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How many lawyers does it take to run a legal system?



Number of new attorneys on the decline in Valley, state

David Castellon - STAFF WRITER

There was a time when young adults were anxious to become lawyers, but Janice Pearson, dean for San Joaquin College of

Law in Clovis, said she recently encountered a situation that hit home on how much that has changed.

"I literally had jobs posted today for four full-time law positions," but Pearson said she knew of no recent graduates looking for work to refer to the potential employers.

"Right now, we have so many jobs for lawyers, and we have no one to send."

Dan Underwood, chief deputy district attorney for Tulare County, said his office also is feeling the effects of the trend, as the early part of the year usually is when law firms are most heavily recruiting new lawyers.

Normally, by now the DA's office — which usually has at least one opening for a lawyer at any given time — would have 15 to 35 resumes submitted by job

applicants, but so far this year only 10 have come in, he said.

"This year, the number of applications definitely is the lowest I've seen by far — at least by 50 percent," Underwood said.

Deborah A. Coe, the newly elected president of the Fresno County

Bar Association, said, "I

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Education main focus of construction projects

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PHOTO CONTRIBUTED | The \$390 million expansion of Clovis Community Medical Center is the top item for our inaugural list of Top 20 Announced Construction Projects.

Donald A. Promnitz - STAFF WRITER

Creating and improving institutions of learning appears to be the primary focus of a slew of massive construction projects in the Central Valley, with the State Center Community College District (SCCCD) leading the way.

According to The Business Journal's inaugural list, seven of the top ten most expensive are educational institutions or ex-

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Economist: Ignore 'miserablism,' embrace strong local economy



PHOTO BY DAVID CASTELLON | Economist Christopher Thornberg presents his outlook for Tulare County and the nation during last week's 2019 Sequoia Regional Economic Summit put on in Visalia by the Tulare County Economic Development Corp.

David Castellon - STAFF WRITER

Last year was a good year for the economy — despite some bumps, Christopher Thornberg told a crowd gathered last Friday at the Wyndham Visalia hotel.

"And for the most part, 2018 was a very good year, on par with 2014, which was another growth-surge year," said Thornberg, founding partner of Los Angeles-based Beacon Economics, LLC, an independent economics research and consulting firm.

"Consumer spending was bet-

ter, business investment was better, exports were better, government spending was better," he said of 2018.

"But as good as the year was, we ended kind of on a down note," including the growth of housing prices slowing around year's end, along with a stock market "tantrum" resulting in a big sell off of stocks, said Thornberg, who was in Visalia for the 12th year in a row to offer Beacon's economic forecast for Tulare

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PHOTO BY DAVID CASTELLON | Attorneys Paul Gaus, an associate at McCormick Barstow, LLP in Fresno, and Christina Tillman, a partner, stand outside the B.F. Sisk Courthouse. Gaus left the larger city of Minneapolis about two years ago to take a job at the Fresno firm and plans to stay here.

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think anecdotally it is believed there is a shortage. It just seems we're not getting as many applicants as we used to."

Underwood said he has heard similar comments from people at other DA offices and public-service agencies across California that hire lawyers.

The shortage seems not limited to just California.

WorldBridge Partners, LLC, an international job recruiter with clients that include law firms, posted on its website that the legal industry, like several other industries, is having trouble hiring qualified job candidates.

In fact, the problem of low enrollment in law schools in recent years has forced some to merge or shut down, with Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa's 2017 closure among them.

But the challenge of finding and hiring lawyers tends to be more acute here in the Valley and in other rural areas of the U.S.

Simply put, local lawyers contacted said, living and practicing law in Fresno, Visalia or Hanford just doesn't have the luster of working in San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York or some other bigger cities.

Nor do law firms here generally offer pay and benefits as good as those in bigger cities, said Fresno attorney Ben Nicholson.

That put Valley law firms and public agencies at a disadvantage for hiring counsel and associates even be-

fore the lawyer shortage manifested, said Deanne Peterson, Tulare County counsel.

In fact, she said her department — like many public agencies — has been challenged in hiring lawyers looking to stay in public service, as many get the training and experience they need and then move on to more lucrative jobs, either here or in other cities, particularly the Bay Area and Los Angeles.

The problem of having enough lawyers — particularly qualified ones — comes at a time when the demand for lawyers is rising, at least here in the Valley.

"This economy is growing, and because this economy is growing, the legal community is growing," Pearson said noting that when most Valley residents leave here to attend law school, most who graduate tend to stay away.

"And we don't have enough people going to law school here locally to fill the job positions that are available."

As for why fewer people are becoming lawyers, WoodBridge Partners' website states, "That's partly because between 2008 and 2012 most law firms cut their trainee intake, which meant that there are fewer trainees qualified in disciplines such as banking, corporate and property law."

And many law firms reduced hiring during the Great Recession. That may have dissuaded some people from applying to law schools, "and we're just feeling the effects now," said Nicholson, the partner overseeing hiring at McCormick Barstow, LLP, which he

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estimated to be the most active hirer of lawyers among Fresno private-practice firms.

“Law school has become really, really expensive, and it has become more expensive over the years,” and students may not want to incur such heavy student debt, Coe noted.

For her part, Pearson said the legal profession has lost some of its luster, as many young people see getting into technical fields, including videogame designing, as a better career option.

It may not have helped that California altered its bar exam from a three-day process to two days in mid 2017, she added.

Among the changes that entailed was shifting the multiple-choice section from counting as 33 percent of a score to 50 percent, said Pearson, adding that answering multiple-choice questions requires more detailed knowledge of the law, and those whose knowledge isn't so high may not score as well under the new testing criteria.

“Since that has happened, the pass rate has declined and there are fewer people to fill attorney positions,” she said.

The numbers seem to bear that out, as State Bar of California data shows that the percentage of people who passed the July 2018 bar exam in California — both first timers and repeat takers — declined to 40 percent,

nearly nine percentage points down from the July 2017 test.

Pearson said her law school's pass rate for people taking the test for the first time also suffered, dropping from 59 percent to 33 percent over the same percent, “so we're very concerned about it.

Underwood said his boss, Tulare County District Attorney Tim Ward, is trying to rally local interest among young people to get into the legal profession by developing programs with the College of the Sequoias in Visalia and Porterville College that introduce students to law.

While attorneys said the lawyer shortage hasn't reached a crisis stage here in the Valley, some firms have resorted to taking actions they haven't had to do before, including advertising that they have openings or reopening application periods because they didn't get enough qualified applicants the first time.

“Ultimately, we are still able to fill our hiring needs ... but we're working a lot harder to do something that used to come easier,” Nicholson said.

But the worst may be over, he said, noting that hiring in the legal industry can be cyclic, “and I believe we are heading for an upswing.”

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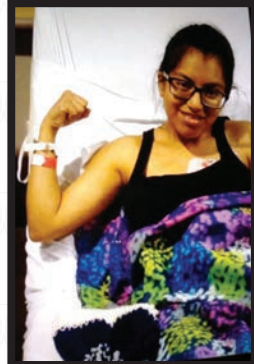
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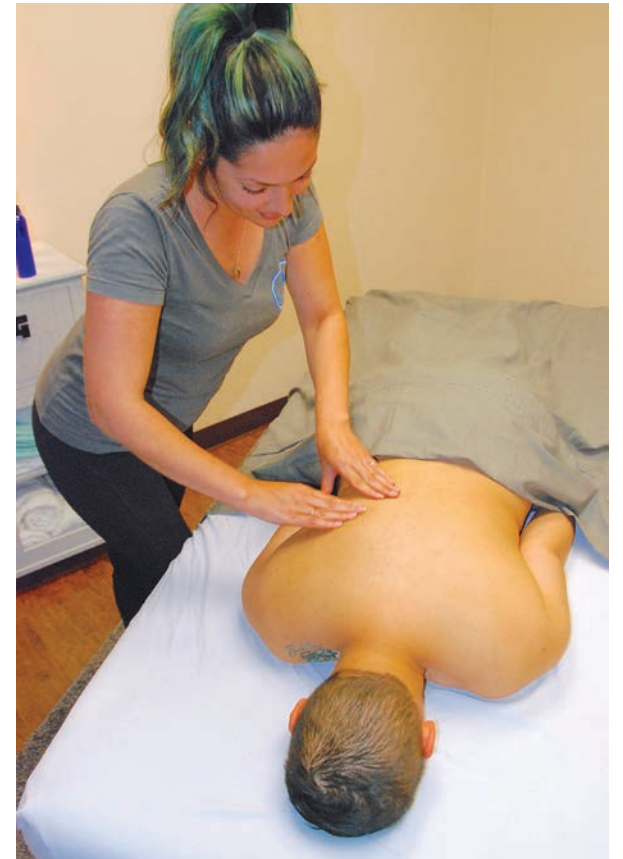
But Greg Paez isn't one to shy away from trying something different. That's why after co-owning and running a successful electronic security company going on a dozen years, the Clovis man has decided to get into a new business — opening a wellness spa in the Valley.

Stretch 360 opened in the second week of March at 334 E. Shaw Ave. in Clovis, and Paez plans to open another in Bakersfield, possibly in July, and a third in Madera not long after that.

The business offers customers massages and other therapeutic services, and a key factor is that they're provided by licensed massage therapists, as well as students in training from local massage schools.

Wisely, "I don't do any massages. I wouldn't know what I'm doing," said Paez, who started at age 18 helping install electronic security systems and four years later helped start his own security business, Clovis-based Techtronix, Inc.

Today, the company installs security systems and cameras in homes and businesses across the southern end of the Valley, though its bread and butter is installing and maintaining security cameras and alarms in school and com-



DAVID CASTELLON | Brie Maldonado, a massage therapist at Stretch 360 in Clovis, massages a client.

muter buses across California.

Business has been good, in part because of new requirements for school bus alarms imposed by the state and the growth of businesses in the Valley as the region has recovered from the Great Recession, Paez said, "And when that goes up, there's more business for us."

So why is a man more comfortable working with circuit boards and designing electronic systems getting into a

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pansions and improvements of existing ones. The largest of these is the new Rio Mesa High School in Madera. The newest addition to the Chawanakee Unified School District, the \$92-million school will be built for the Tesoro Viejo project, with completion expected sometime in 2024.

Four of the top-ten projects are being developed by SCCC, along with five more that are in the top 20. By far the most expensive and ambitious project has been the new West Fresno Campus on Church Avenue between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Walnut Avenue. At \$86.5 million, it will provide a large number of primary courses and trade classes, taking over many of the functions of the Career and Technology Center in south Fresno. SCCC Chancellor Paul Parnell says that it's part of the district's effort to supply a growing demand for career training and education.

To this, Parnell said they are trying to make the best use of the \$485-million bond approved by voters through Measure C in 2016. Career education is in demand by SCCC-served communities, and the district is trying to supply the growing call.

"You know, community colleges probably don't get enough credit for all of the career technical education that we're doing," Parnell said. "A lot of our

students want to transfer to universities, but even more of our students want an associate degree in science, or a certificate... that gives them a real opportunity to compete for jobs."

However, even with the large number of educational institutions being built or restored, by far the largest project under construction in the Central Valley right now is not a school, but a hospital. At \$390 million, the ongoing expansion at Clovis Community Medical Center is the most expensive project in the region. Upon its projected completion in 2022, it's expected to add 144 beds to the Clovis hospital, bringing the total up to 352. Craig S. Castro, chief operating officer and executive vice president for Community Medical Centers, added that this would also be a boon to the local economy.

"About 90 percent of the sub-contractors and labor force working on the project are expected to be sourced from the local area," he said.

There's also been considerable spending on jail facilities in the Valley. According to the list, the fourth most expensive project — the West Fresno Jail expansion in Downtown Fresno — is expected to come in at \$82 million. Meanwhile, the South County Detention Facility in Porterville is being built for Tulare County at \$52 million.

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DAVID CASTELLON | Greg Paez, an electronic security specialist who has ventured into wellness industry, stands next to one of the saunas at his new business, Stretch 360 in Clovis.

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business focused on relaxation?

"I opened up this business in 2007," Paez said of Techtronix. "When you open up a business, you're all gung-ho about doing it. You've got that drive and fire to succeed. Business is going good, and I love it, but I kind of wanted to have that feeling again, like I need to get my butt up and get rolling."

"I wanted to get into something I know nothing about, and I've got to make it work."

As for how he picked a business so far afield from his own, that was inspired by his security business.

"I do a lot of gyms. I see people trying to take care of themselves. They're eating right, they're working out," and Paez said he heard many of them ask about the availability of masseuses and saunas,

which got him thinking about a year ago that the growing "self care" industry of people getting themselves fitter could go hand in hand with a different sort of self care — one focusing on relaxation and stress relief.

"The idea started rolling around in my head, and I said, 'you know what? I'm going to open up something that caters to this market and see if I can make it work.'"

Not that he knew anything about the industry, but Paez said he spent about a month researching the sort of business he envisioned — from licensing rules to the costs of massage tables and saunas — and also spoke with the staff at three local massage schools to "pick their brains."

In addition, he spoke to friends, family and clients to find out what they thought of his idea before pulling the

trigger and spending five weeks converting office space in a medical building into Stretch 360.

"I kind of went in head first. I did it really fast. I didn't want to wait to get it done" and risk losing the energy that had driven him to start the new venture, Paez said.

Of course, he hired a manager and licensed masseuses to work with clients and run the business day to day, along with some interns from the massage schools.

For his part, Paez said he has been busy as a salesman, which has included trying to get his security clients to promote Stretch 360 to their employees and offering them group rates for services.

And if you believe Paez has opened just another massage parlor, he would dispute that.

"I didn't just want the massage. I want-

ed the sauna, I wanted the cupping therapy," he said, referring to the use of suction cups attached and removed from a person's back to remove toxins from the body.

In addition, cupping — which Paez plans to start offering in May — reportedly also helps with pain, inflammation, blood flow, relaxation as a type of deep-tissue massage.

