home and fatalities can be prevented by a \$10-15 smoke alarm," he said.

The Red Cross team provides installation of the smoke alarms.

The organization is also working to replace its old emergency vehicles in the Imperial

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SEAN MAHONEY, REGIONAL Chief Executive Officer sharing "His Vision" for the American Red Cross. PHOTO BY NATALY VASQUEZ

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The Business Buzz

Niland Battle: County, some residents deeply divided ahead of crucial vote

BY GARY REDFERN
Business Buzz reporter

As Niland slips toward a reckoning due to its insolvent sewer district, county officials say their turn-around plans would allow the town to make a clean break from a messy past.

Some residents don't see it that way.

"We need somebody from the outside" to run the Niland Sanitary District, argued resident and property owner Aristeo Ojeda.

"We need help," he said as his neighbor, Wayne Bumford, finished the thought by adding, "But not from here."

Bumford, also a property owner and resident, said, "Put the money (from monthly sewer fees) in a special account until the problem is solved."

The sewer district's chronic financial and management problems caused its oversight agency, the Imperial Local Agency Formation Commission, to dissolve the district in August. Imperial County government took over interim operations and efforts are underway to have the county permanently operate it as it does several other sewer districts.

However, officials say such a move is contingent on district customers approving a controversial rate increase, a move that has already twice failed.

"It's really a bad game of chicken to assume it would be business as usual because it won't be" if the proposed rate increase fails, explained John Gay, county public works director, whose department oversees county-operated sewer districts.

Gay explained that without the added revenue from higher rates the county Board of Supervisors is reluctant to finance district operations, and at least two board members have said so.

"This is going to increase the size of our districts (the county runs) by five to ten times," Gay explained of the approximately 500 accounts in the Niland district. "I can't subsidize that. It's not necessarily fair to the rest of the county residents (to pay for Niland)."

The county has already paid to run the district since the LAFCO decision in August, Gay said. Besides daily operations, there are other financial liabilities, including unpaid state fines for noncompliance of environmental laws and millions for needed plant upgrades,

that could be mostly mitigated by a rate increase and a county take over, officials agree.

If the rate increase fails and the county declines to finance operations, the town faces a doomsday scenario, officials say. The district likely would shut down, leaving the town without sewer service - and the grim prospect of a mass eviction.

"If a property owner did not have access to a municipal sewer collection service...the property would be considered a substandard dwelling as described in the Uniform Housing Code, and the property may ultimately be condemned by the Building Official for lack of sanitary sewer services," according to an e-mail response from Jeff Lamoure, deputy director of the county Public Health Department.

He added an occupant could opt for a septic system, but LAFCO Executive Officer Jurg Heuberger said most lots in Niland are not large enough for them and they could be cost prohibitive in a town where many live in poverty.

Lemoure added, "If a home was condemned, it would be considered uninhabitable and the resident would move out until sewer

services are reestablished in the home."

Gay explained the next steps involve again having the town vote on a rate increase. There will be a fourth public workshop and a voting period will be scheduled, though as of March 20 no dates for either had been set. Unlike standard elections, state law only allows property owners to vote, not residents, and there is one vote per sewer hookup so a property owner with five hookups would have five votes, he said.

The voting period is typically 45 days and to cast a vote in opposition the property owner must submit a response to the county in writing. A property owner who does not respond would be considered as voting in favor of the rate increase.

At the end of the voting period a public hearing will be held to tally the responses.

Ojeda, Bumford and their fellow resident/property owner, Arturo Guerra, stress they see the proposed county take over as a continuance of the problems that have plagued the district for years.

"We have a sewage plant. It works," Bumford said, alleging the state environmental citations are

bogus because they involve discharge of naturally occurring elements already found in the nearby Salton Sea. "The EPA (federal Environmental Protection Agency) or USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) say we give you the grant (to repair the plant) but you have to raise rates."

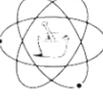
"The law does not come and see the problem in the poor communities," Guerra argued. "They want to charge us too much."

