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## Holtville Bookkeeper Loves Numbers, But True Calling Is Helping Women

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Graced with a natural flair for working with numbers, a Holtville bookkeeper/tax preparer loved the career she forged for herself yet, while volunteering, discovered her true passion was helping other women succeed.

Cibia Leonard, a 1988 graduate of Holtville High School, was on the board of Women of Virtue and Empowerment Network, a nonprofit run by local residents Betty Predmore and Staci Chandler for several years before it branched off into two separate civic organizations.

"I helped women just out of jail who needed a little guidance with life's journey," Leonard recalled. "They needed resources to get a job, work with anger management or parenting classes.

"But I also lead a group of Bible studies on Monday nights

at the Imperial County women's jail," she explained. "It's me and another woman, Kelley Mendibles, from Christ Community Church. I'm at Turning Point Life Center with Pastor Norman Chandler. But I love helping women succeed ... especially women with life-controlling, addiction or anger issues."

Leonard explained she didn't want to be limited by her book-keeping career but go with the ardor that drives her helping women.

"I think as women we all have issues we have to deal with. I want to help in a spiritual way with the Bible and help others maintain a relationship with Christ," said Leonard. "I'm also involved with a group, Deeper Still (in) Fallbrook. They lead an abortion recovery weekend and I attended for myself and was asked to be on their team."

Leonard further explained it was a life-changing event for her because she needed to go through extensive training, and then got her certification to use scripture-based guidance to appropriately counsel women who have had an abortion.

"Seventeen years ago I thought I'd gotten over but realized I needed to heal and deal with it as so many women do," she admitted. "But many women do not deal with it successfully. I didn't. There's a process you have to go through: acceptance, grieving and forgiveness so, I want to give back to other women."

For 13 years Leonard worked as a bookkeeper for Christ Community Church in El Centro, as well as a number of businesses in Holtville, processing payroll, accounts receivable/payable and



CIBIA LEONARD, A Holtville bookkeeper, discusses how she is active in civic and religious-based organizations that support spiritual and career enhancement for local women.

WILLIAM ROLLER PHOTO

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## Long-time Holtville Stalwart Was Reluctant Compatriot

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Moving west from her native Detroit at the dawn of the 1960s for her son's health, Eve Mellinger within a couple of years of her arrival in the Southwest found herself in Holtville and counting the days until she could leave.

"My brother, William, who was in the Marines, was stationed

here during World War II and he wrote about how horrible it was with the scorpions, snakes and heat," she recalled. "He also spoke of lack of sanitation and he got hepatitis A. But he did say how well residents treated the Marines and often invited them to dinner."

When her late husband, Pete, was recruited to run the vocational department at Imperial Valley College the family moved their

28-foot trailer from their residence in Corona to Holtville. Eve Mellinger remembers she reluctantly agreed to stay if they could leave within two years. But once they sold their trailer and bought a home on Maple Avenue near St. Joseph Catholic Church her life turned around.

"It was hard for me in the trailer because I couldn't have a social life but once we got the house we mixed with a lot more friends," she recalled. "We came west because our son had an ear infection that threatened an loss of hearing. But the dry climate cleared it up and it never bothered him again as a child."

Her first few years in Holtville she worked as a recovery-room nurse at the hospital that is now El Centro Regional Medical Center, as well for the county Public Health Department.

Then she was put in charge of the migrant health for the Imperial County Office of Education as a school nurse. She said she was astounded by the neglect of migrant children's oral health, mainly since parents

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## Efforts to Get More Info On Crash Of Holtville High Van Stymied

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

The Aug. 31 collision east of Imperial that injured several Holtville High School girls volleyball players and an assistant coach as of Sept. 17 remained under investigation by both the school district and the California Highway Patrol.

Officials from both the Holtville Unified School District and the CHP were mum on any results of their probes. However, no citations have been issued in connection with the crash at Worthington Road and state Highway 111, CHP Sgt. Jose Serrano said.

Three players and the assistant, Nereida Quevedo, were injured when Quevedo drove a district-owned van from Worthington into the path of a sport-utility vehicle travelling on Highway 111, the CHP reported. Alcohol and drugs were not involved, the agency added.

The injured were transported to area hospitals, treated and soon released, a school official said. The team was returning from an overnight trip for a match in National City. The driver and sole occupant of the sport utility was

not seriously injured.

Meanwhile, this newspaper's recent efforts to obtain comments from the parents of volleyball players was thwarted by a school official.

With Holtville playing a non-conference home volleyball match against Yuma High School in the Kirchenbauer Gym on Sept. 16, a reporter arrived during a junior varsity game.

In two interview attempts parents stated they were there for the junior varsity game only and the varsity match would follow within the half hour.

Before the varsity match could begin, high school athletic director C.J. Johnston approached the reporter and stated some parents informed him they were uncomfortable answering questions about the collision.

Johnston invited the reporter to remain for the varsity game and report on the competition but informed him no questions concerning the accident should be posed.

He added there is certain information the district could not disclose. The reporter explained the inquiry was for a follow up to

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EVE MELLINGER, HOLTVILLE resident for nearly 60 years, was a school nurse and advocate for migrant family health, recalled her career and civic volunteerism, Sept. 14.

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# Mellinger.....from front page

could not secure long enough employment (90 days) from any one company for insurance to cover them.

"I took the 100 worst to Holtville High School and Loma Linda University dentists arrived in a van and they couldn't believe what they saw," Mellinger recalled. "Kids' teeth were rotted right down to the gum line. But they were able to restore them."

She pointed out it is agricultural workers who are doing critical work. Without them, the rest of the work force could not eat.

