

Prosecutors Use Burum Associate To Resuscitate Faltering Criminal Case

By Mark Gutglueck

In the eleventh week of trial, the prosecution in the Colonies Lawsuit Public Corruption Case maneuvered itself back onto track after a disastrous showing during three days of testimony in the tenth week. The fodder for that comeback was provided by Patrick O'Reilly, who seemed unlikely for the role, given that he was not only one of defendant Jeff



Patrick O'Reilly

Burum's close friends but also his publicist, in which function he was highly practiced at put-

ting his client's best foot forward.

Seventy days after the trial began on January 4, the prosecution had yet to put squarely before the jury rock solid evidence of bribery, the single central crime element of the case after pretrial motions by the defense successfully knocked out the conspiracy and extortion components contained in the 29-count indictment

handed down against the four defendants – Jeff Burum, Paul Biane, Jim Erwin and Mark Kirk – in May 2011.

In that indictment, Burum, a Rancho Cucamonga-based developer, is alleged to have coordinated with one-time sheriff's deputies union president Jim Erwin to first extort, through the use of blackmail, intimidation and threats, former supervisor Bill

Postmus and Biane, also a supervisor, to obtain a vote conferring a \$102 million payout to the Colonies Partners to settle a lawsuit that company had brought against the county over flood control issues at the Colonies at San Antonio residential and Colonies Crossroads commercial subdivisions in north-eastern Upland. Burum and Dan Richards were the two manag-

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Chino Makes Rare Denial Of Residential Development

The 45-year-long mad rush to develop San Bernardino County at all costs took a temporary pause last week, when a capacity crowd flooded into the Chino meeting chambers. Most, though not all, of those there came to protest the proposed rezoning of 30 acres to allow D.R. Horton to build a mix of 180 residential units of various types on some infill property referred to as the Brewer Site.

Hundreds of nearby residents have grown accustomed to what has remained for the past five generations as rural land south of Francis Avenue between Vernon and Benson avenues in north Chino not too far from the Ontario city limits. Many who now live in homes on land in a low density neighborhood that a generation or two ago was undeveloped fear that putting more homes into the area will intrude on what remaining serenity the neighborhood retains.

That tranquility is not a right, however, and the residential development company that wants to transform it along with those who own the property feel it has conceded enough in agreeing to build only what will amount to six net single family residential and/or condominiums per acre, and believe those with an interest in the property should be able to cash in on their trade or property ownership. The proponents were supported by some local entrepreneurs who feel that having more people living in proximity to their businesses will mean more customers for them.

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Roof Replace & Interim Quarters Cost For Apple Valley Library Hits \$6.04M

The cost on the totality of the project to replace the defective 13-year-old roof at the Apple Valley Library has zoomed upward \$2.2 million from the county's commitment to repair it last June at an overall cost of \$3.84 million to \$6.04 million.

County officials are yet determined to leave the structure standing and proceed with the re-

roofing.

In early 2015, a site inspection at the Newton T. Bass Apple Valley Library, located at 14901 Dale Evans Parkway in Apple Valley, confirmed damage to six of the building's supporting trusses. When cracks were found in two further trusses a few days later, officials elected to close the library out of an abundance of cau-

tion. On May 5, 2015 the board of supervisors voted to fund drafting the emergency design for the replacement of the roof structure and related interior repairs, temporary relocation of the facility, temporary shoring, and costs associated with packing, moving and storing books, racks and furniture at the facility. On March 1, 2016, the board

of supervisors approved spending \$2,960,000 total on fixing the roof and temporary library quarters. The cost was to be defrayed as part of the maintenance and capital improvement component of the 2015-16 Second Quarter Budget. Three months later, on June 14, 2016, the board of supervisors approved an \$880,000 increase in the project budget

from \$2,960,000 to \$3,840,000, funded from discretionary general funding from the asset replacement reserve for capital improvements.

According to Terry W. Thompson, the director of the county's real estate services department, the seriousness of the failure of the structure and its deterioration has become more apparent with time. See P 3

Needles Utility Ratepayers Subsidizing Marijuana Cultivator's Crop Loss

by Ruth Musser-Lopez and David G. Buckley

Needles' effort to ensure for itself a piece of the action by facilitating private sector profiteering off of the production and sale of marijuana went awry earlier this month when one of those operations allegedly suffered an operational setback and sought to stiff the city for its major production costs, including water and the electrical

cost of its grow lights over the last several months.