Added Ojeda, "How are they going to pay for this (the plant upgrades)? They are going to kill this town. If they fix it, (they say they) can run the plant. They want to plan for the future. They say Niland is going to change. We agree to remodel the plant, but it needs to be reasonable."

Gay and county Supervisor Ryan Kelley, whose district includes Niland, maintain the county has been upfront with residents and explained the benefits of county operation.

"We've given them a lot of assistance and shown them this and what it costs," Kelley said.

Of the three workshops held to date, Gay said of those who attended, "I would say as a group they've been receptive."



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Rep. Vargas Urges Colleagues To Back Port Of Entry Project

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Funding needed to complete Calexico's west port of entry was pitched in a March 16 letter co-authored by U.S. Rep. Juan Vargas (D-51st, includes Imperial County) with the aim of promoting trade, commerce and security.

Also signing the letter were Vargas' San Diego-area colleagues, Rep. Susan Davis (D-53rd) and Rep. Scott Peters (D-52nd). The three asked members of the House Appropriations Committee to include funding for the port reconfiguration and expansion project.

The Calexico project is part of a proposed \$10.7 billion budget request made by the U.S. General Services Administration, whose request focused on investing in infrastructure and modernizing information technology that will make government operations more efficient.

In their letter the trio cited a 2007 study by the Imperial Valley Association of Governments that California businesses lost an estimated \$436 million and 5,639 jobs to long border-crossing wait times.

Imperial County Supervisor John Renison, whose district includes Calexico, agreed port snafus result in lost prospects for regional commerce.

"Long delays result in thousands, if not millions, in lost revenue due to the commutes on both sides of the border," said Renison. "The (west port) project will be constructed in two phases. Phase one will be complete in November 2018, with the Mexican phase completed the same month. Phase two funding will cover all costs of the entire project. We're hopeful we'll know by September at the latest (on phase two funding). National security will be enhanced, and this is what the (Trump) Administration is

clamoring for." The west port handles pedestrian and non-commercial vehicle traffic. Commercial vehicles enter through the Calexico East Port of Entry, about seven miles east of downtown Calexico.

The \$98 million phase one of the west port project is nearing completion. According to the General Services website, gsa.gov, it consists of five southbound POV lanes and a southbound bridge over the New River, ten northbound POV inspections lanes with primary and secondary inspection canopies, booths and inspection equipment, a new headhouse, and sitework to accommodate those facilities on the sloping site.

GSA reports phase two will include additional sitework, demolition of the existing port building, a new pedestrian processing facility, administrative offices, five southbound POV inspection lanes with canopies and booths, and six additional northbound POV inspection lanes.

Phase two is unfunded but Trump's proposed fiscal 2019 budget would allot \$275 million for the project, the GSA states.

In their letter, Vargas, Davis and Peters implored House Appropriations to include Trump's requested funding for phase two, stating the project is expected to improve domestic supply chains of consumer and industrial goods, fortify national security and boost economic growth.

Mexico is California's premier trading partner and enhancing the Calexico west port is a vital part of bolstering California's economy, noted Vargas' office. Trade between the two was valued at over \$190 billion in 2011.

"The completion of the project will stimulate our regional and national economy, increase efficiency of border crossings and reinforce national security," said Vargas.

IID Employees Rally to Support Communities Through the United Way



ON BEHALF OF the employees of the Imperial Irrigation District, the district's Board of Directors presented a representative check to the United Way of the Imperial Valley during the board's March 19 meeting to mark the success of IID's 2018 internal fundraising campaign. From left: Ken Wuytens, United Way of Imperial County executive director, and IID Directors Bruce Kuhn, Jim Hanks, Norma Galindo and Eric Ortega. COURTESY PHOTO

Imperial Irrigation District employees have a long tradition of supporting the community by giving to the local United Way.

During IID's 2018 United Way fundraising campaign, district employees pledged nearly \$80,000 in funds for the United Way of Imperial County (\$66,854) and the United Way of the Desert (\$12,462), which serves the Coachella Valley.