"From what I've seen, if the indigent can't afford medical care, the government should provide supplemental income as long they're able-bodied enough to work," Mellinger said.

In the 1970s Mellinger's husband hired Ray White, a former member of the U.S. Coast Guard, to teach auto repair technology at IVC. White was active in the American Legion Post 138 in Holtville and soon got Pete, also a veteran, active in it. White's wife, Danielle, was in the legion's Ladies Auxiliary and though Eve Mellinger did not join, she often helped Danielle.

"We got organizations to donate items--a portable TV, artwork, restaurant gift cards, bedspreads--and we'd sell raffle tickets for the items to raise funds," Mellinger said. "The money mainly supported Girls State summer leadership and citizenship programs. The girls came back from that knowing exactly what they wanted to do

in life."

Then, in 2005, Kim Vincent, who was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in San Diego, built a home in El Centro with her husband Jim, an active-duty Navy boatswain. Vincent, who moved to Oklahoma this past summer, eventually became a dynamo for local veterans, though Mellinger recalls that was a bit of a process.

After meeting Imperial County Sheriff's Deputy Andrew Lowenthal, who was also Post 138 adjutant, at a school event for her children, Vincent was encouraged to participate in the Auxiliary 138 Unit. Though she gladly volunteered, she was a bit of a wallflower.

"She didn't say much. Very shy," recalled Mellinger. "But once she got involved, she slowly built up her confidence. We made arrangements of poppies and sold them to raise funds. Every year, we'd retire worn American flags by interring them appropriately. We also organized experienced Girls and Boys State participants to go around to schools to give talks about the leadership skills students could acquire."

Mellinger recalled she and husband Pete were stout supporters of the entire Holtville community. Pete would often stand in line for more than an hour to bring home a favored booth's barbecue from the Holtville Athletic Club's Rib Cook-Off. He also supported local merchants, insisting Eve patronize Holtville businesses.

# Leonard...from front page

"With Walmart, Costco and Kohl's arrivals, Holtville has become a bedroom community," said Mellinger. "We had several grocery stores, the Pine Market, where Donut Avenue is now. Sprouse-Reitz, a variety store, the Motor Inn, a dress shop, a men's clothing store and even a theater."

It is sad to see the changes, she admitted. "There's traffic all the time," she said. "But some things improved. The lighting downtown is brighter. The sidewalks are easier to pass and the library is so much better for research. I always wanted to study Greek culture. And I'd like to write about the Golden Age of Greece."

setting up corporation or limited liability corporation status for nonprofits. But when the church decided to downsize staff, Leonard felt the urge to start her own business, to be named CSC Solutions for herself and two daughters, Sabrina and Celeste, who help out with the bookkeeping.

"So I thought that was a fitting name, but the downsizing was the push I needed to go on my own," she said. "I started the business in 2018. I hope to grow it bigger to include my family and begin to hire soon."

Leonard admits going into business was intimidating but that she has built up a very good reputation in her church and community. As a result, she revealed she never has had to solicit business.

"I've been blessed to have people reach out to me," she said. "It's pretty much word-of-mouth. I'm doing accounting for nonprofits, farmers and church audits and setting up accounting systems during tax season."

The serendipitous part of her career was that she never started out to do accounting but began as a parts technician at an auto supply shop. When the store needed help with bookkeeping, Leonard was recruited and since she had an eye for accounting took over the task full time.

Having grown up in Holtville Leonard sees the town as relatively the same as when she was a

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## Community Calendar

### Holtville Middle School PTO Meeting

Tuesday, September 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the HMS Library.

### Holtville Farmers Market & Street Fair

Thursday, September 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Holt Park. To set up a booth, please contact Haley Dowsey at [hdowsey@holtville.ca.gov](mailto:hdowsey@holtville.ca.gov)

### American Legion Bingo

Bingo Bingo Bingo! Thursday, September 26. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:00 p.m. Public is welcome. Please join us and support our Veterans and Active Duty Service Members! More info: 619-807-8431.

### St. Joseph's Annual Fall BBQ

Sunday, October 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$10 a plate and raffle tickets are \$5 each. Grand prize is \$1,000; second prize is \$500; third prize is \$250; fourth prize is a home-made quilt. Tickets can be purchased by calling the parish office at 356-2147.

### Holtville Walk The Trail/Health Fair

Saturday, October 12 at 8 a.m.

### Holtville 4-H Club Meeting

Monday, October 14 at 6 p.m. in the Finley Cafeteria.

### Imperial County Veterans Day Parade

Joining us in honoring our country's veterans and active duty military personnel on Monday, November 11. The parade begins on East Fifth Street at 10 a.m. A breakfast for veterans will be held at the American Legion Hall at Sixth and

Cedar from 7:30 to 9 a.m. A farmers market will follow the parade and will be held in Holt Park. If any organization is interested in participating, please contact Haley Dowsey at [hdowsey@holtville.ca.gov](mailto:hdowsey@holtville.ca.gov)

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SEPT. 20: Mason Nolta, Manuel Salcido†, Anne Britschgi, Kevin Walker

SEPT. 21: Aubrey Beardsley, Jacob Gill, Melton Goodsell†, Mary Sperber, Kevin Grizzle, Jessica Jo Garcia, Phil Parkins.

SEPT. 22: Alana Bornt Graeme, Bailey Shae Sparlin, Becky Lechner

SEPT. 23: Kamryn Michelle Walker, Mabel Garcia, Christina Smith Garcia, Chris Gutierrez, Betty Rodahl, Patti Sanders, Wanda Allegranza†, Juliana Marie Lydon.