Despite the fact that Needles is the county's smallest city population-wise and by most yardsticks also the county's poorest municipality, it historically was one of just two of the county's 24 cities that could lay claim to being a full service city. That is, Needles boasted its own police department,

fire department, public works department, water department or utility, municipal hospital, electrical department or utility, recreation department, animal control department, and cemetery division. Over the years, it has shed key elements of that autonomy, so that now the county sheriff's department does its policing, the county fire department handles fire management and para-

medic response for the community and the city no longer owns its hospital, the Colorado River Medical Center. Nevertheless, its legacy of municipal independence persists in the survival of its water division and electrical utility, which features guaranteed access to low cost electricity from the Western Area Power Authority generated at the nearby hydrodam.

After Needles voters in November 2012 approved the adoption of a marijuana business tax ordinance and authorized the collection of a marijuana business tax of up to 10 percent of gross receipts, city officials began migrating toward utilizing California's nascent cannabis industry as an economic development tool, though some elements in the community See P 4

Second 2017 Death On Devil's Backbone Matches 2016's Mortal Total

Mt. Baldy's treacherous Devil's Backbone claimed another life last Saturday, the fourth death there in the last 13 months.

Lloyd Charton, 69, died after he pitched off the trail.

According to the sheriff's department, "On Saturday, March 11, 2017, the San Bernardino County sheriff's aviation division was advised by fire dispatch of a fall vic-

tim who fell while hiking the Devil's Backbone in the Mount Baldy area."

The crew of Air Rescue 307, consisting of pilot corporal Jon Anderson, crew chief reserve deputy Wayne Hess, air medic Steve Miller and air medic Dr. Jeff Grange M.D., responded to the area shortly after the call came in at 10:48 a.m. and located two victims, Charton and Trevor Anthes, 42 of Bishop,

approximately 300 feet down from the trail in a very steep and rocky portion of the mountain.

"Due to the inaccessible terrain, the crew determined a hoist rescue would be required for each of the victims," according to the sheriff's department. Miller and Grange were lowered to the victims. "Charton was found to be deceased while Anthes was found to have seri-

ous non-life threatening injuries sustained while trying to provide aid to Charton," according to the department. "Anthes was placed in a rescue harness, hoisted up to the helicopter and transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center for treatment. The crew later returned and recovered the deceased and transported him to the coroner."

The Devil's Back-

bone is a seven-tenths of a mile-long trail that stretches along a rocky ridge east of the Mt. Baldy summit. This trail, which starts at its east end roughly 1.3 miles from the 7,800 foot level Baldy Notch, boasts some of the most spectacular views in the Mt. Baldy area. Most of the Devil's Backbone trail is between four and five feet wide, though at spots it nar-

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Prosecution Uses Burum Associate Who Was Once Considered An Uncharged Co-Conspirator To Revive Flagging Case *from front page*

ing principals in the Colonies Partners, who over the course of the seven months after the lawsuit was settled provided two separate \$50,000 donations to political action committees controlled by Postmus, and separate \$100,000 donations to political action committees controlled by Biane, Erwin and Mark Kirk, the chief-of-staff to then-supervisor Gary Ovitt, whose third vote to settle the lawsuit was critical in the 3-to-2 decision to approve the settlement. The indictment alleges the political action committee donations were thinly-veiled bribes made to Postmus, Biane and Kirk, who prosecutors allege influenced Ovitt and delivered his vote in favor of the settlement. Postmus, who in February 2010 was criminally charged along with Erwin in a case predating but related to the allegations contained in the May 2011 indictment, initially maintained his innocence but subsequently pleaded guilty to 14 separate felony political corruption-related charges, including conspiracy, bribery, conflicts of interests, and perjury. He turned state's evidence and testified before the grand jury that indicted Erwin on charges superseding those leveled at him in 2010 and which also named Burum, Biane and Kirk. Postmus' testimony, considered to be key to the case, is anticipated in the months or weeks ahead.