Representative check presentations were made by the IID

Board of Directors to the charities during the March 6 and March 19 board meetings in La Quinta and El Centro.

The support provides critical resources for the local United Way agencies, which work to improve lives and support thriving communities across Imperial and Riverside counties.

As a group, IID employees continually are the single largest annual donor to the

United Way of the Imperial Valley and the district's La Quinta Division employees regularly lead in per capita giving to the United Way of the Desert.

IID's 2018 United Way fundraising campaign included a special appreciation day for those employees who contribute to the charities. Additionally, pledge cards were displayed in the district's El Centro and La Quinta division offices.

Red Cross.....from page seven

Valley. They are vital to getting people what they need in an emergency, Mahoney explained.

"If they need medical assistance, a blanket or pajamas, the vehicle will provide these items. It also will help volunteers aid the people in a more effective way," he said.

The ERVs are designed to get into damaged areas and reach those needing help. They allow Red Cross teams to distribute food and provide medical attention.

Chief Development Officer Wendy McKinney, who also attended the outreach event, said money for the new vehicles is being raised by through corporate and individual partners.

"When it comes to disasters or an emergency, you look at those people who you are familiar with; you look to those people that you know," she said.

"Everybody really has to come together and helped, and I already know that this community is going to do that above and beyond because they do that on a daily basis. So I am just encouraged."

Those wishing to volunteer for the Red Cross may sign up on its website. Applicants must pass a background check and participate in training before becoming an active volunteer, Red Cross officials at the event explained.



THE NEW MODERNIZED American Red Cross vehicle. PHOTO BY NATALY VASQUEZ

U.S. Customs and Border Protection to Host IV Hiring Event

U.S. Customs and Border Protection will host a CBP officer recruiting event on March 23 at the American Job Center located at 2799 S. 4th Street, in El Centro, California.

The event will run from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., CBP recruiters will be on hand to answer questions, and to assist with completing the

online application. Computers will be available on site for job applicants to use.

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Due to mission critical needs, the agency is offering a recruitment incentive for the following locations; Douglas, Lukeville, Nogales and San Luis, AZ;

Calexico, CA. The recruitment incentive pays 25 percent of an employee's base pay (including locality) per year for three (3) years. A service agreement is required prior to entering on duty. This incentive applies to new federal employees only and is dependent upon the availability of funds.

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THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant

the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
 Date: April 27, 2018
 Time: 8:30 a.m.
 Dept.: 7
 The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Imperial
 939 W. Main Street
 El Centro, CA 92243
 A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county (*specify newspaper*): Holtville Tribune, 128 W. 5th St, Holtville, CA 92250
 Date: February 27, 2018
 Jeffrey B. Jones
Judge of the Superior Court
 Filed: February 27, 2018
 Maria Rhinehart
 Superior Court
 County of Imperial
 By M. Moran, Deputy
 Legal 8753
 Publish: Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-168

The following persons are conducting business as:
Carlson Gracie Brawley
 225 West A Street
 Brawley, CA 92227
 Imperial County
 Mailing Address:
 2329 Westwood St.
 San Diego, CA 92139
 Full Name of Registrants:
 Jorge Anthony Ramirez
 2329 Westwood St.
 San Diego, CA 92139

Mariza Ramirez
 2329 Westwood St.
 San Diego, CA 92139
 This business conducted by: A Married Couple
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: November 1, 2017.
 I, Jorge Ramirez Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Jorge Anthony Ramirez, Co Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in

this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 28, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: February 27, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Joanna L. Lerno, Deputy
 Legal 5898
 Publish: Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-154

The following persons are conducting business as:
Mariachi Mixteco de Marco Rodriguez
 556 Apolonia Dr.
 Imperial, CA 92251
 County of Imperial
 Full Name of Registrants:
 Marco A. Rodriguez
 556 Apolonia Dr.
 Imperial, CA 92251
 Margarita Rodriguez
 556 Apolonia Dr.