"There are a lot of massage places. I'm trying to create a different atmosphere," which includes offering private massage rooms and a couples massage room, as well as masseuses asking clients about their massages to find out their preference and documenting that "So next time you come in, we know what you like, what you need. We're trying to cater the massage to the individual."

"It's total body wellness from head to toe, and that's where the 360 [degrees] comes from, because it's all around," Paez said.

One of the common complaints he heard in his research was that massages were costly, so Paez said he has set his prices low, so people who might not otherwise be able to afford massages could get some pampering.

As part of his business plan, Paez intends for all his Stretch 360s to be close to health clubs, and his first is within a block of three.

All have agreed to put flyers for his business in their lobbies, and he has held raffles at the clubs for massages to drum up business. Next he plans to ask the gym managers to recommend Stretch 360 when their clients inquire about massages and saunas.

As for how his novice business is doing, Paez said, "The first two weeks was a slow start, but every week the customers are just doubling," with some becoming regulars.

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County to people attending the 2019 Sequoia Regional Economic Summit put on by the Tulare County Economic Development Corp.

Those problems sparked a plethora of news reports, political debates and predictions by economic experts saying investor lost confidence in the stock market and that we surely were headed to another recession.

It's interesting about how negative the conversation about the economy had turned last year and this year, with comparisons to conditions in the stock and real estate markets a dozen years ago, before the start of the Great Recession, Thornberg said.

But the fact is, there is no way to predict that another recession — great or modest — is on the horizon, he said, noting that the Great Recession actually began in December 2007, without stock market indications it was coming, and the crash of the market and the failure Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. didn't occur until about nine months later.

"It is a decade past the end of

the Great Recession, but every time you turn around, every time a negative occurs in the market, its elevated to the beginning of something much worse coming," and the fact is that despite the bumps, the economy here and in the rest of the country is doing well, with low unemployment while industry is growing and interest rates remain low, Thornberg said.

Still, even the stock market likes the predictions of doom and gloom, "because it drives volatility, which drives trading, which drives commissions, which drive profits," he said.

"Bad news is good news for Wall Street."

For this year, he and Beacon researchers stated in their economic forecast report, "Yes, U.S. economic growth will slow from its pace in 2018, falling to the low 2 percent, but this is only because the sugar rush created by the fiscal stimulus tax plan of 2017 is wearing off — as was anticipated. And while there have been some weaker-than-normal numbers in certain economic data, these seem to be in line with the normal ebb and flow of economic growth rather than any bell-

wether of an impending downturn."

Even though home prices have gone flat in recent months, too many pundits are trying to parallel what's happening now to the housing bubble bursting back in 2006, the forecast continues. "There is no comparison. The fundamentals of today's housing market — including affordability, vacancy rates, credit quality, household incomes and debt levels — look better than they have for twenty years."

Making matters worse is politicians grabbing onto the negative ideas — "miserablism," as Thornberg calls — making things sound far worse than they are and using it to attack opponents and engage in "screaming hysterics" rather than sitting down and doing the work of tackling true problems, Thornberg said.

As for the local outlook, Beacon's report notes that "The economic expansion has continued in Tulare County over the last year. Although the region faces some headwinds in the year to come, we expect Tulare County to continue to grow at a modest pace."

It states that the county's unemployment rate is at near-historic lows, thanks largely to employment growth in major local sectors, including government, education, health care, construction and manufacturing.

"Beacon Economics expects the unemployment rate for Tulare County will remain around 9.5 percent in 2019 and that total non-farm employment will expand at a modest pace, averaging 1 percent to 2 percent." On top of the good employment news, higher wages and increased business investment have elevated consumer spending in the county. It also didn't hurt that more than 102,000 people attended February's World Ag Expo in Tulare.

"As a result, the growth in consumer and spending levels was spread across the county, with every city posting year-over-year gains in taxable sales," states the report, which adds that Beacon has forecast that taxable sales in the county will grow by about 5 percent annually over the next two years.

As for agriculture, the report

states, "The outlook for 2019 is mixed. Employment levels have increased over the last year, but ongoing U.S.- China trade issues could hurt growth in crop values and output."

In the big picture, signs indicate Tulare County is moving up, as are communities to the north and south, Thornberg said.

"And you know this is all connected by the 99 [freeway] ... that is going to come right here into Tulare County and push this economy forward as well."

The local economy could be further helped by building more housing, as this is among the lowest-priced areas of the state for housing, making it a potential draw for people looking to escape the higher prices of Southern and coastal California, Thornberg said.

"Where people want to move is where we will see growth," he added. "Give them the housing. Give them the amenities. Create that lifestyle."

"You've got a good couple of years ahead of you. Seize the moment."

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DEVELOPMENT

IMAGE VIA GOOGLE EARTH | Clovis is adding more than 1,000 acres to its sphere of influence, south of Highway 180 originating at the lower left hand corner of this image, to Shepherd Avenue to the north. The Clovis Community Hospital campus is at the lower left hand corner of this image.

City of Clovis adding 1,035 acres to sphere

The Fresno County Local Agency Formation Commission has approved plans to add 1,035 acres to the City of Clovis' sphere of influence.

That designation is given to land that may be urbanized and possibly annexed in the future. In this case, city officials believe the land south of Highway 168 and Shepherd Avenue, just northeast of Clovis, will eventually be developed for commercial and residential uses, generating thousands of jobs for the region.

In fact, a press release from the city said "Clovis' General Plan identified this area for significant job generation, designating over 500 acres for jobs, 225 acres of open space and 325 acres for residential uses."

It goes on to say, "The area is unique for assembling development land due to the fact that four families own approximately 85 percent of the area and share the city's vision for top-quality job and residential projects for the site.

"More steps remain to develop the project, but the property owners and city of Clovis officials are very optimistic that including the property into the city of Clovis sphere of influence is the first step to creating a regionally-significant, quality job-based, mixed-use development."

Clovis Mayor Drew Bessinger added in the release that "this is a huge opportunity for Clovis and the region to see significant quality job growth. We have worked together as a region to make land available that can accommodate at least 10,000 jobs."

FOOD PROCESSING

Harris Ranch Beef Co. sold to Valley firm

Harris Farms, Inc. has sold its beef division to Hanford-based Central Valley Meat Company, Inc.

The deal, announced Tuesday, takes effect immediately. But while the two businesses will be under one company, Harris Ranch Beef Holding will continue raising, processing and selling beef to grocery stores and restaurants under the Harris Ranch brand and be run by most of its pre-sale employees and management, essentially operating separate from Central Valley Meat's operations.

One exception is that Dave Wood, chairman of Harris Ranch's beef operations, is leaving that role and staying with Harris Farms.

Despite working separately, the deal makes the combined businesses the seventh largest beef packer and processing company in the U.S., according to a joint press release.

A Harris Ranch spokeswoman said Harris Farms owner John Harris, whose parents started the business in the 1930s, hasn't disclosed why he put the meat division that started the company up for sale, nor would she disclose the selling price.

Harris Farms is one of Fresno County's largest employers, with about 2,500 workers. Company officials didn't disclose how many would become CVM employees or if any jobs would be eliminated or added as a result of the sale. Of CVM CEO Brian Coelho, John Harris said in the press release, "Brian has a proven track record of growing businesses, and under his leadership Harris Ranch Beef can continue its long and storied legacy.

"Brian and the Central Valley Meat Company team share our view that employees are our company's most valuable asset and that customers should be treated as partners, if not as family"

Harris Beef Company's website states the company generates sales of about \$400 million annually.

The sale also includes Harris Feeding Company, which supplies feed for the cattle the company raises. It operates a nearly 800-acre feedlot near Coalinga with capacity to feed up to 250,000 cattle annually.

The sale doesn't include Harris' other divisions involved in farming and raising horses. Also unaffected is Harris Farms' Hospitality Division, which includes the Harris Ranch Inn and Restaurant off Interstate 5 in the Coalinga area.

Lyons Magnus acquires aseptics firm

Fresno-based Lyons Magnus LLC announced its acquisition of an aseptic-products manufacturer based in Wisconsin.

Lyons Magnus, which processes ingredients for the global foodservice industry, has acquired TRU Aseptics, which specializes in liquid aseptic solutions for products including milk and creamers, plant-based beverages, cold-brew and iced coffees, teas and juices.

Founded in 2016 and headquartered in Beloit, Wisconsin, TRU Aseptics products are delivered in shelf-stable, single- and multi-service cartons, bag-in-box and bulk totes that do not require preservatives, artificial ingredients or refrigerated storage or distribution, according to its website.

The terms of the deal were not disclosed.

As part of the acquisition, Lyons Magnus plans to make "significant" investments in TRU to produce low-acid aseptic products under the marketing portfolio of Lyons TRU to Nature, according to a news release. Stacy Huels, CEO and co-founder of TRU, will join the Lyons team as the Lyons TRU to Nature president.

This acquisition was born out of two years of strategic investments by venture capital firm Paine Schwartz Partners. Paine Schwartz previously acquired an undisclosed position in Lyons Magnus in November 2017. In May 2017, Paine Schwartz also made an equity investment in Smittcamp's Wawona Packing Co.

LEGAL

Rep. Nunes files suit against McClatchy

California congressman Devin Nunes is suing a media company for \$150 million, saying it engaged in "character assassination" with a 2018 story that linked him to a yacht where prostitution allegedly took place.

A lawyer for the central California Republican filed the lawsuit against The McClatchy Co. and others in a Virginia court on Monday.

Nunes said in his complaint that McClatchy conspired to spread false and damaging information, and cited a 2018 report by The Fresno Bee newspaper in Fresno, California.

The report detailed a 2016 lawsuit filed by an employee of a winery in which Nunes has a partnership stake. The charitable arm of the winery auctioned off an outing that the employee alleged involved cocaine use and prostitution.

The news report did not claim that Nunes was on the yacht or that he was involved in the event.

The lawsuit said Nunes was not on the yacht.

Nunes has been in a running feud with The Fresno Bee. Before last year's general election, he sent out a thick mailer calling the newspaper a "propaganda machine."

RETAIL

Golden Corral ropes new markets in Fresno, Visalia

Two new commitments in the Central Valley for a nationwide restaurant chain hope to buck the trend of buffet closings with a concentrated campaign in California.

Golden Corral has announced two commitments from franchisees in Fresno and Visalia, with openings forecasted in the next 12-15 months.

While the space in Fresno is still being finalized, Van Ingram, vice president of franchise development for North Carolina-based Golden Corral, said an announcement is not far off.

Spaces for the restaurant are not small — anywhere from 10,000 to 12,000 square feet to hold up to 400 hungry people at a time.

At the same time that other buffets have closed, Golden Corral boasts "quality and fresh food" as the factor for their penetration into California.

Since 2012, the restaurant has opened 15 locations in California with one more opening this year in Moreno Valley. Two more are in the permitting process and they have signed commitments with franchisees for 13 more, including those in Fresno and Visalia. Commitments take anywhere from 12-24 months to realize.

Bac Tran signed on to be the franchisee for the Fresno area — his first with the company.

The key for Golden Corral, as Ingram puts it, is "abundance and variety." They serve American-comfort-fare, with meatloaf, a salad bar and steak always on the menu. They have anywhere from 8-10 proteins and 5-6 fresh vegetables.

Some in the Valley may have seen their television commercials but have not had the chance to visit a Golden Corral. Bakersfield is the nearest location. They've focused a lot of marketing in the state to be able to break through, and according to Ingram, the openings in California have been some of the biggest in the company.

When they opened their location in Concord, it ranked volume-wise in the top-10 of openings since the company's inception in 1973.

"I think business people will see the success with our most recent opening, and I think we can replicate that," Ingram said. "That's why we're targeting the state of California."

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Solutions are emerging from seeds sown years ago



GUEST VIEW

Deborah J. Nankivell

In 2000, the Irvine Foundation offered new civic DNA and significant resources to regions of California. Our assignment — figure out a new way to think and work together. Thanks to the wisdom of the Morgan Family Foundation, the experiments are still going on and we are learning from one another. The Morgans understood culture change, while seemingly glacial, compounds over time. Today, we are seeing the impact.

The new civic DNA — interdependence of economic, social and environmental issues — is backed up by social sciences, quantum physics and neuroscience. Life teaches this reality, but the obvious can be inconvenient and our ability to deny reality is well developed.

In Fresno, we assembled a team to figure out how to apply this new thinking to critical issues. We asked what shifts would have to take place for success. We identified five pillars that if tipped would ripple through the community and achieve transformational change over time.

Some were physical — land use, transportation and broadband. Three focused on people — healing, development and growth. We recognized many people had experienced severe hardship in other countries, grew up in poverty or suffered from trauma as children. Our social and health systems were overwhelmed. Academic and skill development were both hampered. Worst of all, labels, judgment and incarceration were common because most did not know the language of trauma is often behavioral. A report from the Great Valley Center underscored this reality. Not only did we lack the conditions and skills to develop a strong workforce and vibrant economy, many had accepted the situation as inevitable and unchangeable.

We put a new stake in the ground. We believed that through innovation and collaboration we could achieve community transformation and the signs of success are all around us. Downtown is revitalizing, our schools are improving, new businesses are starting, and younger leaders are embracing their responsibilities as citizens boldly and effectively. The notion that we are all in it together comes naturally to generations that grew up connected, move into alignment quickly and understand how to leverage resources.

How do we accelerate and scale? The pioneers and early adapters are already in. What about the middle — the folks that need to see to believe?

There is a powerful new book that

documents the transformational changes going on in our country — “Community Colleges as Incubators of Innovation: Unleashing Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Communities and Students.” I urge you to get it, study it and inspire others to do so.

Pioneers in the movement — including the amazing Van Ton-Quinlivan, the catalyst for the dramatic changes going on in California’s community colleges — lay it all out. The why, what, how and who. While every site, person and community may need to adjust the recipe, the path is clear. Success requires a new kind of leader — a civic steward who is impartial, committed and has earned the trust of positional leaders who must be willing to risk disruption and drama to align their assets behind a strategy that benefits the community.