While the prosecution this week did not broach in any real sense the bribery issue, it did succeed in recapturing the momentum it appeared to have picked up during the first day of testimony provided by Supervisor Josie Gonzales at the end of week nine of the trial, during which the prosecution had carried out

its direct examination of her. Under direct examination by the prosecution, Gonzales provided a version of events highly favorable to the prosecution which was damning in particular toward Burum. Gonzales testified that despite wanting to put the expensive, time consuming and energy draining litigation behind the county, she was unable to reconcile the Colonies Partner's steep monetary demands to offset the damages the company was claiming. She said its representatives consistently failed, despite her requests of them to do so, to document with receipts and back-up materials those claimed losses. More devastating still, at least temporarily, were three vignettes she offered pertaining to the pressure the Colonies Partners were bringing upon her and her colleagues to settle the lawsuit.

One of her narratives related to an encounter she had with Postmus in the minutes prior to the board approving the \$102 million payout in November 2006. She said that a "very agitated, very nervous" Postmus came into her office in the county's main administration headquarters five floors above the board of supervisors' meeting chambers and in an apparent reference to Burum and Erwin said, "Josie, don't let these bastards do anything to you. Do not ever let them hurt you." She said that what he said he was going through was awful. Gonzales indicated she understood Postmus to be referring to the tactics of intimidation and blackmail being leveled at him to get him to support the settlement.

Gonzales further related an encounter she had with Burum during a lawsuit settlement mediation that took place in Los Angeles in which the opposing parties were sequestered in rooms isolated from one another while a mediator shuttled between the rooms in an effort to hammer out an acceptable compromise. She said Burum ambushed

her as she emerged from the ladies room when she had briefly departed from the conference room occupied by the county's representatives, and that Burum had, inappropriately she felt, lobbied her for her support of the settlement on the terms the Colonies Partners were proposing.

Most significantly, Gonzales told the jury about a near encounter she had with Burum during a trade mission to China. Years ago, Gonzales said the event occurred in 2006, but on the witness stand on March 7, testified it had occurred in September 2005. She said that she had been approached by former State Senator Jim Brulte, who had been retained by the Colonies Partners to assist in reaching a settlement of the litigation favorable to the development company, in the lobby of the White Swan Hotel in Guangzhou shortly after her arrival there. Brulte, she testified, invited her to dinner and an evening out on the town with himself and Burum, telling her there was a limousine waiting to whisk them away to a night of Oriental pleasure. Gonzales said she could see Burum further away in the lobby. She initially gave Brulte indication she would go with them, but upon consideration concluded doing so might put her in a compromising position because the lawsuit was still pending. She put Brulte off, she said, using a manufactured excuse, and then retreated to her hotel room where she remained for much of the next two days.

Gonzales also illustrated her belief that the terms of the settlement the Colonies Partners were seeking were grossly out of proportion with the damages the company had sustained and that when the Colonies Partners and its attorneys and representatives were pressed to do so, they were incapable or unwilling to make a definitive and credible documentation of the losses and costs they were asserting the company had

suffered. She offered her assessment of the county's legal position in the matter as a defensible one that was being competently represented by its attorneys and that the judge who had made findings in trial that were more favorable to the Colonies Partners than to the county with regard to the issues in the lawsuit, Judge Christopher Warner, had failed to look out for the best interests of the county. She said she was confident the county would prevail in an appeal.

As the trial ended its ninth week, Gonzales appeared to be the strongest witness in the prosecution's arsenal that had yet been brought to bear. While her testimony did not extend to her knowledge of bribes having been provided by Burum or received by her colleagues or other county officials, it strongly supported the narrative contained in the original indictment against the four defendants, which held that before the bribes or kickbacks were given to Postmus, Biane and Kirk, threats and blackmail had been utilized to extort from Postmus and Biane votes in favor of the settlement. She painted a picture of the backdrop against which the crimes the prosecution alleges occurred had played out. In that scenario, Burum, answerable to his investors for a risky project on undevelopable property hamstrung with flood control easements and drainage issues, had been prevented from proceeding in earnest for nearly four years. Thus, approaching or having gone beyond the point of no return, the prosecution's theory is that Burum desperately and ruthlessly conspired with Erwin to use the skeletons in Postmus' and Biane's closets to strong arm the two politicians into settling the case on terms that were dictated to them.