SEPT. 24: Tom Angulo, Carrita Freeman, Adam Evens, Sam Stacey†, Jim O'Malley.

SEPT. 25: Sam Rubin, Mallorie Jane Kellum, Justin Garewal, Jim Bryant†

### Anniversaries

SEPT. 19: Mr. & Mrs. Josh Sells

SEPT. 20: Mr. & Mrs. Victor Gillespie

SEPT. 22: Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Babb, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Peeks, Mr. & Mrs. John Allegranza

SEPT. 25: Mr. & Mrs. Eric Fjeldsted, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Strahm, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Britschgi, Mr. & Mrs. Butch Vogel

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# No Fear: Vikings Crush Yuma, Palo Verde Up Next

BY LUIS BURGOS

For the second consecutive week being on the road did not intimidate the Holtville High Vikings as a stingy defense and surging offense on Sept. 13 shut down the Yuma Criminals, 28-0.

Since getting shut out by Imperial at home in the second game of the season, Holtville has steamrolled two road opponents by a combined score of 83-6.

The Viking now have a 3-1 record leading up to a Sept. 20 home tilt against Palo Verde (2-1). The game starts at 7 p.m. at Birger Field in Holtville.

"It should be a very close game," said Coach Jason Turner. "They have a very strong running game, and our defense is very

competent when it comes to defending against runs."

He added, "When it comes to how our offense stacks up, I think that we should match up well as long as we get a great game from our line."

The Viking offense is showing good versatility, the coach added.

"I see real progress coming from our passing," revealed Turner. "Our best course of action at the moment, considering our upcoming opponents, is to continue to solidify our passing game and to shore up our main offensive line."

Regarding expectations for promising performances in the game against Palo Verde, Turner said middle linebacker Ryder Merten and corner Noah

Jongeward deserve attention.

"Ryder and Noah may not have the flashiest stats out there," explained Turner, "but we've always been able to count on them when it comes to shutting down the risky plays on defense."

He added, "Since the game will be very run-heavy, I expect it to end up being a very physical game against Palo Verde. You can bet it's going to be a close one at that."

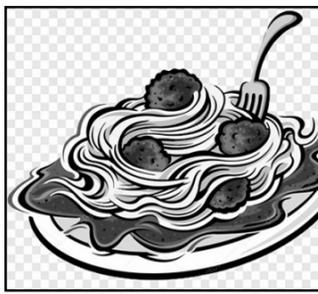
Against Yuma, Spencer Hilfiker threw a touchdown pass received by CJ Nunez. Jose Devoux again was prominent by scoring three rushing touchdowns. Constant pressure from Holtville's defense prevented any attempts from Yuma to take control of the contest.

# September Spaghetti Spread Is Woman's Club Hot Ticket In Holtville

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Guests who would like to enjoy the upcoming spaghetti dinner at the Woman's Club of Holtville do not even have to leave the comfort of their car since they can have it to go at a drive-through window.

The big feed starts at noon Sept. 26 at club headquarters at 219 E. Sixth St. and runs to 6 p.m. or until the food runs out.



"It's darn good spaghetti," assured Deborah Thornburg, club president. "It's a chunky meat sauce with chunky vegetables and it has no sugar like a lot of sauces do, but has some great Italian spices. And it's huge portions; most people can't finish it in one sitting."

The meal includes salad, garlic bread and desserts (to be announced) provided by the Pine Elementary School eighth grade class. Revenue from the desserts are channeled back to the school

and usually support an end-of-the-year field trip for the students.

The balance of proceeds support three categories of scholarships with first, second and third places. The first category helps high school graduates with college tuition. The second assists students going into a medical field. A third is dedicated to a junior or senior in college moving on to post-graduate studies who could use a bit of financial aid.

The Woman's Club will also be happy to host those guests that prefer their meal in the traditional slow-food mode and welcomes them to enjoy dinner at one of the club's plentiful tables. Those who dine in are welcome to join the members of the Woman's Club for a game of bridge.

Any organization, business or school can have meals delivered. However, it is recommended to phone in by no later than 10:30 a.m., Sept. 26. Dining in or out, servings are all the same size and cost \$10 each. For tickets or further information call (760) 996-2781.

"It's a great, practical fundraiser and always does well," recalled Thornburg. "I really enjoy the chit-chat with the people I greet at the drive-through window."

The Woman's Club of Holtville is a dynamic nonprofit organization with a mission to serve and help the residents of Holtville and Imperial Valley.



HOLTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VIKING football team captains (left to right) Ryder Merten, David Heraldez, Richie Garcia and Noah Jongeward take the field at the team's Sept. 13 road game against the Yuma Criminals. The Vikings won, 28-0. CARLOS CONTRERAS PHOTO

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# IID Reaches Out To Inform Seniors Of Aid Program

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from front page

BY WILLIAM ROLLER

Elderly living on fixed incomes know how difficult it is getting by, but the Imperial Irrigation District board has made changes to a key program in hopes of improving the quality of life for seniors.

The Residential Energy Assistance Program that started in 1998 to help with paying electric bills recently got a makeover, explained Lulu Vizcarra, its program supervisor. To spread the word about the benefits of REAP, IID representatives visited the Imperial Gardens Apartments in Imperial on Sept. 12.

Newly retired, apartment resident David Cisneros noted living from benefit check to benefit check stretches his income to the limits. Though he recently injured his back and walks with a cane, he is otherwise in good health. Unfortunately, he conceded he also recently fell two months behind with his IID bill.

"I needed to assist my daughter who was in a car accident," recalled Cisneros. "I wanted to help her with this emergency. But I only have Social Security for income."