A core belief in this work is the responsibility side of citizenship — for everyone. “It is my responsibility to figure out how to leverage my interests, skills and abilities to become useful to others.” This approach turns “it’s all about me” on its head. While achievement and excellence are still important, this shift in thinking transforms fragmentation, duplication and cutthroat competition into effective teams committed to mutual benefit.

The linchpin for successful communities is business engagement. Those drawn to this sector are qualitatively different, not more important, simply essential to outcomes. The more business people embrace civic responsibilities, the brighter our future will be. What does this mean specifically? Learn to teach others the high-performance habits and entrepreneurial mindset that made you successful. Provide internships. Head into the classroom to share your story. Learn to de-escalate yourself and others in order to create the psychologically safe culture people need to grow. Become a civic steward, recognizing that the success of your enterprise depends upon the success of the community. Get the book. It will inspire you to engage and recruit others.

Since 1993, *Deborah J. Nankivell* has been the CEO of the Fresno Business Council, a nonprofit organization made up of business, academic and civic leaders committed to using their skills and resources to improve critical aspects of the community. Prior to moving to California, Deborah was the executive director of Common Cause Minnesota for nearly ten years. She also worked as a lobbyist for the retail food co-ops. She practiced law in the areas of criminal defense, workers compensation and personal injury. She also served as a consultant for Community Intervention, an organization that provides tools to community leaders to systemically address issues that impact at risk youth. She has a BA in philosophy from the University of Minnesota and a JD from William Mitchell College of Law. She is the author of *Bugle Call: Stewardship is Serious Business*.

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PHOTO VIA U.S. FOREST SERVICE | A firefighter from the Breckinridge Interagency Hot Shots fires a section of prepared fireline along the south side of The Ferguson Fire near Yosemite National Park in this 2018 photo. Local officials say tourism is rebounding from when the park was closed last year due to fire danger.

Despite forecast, tourism officials optimistic about foreign visitation

Donald A. Promnitz — STAFF WRITER

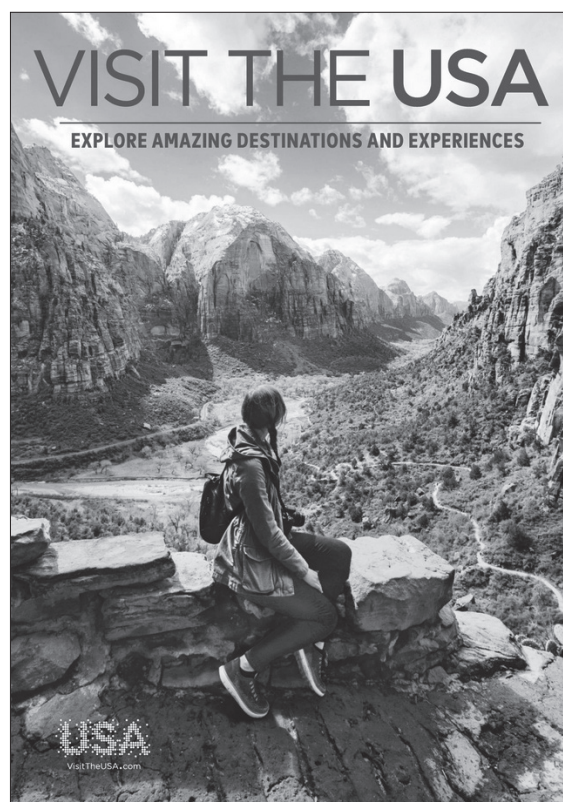
As the 2019 tourism season prepares to kick in, a strong turnout to America's national parks and other popular destinations is expected with a strong U.S. economy. However, there's one demographic that's expected to drop this year — foreign visitors.

According to business forecast publisher Kiplinger, foreign tourism to the U.S. is expected to grow by 2.8 percent, nearly half the 5-percent increase from last year.

The reported reason for the drop has been the strength of the American dollar, which means higher costs for foreign visitors with weaker currencies. Kiplinger further suggested that visits to the U.S. from China (Chinese visitors spend an average of \$7,000 per vacation) are also likely to decrease as their economy begins to slow down. Visits from Germany, South Korea and the Middle East are also becoming less frequent.

Despite the forecast, Steve Montalto, creative director at tourism marketing agency Visit Yosemite/Madera County, says tourism has been picking up back to its normal rate since the Ferguson Fire shut down Yosemite National Park last year — in fact, it might be better than usual.

Heavy winter rains have resulted in a good, strong snowpack, which usually means strong flocks of park goers who come to see the surging waterfalls, and the wildflowers at Yosemite are just getting ready to bloom. According to Montalto, the main way that Visit Yosemite has been able to measure the number of people coming is by those stopping by the visitors'



CONTRIBUTED | This is the cover of the 2018 Visit the USA "Inspiration Guide," marketing as the official travel guide for the United States. While local tourism officials are optimistic, forecasts have called for fewer foreign visitors this year.

center, and turnout has been good in the first quarter despite the government shutdown.

"Their numbers look like they're holding up pretty strong," Montalto said. "We're seeing pretty close to 50 percent of visitors coming through here are international. We haven't seen any falloff in comparison."

Likewise, Demea Metcalf, executive director for Visit Visalia, says that tourism is expected to be strong in Tulare County this year, with large numbers of visitors to Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Park. While they are still waiting for the 2018 tourist season data — which is expected to come in the first week of May — she said that in 2017, Sequoia/Kings Canyon received around 2 million visitors. Even with the government shutdown, there's been steady growth at the park.

Meanwhile, Metcalf also remains confident due in part to the projected increase in domestic visits. For example, Sequoia/Kings Canyon has seen a large amount of visitors come in from Southern California.

"Most people from California think about the California Redwoods because it's on the coast, and it's just famous," Metcalf said. "And they're still learning — even Californians are still learning — there's sequoia trees, which are the biggest trees in the world in Sequoia Park."

The Kiplinger report added that U.S. travel is expected to top \$1 trillion with higher consumer confidence resulting in an expected 4 percent increase in travel spending.

However, the Tulare County parks receive large amounts of tourists

from overseas, especially from the U.K. and Germany. Samantha Rummage-Mathias, general manager at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, said she is expecting an increase in overseas visitors, and has budgeted for it. They've also completed a multi-million-dollar renovation project on the hotel. Rummage-Mathias noted that there has been an increase in foreign visitors to the park during the shoulder months of April and May, and later months like September.

Though not positive on the reasons why, Rummage-Mathias, who is herself from the U.K. and routinely visits back home, speculated that cheaper fares in the off months may have something to do with the recent phenomenon.

"So I sensed that the airline travel, the flights are a lot cheaper during those shorter months," Rummage-Mathias said. "And I think there's a lot more people taking advantage of that."

In order to aid the influx of tourists from Europe coming their way, Visit The USA, promoted as the official travel guide of the United States, has been making aggressive marketing push, including inspiration guides and advertising in the U.K., which includes extensive promotions for the sights and attractions available in California. The latest inspiration guide includes not only Sequoia, but also Visalia itself and Madera County and Yosemite.

Only time will tell as to how the national and international travel will factor in, but on all counts so far, optimism remains high.

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RION MORGENSTERN

PRESIDENT AND CEO

PLEASANT MATTRESS

Now that the Chattam & Wells mattress you've designed is on market with Mattress Firm, how has its reception been and how has it been doing in the market?

It's been amazing. The market was ready for the reintroduction of the brand in 2015. At that time, consumers were comfortable spending money on better goods and making aspirational purchases again. Chattam & Wells continues to sell well.

Along with Mattress Firm, are you looking at any other potential buyers of Chattam & Wells in the near future?

The brand is a broadly marketed product, and we continue to expand it throughout the western United States.

You've been making Spring Air mattresses for decades. How has this relationship opened this opportunity for you?

We have a very synergistic relationship with Spring Air. In 2015, our team embarked on the mission of redesigning the Chattam & Wells brand. We licensed the intellectual property from Spring Air to create the product. The opportunity to bring the product to Mattress Firm came through Spring Air's access to the retailer as a national licensing organization.

How have customers been reacting to the McRoskey mattress?

We've gotten positive feedback from the key retail customers with whom we've previewed the line. They like the handcraftsmanship and the legacy the brand offers to the marketplace.

How has your focus on presentation and quality on traditional mattresses over industry trends aided your company?

We have shifted our manufacturing focus to serve the premium and super-premium mattress segment to remain successful and competitive in our business. The cost of manufacturing in California, coupled with the fact that the low-cost mattress segment is hyper-competitive, pushed us to make the transition a couple of years ago. By doing so, we've been able to provide strong salaries for our employees and offer solid competitive pay to attract quality employees in a tight job market.

Where do you see Pleasant Mattress heading in terms of growth over the next 10 years?

We are shifting away from measuring success in terms of growth. Instead, we're measuring success in the quality of product that we're manufacturing, and the impact we're having on our 150 employees. We're very focused on sustainability and taking care of our team. While we're focused on those aspects of our business, the growth happens more organically.

What mattress do you sleep on?

A NextNature mattress, which is a brand we developed that isn't yet in the marketplace. It's a super-premium, all-natural mattress designed with cotton, wool and latex and no polyester or polyurethane.

What are your roots in the Central Valley?

I was born and raised here and attended Fresno and Clovis Unified Schools. I graduated from Clovis West High School. I've lived in Monterey, Orange County and San Diego and traveled the world. I returned to Fresno in 2011 after living in other places for 18 years.

What was your very first job and what did you learn from it?

My first job that someone paid me money for was working in the mattress factory when I was 9 years old. I mostly swept the factory floors, and occasionally would button tuft mattresses. It taught me mostly that I didn't want to work in a mattress factory because I thought they were dirty, hot and sweaty and offered no opportunity to be creative. In coming back to the company and looking at it



EDUCATION: School of hard knocks

AGE: 47

FAMILY: Wife, Anissa Morgenstern and a Tibetan Mastiff named Kailash

WHAT WE DO: Pleasant Mattress designs and manufactures sleep products to provide a safe, comfortable place to sleep. We do this to create a value for our shareholders, employees and our community.

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with the eyes of an adult, I see the creativity and the ability we have to impact lives. It's amazing how values shift.

My first paycheck came when I worked as a media runner for an advertisement agency, The Madison Avenue Group. I worked as a courier picking up copy and other materials from clients and delivered it to the press. As a counterpoint to the factory, I learned that you can make a good living by expressing your creativity while working around some very creative people.



1. CLOVIS COMMUNITY MEDICAL BED TOWER CENTER EXPANSION

Location | Clovis Community Medical Center
Project Owner | Community Medical Centers
Cost | \$350,000,000 • **Estimated Completion Date** | 2022
Construction Firm | BMY Construction

2. RIO MESA HIGH SCHOOL

Location | Highway 41 & Sumner Hill • **Project Owner** | Chawaukee Unified School District • **Cost** | \$92,000,000
Estimated Completion Date | 2024 • **Architect** | SIM-P.B.K. Architects • **Construction Firm** | TBD

4. WEST ANNEX JAIL EXPANSION

Location | Downtown Fresno • **Project Owner** | Fresno County • **Cost** | \$82,000,000 • **Estimated Completion Date** | Sep-20 • **Architect** | DLR Group • **Construction Firm** | Bernards



6. CAREER TECHNICAL/APPLIED TECH BUILDING

Location | Clovis Community College • **Project Owner** | State Center Community College District • **Cost** | \$70,000,000*
Project Status | TBD • **Estimated Completion Date** | TBD • **Architect** | TBD • **Construction** | TBD

*Awaiting announcement of potential matching proposition 51 funds.

8. SOUTH COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY

Location | Porterville • **Project Owner** | Tulare County • **Cost** | \$52,000,000 • **Estimated Completion Date** | May-29 • **Architect** | DLR Group • **Construction Firm** | Bernards

9. FIRST RESPONDERS CAMPUS SOUTHEAST FRESNO

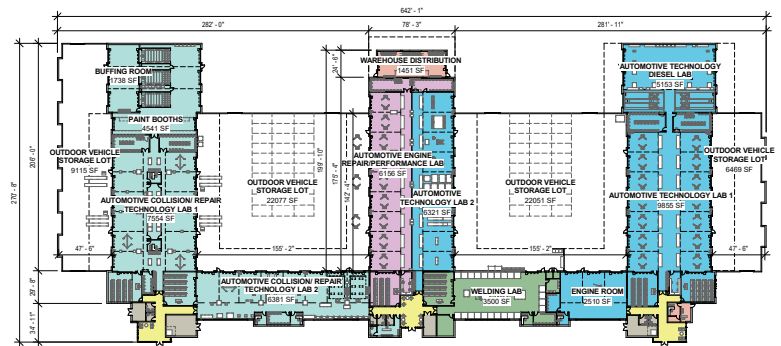
Location | SE Fresno • **Project Owner** | State Center Community College District • **Cost** | \$45,000,000 • **Project Status** | Negotiating Land Purchase • **Estimated Completion Date** | TBD • **Architect** | TBD

10. JANEY L. YOUNG ELEMENTARY

Location | 3140 N. Locan, Fresno • **Project Owner** | Clovis Unified School District • **Cost** | \$27,896,002 • **Estimated Completion Date** | Jul-20 • **Architect** | Teter AE • **Construction Firm** | Mark Wilson Construction

3. NEW WEST FRESNO CAMPUS

Location | West Fresno • **Project Owner** | State Center Community College District • **Cost** | \$86,500,000 • **Project Status** | 2020 • **Estimated Completion Date** | 2022 • **Architect** | SIM-P.B.K. Architects • **Construction Firm** | TBD



5. MATH/SCIENCE BUILDING

Location | Fresno City College • **Project Owner** | State Center Community College District • **Cost** | \$70,000,000 • **Project Status** | 2020 • **Estimated Completion Date** | 2022 • **Architect** | Lionakis • **Construction Firm** | TBD

7. UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION

Location | California State University, Fresno • **Project Owner** | California State University, Fresno • **Cost** | \$60,000,000 • **Project Status** | Spring 2020 • **Estimated Completion Date** | Fall 2021 • **Architect** | Harley Ellis Devereaux • **Construction** | McCarthy Building Companies



Project Name	Location	Project Owner	Cost	Project Status	Estimated Completion Date	Project Architect	Construction Firm	Broker (if applicable)
11. Oakhurst Community College Center	Oakhurst Community College Center	State Center Community College District	25,000,000	Land Purchased	2023	Paul Halajian Architects	TBD	
12. Math Science Engineering Building	Reedley College	State Center Community College District	20,000,000		2022	Darden Architects	TBD	
13. Performing Arts Center	Reedley College	State Center Community College District	20,000,000		2022	Darden Architects	TBD	
14. Parking Structure	Fresno City College	State Center Community College District	20,000,000	Land purchased	2021	Moreto Mathison & Associates	TBD	
15. Zooplex and Ambassador Buildings	Chaffee Zoo	Chaffee Zoo	20,000,000			Paul Halajian Architects		
16. Clovis Landmark Commons – Senior Center and Transit Center			18,000,000			Paul Halajian Architects		
17. Downtown District Office Relocation	Guarantee Building	State Center Community College District	16,000,000	Under construction	Jun-19	Darden Architects		
18. Minnewawa Health Center		United Health Centers	12,000,000		Jun-20		Legacy Construction Co.	
19. State Center Warehouse Adaptive Reuse			11,000,000			Paul Halajian Architects		
20. Dinuba Health Center		United Health Centers	10,000,000		Feb-20		Legacy Construction Co.	