But after laying out an account favorable to the prosecution, Gonzales was obliged to remain on the witness stand for the duration of the following week, where she

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was subjected to a vicious cross examination by the defense, most notably Jennifer Keller, one of Burum's attorneys. Keller was able to shed doubt on the accuracy of Gonzales' memory of the events she had related. Through the use of newspaper accounts and documentation, Keller was able to establish that Gonzales was in San Bernardino County attending board meetings and local events and had gone on a tour of storm-ravaged Mississippi in the wake of Hurricane Katrina during that span of September 2005 when she had testified she was in China. While Gonzales reflexively remained defiant in the face of Keller's demonstrations, she eventually conceded that her 2005 dating of the China trip had been in error, and she changed her testimony back to comport with what she had told two previous grand juries, that the trip took place in November 2006, just a fortnight prior to the 3-2 vote accepting the \$192 million settlement.

The difficulty with Gonzales' flip-flop was that Burum's attorneys had demonstrated more than five years ago that Burum, who had been in China in 2005, had not been in China in 2006. Indeed, prosecutors had seized his passport at the time of his 2011 indictment, putting them in possession of information which cast grave doubt on Gonzales' March 7 testimony. Burum's attorneys immediately cried foul to Judge Michael Smith, asserting

the prosecution had, essentially, suborned perjury and perhaps even coached the testimony containing that perjury, a charge which was supported by the consideration that Gonzales had previously testified that the events she related had taken place in 2006, not 2005. The entire matter represented a significant setback for the prosecution, which worsened with each day Gonzales remained on the stand, during which defense attorneys grilled her with regard to other elements of her testimony. Keller was able to make further inroads by extracting from Gonzales further details with regard to her encounters and alleged close encounter with Burum that she had testified about before the grand jury, noting the "sinister" intent Gonzales had imputed to Burum and Brulte in their interaction with her, including Gonzales having previously testified that she feared, while she was in China, that Burum and Brulte intended to get her drunk or drug her and then photograph her in sexually compromising poses to blackmail her into supporting the settlement. Keller suggested in her questions that Gonzales had consistently unreasonably interpreted random or chance encounters or routine interactions she had with the Colonies Partners or their representatives as attempts to stalk or unduly influence her.

When defense attor-

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Replacing Roof On Apple Valley Library To Cost \$6.04 Million from front page

"In November 2014, library staff observed cracks in the truss system supporting the roof and reported it to the architecture and engineering department, now known as the real estate services department - project management division," Thompson told the board of supervisors last week. "The project management division, in conjunction with Dahl Taylor and Associates, conducted an initial site investigation that revealed damage in six of the supporting trusses. Dahl Taylor began developing an analysis of the apparent failure immediately thereafter, conducting several additional site visits and completing a final report in late February 2015."

Following a meeting to discuss the report with risk management, project management division and Dahl Taylor, Dahl Taylor developed a procedure to repair the six damaged trusses.

"A subsequent meeting and site visit was conducted at the library on April 17, 2015, to review the repair procedures, during which cracking was discovered in two additional trusses," said Thompson. "In addition, further damage was observed on the initial six trusses, and shifting of the sprinkler lines was also observed. Based upon the recommendation of Dahl Taylor, the library was closed on April 18th, and the sprinkler system drained on April 20, 2015."

To mitigate further damage to the roof structure, the project management division engaged SPS Inc. of Anaheim, California to shore each of the damaged trusses. Shoring of the damaged trusses was completed on June 10, 2015. The county completed installation of a temporary facility adjacent to the library in April 2016 to provide basic library services.

According to Thomp-

son, "In May 2016, Degenkolb Engineers and Dahl Taylor completed the design for the replacement of the roof structure and related interior repairs. As a result of a building and safety plan check review, code compliance issues were identified related to Title 24 energy/lighting and fire/life safety requirements which were incorporated into the design."

When the \$3.84 million budget on the project was approved by the board of supervisors last June, the board also authorized the solicitation of competitive bids on the project. No bids were received by the July 21, 2016 bid deadline, Thompson said, which he attributed to "several factors, including difficulty in obtaining bids from steel subcontractors and the overall risks associated with the project." Going to plan B, the project management division began negotiations with Kitchell/CEM, Inc. to complete the project. On January 11, 2017, Kitchell submitted a bid price of \$4,000,000. The project management division last week recommended the board award the construction contract to Kitchell. The board complied.

The price components on the project now call for design costing \$604,564; the temporary library, book moving & storage running the county \$531,709; construction costs of \$4 million; a construction contingency of \$400,000; project management & inspection entailing a \$300,327 expense, the county paying \$20,000 for special inspection and labor compliance; and temporary shoring costing \$183,400, putting the total at a projected \$6,040,000.