Yet he never before had a problem paying his IID bill.

"An automated phone message informed me I was late with

my payment," Cisneros recalled. "I got a ride to the IID office and made a payment arrangement. I paid half of the back due bill and have 30 days to pay the balance."

Cisneros said he found out about the REAP program days before IID arrived when one of the utility's fliers was left at his apartment door, so he submitted his first application.

IID recently lowered the minimum age for assistance eligibility from 65 to 62. IID customers 62 and over can get a 30-percent discount but must submit an application every two years, noted Vizcarra.

"Imperial County has long been low-income, so we know there's more people who qualify here. Yet you must be earnings qualified," she said.

IID also increased the allowable income limit to 200 percent of the federal poverty level so more people can participate, noted Robert Schettler, district public information officer, who attended Imperial Gardens event.

"That's why we're doing outreach today," he said. "We have 12,000 people enrolled but that's down from 15,000. Since the economy improved a couple of years ago our beneficiaries roll has fallen."

A household of up to two with an annual income of up to \$32,920 qualifies for the 30-per-



**LULU VIZCARRA, AN Imperial Irrigation District customer service representative, on Sept. 12 helps David Cisneros, a senior citizen and resident of Imperial Gardens Apartments in Imperial, enroll in the district's Residential Energy Assistance Program that discounts electric charges for the low income.**

WILLIAM ROLLER PHOTO

cent discount. The income limit rises \$8,640 for each additional household member.

Those 61 and younger can qualify for a 20-percent discount if they meet the above guidelines but they must submit an application every year.

"People go in and out of the program. That's why we're outreach directly," said Schettler. "But that 20 to 30 percent really adds up. Every IID customer pays 2.85 percent towards a public-benefits charge. That covers the seniors' discount, air conditioning tune ups, weather stripping and a rebate program."

Albert Duarte, another Imperial Gardens resident, said he formerly was enrolled in the assistance program but let his membership lapse several years ago. However, he maintained the discount was only 13 percent when it started. He explained a 30-percent discount will make a big differ-

ence, especially since his bills can fluctuate wildly with the seasons.

"I'm on a very fixed income and all I get is Social Security," said Duarte. "It's very different in summer if you don't have their (IID) average pay program. I now pay \$53 each month. I don't want to get any more surprises with \$100-plus bills in summer. It gives me ease of mind--and of wallet. I think it's a great idea and it really helps."

IID also has an emergency energy assistance program for customers in danger of being disconnected for nonpayment and a program for customers who need to power medical devices. To qualify for either customers must first be enrolled in the REAP program.

Another workshop will be held in Holtville on Oct. 2. More information about the program is available by calling (800) 303-7756.



**SUSIE CARRILLO (LEFT), an IID marketing and communications specialist, explains to seniors how to enroll in the district's Residential Energy Assistance Program that discounts electric charges for the low income.**

WILLIAM ROLLER PHOTO

## Leonard.....from page two

child. She said she does miss the diverse grocery stores, such as Pine Market, where customers got cooked ribs, Cooks Market with an array of fresh produce, or Union Market, a full-service supermarket. Nowadays it has to be an emergency for her to shop locally.

"I just talked with my friend, Esther Maston. She remembers you had everything here, movie theaters, a bowling alley. You really didn't need to leave Holtville. Everything was here. But I do like the quietness of our little town."

Development will not harm the city's small-town feel, Leonard insisted, adding it needs

more development, especially small businesses that support other business.

Leonard admitted she is worried about setting up a physical location for her business because people may hesitate to come to Holtville since it there is no longer the abundant choice of businesses there.

"My clients prefer me to come to them," she said. "I have clients I spend the whole day with and others only a few hours. But my goal is to stay in Holtville and provide service to those here who need it, which I do. I'm blessed having clientele here, and I'll see to it that they grow."

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# POLICE BRIEFS

## City of Holtville

Compiled and Edited by Shawn Carroll



### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

**SAFETY FIRST:** At 8:33 a.m. a deputy reported stopping a vehicle on East Fifth Street after noticing a passenger wasn't wearing a seat belt. The violator was let off with just a warning about the importance of safety.

**PUT THE PHONE DOWN AND DRIVE:** At 9:44 a.m. a driver was pulled over west of town on Evan Hewes near Highway 115 after it was observed that she was using her cell phone. The woman was released with just a warning.

**CAN'T READ IT:** At 1:59 p.m. a deputy noticed a vehicle being driven west of town that had its rear license plate partially obscured. The driver was stopped and advised that the entire plate had to be visible.

**SAFETY ISSUE:** At 4:05 p.m.

the driver of a vehicle with a cracked windshield was pulled over at Sixth and Pine and told that the windshield needed to be replaced or a citation would be issued.

**CONSTRUCTION BURGLARY:** At 4:48 p.m. a Walnut Avenue resident reported that someone had gone in a home nearby that was under construction and stole some things. The caller said the door had also been left open. Deputies were sent to investigate the break-in.

**SHOULD YOU REALLY BE DRIVING?:** At 8:07 p.m. a deputy reported stopping a vehicle at Fifth and Chestnut. The driver was cited for not having a license or proof of insurance.

**OOPS, FORGOT:** At 8:30 p.m. a vehicle with no taillights was pulled over at Fifth and Figueroa. It turned out the lights were not burned out but that the

driver simply forgot to turn them on.

**KEEPING AN EYE OUT:** At 10:57 p.m. a deputy advised dispatchers that she was checking the area around the Orchard View Apartments because of the recent tire slashings that had taken place there.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**FALL OFF?:** At 11:42 a.m. a deputy reported pulling over the driver of a grey Jeep at Sixth and Melon to inquire about its missing license plate. The driver was told that the plate would need to be replaced.