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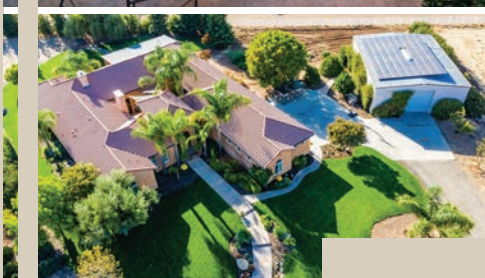
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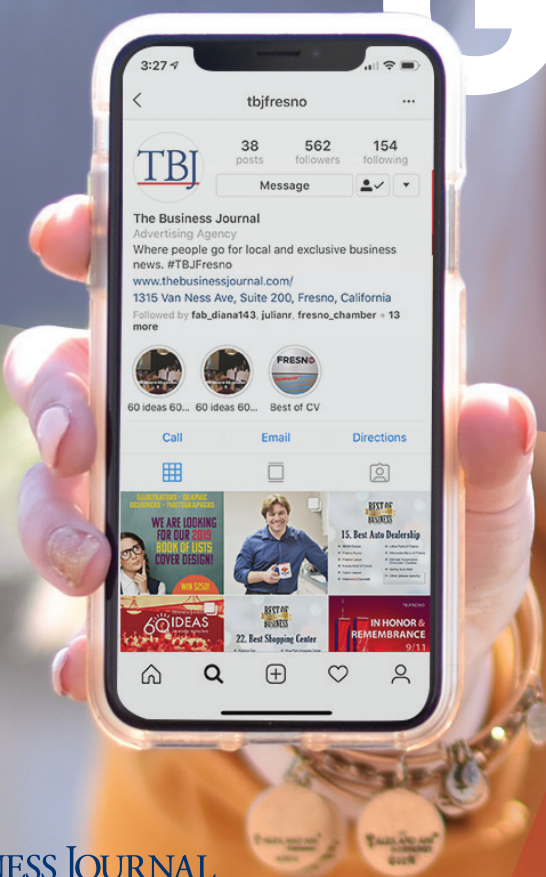


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HEALTH CARE

Ali H. Dalal, M.D., the Central Valley's only custom knee replacement surgeon, has joined Sierra Pacific Orthopedics at the practice's Herndon Campus at 1630 East Herndon Ave. in Fresno. Dr. Dalal is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon and fellowship-trained joint replacement surgeon specializing in the surgical and nonsurgical treatment of hip and knee disorders. Patients currently in need of specialized hip and knee total joint care are encouraged to call (559) 256-5200 to be seen by Dr. Dalal at the practice's Herndon Campus.

Madera Community Hospital announces receives San Joaquin Valley College 2018 Employer of the Year. In a letter from Nick Gomez, President of San Joaquin Valley College, Madera Community Hospital was lauded for supporting 12 students through externships; ensuring students received quality hands-on practical skills in the workplace.

GOVERNMENT

Newly Elected District 2 Supervisor **Steve Brandau** (P) was sworn into office Tuesday at the Fresno County Board of Supervisors meeting by Sheriff Margaret Mims. Brandau, a lifelong resident of the County of Fresno, was born and raised in Selma. He lived in Clovis and currently resides in Fresno. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from CSU, Fresno. Supervisor Brandau's

desire to be an active member of his community led him to serve as Fresno City Councilmember for the last six years.

ENGINEERING

Tomi Peco has joined the QK (formerly Quad Knopf) as a Senior Associate Project Manager for Utility Coordination. Peco earned a BS in Construction Management from Brigham Young University and found himself developing a passion for the challenging work of coordinating major utilities in the construction field soon after graduation. Peco has now gained nearly 10 years of complex field experience in utility coordination, utility project management, and safety management for both construction and utility specific projects. He recently relocated to California from Ohio for this new opportunity.

CONSTRUCTION

Sandra & Brian Ennis, the owners of Ennis Builders Inc., attended the 2019 International Builders Show (IBS) in Las Vegas, Nevada in late February. They attend this show to keep their homebuilding company on the leading edge of innovation, information, and the newest products. The Ennises have been members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), California Building Industry Association (CBIA), and the Building Industry Association of Tulare & Kings Counties (BIATK) since 1991 in which Brian has served on the board of directors of the local chapter and is the 2019 chairman. Ennis Builders Inc is building throughout Tulare and Kern Counties. The company is active in the cities of Delano, Visalia, Exeter, Porterville, and Springville. Their current design/build projects include homes ranging from \$100,000 to \$1.2 million as well as commercial projects. For more information about new and custom homes, remodeling, plan and interior design contact Sandra and Brian at (559) 788-1000.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY FRESNO COUNTY | Newly elected Fresno County Supervisor Steve Brandau was sworn onto the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday by Sheriff Margaret Mims. He previously served as a Fresno City Council member for the last six years.



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Assets: \$517,331, Liability:
\$349,497, Exemptions:
\$240,750

Cortez Customs

Case No: 19-11253-7
670 E Poplar Ave #84
Porterville CA 93257
Assets: \$0, Liability: \$0,
Exemptions: \$0

Posey's Auto Repair

Case No: 19-11289-7
3361 W Morris Ave
Fresno CA 93711
Assets: \$25,073, Liability:
\$69,675, Exemptions: \$25,073

Mind Set Multi Media

Case No: 19-11311-7
2522 N Fontana St
Visalia CA 93291
Assets: \$75,256, Liability:
\$290,388, Exemptions: \$51,156

The Carwash Guy

Case No: 19-11314-7
5219 San Mateo Dr
Bakersfield CA 93307
Assets: \$194,816, Liability:
\$186,090, Exemptions: \$104,900

Majestic Investments Group IIc

Case No: 19-11315-7
5428 Carrotwood Ave
Bakersfield CA 93313
Assets: \$345,972, Liability:
\$558,991, Exemptions: \$107,054

Xcellent Auto Body Parts

Case No: 19-11319-7
8200 Lexington Ave
Bakersfield CA 93306
Assets: \$16,923, Liability:
\$33,066, Exemptions: \$30,024

Angeline Home Care

Case No: 19-11334-13
2834 E Michigan Ave
Fresno CA 93703
Assets: \$0, Liability: \$0,
Exemptions: \$0

Load Em Up Transport

Case No: 19-11357-13
17250 El Camino Rd
Madera CA 93636
Assets: \$457,389, Liability:
\$428,975, Exemptions: \$132,491

FEDERAL LIENS

Dadee Os Inc

Doc No: 19-05889, IRS tax lien

1830 W Cleveland Ave, Madera,
CA 93637
Amount: \$29,857

Magnolia Park

Doc No: 19-012945, IRS tax lien
121 E Main St, Visalia, CA 93292
Amount: \$13,292

United Growers Inc

Doc No: 19-013564, IRS tax lien
PO Box 426, Farmersville, CA
93223
Amount: \$4,630

Prestige Event Security Frontline Executive Protection

Doc No: 19-028530, IRS tax lien
5132 N Palm Ave Ste 120,
Fresno, CA 93704
Amount: \$9,380

American Construction Engineers

Doc No: 19-028529, IRS tax lien
26375 Watts Valley Rd,
Tollhouse, CA 93667
Amount: \$105,098

Hoowaii Inc

Doc No: 19-028528, IRS tax lien
PO Box 27080, Fresno, CA
93729
Amount: \$54,080

Camp Fresno

Doc No: 19-028617, IRS tax lien
53861 Dinkey Creek Rd, Shaver
Lake, CA 93664
Amount: \$13,365

C & D Investments

Doc No: 19-028607, IRS tax lien
1089 E Shaw Ave Ste 103,
Fresno, CA 93710
Amount: \$4,266

MQM Pizza Inc

Doc No: 19-028606, IRS tax lien
7186 N Ila Ave, Fresno, CA 93711
Amount: \$15,276

RMC Enterprises Inc

Doc No: 19-028605, IRS tax lien
4974 N Fresno St Ste 543,
Fresno, CA 93726
Amount: \$10,980

A Z Transportation Inc

Doc No: 19-028598, IRS tax lien
3164 S Peach Ave, Fresno, CA

93725
Amount: \$71,235

A Z Transportation Inc

Doc No: 19-028597, IRS tax lien
3164 S Peach Ave, Fresno, CA
93725
Amount: \$270,248

STATE LIENS

Rivera's

Doc No: 19-05914,, CA Dept Tax &
Fee Adm tax lien
1554 Border Ave Unit A, Corona,
CA 92882
Amount: \$3,312

Big Pop's Auto

Doc No: 19-05913,, CA Dept Tax &
Fee Adm tax lien
3835 N Tollhouse Rd, Fresno, CA
93726
Amount: \$3,297

Assembly of God

Doc No: 19-03946, EDD tax lien
501 E Bush St, Lemoore, CA 93245
Amount: \$257

Genos Diesel Repair

Doc No: 19-03947, EDD tax lien
10154 9 1/2 Ave, Hanford, CA
93230
Amount: \$681

Jason Correia Farming

Doc No: 19-03948, EDD tax lien
2299 N Arbor Ave, Hanford, CA
93230
Amount: \$533

Fatte Albert's Pizza Company

Doc No: 19-04203, EDD tax lien
110 E 7th St, Hanford, CA 93230
Amount: \$1,453

La Fiesta

Doc No: 19-04212,, CA Dept Tax &
Fee Adm tax lien
1583 7th St, Mendota, CA 93640
Amount: \$127,647

Taco Mobil

Doc No: 19-04213,, CA Dept Tax &

Fee Adm tax lien

9728 S Thompson Ave, Selma,
CA 93662
Amount: \$2,900

Patt's Roadside Ribs

Doc No: 19-04214,, CA Dept Tax
& Fee Adm tax lien
545 Pepper Dr Apt B, Hanford,
CA 93230
Amount: \$9,554

Red's Industrial Inc

Doc No: 19-012938, EDD tax lien
8210 W Doe Ave, Visalia, CA
93291
Amount: \$4,685

All Valley Tree Service

Doc No: 19-012939, EDD tax lien
3603 E Vista Dr, Visalia, CA
93292
Amount: \$838

El Jaliscience Mexican Restaurant

Doc No: 19-012940, EDD tax lien
533 E Cross Ave, Tulare, CA
93274
Amount: \$2,063

Sierra Appliance Service

Doc No: 19-012941, EDD tax lien
863 N Main St, Porterville, CA
93257
Amount: \$1,905

Kaweah Citrus Packing Inc

Doc No: 19-012942, EDD tax lien
32458 Road 236, Woodlake, CA
93286
Amount: \$5,981

Old West Packing Inc

Doc No: 19-013064, EDD tax lien
14085 Avenue 412, Orosi, CA
93647
Amount: \$1,116

Emet Construction Inc

Doc No: 19-013065, EDD tax lien
20739 Road 244, Lindsay, CA
93247
Amount: \$4,048

RPS Inc

Doc No: 19-013066, EDD tax
lien
HC 1 Box 95, Kernville, CA
93238
Amount: \$6,546

Fernando & Sons Welding & Repair

Doc No: 19-013067, EDD tax lien
519 S Airport St, Pixley, CA
93256
Amount: \$1,519

J2D2 Business Services

Doc No: 19-013068, EDD tax lien
142 N J St, Tulare, CA 93274
Amount: \$96

Royalview Construction

Doc No: 19-013069, EDD tax lien
926 S Church St, Earlimart, CA
93219
Amount: \$5,898

CBC Painting

Doc No: 19-013070, EDD tax lien
4216 S Mooney Blvd #244,
Visalia, CA 93277
Amount: \$596

Hats Hats N More Hats

Doc No: 19-013737, EDD tax lien
822 S Church St, Visalia, CA
93277
Amount: \$100

Caglia Consolidated Enterprises

Doc No: 19-027858, EDD tax lien
28468 Thermal Rd, Sanger, CA
93657
Amount: \$9,768

Drill Me One Inc

Doc No: 19-028022, Franchise
Tax Board tax lien
8449 E Nees Ave, Clovis, CA
93619
Amount: \$10,634

VIP Transportation

Doc No: 19-028326,, CA Dept

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Tax & Fee Adm tax lien
7940 N Maple Ave Ste 104,
Fresno, CA 93720
Amount: \$1,650

Rainworthy Roofing Inc
Doc No: 19-028335, EDD tax lien
2662 E Jefferson Ave, Fresno,
CA 93725
Amount: \$119