The escalation in price registered with many as a reminder of the \$29 million in construction cost overruns on the county's High Desert Detention Center in Adelanto, which pushed the construction bill on the project originally slated at \$90,951,937 to \$120,419,790 between 2010 and 2014, which

included a total of 29 change orders and contract amendments. Like the Apple Valley Library, which was originally constructed in 2004, the High Desert Detention Center was not built from scratch, but was a major upgrading effort at an existing facility, the formerly privately owned and run 706-inmate capacity institution known as Maranatha Prison. The expansion added 1,392 new beds. After the project's completion, the county sued the architectural firm that worked on the project, Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Incorporated, based in Culver City, and Los Angeles-based Jacobs Engineering, alleging breach of contract and negligence in those cost overruns.

The *Sentinel* inquired of the county about the wisdom of attempting to salvage the library as it stands rather simply knocking it down and rebuilding from the ground up, given that the structural integrity of the roof might presage problems with the rest of the building. The *Sentinel* further asked, "What gives the real estate/engineering department confidence further cracks will not show up or manifest at a later date?"

County spokesman David Wert said, "The short answer to your primary question is that it's no longer a matter of fixing the roof. Now it's a matter of replacing the entire roof and the truss system that supports it. This matter began with a leaky fire sprinkler.

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neys sought to discredit her over her assertions that "time was of the essence" in settling the case and that the Colonies Partners had provided the documentation with regard to the company's claims against the county which she had requested, Gonzales forthrightly stated that time was not of the essence to her in settling the case but rather to Postmus,

Then it was discovered the sprinklers were leaking because one or more of the trusses supporting the roof and the roof itself had shifted, so it became a matter of perhaps just fixing a few trusses. Further investigation revealed all the trusses were damaged, but could perhaps be repaired. Eventually, it was concluded all trusses and the entire roof have to be replaced."

Thompson told the *Sentinel* this week, "Much more than just replacing the roof is necessary and being done. The fundamental issue that caused the roof system to fail was structural failure of the truss system that supports the building, including the roof, which led to the decision of closing the library. I can tell you that building a new library today would cost more than \$600 per square foot. The comprehensive repair scope of work for the long term structural integrity and viability of the existing library was less expensive (~\$400 per square foot) and therefore the more cost effective and prudent manner in which to proceed. A great deal of analysis and care was invested by the county on behalf of the public before reaching this conclusion and decision."

Thompson said that "Kitchell has worked with the department since 2010 and has been an on-call construction management services vendor since 2015 with an excellent work history on projects."

who had been elected county assessor and was due to leave his supervisor's post. And she said, the documentation had been provided at the last minute before the settlement vote was taken, leaving her insufficient time to examine it.

Gonzales' testimony had not yet concluded this week when the defense was loading up yet again to make a sally against her credibility. Last week, on March 8, fresh from the witness stand, she had driven to

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Forum... Or Against 'em Observations from a Decidedly Continental Perspective

By Count Friedrich von Olsen



Without much fanfare, we – by we I mean the United States – are getting incrementally more and more involved in the fighting in Syria. I am trying hard to not be judgmental here. Other than offering you my view that there is in this circumstance a serpentine mélange of conflicting alliances that bend back on one another similar to those in Europe that led to the conflagration we once called the Great War and which we now call World War One, I want to just give you the simple facts and let you come to your own conclusions...

Of course, the roots of the conflict go back centuries, perhaps even millennia, but I will start in 2011. That year, pro-democracy protests erupted in the southern city of Deraa after government security forces overreacted to some teenaged protestors, prompting further and wider protests, leading to the military opening fire on demonstrators. The protest against President Bashar al-Assad and his regime escalated, first in the form of wider protests and then with opposition forces arming themselves. Violence escalated into outright civil war with the rebels battling to take control of cities, villages and the sparsely populated countryside. The capital Damascus and secondary city of Aleppo were engulfed with fighting in 2012. By mid-year 2013, 90,000 had been killed. By August 2015, 250,000 were dead. A relatively simple struggle between rebel forces and that of President Assad's government grew more complex, with sectarian overtones. But the lines of opposition are not clear. The Israelis have a saying that "The enemy of my enemy is my friend." That principle does not apply in Syria. In some cases, your enemy's enemy might also be your enemy. To put it another way, in Syria, your enemy might also be your ally and from time to time, your ally is your enemy. Some, though not all, of the differing factions involved are the Syrian Government; the original rebels; Hezbollah; the Islamic State, known as ISIS; Syrian Kurds; the Russians; the Turks; the Iranians; and we the Americans, with our allies Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates...