**HAVING A COOL ONE?:** At 7:35 p.m. deputies checked on some transients in Holt Park after receiving a report that they had been drinking. Everything was found to be okay.

**NOT A HIT AND RUN:** At

8:23 p.m. deputies were called on to remove the body of a dead dog from the intersection at Seventh and Pine. When they returned to the station, the driver of the vehicle that had accidentally hit the animal was waiting for them to say that she was responsible.

**TIME TO MOVE:** At 9:20 p.m. a vehicle parked at the curb at Third and Maple was tagged with a 72-hour notice to be moved after a deputy noticed that it had been there for some time.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

**BAD NEWS:** At 12:24 a.m. the El Centro Police Department requested that deputies notify a local resident that a family member had been involved in an accident in that city and had been flown to a hospital out of

the area. The notification was made.

**LOST, FOUND AND RETURNED:** At 6:53 a.m. a Walnut Avenue resident reported finding a wallet in his driveway. A deputy was sent to pick it up. The billfold contained an ID and various credit cards. It was returned to the owner a little while later.

**HAVE TO CHECK:** At 12:03 p.m. a 911 hangup call was received from a cell phone belonging to a student at the high school. The student told dispatchers that they were in the lunch line and everything was okay. A deputy was sent to be sure.

**LEARNING TO DRIVE:** At 8:09 p.m. a deputy made a traffic stop at Fifth and Pine. The underage driver had a valid permit and his father in the vehicle.

## Eastbound I-8 Lane Closures Begin This Week

A two-mile section of eastbound Interstate 8 will be reduced to one lane from just east of Bowker Road to just west of Barbara Worth Road beginning at 6 a.m. on Wednesday of this week through Friday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m., according to

Caltrans. Crews will be active various times during the day and night continuing concrete pavement work. Signage will be in placed alerting motorists to the lane reduction.

Occasional temporary lane and shoulder closures will con-

tinue along I-8 just west of State Route 111 to just west of Anderholt Road and from approximately a half-mile east of East Highline Canal Bridge to just west of the junction State Route 98 I-8.

Construction on Segment 4

of the I-8 Update Project is anticipated to continue through December. Construction impacts include slower traffic flow and delays during peak travel times, particularly on Fridays from 3-7 p.m.

The I-8 Update Project is a major pavement rehabilitation project consisting of five segments to construct Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement (CRCP) along 48 miles on I-8 in Imperial County. The work will result in a long-lasting superior roadway, capable of withstanding the heaviest traffic loads.

Construction began in 2016. Three of the five segments, Segments 1, 2 and 3 have been completed. Segments 4 and 5

broke ground in summer of 2017. Segment 4 is approximately 15 miles and divided into two smaller sections, the first section beginning just west of SR-111 to just west of Anderholt Road and the second section beginning half a mile east of East Highline Canal Bridge to just west of the junction SR- 98/I-8 separation. Segment 5 is approximately seven miles beginning just west of Ogilby Road and ending just west of State Route 186. Segment 5 and the first section of Segment 4 achieved substantial completion in 2018. Segments 4 and 5 are anticipated to be completed by the end of the year.

## Border Patrol

**El Centro Border Patrol Has Seized Over 6 Million Dollars' Worth of Methamphetamine Year to Date**

El Centro Sector Border Patrol agents assigned to the Highway 86 immigration checkpoint intercept a methamphetamine smuggling attempt on Sunday.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:30 a.m., when a male driver approached the checkpoint in a green 2006 Acura MDX.

During an immigration inspection in the primary lane, a Border Patrol canine detection team alerted to the vehicle. Agents referred the vehicle to secondary inspection for further investigation.

During a search in secondary inspection, agents discovered two small packages concealed inside a baby wipes package located in the rear cargo area of the vehicle.

This is the 118th methamphetamine seizure by El Centro Sector Border Patrol Agents up to date this fiscal year.

"These seizures are an example of the great work and determination of El Centro Sector," said Acting Chief Patrol Agent Ryan J. Scudder. "Our community is a safer place because of the great work these brave men and women carry out daily."

The 118 seizures had a combined weight of 2,648.139 pounds, with an estimated street value of \$6,090,400.

El Centro Sector Border Patrol is one of the nation's leader in methamphetamine seizures.

**Immigrants in the All-American Canal Rescued by Border Patrol Agents**

U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the El Centro Sector rescued three suspected illegal aliens from drowning in the All-American Canal east of Calexico last Wednesday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:57 p.m., when agents assigned to patrol near the All-American Canal heard individuals yelling for help coming from the water. Agents discovered three distressed people struggling to swim to the canal bank. Agents responded immediately and successfully deployed water rescue devices pulling them to safety.

"Thanks to the training and experience that our agents have with rescuing individuals from swift water ways these three men will safely return to their families," said Acting Chief Patrol Agent Ryan J. Scudder. "Our agents continuously put themselves in harm's way because unfortunately, smuggling organizations will continue to send individuals to their deaths by leading them to these dangerous water ways."

Agents questioned the men to determine if they required any additional medical assistance, which they all declined. The men were uninjured but exhausted and appeared to be in good health. Agents determined the men were Mexican citizens and illegally present in the United States. Agents placed the men under arrest and transported them to the

El Centro station for processing.

**Border Patrol Apprehends 2nd Convicted Sex Offender in as Many Days**

Border Patrol agents assigned to the El Centro Sector arrested a second sex offender last week.