Imperial, CA 92251
 This business conducted by: A Married Couple
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: March 5, 2003.
 I, Marco A. Rodriguez Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Marco A. Rodriguez, Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights

of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 21, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: February 20, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 A. Pasillas, Deputy
 Legal 5891
 Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-184

The following person is conducting business as:
RMC Testing Solutions
 8560 Siempre Viva Rd. Ste 4
 Calexico, CA 92231
 County of Imperial
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Roberto Cunningham
 814 Kentmere Ter.
 San Diego, CA 92154
 This business conducted by: An Individual

Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above.
 I, Roberto Cunningham Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Roberto Cunningham, Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.

Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: March 6, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: March 5, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Ana L. Alvarez, Deputy
 Legal 5377
 Publish: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISOS AL DEMANDADO):
VIOLET PETROLEUM, INC., a business entity of an unknown nature; **ERICK REA**, an individual, and **DOES 1-100**, **YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):**
MEX-CAL TRUCKLINE, a California Corporation

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
 You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center

(www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
 There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal service from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the

case.
 ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le

podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.
AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del

Caso): 37-2016-00003034-CU-BC-CTL
 The name and address of the court is:
 (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): San Diego Central Court House, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101
 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:
 (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
 D. Wilson Jordan Esq., 6496 Weathers Place, Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92121, Tel: (858) 452-5600
 Date: January 29, 2016
 Clerk, by (Secretario) J. Pascual, Deputy (Adjunto)
 ELECTRONICALLY FILED
 Superior Court of California
 County of San Diego
 January 29, 2016
 Clerk of the Superior Court
 By: Jessica Pascual, Deputy Clerk
 Legal 8755
 Publish: Mar. 8, 15, 22, Apr. 5, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-127

The following person is conducting business as:
Trend Setters Salon
 492 Main St.
 El Centro, CA 92243
 County of Imperial

Mailing Address:
 492 Main St.
 El Centro, CA 92243
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Lizette Diaz
 1199 Meadowview Ave.
 El Centro, CA 92243
 This business conducted by: An Individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: November 30, 2010.
 I, Lizette Diaz Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Lizette Diaz, Owner
 The filing of this statement does

not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 12, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires

on: February 11, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Joanna L. Lerno, Deputy
 Legal 5897
 Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-166

The following person is conducting business as:
Klasy Karrot Kottages
 451 Fern Ave. #3
 Holtville, CA 92250
 Imperial County

Mailing Address:
 P.O. Box 175
 Holtville, CA 92250
 Full Name of Registrant:
 David S. Vernon
 2898 Holt Rd.
 Holtville, CA 92250
 This business conducted by: An Individual

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: January 1, 1998.
 I, David S. Vernon Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: David S. Vernon, President
 The filing of this statement does

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 28, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires

NOTICE: This statement expires on: February 27, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Joanna L. Lerno, Deputy
 Legal 8754
 Publish: Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-209

The following persons are conducting business as:
Gary Ansiel LLC
 2447 Hoyt Road
 Holtville, CA 92250
 Imperial County

Full Name of Registrants:
 Gary Ansiel LLC
 2447 Hoyt Road
 Holtville, CA 92250
 Gary Ansiel
 2447 Hoyt Road
 Holtville, CA 92250
 This business conducted by: CoPartners

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: May 12, 2017.
 I, Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Gary Ansiel
 The filing of this statement does

not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: March 20, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires

on: March 19, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Victoria Camarillo, Deputy
 Legal 8755
 Publish: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-141

The following person is conducting business as:
 Claudia's Janitorial
 2380 W., Olive Ave.
 El Centro, CA 92243
 County of Imperial
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Claudia I. Silva
 2380 W. Olive Ave.
 El Centro, CA 92243
 This business conducted by: An Individual
 Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above.
 I, Claudia I. Silva Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.