KW Beds
Doc No: 19-028486, Franchise
Tax Board tax lien
PO Box 26465, Fresno, CA 93729
Amount: \$2,698

Casa Latina Mini Market
Doc No: 19-028887, EDD tax lien
1017 Fulton St, Fresno, CA 93721
Amount: \$435

Kyjo Enterprises Inc
Doc No: 19-028902, EDD tax lien
114 E Shaw Ave Ste 210, Fresno,
CA 93710
Amount: \$15,224

AG Transport Inc
Doc No: 19-028905, EDD tax lien
17905 W Rose Ave, San Joaquin,
CA 93660
Amount: \$9,767

Green Ag Solutions Inc
Doc No: 19-028908, EDD tax lien
5468 E Lamona Ave, Fresno, CA
93727
Amount: \$6,576

Bohren Enterprises Inc
Doc No: 19-029174, Franchise
Tax Board tax lien
953 N Bush Ave, Clovis, CA 93611
Amount: \$3,110

The Lamp Post
Doc No: 19-029188,, CA Dept Tax
& Fee Adm tax lien
3119 Swift Cir, Clovis, CA 93612
Amount: \$6,958

Millennium Water Systems
Doc No: 19-029187,, CA Dept Tax
& Fee Adm tax lien
2041 N Winery Ave Apt 105,
Fresno, CA 93703
Amount: \$5,343

Western Custom Cabinet
Doc No: 19-029185,, CA Dept Tax
& Fee Adm tax lien
130 Conway Dr, Easley SC 29640
Amount: \$22,305

NEW BUSINESSES**FRESNO**

Smart Virtual Realty

Central Building

Geet Sangeet

Beyond Detailing

Leelee's Glam Studio

Helpful Health Research

Maria's Auto Body Shop

Rancho El Triunfo

Black Diamond Residential
Homes

Fortworth Management
Services

Image Metalworks

Star Building Supplies

Domestic Thugs

Big Valley Mortgage Reverse
Group

Adrian's Roadside Assistance

Spice'em Khay's

Tyler Crane Service

California Racing Entertainment

Mariscos Del Rey Inc

Breaking Free Revival Center

Fresh Haven Interiors

De La O Entertainment

Odette's Janitorial Service Ilc

B D S Transport

Ana's Beauty Bar

Pinpoint Local Clovis California

American Travel Bureau

Passport To Grow

Contractors Consulting Service

EKG Fitness

Manning Mini Mart Inc

MJ Sanitation

Best Tires In Town Inc

Chepe Trucking

ZS Transport

Farm Feed Store & Supply

All Steel Construction

Tauro Enterprises

En Route Grill

American Pride Auto Repair

Louies Ink

Cherry On Top

Altice Technical Services

Bratton Real Estate

Health Massage

Subway Sandwich #14781

Subway Sandwich #1124

Babuchi Auto Sales

Subway Sandwich #47559

Baskin Robbins #353019

Taqueria El Taco Loco

Salud En Forma

Cowboy Café

Quality Alignment

Construction Unlimited

Lopez Express

Divine Abundance Apparel

Foundry Cooperative

A&J Oak Hill Farm

Sandhu Roadways

Razor Sharp Rique

Auto Chaser

Cut By Johnny

Cali Smoke Shop #5

American Pump Service

Soldiers 4 Christ

Compassion Care

ML Home and Furniture

Vixen Clothing

A L D General Engineering

Dailey Lifestyle Opportunities

Akylies Transport

Bedford Falls Partnership

Vang Royal Janitorial Services

Trinity Development Center

Stone Hill

Kona Pools

F & N Auto Sales

Lorraine Luvz Ministries

Nonspecific

Wonton Crunchies

Pattiewack Designs

Sticks and Stones

R & L Property Management

Laura's Farm

Proctor's Jewelers

Laundry King

The Perfume Shop

Designer Perfumes

Purelife

ARS Janitorial

Akal Distribution

K-G Construction Co

Team Green

Vern's Pool Service

Kimbleys Floor Service

Body Type Fitness

Buchanan Babe Ruth

Deliver It

Studio Beleza

Kinequi Acupuncture &
Wellness

Fresno School of Self Defense

M R Trucking

California Food Expo

Bespoke Teknic

Sky Tours

CSI Central Valley

Redwood Pools, Supply and
Delivery

California Charters & Tours

ATS Express Inc

Atlas Media

Master Tech Garage

R Zamora

Pacific Wind Transportation

Marlene's Services and More

Rodney's Pool Service

Impressions Barbershop &
Beauty

Fate Forensic Instruction

R&R Realty

DJ Balti Productions

International Aim4travel
Association

M and M Registration Service

Pro Travel Network

Southern Roots Hair Salon

Tacos Las Salsas

The Light-House Recovery
Program

Holistic Form Massage Therapy

Kim and Wong Law Group

Traditions Lawn Care

GAD Trucker

Aroni Water Conditioning

Solgen Electric

Bulldog Water Polo Club

MADERA

Transportes Pablo Taxi

Poppy Beach Jewelry

Eagle Security Systems

Sparkle Pools

Paul A Mosesian Family
Partnership

Galaxy Auto Group

AMB Valley Hauling

RC Trucking

TULARE

O&Y Galvez Trucking

Jazzy Girl

Sacred Medicine Bridge

RNS Investments

Los Hermanos Tire Shop

All World Health

Ivanhoe Drive In

Banut Firearms Training

E R Electric

T O B Graphic Designers

Grace Avenue

Suarez Frontier Nursery

Rtis Connection Plus

B O M B Creations

El Burrito Loco

Safe Kids Babysitting Ilc

Sim Wireless-Tulare

Spirit Wolf Spin Bar

Anysort USA

Rail Best Transfer

Indo-Thai Fine Cuisine

Yoo's Martial Arts Academy

JA&V Contracting

Sanchez Farms

KINGS

Kings Auto Center

Ava's Apparel

California Colonial Builder

Agland Protective Services

Moo Bull Services

Endless Automotive Detailing

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TRUSTEE SALES

(1) NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 18-31230-BA-CA Title No. 180507495-CA-VOI A.P.N. 505-292-34 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/23/2009. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Thomas A Ortega and Darlene S Ortega husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 07/28/2009 as Instrument No. 2009-0103035 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Fresno County, California. Date of Sale: 05/15/2019 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Fresno Superior Courthouse, West Entrance to the County Courthouse Breezeway, 1100 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93724 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$228,953.47 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7229 West San Madele Avenue, Fresno, CA 93723 A.P.N.: 505-292-34 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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 requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 18-31230-BA-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: 04/03/2019 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative A-4689909 04/12/2019, 04/19/2019, 04/26/2019 04/12/2019, 04/19/2019, 04/26/2019

T.S. No. 074230-CA APN: 313-451-18 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/4/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 4/23/2019 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 5/20/2005, as

Instrument No. 2005-0112306, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: DONNIE L. EASON AND FREDDIE M. EASON HUSBAND & WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS 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, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: AT THE VAN NESS AVENUE EXIT FROM THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1100 VAN NESS, FRESNO, CA 93724 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 5901 E MADISON AVE FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93727 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured 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: \$283,237.20 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 under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 074230-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. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117 03/29/2019, 04/05/2019, 04/12/2019

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 18-1954 Loan No.: *****701 APN: 313-713-02 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/1/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: DEAN WEBSTER, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Duly Appointed Trustee: PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES Recorded 7/16/2015 as Instrument No. 2015-0090839-00 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Fresno County, California, Date of Sale: 4/30/2019 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Van Ness Avenue exit from the County Courthouse, 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, CA 93721 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$197,048.52 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 6751 E HARWOOD AVE FRESNO California 93727 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services. 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 (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site https://www.servicelinkasap.com/default.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case 18-1954. 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: 3/21/2019 PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 Michelle R. Ghidotti-Gonsalves, President A-4688913 04/05/2019, 04/12/2019, 04/19/2019 04/05/2019, 04/12/2019, 04/19/2019

CIVIL

(1) NOTICE AND CITATION TO PARENT FOR APPEARANCE AT HEARING. W&I Code §366.26 Hearing: 07-08-2019 Time: 8:00 A.M.; DEPT: 21 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO JUVENILE COURT Case No.: 17-300190 In The Matter Of LILIANA CAMPOS DOB: 11-22-2009 Minor TO: MARCO DELGADO, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR. This is to notify you that you are cited to appear at the hearing below, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §366.23 and §366.26: DATE: JULY 8, 2019 TIME: 8:00 A.M. PLACE: Department 21 Juvenile Dependency Court, 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, California 93724 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT THIS HEARING FRESNO COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL RECOMMEND TO THE COURT THAT THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF MARCO DELGADO, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR, BE TERMINATED AND THAT THE ABOVE MINOR BE FREED FOR ADOPTION. As the parent of the subject minors, you are cited to and may appear at Court as indicated above in order to express your opinion as to whether your parental rights should be terminated so that the minors can be adopted. This is also to advise you that you have certain legal rights and protections, including the right to oppose these proceedings. You have the right to hire an attorney of your choice to represent you. If you are unable to retain a lawyer, you may request that the judge appoint one for you, who shall be the Public Defender or a private attorney. If you cannot afford to pay the cost of legal counsel to represent you, the fee will be paid by Fresno County. This notice and citation is dated APR 9 2019. SHERAN MORTON, Clerk of the Court. By: JULIE RAMIREZ, Deputy.

DISOBEDIENCE TO THIS CITATION BY FAILING TO APPEAR MAY SUBJECT THE PARTY SERVED TO ARREST AND PUNISHMENT FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 2135 Fresno Street, Suite 403, Fresno CA 93721 Telephone Number: (559) 600-1975, PETITIONER COUNTY OF FRESNO, Acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. 04/12/2019, 04/19/2019, 04/26/2019, 05/03/2019

(1) SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): BRIAN WELDON, an individual; FREEDOM

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INVESTMENTS, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DAMANDANTE): PAUL SINGER, an individual, and BENCHMARK LOGIC REAL ESTATE INVESTING AND CONSULTING, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company 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.

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(Numero del Caso): 18CECG03151
The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es) FRESNO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 1130 "O" STREET FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93721
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado es).
Jim A. Trevino, Esq. 237795
The Law Office of Jim A. Trevino
700 E Shaw Ave., Suite 202
Fresno, CA 93710
(559) 579-1333
DATE: (Fecha) 8/27/2018
Clerk. (Secretario) by C. York, Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL)
04/12/2019, 04/19/2019, 04/26/2019, 05/03/2019

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF: FRESNO CIVIL DIVISION 1130 "O" STREET FRESNO, CA 93721
PETITION OF: KARL GRIMEK GRUNDMANN: FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 19CECG00951

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: KARL GRIMEK GRUNDMANN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: a. KARL GRIMEK GRUNDMANN to Proposed name: KARL GRIMEK PIEPER
2. THE COURT ORDERS all persons interested in this matter shall 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.

a. Date: 6/24/19, Time: 8:30 A.M. Dept: 404
b. The address of the court is: 1130 "O" Street Fresno, CA 93721
Department 404 is located at the Sisk Building, 4th floor, 1130 "O" St., Fresno

3. a. 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: THE BUSINESS JOURNAL. Date: 3/18/2019
Mark Cullers, Judge of the Superior Court.
PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY: Amanda G. Hebesha 234214
Wanger Jones Helsley PC
265 E. River Park Circle, Suite 310
Fresno, California 93720
ATTORNEY FOR: Petitioner 03/22/2019, 03/29/2019, 04/05/2019, 04/12/2019

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 17CECL04012

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): MEGAN J DUVALL, an individual YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 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.

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The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of CA, Fresno, B. F. Sisk Courthouse, 1130 O Street, Fresno, CA 93721

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): Angela A. Velen (State Bar #: 217292), Collection At Law, Inc. A.P.C. 3835 E Thousand Oaks Bl. #R349, Westlake Village, CA 91362, (818) 716-7630

DATE (Fecha): 5/25/2017
Clerk (Secretario), by M Vang, Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served as an individual defendant 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12/19 CNS-3234767# FRESNO BUSINESS JOURNAL 03/22/2019, 03/29/2019, 04/05/2019, 04/12/2019

NOTICE AND CITATION TO PARENT FOR APPEARANCE AT HEARING.

W&I Code §366.26 Hearing: 07-11-19 Time: 8:00 A.M.; DEPT: 23 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO JUVENILE COURT Case No.: 19-300041 In The Matter Of BABY BOY SSB XXXI aka JUDAH CAROLAN DOB: 02-08-2019 Minor(S)

TO: JANE DOE-SSB XXXI, MOTHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE MOTHER OF THE MINOR. UNKNOWN FATHER, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR. This is to notify you that you are cited to appear at the hearing below, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code §366.23 and §366.26: DATE: JULY 11, 2019 TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Department 23, Juvenile Dependency Court, 1100 Van Ness, Fresno, California 93724 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT THIS HEARING FRESNO COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL RECOMMEND TO THE COURT THAT THE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF JANE DOE-SSB XXXI, MOTHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE MOTHER OF THE MINOR, UNKNOWN FATHER, FATHER OF THE MINOR, AND TO ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE THE FATHER OF THE MINOR, BE TERMINATED AND THAT THE ABOVE MINOR BE FREED FOR ADOPTION.

As the parents of the subject minor, you are cited to and may appear at Court as indicated above in order to express your opinion as to whether your parental rights should be terminated so that the minor can be adopted.

This is also to advise you that you have certain legal rights and protections, including the right to oppose these proceedings. You have the right to hire an attorney of your choice to represent you. If you are unable to retain a lawyer, you may request that the judge appoint one for you, who shall be the Public Defender or a private attorney. If you cannot afford to pay the cost of legal counsel to represent you, the fee will be paid by Fresno County. This notice and citation is dated APR 2, 2019
SHERAN MORTON, Clerk of the Court.
By: BENICIA ROCHA, Deputy.