Two things are going on in Syria. One is the civil war in which the rebels are seeking to overthrow the government. The second is the war against the Islamic State, or Isis. This is where it gets very complicated. With regard to the civil war, several of the entities I have listed above are aligned with one side or the other, putting each side's allies in opposite camps. But with regard to the war against ISIS, some of those in opposite camps in the civil war are in league with one another. In this way, Russia, Hezbollah, Iran and several state sanctioned local militias are in with President Assad. Aligned with the rebels are the United States, Turkey and several of the nations on the Arabian Peninsula. Those engaged in fighting ISIS, in the main are the United States, Turkey, the Kurds and Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. The Russians don't particularly care for ISIS either, as ISIS commandos have carried out major acts of mayhem against the Russians. Thus, while the United States and Russia are enemies in

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Ontario to attend the annual State of the County business networking event at the Inland Business Bank Arena. Just before board of supervisors chairman Robert Lovingood's speech, she met and greeted several county officials also in attendance, including district attorney Mike Ramos.

On Monday of this week, March 13, she was questioned about what had occurred on March 8. She testified she asked Ramos about the identity of Erwin's attorney, whose name she did not know, describing him as "handsome, tan, well dressed and GQ," saying that he had exhibited a "passive aggressive"

technique in cross-examining her. Ramos was able to identify the attorney as Raj Maline. Gonzales said her exchange with Ramos lasted less than a minute.

Gonzales indicated she was not complaining about Maline but rather seeking to find out his identity, as neither member of the prosecution team – supervising deputy district attorney Lewis Cope and California Supervising Deputy Attorney General Melissa Mandel – had responded to her inquiries regarding him. Nevertheless, Ramos had detailed two of his office's investigators to look into the matter, essentially opening an investigative file on Maline, apparently for "harassing and intimidating" a witness.

Maline became aware of the investigation on

March 10, a day when there was no testimony in the trial. It appears the investigation was closed out after the district attorney's office investigators ascertained that Gonzales' interaction with Maline came while she was being cross examined by him. In an effort to shift the onus off of Ramos for overreaction and impropriety inherent in his having detailed his investigative resources to shadow a defense attorney in the middle of a trial, on March 13 Cope offered what might have been seen as a mild rebuke of his witness when he asked Gonzales if she did not understand that she should not have been talking directly to the district attorney about the case while she was yet on the witness stand and should rather be

communicating through investigators.

"Do I understand that in the future you will not be approaching Mr. Ramos with regard to this case?" Cope asked.

"Absolutely not," Gonzales said.

But the defense was not ready to let the matter simply die. Previously during her testimony, Gonzales' contact with Ramos in regard to the criminal case had been a matter defense attorneys had explored, angling to determine what issues she had discussed with the district attorney, whom she characterized as one of her political allies. They had sought to determine when in relation to the settlement, before or after, the contact between Gonzales and the district attorney as well as the investigators he vectored her to

had taken place, and they wanted to know who had initiated those contacts. The defense demanded, and was given access to, the district attorney's office's report of the investigation relating to Maline that Gonzales' exchange with Ramos had launched, and upon assimilating it, came to court on the morning of March 14 prepared to question her about what was contained in the report and her testimony the previous day, looking to erode her believability with the juries further. At that point, however, Judge Smith, like a referee in a prize fight who sees a combatant up against the ropes with his hands by his sides and incapable of deflecting or slipping the punches coming at him, stepped in to end the carnage, intervening to keep the

defense from piling on. Outside the presence of the jury, Smith told the prosecution and the defense attorneys that further questioning of Gonzales about her exchange last week with Ramos and the contents of the report on the investigation of Maline would not be permitted.

To the howls of protest from the defense attorneys, who have openly suggested, both in front of the jury and outside its presence that Gonzales has fabricated much of her testimony, Smith said, "She has been impeached on a whole host of issues." Later, he offered the legal basis for not allowing "additional cross examination of Supervisor Gonzales [with regard to her] interview with the investigators.