Signature: Claudia I. Silva, Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 15, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: February 14, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Joanna L. Lerno, Deputy
 Legal 5902
 Publish: Mar. 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-191

The following person is conducting business as:
 Down Range Training
 925 N. Imperial Ave.
 El Centro, CA 92243
 County of Imperial
 Mailing Address:
 1803 Whitney Way
 El Centro, CA 92243
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Raymond Din III
 1803 Whitney Way
 El Centro, CA 92243
 This business conducted by: An Individual
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: July 10, 2016.
 I, Raymond Din III Declare that

all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Raymond Din III, Owner, Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: March 12, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: March 11, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Rebeca Leyva, Deputy
 Legal 5901
 Publish: Mar. 15, 22, 29, Apr. 5, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-169

The following person is conducting business as:
 Hibox Skate Shop
 1560 Ocotillo Dr. Suite H
 El Centro, CA 92243
 County of Imperial
 Mailing Address:
 1947 Orchard Rd.
 Holtville, CA 92250
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Shaun Acosta
 1947 Orchard Rd.

Holtville, CA 92250
 This business conducted by: An Individual
 Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above.
 I, Shaun Acosta Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Shaun Acosta, Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights

of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: March 1, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: February 28, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Victoria Camarillo, Deputy
 Legal 5899
 Publish: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-103

The following person is conducting business as:
 Arguellez Trucking
 372 Jacaranda St.
 Brawley, CA 92227
 County of Imperial
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Gerardo Arguellez Segura
 372 Jacaranda St.
 Brawley, CA 92227
 This business conducted by: An Individual

Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above.
 I, Gerardo Arguellez Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Gerardo Arguellez Segura, Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.

Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 01, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: January 31, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Joanna L. Lerno, Deputy
 Legal 5892
 Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-137

The following person is conducting business as:
 JIREH
 672 N. 3rd St. Apt. #14
 Brawley, CA 92227
 County of Imperial
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Maira Josefa Zuniga Gonzalez
 672 N. 3rd St. #14
 Brawley, CA 92227
 This business conducted by: An Individual

Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above.
 I, Maria Josefa Zuniga Gonzalez Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Maria Josefa Zuniga Gonzalez, Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or

Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 14, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: February 13, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Joanna L. Lerno, Deputy
 Legal 5893
 Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PATRICIA ANN KERN CASE NO. EPR000162

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of PATRICIA ANN KERN.
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES JESSE GOULD in the Superior Court of California, County of IMPERIAL.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that KRISTINA SUE GOULD be appointed as personal representative to admin-

ister the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the

authority.
 A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 05/04/18 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 939 MAIN STREET, EL CENTRO, CA 92243
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months

from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
 Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory

and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
 Attorney for Petitioner
 CHERYL L. WALSH, ESQ.
 SBN 155862
 LAW OFFICES OF CHERYL L. WALSH
 31431 RANCHO VIEJO ROAD, STE. 102
 SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO CA 92675
 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/18
CNS-3109929#
HOLTVILLE TRIBUNE
Legal 8754

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 18-123
 The following person(s) has (have) abandoned the use of the following fictitious business name(s) of:
 La Colmena Market
 1191 H Street
 Brawley, CA 92227
 County of Imperial
 The fictitious business referred to above was filed in the office of the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 21, 2013.
 The full name and residence address of the person abandoning the use of the listed fictitious business name is:

Rene S. Peinado
 1050 Manuel Ortiz
 El Centro, CA 92243
 This business conducted by: An Individual
 I, Rene S. Peinado Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signed: Rene S. Peinado, Owner
 This abandonment was filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 7, 2018.
 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Joanna Lerno, Deputy
 Legal 5889
 Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO.: 18-139

The following person is conducting business as:
 APT Legal Serve
 654 W. Main Street
 El Centro, CA 92243
 County of Imperial
 Mailing Address:
 P.O. Box 3592
 El Centro, CA 92243
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Patricia E. Cason
 2631 Lenrey
 El Centro, CA 92243
 This business conducted by: An Individual
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: March 13, 2008.

I, Patricia Cason Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Patricia E. Cason, Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: February 14, 2018.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: February 13, 2023. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Joanna L. Lerno, Deputy
 Legal 5886
 Publish: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

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