DISOBEDIENCE TO THIS CITATION BY FAILING TO APPEAR MAY SUBJECT THE PARTY SERVED TO ARREST AND PUNISHMENT FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

FRESNO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, 2135 Fresno Street, Suite 403, Fresno CA 93721 Telephone Number: (559) 600-1975, PETITIONER COUNTY OF FRESNO, Acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. 04/05/2019, 04/12/2019, 04/19/2019, 04/26/2019

PROBATE

(1) NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DIANA GAYE CRAIN CASE NO: 19CEPR00275

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DIANA GAYE CRAIN

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Mark Stuebner in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

The Petition for Probate requests that Cameron Crain and Mark Stuebner 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: May 7, 2019, 9:00 A.M., Dept.: 303 1130 "O" Street, 3rd Floor - Dept. 303 Fresno, California 93721-2220 B.F. Sisk Courthouse

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: NANCY J. LEVAN SBN 219925 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW 6107 N. TAMERA AVE. FRESNO, CA 93711 (559) 432-6107 04/12/2019, 04/17/2019, 04/26/2019

(1) NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARK G. METTLER, also known as MARK GAVIN METTLER CASE NO: 19 CEPR 00308

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARK G. METTLER, also known as MARK GAVIN METTLER

A Petition for Probate has been filed by KRISTINE D. METTLER in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

The Petition for Probate requests that KRISTINE D. METTLER 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: May 16, 2019, 11:00 A.M., Dept.: 304 1130 "O" Street, 3rd Floor Fresno, California 93724 CENTRAL DIVISION

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.

PROBATE

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You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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Attorney for petitioner:
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BAKER MANOCK & JENSEN PC
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Fresno, CA 93704
(559) 432-5400
04/12/2019, 04/17/2019, 04/26/2019

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CLAUDIA M. CARTER AKA CLAUDIA MARIE CARTER
CASE NO: 19CEPR00248
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CLAUDIA M. CARTER AKA CLAUDIA MARIE CARTER

A Petition for Probate has been filed by ANDREA M. CARTER AND THOMAS H. CARTER II in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

The Petition for Probate requests that ANDREA M. CARTER 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 any 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:
MAY 1, 2019, 9:00 A.M., Dept.: 303
1130 "O" Street, 3rd Floor
Fresno, California 93721-2220
B. F. SISK COURTHOUSE

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:
SUSAN L. PASCUZZI 192164
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2377 W. SHAW AVENUE, SUITE 101
FRESNO, CA 93711
(559) 227-1100
03/29/2019, 04/03/2019, 04/12/2019

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF

Patrick Sumner Peck
CASE NO: 19CEPR00264

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Patrick Sumner Peck

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Kim Ann Peck in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

The Petition for Probate requests that Kim Ann Peck 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 any 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:
May 6, 2019, 9:00 A.M., Dept.: 303
1130 "O" Street, 3rd Floor - Dept. 303
Fresno, California 93721-2220

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.

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Attorney for petitioner:
PAUL C. FRANCO, 203899
Attorney at Law
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(559) 389-5853
03/29/2019, 04/03/2019, 04/12/2019

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JIM KURNOSOFF, SR. aka TIMOTHY ALEXSEEVICH KURNOSOFF
Case No. 19CEPR00284

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JIM KURNOSOFF, SR. aka TIMOTHY ALEXSEEVICH KURNOSOFF

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Celeste Elizabeth Cabrera in the Superior Court of California, County of FRESNO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Celeste Elizabeth Cabrera 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 on May 9, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Dept. No. 303 located at 1130 O STREET 3RD FL, Fresno, CA 93721.

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.

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Attorney for petitioner:
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CN959237 KURNOSOFF Apr 5,8,12, 2019
04/05/2019, 04/08/2019, 04/12/2019

FICTITIOUS

(1) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2201910002060

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as California Food Expo at 1100 West Shaw Avenue, #140, Fresno, California 93711 FRESNO COUNTY, Phone (559) 227-9999; Full Name of Registrant: Fresno Food Exposition, 1100 West Shaw Avenue, #140, Fresno, California 93711, Phone (559) 227-9999

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 03/01/2019
This business conducted by: CORPORATION
Articles of Incorporation Number: C3786422
Denver Schutz, Treasurer

This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 04/03/2019
(Seal)
BRANDI L. ORTH,
COUNTY CLERK.

By: MARISSA CURTIS, DEPUTY.
"NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME."
04/12/2019, 04/19/2019, 04/26/2019, 05/03/2019

(1) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2201910002190

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as SIERRA PACIFIC ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATOLOGY CENTERS at 5339 N. FRESNO ST., STE. 103, FRESNO, CA 93710, FRESNO COUNTY; Mailing Address: 5315 W. HILLSDALE AVE., VISALIA, CA 93291; Full Name of Registrant: DANIEL ARTHUR WATROUS, MD, 6024 W. CALDWELL AVE., VISALIA, CA 93277. Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above. This business conducted by: INDIVIDUAL.
DANIEL A. WATROUS MD,

OWNER.
This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 04/09/2019.
(Seal)

BRANDI L. ORTH,
COUNTY CLERK.

By: ANGELA DELGADO, DEPUTY.
"NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME."
04/12/2019, 04/19/2019, 04/26/2019, 05/03/2019

(1) FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2201910001671

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as SENG'S KITCHEN at 635 N FIRST STREET, FRESNO, CA 93702, FRESNO COUNTY; Mailing Address: 635 N FIRST STREET, FRESNO, CA. 93702;

Full Name of Registrant: THATSAPHONE THAMMAVONG, 225 S MERIDIAN AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93702, Phone (559) 573-2115.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 03/18/2019
This business conducted by: INDIVIDUAL
THATSAPHONE THAMMAVONG, OWNER

This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/18/2019
(Seal)

BRANDI L. ORTH,
COUNTY CLERK.

By: SONYA SOY, DEPUTY.
"NOTICE - THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THAT TIME."
04/12/2019, 04/19/2019, 04/26/2019, 05/03/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2201910001566

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as VA Professional at 1560 N Encoure Way, Clovis, CA 93619, Fresno County;

Full Name of Registrant: Karey Cha, 1560 N. Encoure Way, Clovis, CA 93619.

Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above.

This business conducted by: An Individual
Karey Cha, Owner

This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/12/2019
(Seal)

BRANDI L. ORTH,
COUNTY CLERK.

By: MADELINE HER, DEPUTY.
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03/22/2019, 03/29/2019, 04/05/2019, 04/12/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2201910001443

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as GPS Fabrication at 390 Park Creek Drive, Clovis, CA 93619, Fresno County

Full Name of Registrant: Gas Pro Shop & Fabrication, LLC, 390 Park Creek Drive, Clovis, CA 93619, Phone (559) 513-8131

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 04/01/2019
This business conducted by: as LLC

Articles of Incorporation Number: 201611610136
Jeffrey Krueger, President

This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/07/2019
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BRANDI L. ORTH,
County Clerk.

By: MADELEINE HER, Deputy.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2201910001238

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as VENTURE INTRODUCTIONS INC.

THE MARKETING CHAMPIONS VENTURE INTRODUCTIONS at 10696 N. LIGHTHOUSE DRIVE, FRESNO, CA 93730, FRESNO COUNTY, Phone (855) 504-6876;

Mailing Address: 10696 N. LIGHTHOUSE DR, FRESNO, CA 93730;

Full Name of Registrant: VENTURE INTRODUCTIONS INC., 10696 N LIGHTHOUSE DR, FRESNO, CA 93730, Phone (800) 504-6876

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 02/01/2019
This business conducted by: CORPORATION

Articles of Incorporation Number: C4243134
JULIE A. SCOTT, PRESIDENT.

This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 02/27/2019.
(Seal)

BRANDI L. ORTH,
COUNTY CLERK.

By: GLORIA AYALA, DEPUTY.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2201910001788

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as West Shaw Children's Behavioral Health Services at 3451 W Shaw Ave, Ste 105, Fresno, CA 93711, Fresno County;

Mailing Address: PO Box 1559, Bakersfield, CA 93302-1559, Kern County;

Full Name of Registrant: Clinica Sierra Vista, 1430 Truxtun Ave, Ste 400, Bakersfield, CA 93301, Phone (661) 635-3050.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 3/22/2019
This business conducted by: A Corporation

Articles of Incorporation Number: C0641648
Brian O. Harris, CEO

This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/22/2019
(Seal)

BRANDI L. ORTH,
COUNTY CLERK.

By: ELIZABETH OROZCO, DEPUTY.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2201910001789

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as West Shaw Adult Behavioral Health Services at 3451 W Shaw Ave, Ste 101, Fresno, CA 93711, Fresno County;

Mailing Address: PO Box 1559, Bakersfield, CA 93302-1559, Kern County;

Full Name of Registrant: Clinica Sierra Vista, 1430 Truxtun Ave, Ste 400, Bakersfield, CA 93301, Phone (661) 635-3050

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business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 03/22/2019
 This business conducted by: A Corporation
 Articles of Incorporation Number: C0641648
 Brian O. Harris, CEO
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/22/2019
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 BRANDI L. ORTH, COUNTY CLERK.
 By: ELIZABETH OROZCO, DEPUTY.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2201910001504

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 SANCHEZ BATTERIES at 3602 E BUTLER AVENUE UNIT# 101, FRESNO, CA 93702, FRESNO COUNTY, Phone (559) 614-3452;
 Mailing Address:
 3602 E BUTLER AVENUE UNIT# 101, FRESNO CA 93702;
 Full Name of Registrant:
 ALFONSO ESPINO SANCHEZ, 3604 E GRANT AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93702, Phone (559) 899-4203
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 03/11/2019
 This business conducted by: INDIVIDUAL
 ALFONSO ESPINO SANCHEZ, OWNER
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/11/2019
 (Seal)
 BRANDI L. ORTH, COUNTY CLERK.
 By: SONYA SOY, DEPUTY.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2201910001560

The following person(s) is(are) conducting business as:
 Infinity Walls, 16139 E Floral Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654, County of Fresno
 Registrant:
 Rod's Custom Signs, Inc., 16139 E Floral Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: 08/19/2018
 This business is conducted by: Corporation
 Articles of Incorporation: C3073726
 This Statement has been executed pursuant to section 17919 of the Business and Professions code.
 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, false declarations are a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$1,000).
 S/ Rod Johnson, President
 Filed with the Fresno County Clerk on March 12, 2019
 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
 New Filing
 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/19/19
 CNS-3236005#
 FRESNO BUSINESS JOURNAL
 03/29/2019, 04/05/2019, 04/12/2019, 04/19/2019

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2201910001795

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 SD TRUCK LINE at 3715 W BARSTOW AVE, APT-216, FRESNO, CA 93711 FRESNO COUNTY;
 Full Name of Registrant:
 DILDEEP SINGH, 3715 W BARSTOW AVENUE, APT-216, FRESNO, CA 93711
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 03/22/2019
 This business conducted by: INDIVIDUAL
 DILDEEP SINGH, OWNER
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 3/22/2019
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 BRANDI L. ORTH, COUNTY CLERK.
 By: MADELEINE HER, DEPUTY.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2201910001888

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 LAURITE SENIOR CARE HOME at 5478 EAST LAURITE AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93727 FRESNO, Phone (559) 493-5300;
 Full Name of Registrant:
 MARITA W. DAVIS, 5478 EAST LAURITE AVENUE, FRESNO, CA 93727.
 Registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above.
 This business conducted by: INDIVIDUAL
 MARITA W. DAVIS, OWNER
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/27/2019
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 BRANDI L. ORTH, COUNTY CLERK.
 By: MADELEINE HER, DEPUTY.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2201910001921

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 A-1 Ornamental Ironworks, Inc. at 4637 E White Avenue, Fresno, California, 93702, Fresno County
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Stairway Fabricators, Inc. (a California corporation), 4637 E White Ave Fresno, CA 93702
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: Jan 12 2004
 This business conducted by: Stairway Fabricators, Inc.
 Articles of Incorporation Number: C2578283
 Alfredo Arreguin, CEO
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/27/2019
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 BRANDI L. ORTH, County Clerk.
 By: ELIZABETH OROZCO, Deputy.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2201910001616

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 COMING UP
 THE GIFTS OF ANUBIS
 QUEEN ANUBIS at 3327 E FAIRMONT AVENUE APT A, FRESNO, CA 93726, FRESNO COUNTY;
 Mailing Address:

373 E SHAW AVENUE #319, FRESNO, CA 93710;
 Full Name of Registrant:
 MARIA NATIVIDAD PAULA VILLASENOR, 3327 E FAIRMONT AVENUE APT A, FRESNO, CA 93726
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: 03/14/2019
 This business conducted by: INDIVIDUAL
 MARIA NATIVIDAD PAULA VILLASENOR, OWNER
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/14/2019
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 BRANDI L. ORTH, COUNTY CLERK.
 By: SONYA SOY, DEPUTY.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2201910001895

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 The Unexplored at 1574 S. Temperance Ave, Fresno, CA 93727, Fresno County
 Mailing Address:
 291 S. McKelvey Ave. Fresno, CA 93727
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Brayden James Wise, 1574 S. Temperance Ave. Fresno, CA 93727
 Steven Andrew Maxwell, 291 S. McKelvey Ave Fresno, CA 93727
 Abigail Lane Wise, 1574 S. Temperance Ave. Fresno, CA 93727
 Jared Andrew Rickman, 1574 S. Temperance Ave. Fresno, CA 93727
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: March 14, 2019
 This business conducted by: General Partnership
 This Statement has been executed pursuant to section 17919 of the Business and Professions code.
 Brayden Wise, General Partner
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/27/2019
 (Seal)
 BRANDI L. ORTH, County Clerk.
 By: ELIZABETH OROZCO, Deputy.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No. 2201910001887

The following person(s) is (are) conducting business as
 Realty Concepts Property Management at 575 EAST ALLUVIAL, SUITE 101, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93720, FRESNO COUNTY, Phone (559) 978-4772;
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Realty Concepts Property Management, Inc., 575 East Alluvial, Suite 101 Fresno, CA 93720, Phone (559) 978-4772
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name listed above on: January 4, 2019
 This business conducted by: Corporation
 Articles of Incorporation Number: January 4, 2019
 John Paul Shamshoian, Secretary
 This statement filed with the Fresno County Clerk on: 03/27/2019
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 BRANDI L. ORTH, County Clerk.
 By: ELIZABETH OROZCO, Deputy.
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(1)
PUBLIC NOTICE
 Clovis Unified School District
 Adoption of Level II School Facilities (Developer) Fees

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Governing Board of Clovis Unified School District will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of a School Facilities Needs Analysis and Level II School Facilities (Developer) fees at its regular meeting to be held at 6:45 p.m. on May 22, 2019, in the Professional Development Building Board Room at 1680 David E. Cook Way, Clovis, California.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that following this public hearing, the Governing Board of Clovis Unified School District will consider a resolution to adopt a School Facilities Needs Analysis and Level II fees on new residential development as authorized by Government Code Sections 65995.5 and 65995.6. If approved, the Level II fee will take effect on July 1, 2019.