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Needles Defraying Weed Grower's Utility Costs *from front page*

protested that the city evinced favoritism in its granting of the cannabis marketing franchises. Last year, the city went

even further than tolerating end-use marijuana retail shops to allowing those establishments to become producers, as cultivators of the plants. Due to pressure from local community members, the city opened the market for cannabis re-

lated operations including grow-ops, product manufacturing, testing and distribution, while continuing its exclusivity with regard to the five existing local retail marijuana medical clinics or "cooperatives."

City officials calcu-

lated they could reap a double and maybe even triple benefit. They stood to make oodles of money by supplying the water and electricity used by the growers; they would further cash in taxwise when those growers sold their product wholesale

to retailers; and they would collect even more tax revenue when the drug was retailed to individual smokers.

At the March 7 Needles Utility Board meeting, it was revealed that one of the city's licensed cannabis operations had

"lost" the marijuana it had cultivated and harvested. It has not yet been publicly disclosed who "lost" the crop and how much exactly was misplaced. Unofficially, there are reports that the loss was a result of em-

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the civil war, they are allies, up to a point, in the campaign against ISIS. The United States is doing its best not to involve itself directly in military operations against the Russians. The Russians would prefer to not mix it up with the Americans. Another paradox is that the Turks and the Kurds are fighting against both Syria and Isis, yet the Turks hate the Kurds worse than they hate the Syrians or ISIS. Among the Kurds, the feeling with regard to the Turks is mutual...

In this atmosphere of strange and maleficent bedfellows, anything can, and indeed often does, happen...

Death is only a door. It is better, they say, to walk up to it and knock bravely than to be carried through it.

U.S. Army Special Forces, America's Delta Force and Seal Team 6 units have been in Syria for going on three years now. In addition to engaging in fighting, they are also training our Syrian, Turkish, Kurdish and other allies in the fluid battlefield techniques and the use of the specialized equipment being employed in Syria. In recent weeks and months, the fighting in the second conflict, the one against ISIS, has concentrated around Raqqa, a city that is the de-facto capital of ISIS. Within the last fortnight, the Army's 75th Ranger Regiment along with elements of the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, including its Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 4th Marines have entered the fray. According to some Congressional or governmental mandate or other, the sum total of United

States military troops to be deployed in Syria is not to exceed 503 without further formal Congressional authorization, although commanders have the authority to temporarily exceed that limit. My very reliable sources tell me that as of the day I am writing this, March 16, 2017, we have military personnel in Syria far, far, far in excess of that paltry number...

The situation is a very difficult and treacherous one. Our troops are very proximate to both allies and foes, and in some cases are intermingled on the ground with our ostensible allies. The enemy may be distant but in certain spots they are literally just a few kilometers away. Throw into this mix that the Russians are blinding us on the battlefield. They are using a device, called the Krasukha-4, a mobile broadband multi-

functional jamming station intended to guard against and defeat electronic surveillance and communications, including ground, air and satellite-based radar and radios. The Krasukha-4 is able to effectively shield objects on the ground against radio-locating surveillance satellites, ground-based radars, or aircraft-installed Airborne Warning and Control Systems, our vaunted AWACS, as well as space-based systems up to 170 miles away. They also interfere with our geosynchronous satellites, that is, the ones parked directly above Syria at an altitude of 22,236 miles. We do have some other surveillance satellites that orbit around the earth, passing for a short time of their continuous circular or oblong looping trajectory over Syria. Thus, for maybe 15 minutes or so as many as a half dozen

times or thereabouts a day, we can get a fleeting glimpse of things there. But the rest of the time, we cannot see the Russians, we cannot see the Syrian government forces, we cannot see the local militias and we cannot see Hezbollah. For that matter, we cannot see ourselves or our allies, although presumably we have some idea of our own and our allies' approximate locations. We have our own even equally effective version of the Krasukha-4, but we have not employed it in Syria. That is because it is probably not a good idea to put the Russians or their allies into a position where they can't see what they are doing or exactly what they are shooting at. When fired upon in a war zone, combatants have a tendency to shoot back. We are bending over backwards, as are the Russians, to keep from clashing with

one another. We and our allies, when blinded and fired upon, typically respond in kind or in even greater force. Blind as we are, there is no guarantee that return fire will hit its mark. It is not a matter of if, but rather when, we or one of our allies, so blinded and so fired upon, will strike back and hit our own troops or those of our allies. That will most likely trigger a counterresponse and perhaps an escalation, at first between ourselves and then, quite possibly with the enemy. Will our enemy simply sit back and take it? Or will our enemy respond? Where will that lead? I am reminded of what I cited above, 1914, when a melange of interests and conflicting alliances were concentrated in one relatively small geographical location and a single spark set off the tinderbox, leading to a world conflagration...