The incident occurred last Tuesday at around 3:40 p.m., when agents assigned to the El Centro Station encountered a man suspected of illegally entering the United States approximately 29 miles west of the Calexico West Downtown Port of Entry. Agents arrested the man and transported him to the El Centro Station for immigration and criminal history screening.

Agents conducted records checks, which revealed that the man, later identified as Edwin Leonel Paiz-Lorenzana, a 43-year-old Guatemalan national, was convicted of Sexual Lewdness w/Child less than 14 years of age in 2016 out of Los Angeles, California. Paiz was sentenced to one-day jail and five years' probation for his crimes.

An immigration judge formally removed Paiz from the United States on May 4, 2018 in Adelanto, California.

Paiz is being held in federal custody pending further criminal prosecution.

In fiscal year 2019, El Centro Sector Border Patrol agents have arrested and removed 22 individuals either convicted or wanted on sexual assault charges after they entered the United States illegally.

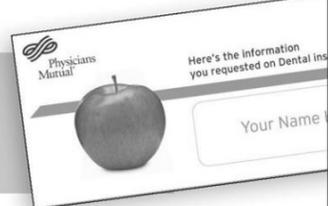
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## Hemp Dreams: Coming Expo Shows County's Hopes For New Industry

BY RICHARD MONTENEGRO-BROWN

One could argue Imperial County Agricultural Commissioner Carlos Ortiz holds the keys to what could prove to be Imperial County's next big economic engine: industrial hemp.

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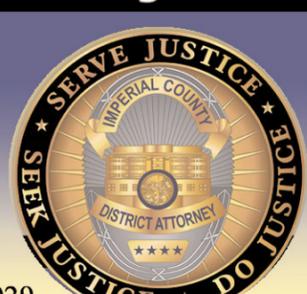



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# Holtville High School

## HOME OF THE VIKINGS



### Four Vikings Medal In Season's First Cross Country Meet

BY ARIANNA VENEGAS

On Aug. 24 the Holtville High School cross country team attended its first meet of the 2019 season. The team traveled to Lindo Lake County Park in Lakeside to compete in the Vaquero Stampede Race.

Other schools from Imperial County attended as well, including Brawley, Imperial and Southwest.

Four runners from Holtville received medals. They were: Julian Reyna (freshman), Amanda Strahm (junior), Alan Jimenez (junior) and Fabian Rendon (senior).

The race distance was 1.65

miles for the freshman and sophomore boys and girls and for the junior and senior girls. The junior and senior boys ran a bit more at 2.15 miles.

Training to prepare for the meets is vital, Jimenez explained.

"Well, I didn't start from running six miles a day. Little by little, I progressed. I put in more mileage each month," he said.

The sport challenges runners to rely on themselves, he added.

"I enjoy it a lot. It's a sport where it gives me other benefits that other sports cannot give me, such as making it to state on my own (abilities)," Jimenez said. "I chose this sport because I was always good at running by myself

and when I found out there was a cross country team I wanted to give it a chance."

Jimenez won the first race in a field of 87 runners.

"I thought I did pretty good," he said. "It was a pretty tactical race. I was leading the pack and making sure no one passed me and keeping a good pace where no one could catch up to me."

Competition can bring out the best in a person and leads to the satisfaction of achievement, Rendon explained.

"I like the environment (of cross country) and just the people you meet. Everyone is super friendly. When it comes to competition I like it because as a runner you get the adrenaline pumping before the race starts and once it starts, you feel good about it," he said.

Rendon finished 20th, a performance with which he was only partially satisfied.

"Well, physically I felt pretty tired. I didn't prepare mentally for the race so even though I got a medal I could've done better time wise and place wise," he said.

A student who once considered football, Rendon recalls joining cross country at the urging of classmates.

"I wanted to join football but I never went to practices during the summer so I thought it would be too late to join once school started. Once school started, in my freshman P.E. class during warm-ups, my friends had recommended me to do cross country and so I decided to join," he said.

Strahm was the only girl from Holtville to receive a medal, finishing 21st in a field of 61.

"I think I could've done better, but the thing is that I went in with tired legs because I had a soccer game before. So I felt like it slowed me down a bit," she said.

Cross country is invigorating,

Strahm explained.

"I enjoy it because it makes me feel alive and after I'm done running I feel accomplished that I've done something," she said, adding she joined cross country in part to get in shape for soccer but after trying it decided to stay with it.

### HHS Students Debate 30-Minute Lunch Break

BY LARISSA WILSON

Is 30 minutes long enough for lunch? In recent interviews, students at Holtville High School had differing points of view on the topic, providing opinions on the most efficient amount of time to have lunch and what is most beneficial.

Junior Audrey Abatti said one matter to consider is how the time allotted for lunch affects the length of the school day.

"I think that the time we get for lunch is fine because the more time we have, the later we have to stay in school," she said.

Students are required by state law to spend a certain amount of hours at school, so longer lunches would in fact lengthen the school day.

Others disagreed and said a 30-minute lunch is not long enough, especially for those that don't have transportation. They must walk to an off-campus location and once there may not have enough time to

eat. "I believe it's not very understandable that we have only 30 minutes of lunch. We should have 45 minutes because it would give us more time to get lunch and we won't have to be stressed on getting back to school on time," freshman Richard Wilson stated.

More time for lunch would also make it more of a break, rather than just a rushed meal, Richard added.

"It would also give us more time to socialize and burn off energy before entering our next class," he said. "The only reason some students make it back on time is because they either have a parent driving, or other students may have cars of their own."

More time would lead to more options for lunch, added junior Nicholas Villegas.