The School Facilities Needs Analysis with the data supporting the Level II School Facilities fee is available for review. Anyone wishing to review or request a copy of the School Facilities Needs Analysis may do so by contacting the Office of the Assistant Superintendent, Facility Services at 1450 Herndon Avenue, Clovis, California 93611 or by calling (559) 327-9260.
 04/12/2019

(1)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
 (SECS. 6101-6111 U.C.C.)

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of MILLERTON ROADHOUSE, LLC ("Seller"), whose business address is 20023 Auberry Road, #1, Clovis, CA 93619, that a bulk sale is about to be made to ROCKIN TAILS VENTURES LLC ("Buyer"), whose business address is 51840 Dale Lane, Oakhurst, CA 93644.

The property to be transferred is located at 20023 Auberry Road, #1, Clovis, CA 93619. County of Fresno. Said property is described as: ALL INVENTORY, STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND GOODWILL OF THE BUSINESS KNOWN AS THE ROADHOUSE. The bulk sale will be consummated on or after April 30, 2019, at CalAtlantic Title, 7555 N. Palm Avenue, Suite 210, Fresno, CA 93711 pursuant to Division 6 of the California Code. [This bulk sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the California Commercial Code. ALL CLAIMS TO BE SENT C/O CalAtlantic Title, 55601-1604181-18, 7555 N. Palm Avenue, Suite 210, Fresno, CA 93711. The last date for filing claims shall be April 29, 2019.]

So far as known to Buyer, all business names and addresses used by Seller for the three years last past, if different from the above, are:

NONE
 Dated: March 26, 2019
 Buyer:
 ROCKIN TAILS VENTURES LLC, a California limited liability company
 By: Name: Kelly Hillman
 Title: Managing Member
 04/12/2019

(1)
PUBLICATION OF SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF FRESNO

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors is giving notice that at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Fresno County Hall of Records, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 3rd Floor, 2281 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, they will consider adoption of the ordinance summarized below.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
 This Ordinance amends the Fresno County Master Schedule of Fees, Charges and Recovered Costs by amending Section 2300-Purchasing, revising subsection 2301 relating to the recovery of costs of services and supplies provided by the Purchasing Division of the Internal Services Department (ISD) to County departments and other public agencies. The full text of this Ordinance will be available online at the Board

of Supervisors webpage, <https://fresnocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> under the Agenda and Supporting Documents link at the April 23, 2019 meeting date or at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors' office at 2281 Tulare Street, Room 301, Fresno, California.
 Bernice E. Seidel
 Clerk, Board of Supervisors
 04/12/2019

(1)
NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS INFORMAL SERVICES

Following are the provisions for a(n) PAPER BID SUBMISSION or ONLINE BID SUBMISSION
 The City of Fresno is soliciting proposals for:
 Department of Transportation Fresno Area Express (FAX) 2019 Title VI Program Update
 RFP No. 46766
 PROPOSERS MUST FOLLOW THE PROPER INSTRUCTIONS BELOW BASED ON WHETHER THE RFP SUBMISSION IS PAPER OR ONLINE
 Paper submissions will be received as sealed bids at the office of the Purchasing Manager of the City of Fresno for the following: A qualified consultant to perform a Title VI Program Update as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under circular 4702.1B.
 Specifications for these items can be downloaded at the City's online website at:
<http://www.fresno.gov>

Doing Business (on the top of the screen) Bid Opportunities, Project Detail Page. Any questions concerning this RFP should be referred to the designated Procurement Specialist as shown on the Project Detail Page and may be submitted electronically utilizing the Questions and Answers field on Planet Bids, or by contacting the City of Fresno, Purchasing Unit, at (559) 621-1332 (5) days prior to the designated RFP opening date or prior to the pre-bid conference, if scheduled.

PAPER SUBMISSION RFP proposals must be submitted on the forms provided in a sealed envelope, properly completed and clearly showing the above project title and control number, to the Purchasing Unit Office at 2600 Fresno St. Room 2156, Fresno, CA 93721, prior to the RFP opening at 2:00 P.M., May 7, 2019. RFPs received at 2:00 p.m. or after will not be accepted. The time stamp in the Purchasing Unit will be the official clock for documenting the time of filing. RFPs received after the deadline will be returned unopened.

RFPs may be submitted electronically via Planet Bids or by paper only not via fax
 ONLINE SUBMISSION proposal pricing along must be submitted online prior to the closing of the bidding period at 2:00 P.M., on the date indicated on the Project Detail Page. RFPs will not be accepted online after the stroke of 2:00 p.m.
 RFPs may be submitted electronically via Planet Bids or by paper only not via fax

This is a request for proposals for contract amounts under the amount required for formal advertised proposals (currently \$50,000) and award of a contract for more than that amount cannot be made on the basis of this proposal. If your proposal amount exceeds the amount required for formal bidding, rather than disclosing your actual proposal amount, please notify the Procurement Specialist via e-mail. The threshold for formal bidding is adjusted annually, typically in August. Please contact the Purchasing Unit to verify the latest threshold.

By submitting proposals, the Bidder is acknowledging that they have carefully examined the location of the work described, if applicable, proposes to furnish, all, in strict accordance with said plans and/or specifications, the materials, labor, and equipment necessary to complete the project for the prices set forth on the City's proposal form.

The City of Fresno hereby notifies all Proposers that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied any benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any contract on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability,

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medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or on any other basis prohibited by law.

The meeting room is physically accessible. Services of an interpreter and additional accommodations such as assistive listening devices can be made available. Requests for accommodations should be made at least five working days but no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting/event. Please contact the Procurement Specialist listed on the cover at 559-621-1332 or alex.nazaroff@fresno.gov or through the Questions and Answers field on Planet Bids.

FEDERAL FUNDING

This project is funded in part with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The successful proposer shall be knowledgeable of and in compliance with all applicable Federal Third Party Contract Clauses. The actual extent of services purchased will be based upon the overall availability of local and federal funds.

The City of Fresno reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

04/12/2019

(1) NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed or electronic bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Manager of the City of Fresno for the following:

SEWER REHABILITATION IN THE VICINITY OF N. FRESNO STREET AND E. SHIELDS AVENUE
BID FILE NUMBER: 3646

The scope of work includes the removal and replacement of portions of existing sewer mains, the installation of cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liners in existing sewer mains, reconfiguration of manholes, and the rehabilitation of manholes, including all associated facilities, appurtenances, and incidentals, as shown on the Plans, in conformance with the provisions in the Specifications, and as directed by the Engineer.

The Construction Allocation for this project is \$1,671,200.

Bids will be taken on complete work, in accordance with Plans and Specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Manager, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 2156 Fresno California, 93721-3622, phone number (559) 621-1332.

Specifications for these items can be downloaded at the City's online website at:

http://www.fresno.gov. For Businesses (to the left of the screen), Bid Opportunities

Bids will be submitted electronically or by paper only not via Fax.

Bid Proposal forms can be downloaded at the City's online website.

Bid Proposals must be filed electronically or with the Purchasing Manager prior to the bid opening at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, when the bids will be publicly opened and recorded.

The work hereunder constitutes a "public work" as defined in Chapter 1, Part 7, Division 2 of the California Labor Code, and Contractor shall cause the work to be performed as a "public work" in accordance with such Chapter of the California Labor Code. The Council of the City of Fresno has adopted Resolution No. 82-297 ascertaining the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and per diem wages for holidays and overtime in the Fresno area for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed in the execution of contracts for the City. A copy of the resolution is on file at the Office of the City Clerk. Actual wage schedules are available at Construction Management Office, 1721 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, California 93721, (559) 621-5600.

Contractors and Subcontractors must meet any and all requirements of Labor Code sections 1771.1 and 1771.5 prior to submitting bids.

All proposals must be made on the Bid Proposal Form provided by the Purchasing Manager. A Bid Deposit, which can be provided separately, in the amount of TEN PERCENT (10%) of the Total Net Bid Amount (or, in bids with Add Alternates, the highest possible combination of the Base Bid plus Add Alternates) in the form of a certified or cashier's check, an irrevocable letter of credit, or a

certificate of deposit or a bidder's bond executed by a corporate surety, admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in California, payable and acceptable to the City of Fresno; or the Bidder shall have registered with the Purchasing Manager of the City an annual bid bond sufficient to provide coverage in such amount. All Bid Deposits will be held until a Contract has been executed with the successful Bidder or all bids have been rejected. Copies of Bid Deposits may be submitted electronically, with the exception of a cashier's check, which must be brought to the Purchasing Manager's office and labeled accordingly with bid number.

The City of Fresno hereby notifies all Bidders that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied any benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any contract on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era or on any other basis prohibited by law.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:30 p.m., on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019, in Room 4017N, City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California. Prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend since City Staff will be present to answer any questions regarding the Specifications, and there may be an inspection tour of the job site(s). The meeting room is physically accessible. Services of an interpreter and additional accommodations such as assistive listening devices can be made available. Requests for accommodations should be made at least five working days but no later than 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting/event. Please contact the Procurement Specialist on the cover at 559-621-1332 or through the Questions and Answers field on Planet Bids.

In accordance with provisions of section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by City to ensure performance under the Contract.

A 100 percent Payment Bond and 100 percent Performance Bond for all public works contracts must be filed with the Contract Documents and approved by the City before the Contractor enters upon performance of the Work.

Bidders are advised that, as required by the Fresno Municipal Code, the City has established a National Targeted Worker mandatory participation level. Bidders are advised that as required by the Fresno Municipal Code, the City of Fresno is implementing new National Targeted Worker requirements for public work of improvement contracts over \$200,000. The mandatory participation level for National Targeted Workers is 15%.

No bid will be considered for award unless the Bidder at the time of bid opening, is licensed with a valid Class "A" Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

04/12/2019

(1) Notice of Intention to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration / Notice of Availability

Notice is Hereby Given: The Biola Community Services District (CSD) is the Lead Agency on the below-described project and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration on a proposed groundwater recharge project. The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The MND has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will occur as a result of the Project. Project Title: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Biola Groundwater Recharge Project.

Project Location: The proposed Project components are located near the intersection of Shaw Avenue and Third Street, along Third Street, and south of G Street.

Project Description: The proposed Project includes four components: 1. Installation of a turnout valve with a flow meter in the Fresno Irrigation District (FID) Herndon Canal. 2.

Installation of approximately 2,075 linear feet of 18-inch pipeline to connect the turnout valve with an existing storm drain pipeline. 3. A three-acre expansion of an existing two-acre storm drainage basin for a five-acre total groundwater recharge basin. 4. Installation of a six-foot chain link fence around the enlarged drainage basin.

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. The review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be from April 12, 2019 to May 13, 2019. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the Biola CSD, 4925 N. Seventh St., Biola, CA 93606. Please send your comments to Elaine Cervantes at the address shown above or by phone: (559) 843-2657.

City Council Consideration: The Biola CSD Board intends to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration on: Date: Thursday, May 16, 2019 Time: On or after 6:30 p.m.

Location: Biola Community Center 4925 N. 7th Ave. Biola, CA 93606 04/12/2019

(1) NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

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Bettencourt, Kimberly Ann shelves, cabinet, lamp Navarro, Amanda dresser, ironing board, tv Mendez, Saida sofa, art, dvd player Allen Sr, Emilio Jose A luggage, clothes, auto parts Gonzales, Richard luggage, art, Jimenez, Carlos cage, clothes, tricycle Guillen, Victor window a/c, motorcycle, auto parts Tovar, Gabriela speaker, metal shelf, rug Flores, Leonal stove, fridge, microwave Taito, Olga table, sleigh bed, tv Delgado, Diana golf clubs, tv, entertainment center Borrego, Rene wall art, pet carrier, basket Surrell, Carmelita mirror, furniture, basket Alvarez, Evelyn sewing machine, table, cart Morante, Priscilla wall shelves, totes, clothing

Notice is hereby given that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 09:00 AM on April 22, 2019 at Derrel's Mini Storage located at 3245 S. Chestnut Ave, Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California.

Barboza casillas, Martha chest, tv, office chair Castaneda, Jose ladder, basket, tire Ramos, Alejandro futon, stair stepper, coffee table Hatter, Donesa clothing, luggage, totes Contreras, Alicia microwave, skateboard, table Martinez, Unique walker, toys, cart Torres, Amada tool boxes, bike tire, propane tank Coleman, Jonah wagon, toolbox, tools Still, June Ann piano, mirror, bed set June, Brooks heater, books, book shelf Signed: J D'Acquisto Date: 4.01.19 04/12/2019, 04/19/2019

(1) NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Business & Professionals Code S21700 Notice is hereby given that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 08:00 AM on April 24, 2019 at Derrel's Mini Storage located at 3275 W. Ashlan Ave, Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California.