"I feel like our lunch time is too short because the people who don't have cars take a while to walk. I feel like we should have an hour lunch so students can go to El Centro to get food," he said.



Holtville High School cross country team member Alan Jimenez, a junior, at the Vaquero Stampede Race in Lakeside on Aug. 24. NOAH MONRAY PHOTO



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tasked with hemp registration in their respective areas, that is, taking in applications to grow and harvest hemp and accepting the annual cultivation fees set by the state.

Without much more direction, many commissioners and their county-level legislators developed registration programs at their own pace and to their own degrees of difficulty for prospective growers.

Fewer than half of California's counties were ready for that task when the state abruptly handed over the reins to ag commissioners. A month out, by mid-May, some counties had yet to develop policies, some flat out refused to participate, and some took the opportunity to make the process unnecessarily complicated and restrictive, according to published reports from around the state.

Steeped in farming tradition, Imperial County had for some time been ready, willing and waiting for the task and the promise of the industry.

The county Board of Supervisors in November 2017 passed its first policies legislating "Cannabis and Industrial Hemp" in a combined ordinance. That set up the Agricultural Commissioner's office as the "Enforcement Agency" over "Industrial Hemp Activity," according to the ordinance.

That made Ortiz's office, which includes the department of weights and measures, the first local stop for prospective hemp growers and business interests.

Those operations would seek information on the "cultivation, possession, manufacturing, distribution, processing, storing, laboratory testing, packaging, labeling, transportation, delivery or commercial sale" of industrial hemp.

The county established further rules on "Cannabis Operations" in a second ordinance in which county Planning and Development Services appears to take most of the lead role.

"If a grower wants to grow for industrial purposes, they go register with my office," Ortiz said during an interview Sept. 13. "If a grower wants to do research, he must provide me with GPS coordinates of the field."

Those growers then must pony up an annual state fee of \$900 up front that Ortiz's office sends directly to the state.

More than two years after the

county took its first steps to establish policy and set its sights on industrial hemp and all its related sub-industries as a potential golden goose, local efforts are gaining steam.

Ortiz said as of Sept. 13, 16 growers had registered--the first step required by the state to procure hemp seed--, paid their fees to grow commercially, or provided his office with their GPS coordinates to begin experimental trials.

That's not to say all those growers are growing. Ortiz said only 6,553 acres are registered, and of those, only 910 acres are in the ground --- all of which are tied to educational research and experimental projects. The rest are essentially placeholders, Ortiz explained.

To put that into perspective, Imperial County is home to 500,000-plus acres of arable farmland.

There are reasons for the slower-going, Ortiz said, one of which is tied to water.

Until the U.S. Department of Agriculture approves state-sanctioned guidelines, the Imperial Irrigation District will not provide water from the Colorado River for commercial cultivation purposes. The workaround thus far, Ortiz said, is the district is allowed to supply the precious resource to hemp-growing linked to registered educational and experimental plots.

That is not impeding Imperial County from taking control of its own fate and pushing forward efforts to be the go-to place to grow and harvest industrial hemp, and process the crop and its byproducts into a vast array of new uses.

From producing building materials to biofuels, to extracting cannabidiol, or CBD, the non-"hallucinogenic" chemical found in cannabis' cleaner cousin, hemp has found a home.

At least that is the idea of county government and economic development officials.

On Sept. 27-28, hundreds of prospective and active growers, manufacturers, investors, vendors, advocates and all sorts of policymakers and businesspeople from all over the country will descend on Imperial County for the first Imperial County Hemp Summit & Expo.

The brainchild of the county board, the two-day event is planned and coordinated by the Imperial

Valley Economic Development Corp. Just over a week before the event, about 350 people were registered to attend, IVEDC reported Sept. 17.

To be held at the Imperial Valley Fairgrounds in Imperial, day one will include panel discussions and keynote addresses from policymakers, legal and financial officials, entrepreneurs and other early adopters in the fledgling industry. Topics will include panels on local, state and federal legislation and compliance, best practices from growers, panels on extraction and processing, and banking, finance and insurance.

Day two will include tours of farms and manufacturing facilities in the research and educational phase.

Both days will see dozens of vendor and informational booths and tables set up in an expo hall.

Ortiz said he will be among those on the legislation and compliance panel. He said he will discuss how his office handles registration, as well as sampling and testing, the use of pesticides, and other pertinent compliance issues.

Wayne Richman, the founder and director of the non-governmental California Hemp Association and California Hemp Foundation, is the man county government officials called on earlier this year to help develop "an economic development plan" around industrial hemp.

"There's an entire ecosystem (cultivation, processing and manufacturing) that has the potential to be developed in Imperial County. ... You have water, land, the people in need, and Imperial County needs a new economic engine," Richman said during a Sept. 4 interview.

In May, the county board signed a memorandum of understanding with Richman's group. It is not just lip service but has some active steps to it, Richman explained.

For example, the county board was to consider Sept. 17 a new policy by the ag commissioner's office to help facilitate the transportation of industrial hemp through U.S. Border Patrol checkpoints. The measure would develop a certification and inspection process with the ag commissioner and the Imperial County Sheriff's Office.

Richman was in on the discussions with county government officials regarding this policy about

three weeks ago.

The federal government "does not know the difference between marijuana and hemp ... this was about developing a mechanism for transporting hemp outside the county without the driver being arrested," Richman said.

He called it ensuring the "logistics" of transporting hemp are "a little more frictionless."

Some hope for federal flexibility may come from the farm bill signed by President Donald J. Trump in December 2018. After more than 80 years of being federally outlawed, the cultivation and harvesting of hemp for commercial purposes was decriminalized as the bill removed it as a controlled substance and made it an ordinary agricultural commodity.

Richman added the county caught wind of his work through his relationship with several local growers, including Sutton Morgan and John Currier, both of whom linked up with his organization early to establish research projects that met state approval.

Richman also is working with Imperial Valley College on some projects, but nothing official has been set up with the college yet, he said. On its own, IVC has inked agreements with farmers and the school's agricultural and economic and workforce development departments to conduct hemp research.

The World Ag Expo in Tulare County will feature a pavilion dedicated to the hemp industry in February 2020, Richman said, but Imperial County's summit and expo is the first and only hemp-centric event in the state.

The expo shows the political will and dedication of county officials and is "part of exposing the county to the industry," he said.

"Your county officials are proactive, almost unheard of in the state of California," he said, adding the county board "should be commended" for its efforts and that "they're impressive."

Imperial is among four counties considered "hot spots for us" in the state, Richman said. Ventura, Monterey and Riverside counties are the others making strides.

While there is much action regarding industrial hemp in the county, other industries have had similar treatment over the years in terms of promoting the area to them,

with mixed results.

Food processing was pushed by IVEDC in the 1990s and early 2000s; it never panned out as early efforts to establish new commercial dairies and industrial cheesemakers dried up. The effort resulted in one new dairy and a small cheese factory.

The renewable-energy industries have been far more successful, from decades of work involving geothermal-energy production to more recent efforts establishing solar-energy farms, and one wind farm. The trouble is, though, developing geothermal takes time and huge investment, and solar and wind do not create many jobs beyond the construction phase.

Moreover, some solar farms have been built on farm ground. That caused the county to reach an agreement with solar developers that essentially taxes them to fund replacement economic development efforts.

But Ortiz argued industrial hemp has the potential to deliver on its promise and more.

Its complementary operations are where real job growth can occur, he said, similar to what is seen on a smaller level in the hay and beef industries. Ortiz said jobs are created in the agricultural end of the equation, but additional jobs are created through the ancillary processes like in the operation of hay-compressing facilities or beef-processing plants such as One World Beef in Brawley.

"A couple of years ago, I had a crop report produced --- crop report plus. Part of that report shows how important it is to grow crops that are value-added," Ortiz said.

He agreed that it's not enough to grow one crop over another. The county must drive hard to develop all the sub-industries around industrial hemp. That's where the jobs are, Ortiz explained.

Richman said Imperial County "stacks up pretty well" against other California counties in its progress to develop what is basically the state's largest "start-up." But he warned it's still "too early to tell" how the outside world is responding to the county's efforts.

After the upcoming summit and expo next weekend, Richman added, "We'll start to hear some takeaways from the experience."

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This business conducted by: An Individual
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on: November 21, 2014.
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T.S. No.: 2018-01748-CA
A.P.N.:044-651-001-000

Property Address: 2302 Cedro Avenue, Imperial, CA 92251

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CASE NUMBER: EPR000582

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: FELICITAS R. MYERS

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Estate of Ana L. Brinkerhoff in the Superior Court of California, County of: IMPERIAL

The Petition for Probate requests that Ana L. Brinkerhoff be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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Date: October 11, 2019
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept. 9

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El Centro, CA 92243

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GUADALUPE V. FERNANDEZ LEROUX
CASE NUMBER: EPR000559
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: GUADALUPE V. FERNANDEZ LEROUX
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Fay Fernandez in the Superior Court of California, County of: IMPERIAL
The Petition for Probate requests that Fay Fernandez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be

admitted to probate. The will and codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
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:
Date: October 11, 2019
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept. 9
Address of court:
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial
939 West 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:
Hector J. Cisneros
551 Third Ave.
Chula Vista, CA 91910
(619) 422-8620
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Superior Court of California
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PUBLIC NOTICE

T.S. No.: 2019-00502-CA
A.P.N.:054-558-005-000
Property Address: 903 Fieldview Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) and (d), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO BELOW IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.
NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

EL CENTRO, CA 92243
Estimated amount of unpaid balance, reasonably estimated costs and other charges: \$272,420.74
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
THE TRUSTEE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE:
All right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described as:
More fully described in said Deed of Trust. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 903 Fieldview Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243
A.P.N.: 054-558-005-000
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above.
The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice

of Sale is:
\$ 272,420.74.
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt.
If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.
The beneficiary of the Deed of Trust has executed and delivered to the undersigned a written request to commence foreclosure, and the undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:
If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on this property.
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (866)-960-8299 or visit this Internet Web site http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx using the file number assigned to this case 2019-00502-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.
Date: August 29, 2019
Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee for beneficiary
C/o 1500 Palma Drive, Suite 237
Ventura, CA 93003
Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299
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Trustor: Federico Hernandez, An Unmarried Man
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC
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Date of Sale: 10/17/2019 at 02:00 PM
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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:

Trustee Sale Assistant
WESTERN PROGRESSIVE, LLC
MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Sept. 12, 19,26, 2019
Legal 8903

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Ofelia Quinones Leon
CASE NUMBER: EPR000569
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Ofelia Quinones Leon
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Estate of Ofelia Quinones Leon in the Superior Court of California, County of: IMPERIAL
The Petition for Probate requests that Carlos Leon be appointed as personal representative to administer 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:
Date: September 27, 2019
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept. 9
Address of court:
Superior Court of California, County of Imperial
939 West 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 inter-

ested 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:
Thomas W. Storey

222 South 8th Street
El Centro, CA 92243
760-352-1311
Endorsed: August 28, 2019
Superior Court
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