McAlister, Charice chairs, spear, dresser Verdugo, Nathaniel bed frame, table, walker Paleo, Robert swing, tarp, plant stand Magner, Jeffrey tool box, golf clubs, rake Curtis, Victoria wheel chair, walkers, luggage Brown, Jacqueline washer, dryer, refrigerator Gonzales, Danielle bodice, cd shelf, stool Gilliam, Joyce washer, dryer, dresser Perez-Rincon, Sergio couch, tools, hat Angula-Cardenas, Norma water heater, mower, rims Rodriguez, Juan bbq, light, bike Morales, Theresa speaker, mirror, painting Contreras, Tiffany couch, tv, dresser Rummerfield, Pamela luggage, couch, table Jordan, Schelly rakes, tools, couch Reyes, Margarito tires, dresser, recliner Manners, David crib, headboard, bench Souza, Esther shelf, tire, quilt McKinney, Synethra totes, clothes, game controller Eberlein,

Zachary dresser, table, flowers Reyes, Martin toy car, skateboard, jogger Signed: J D'Acquisto Dated: 4.03.19 04/12/2019, 04/19/2019

(1) BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOLUTION OF INTENTION AND NOTICE OF HEARING (IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF WILSON AVENUE PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION APPLICATION NO. V17-05)

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Public Works and Planning informs this Board that an application has been received to vacate the public road right-of-way of Wilson Avenue from 161.74 feet south of Lansing Avenue southerly approximately 64.31 feet to the end of the maintained road. Vacation Application No. V17-05; and WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Planning reports that this vacation request has been studied; and WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Planning reviewed the General Plan and the proposed vacation, including the location, purpose, and extent of such proposed vacation, and reported in the Agenda Item for April 9, 2019, that the proposed vacation is consistent and in conformity with the General Plan; and WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Planning recommends the following:

(1) That the Board of Supervisors declares its intent to hold a hearing for the vacation of the right-of way more particularly described in Exhibit "A". A map showing the proposed vacation is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

(2) That the vacation procedure be conducted under Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Streets and Highways Code.

(3) That a public hearing be set to consider vacation of said right-of-way.

(4) That the Board of Supervisors make a finding that the proposed vacation is consistent and in conformity with the General Plan, pursuant to Government Code section 65402, subdivision (a).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to:

(1) Adopt the foregoing recitals as true and correct.

(2) Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish for at least two successive weeks prior to the hearing, a notice of intent to vacate, and direct the Department of Public Works and Planning to post notice of the same.

(3) Set the public hearing to consider vacation of said right-of-way for the hour of 9:00 a.m. on May 7, 2019 in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, Room 301, Hall of Records, Tulare and "M" Streets, Fresno, California.

(4) Find and report that the proposed vacation, including the location, purpose, and extent of such proposed vacation, is consistent and in conformity with the General Plan, pursuant to Government Code section 65402, subdivision (a).

EXHIBIT "A" LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All of that 60-foot wide public road right-of-way of Wilson Avenue, beginning 161.74 feet south of the south right-of-way line of Lansing Avenue, continuing southerly approximately 64.31 feet to the south limit of the public road right-of-way as shown on the Map of the Forkner Giffen Fig Gardens Subdivision No.2. Located in Section 21, Township 13 South, Range 20 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. Containing 0.09 acres, more or less.

RESERVING THEREFROM: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 8340 of the Streets and Highways Code and for the benefit of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the permanent easement and the right at any time and from time to time to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, replace, remove, repair, renew and enlarge lines of pipes, conduits, cables, wires, poles, electrical conductors, and other equipment, fixtures and appurtenances for the operation of electric, gas, and communication facilities, including access, and also the rights to trim and cut down trees and brush that may be a hazard to the facilities; said area shall be kept open and free of buildings, structures and wells of any kind.

For the benefit of City of Fresno, an easement for the water main and sewer. Said Easements shall be clear and unobstructed by buildings or other

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 21700 of the Business and Professions Code, State of California, Section 2328 of the UCC, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code, The undersigned will sell at Public Auction by competitive bidding on April 23, 2019 at 9:00 am. at A to Z Storage, LP 169 N. Valentine Ave., City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California. International Fidelity Insurance Company, Bond # 0410815, auctioneer Paula Seals. The goods, chattels of personal goods and property of the tenants/units listed below.

Furniture, misc. boxes and bags, luggage, kitchen wares, clothes, toots, TV's 224 Leonel Ramirez, 345 Maria Carrion, 358 Leonard Shields, 430 Shelli Richards 507 Geraldine Singh, 525 Lori Moore, 536 Jacob Hernandez, 573 Summer Taylor 607 Vivica Ramirez, 609 Christopher Powers Sr., 619 Chris & Debra Clowers 660 Vern Doran, 714 Marco Lopez, 716 Michelle Nash, 744 Frank Rojo 768 Leonel Ramirez, 805 Cynthia Sanchez, 1003 Sotero Ortega, 1102 Debra & Chris Clowers

Purchased goods are sold as is, and must be removed within one (1) day of purchase. Payment is to be with cash only and made at the time of purchase. This sale is subject to cancellation without notice in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party. A-Z Storage, 169 N. Valentine Ave. Fresno, CA 93706

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE

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Dixon, Chrysteena luggage, bicycles, clothes Inkenhaus, Amber bicycles, clothes, guitars Clay, Ashley bed frame, toys, sofa McKinley, Douglas washer, dryer, refrigerator Rasmussen, Karen cradle, nerf gun, tv's Conner, Steven dresser, chair, suitcase Lopez, Raymond wheelchairs, tv, bicycle Dixon, Chrysteena trimmers, compressor, blowers Shawwaf, Adnan tools, crates, fan Henley, Jacob handtruck, dresser, car seat Huff, Latasha camp stove, speaker, fan Rodriguez, Pauline dresser, basket, primers Saavedra, Loren backpack, clothes, rug Gordon, Stanley file cabinets, vacuum, shelving Martinez, Mauricio bed frame, bed set, headboard Grote, Kenny Lee luggage, speaker, dvd's Ramirez, Jessica shop vac, tool bag, tool box Rios, Suzie chair, vacuum, refrigerator Dominguez, Diana brass bed, couch, dolly Flores, Cheryl compressor, tool box, camp stove Garcia, David file cabinet, speaker, radio McDonald, Veronica chair, dart board, clothes Hanoum, Aaliyah tires, door, bike Lynch, Michael motorcycle, speakers, car body Smith, Rashad mirror, bicycle, blankets Kashishian, Larry bicycle, skateboard, drills MARTINEZ, SONIA lamp, heater, duffle bag Borunda, Leon igloo, coffee maker, clothes rack

Signed: J D'Acquisto Date: 3.27.19 04/05/2019, 04/12/2019

Democratic socialism: The scenic route to serfdom



GUEST VIEW
Jeffrey Miron and
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In his 1944 book “The Road to Serfdom,” Nobel prize-winning economist Friedrich Hayek argued that socialist economic planning resulted not just in accumulating losses of economic efficiency but “the very destruction of freedom itself.”

History was kind to Hayek’s worldview. The United Kingdom, Sweden, and India tested socialistic planning without sustained repression. But people in the Soviet Union, Venezuela, Cambodia and Cuba were not so lucky. Natural experiments between socialism and capitalism in East Germany and West Germany, North Korea and South Korea, and Hong Kong and China, bore out the link between economic liberty and personal freedom. Upon reunification, for example, GDP per capita in East Germany was one-third of the West German level, and the latter did not require the East’s Stasi or emigration restrictions.

In criticizing socialism as it existed in the 1930s and 1940s, though, Hayek meant a government that owned and operated the means of production, controlled prices, and planned where and how production took place. Economists since have broadly agreed this type of “planned” economy is flawed, albeit recognizing every country has socialistic programs.

In 2019, “socialism” is enjoying something of a revival in American politics. A Gallup Poll last year suggested Demo-

crat voters now think more positively of socialism than capitalism. Sen. Bernie Sanders has self-described as a “democratic socialist” since the 1960s, and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is a card-carrying member of the Democratic Socialists of America.

Interestingly, these modern socialists do not rhetorically echo their predecessors’ definition. “To me, socialism doesn’t mean state ownership of everything,” Bernie Sanders has said, “...it means creating a nation ... in which all human beings have a decent standard of living.”

Lest we think socialism merely a lofty aspiration, Bhaskar Sunkara, editor of *Jacobin* magazine, recently claimed the key plank of socialism today is an expansive welfare state entrenching certain economic activities — such as health care and child care — as social rights. Social democracies, such as Sweden, have been held up by Ocasio-Cortez as her vision for the future.

Superficially, this seems good news. If the “socialism” label now describes social democracy — capitalist economies with highly redistributive welfare states — then the “red scare” is overplayed. We need not worry about Hayek’s highway to Havana, but can debate taking the street to Stockholm. Some liberals even endorse a grand bargain with “socialists”: more social welfare in exchange for a lightly regulated economy with a well-designed tax system, to generate high levels of income to redistribute.

Alas, this sanguine view is delusional. Today’s socialists, while jettisoning the desire for direct government ownership, would put us on a path to Hayek’s destination, albeit via the scenic route. Their vision implies far more intrusive

government than the social democratic rhetoric suggests.

Sunkara, for example, has called for converting shareholder firms into worker-owned cooperatives (something Sanders supports). This “market socialism” saw Yugoslavia’s economy run into the same stagnation and inefficiency as the centrally planned variant elsewhere. For a start, the problem that cooperatives have in raising capital will require national or regional investment banks to provide funds, thus government would be picking winners and allocating resources.

Far from letting markets rip, the Green New Deal, or GND, advocates placing the economy on a war footing to reach a net zero carbon target within 30 years, including overhauling the transport sector and converting all buildings to make them energy efficient. This is the antithesis of market-led decision-making.

The GND’s social goals do not end with fiscal transfers, either. A jobs guarantee paying a family wage would see the federal government become the world’s largest employer, placing workers into its favored environmental, infrastructure and caring sectors. The GND also demands emboldened labor unions, strengthened labor market regulation, and beefed up trade rules to protect domestic workers and manufacturing. Elsewhere, socialists have extolled “free” college, breaking up financial institutions, and a \$15 minimum wage.

Far from a broad-based, pro-growth tax system to deliver the revenues for this agenda, modern socialists range from favoring direct money printing (aka Modern Monetary Theory, a view

dismissed as nonsense by every reputable economist across the spectrum) to endorsing extraordinarily high, distortionary tax rates on the rich. In fact, some want punitive tax rates to reduce inequality, even if this raises less revenue.

Where today’s socialists want more generous social protections through guaranteed health care, childcare, and other benefits-in-kind, the distinction between government ownership and financing will be illusory in practice.

Once government covers the costs of a service, it sets limits on how much it pays as the major consumer, creating de facto price controls. Governments attach conditions to their spending, too, defining who can work in an industry or the standards producers must meet. These regulations create shortages in high-cost areas, necessitating subsidized provision to meet demand. Before long the industry is effectively nationalized through regulation.

Hayek’s key observation was that intervention creates problems that encourage further corrective intervention, eroding freedom along the way. Today’s socialists might not demand eliminating private property, nor be calling for gulags to enforce their vision. But, combined, their proposed regulatory, spending, and taxing onslaught would severely restrict freedom and undermine prosperity, just like the socialist experiments of old.

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Sacramento working \$6.2B in new taxes, fees

As of the deadline for introducing legislation, California lawmakers proposed more than \$6.2 billion a year in higher taxes and fees, the nonpartisan California Tax Foundation reported last week. This figure will grow substantially as fiscal estimates are prepared for recently amended measures, the foundation added.

A \$4 billion-per-year tax on sweetened beverages (AB 138) is the largest tax documented in the Tax and Fee Report, which is based on higher taxes, fees, assessments and charges proposed from the first day of the legislative session (December 3, 2018) through the bill introduction deadline (February 22, 2019). During this period, lawmakers introduced 2,721 bills and constitutional amendments, including 40 that contained higher taxes or fees.

Another bill (SB 522) proposes an as-yet-unspecified sales tax on services that likely would be much higher than the soda tax. The estimated cost of SB 522 was not included in the report’s cumulative total because it will vary dramatically based on what provisions are amended into the bill. A similar proposal from the prior legislative session was estimated to cost taxpayers as much as \$49 billion per year.

Several taxes and fees were amended into bills after the period covered by this report, and will be included in the second-

quarter update. These include a corporation income tax increase on businesses based on chief executive officers’ compensation (SB 37); a proposed estate tax that the author says would cost taxpayers \$500 million to \$1 billion per year (SB 378); a proposed repeal of tax exemptions including those for food, medicine and water, and repeal of tax incentives including the research-and-development tax credit, water’s-edge elections and others, costing taxpayers approximately \$20 billion per year (SB 468); and a proposal for various tax-like “fees” on water users that does not yet have a fiscal impact estimate (AB 217).

Last year, Governor Jerry Brown signed legislation totaling \$200 million in new annual taxes and fees. In January, Governor Gavin Newsom proposed a \$209 billion state budget that includes almost \$20 billion in reserve accounts, and calls for a \$7.6 billion increase in spending over the enacted 2018-19 budget.

Founded in 1926, the California Taxpayers Association is the state’s largest and oldest organization representing taxpayers. Established as a nonpartisan, non-profit research and advocacy association, CalTax has a dual mission to guard against unnecessary taxation and to promote government efficiency.

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WEB POLL

Which part of Fresno should get the bulk of gas-tax money for road repairs?

A recent spat involving a plan to spend gas-tax money on road repairs in the City of Fresno led to accusations class warfare, and a debate on where the bulk of those dollars should be spent. A majority of respondents to this week’s web poll believe it should be spent equally between North and South Fresno, while 38 percent said it should be concentrated to the south, with 6 percent saying it should be spent primarily in the north. Four hundred seven votes were cast.

It should be distributed equally? 56%

South 38%

North.....6%

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