Glimpse Of SBC's Past The Yorba-Slaughter Adobe



The Yorba-Slaughter Adobe was built by Raimundo Yorba in 1850-53 on land once thought to be on Rancho El Rincon, a land grant owned by his father, Bernardo Yorba, but later determined not to have been part of the Rancho. Raimundo Yorba lived in the adobe until 1868, when Forty-niner and Mexican-American War veteran Fenton M. Slaughter, who later served in the California State Assembly, bought the house. In this photo are seen from left to right: Fenton M. Slaughter; Mrs. Florisa Slaughter Meredith; Isadora, an Indian member of the household; Henry Kline (sometimes known as the Hangman, as he had been employed by the sheriff as executioner on several occasions); Mrs. Fenton M. Slaughter, granddaughter of Juan Nepomeceno Alvarado, the last major domo, or chief steward, at San Gabriel Mission; and Mrs. Lorinda Slaughter Wells.

In 1928, Slaughter's daughter, Julia Slaughter Fuqua, began the rehabilitation of the adobe, which was designated a California Historical Landmark on June 20, 1935 and added to the National Register of Historic Places on July 7, 1975. The adobe is now a branch museum of the San Bernardino County Museum, and features an 1890s period general store.

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bezzlement by a partner who absconded with the product when he was forced out of the operation because of the discovery of his status as a felon. Statements by city manager Rick Daniels at recent public meetings regarding a potential felon in the Needles market to some degree bolsters that report.

The city's cannabis ordinance prohibits a felon from entering the market up until the tenth year after conviction.

Daniels contrasted household utility use arrearages that typically might entail a customer getting behind by \$600 over the course of six months with a "22,000 square foot building using between a million and a half and two million [dollars] worth of electricity." Growers said this overestimates the amount of electricity needed to raise a crop.

The subject of the city's potential losses in the millions of dollars at the hands of deadbeat cannabis growers did not come up again until the "board requests" at the end of the meeting. To questions from two members of the board, Daniels acknowledged that one of the city's franchised marijuana producers suffered a "lost harvest" or other crime such as vandalism. Sources in the cannabis industry said it is unlikely that an entire

crop would fail.

Daniels would not reveal who the cultivator was, tempting public scorn and anger. The board members did not insist that the name of the farmer be disclosed.

Attempting to allay the growing anger in the room and suggestions that the city manager was failing to look after the interests of city residents, taxpayers and utility ratepayers, Daniels asserted that the city was not showing undue favoritism toward any of the marijuana franchisees. "We help them through the permitting process, but once the permit is in place we are aggressive regulators," he said. When this was met with skepticism, Daniels acknowledged that "The State of California has developed a protocol for lost cannabis production" but he did not say whether the law had been followed in this case.

Needles Utility Board members Mike Schneider and Phil LeJeune were having none of it.

"We can't absorb a default on a harvest," Schneider told Daniels.

LeJeune gave Daniels a red alert, telling him, "If this happens again, you're done. As far as the 'lost harvest' thing, when it was first brought up, no one seemed to know anything about it. Now I have heard that the guy did follow the procedures of accounting of the lost pot and so on. Is there any photo-

graphic evidence of this? Have they documented it, this accounting?"

In what several people perceived as an obfuscating response, Daniels said "I'll report back on it. There is protocol. If there is a damaged crop, they have to weigh the materials that are damaged. Every plant has a number assigned to it. We have to tie that number to the record. If that numbered plant goes bad, it has to be weighed and records kept. It's to be ground up and mixed with soil before disposing of it. In the financial report to us, they have to identify the damaged plants..."

A week later, facts and documentation were yet to be had. Neither an identification of the

operator associated with the "loss" nor documentation, including photos of damaged plants, nor an explanation as to how, or estimation of how much, this "lost harvest" would impact the City of Needles financially was offered at either the utility board meeting or the most recent meeting of the Needles City Council held on Tuesday evening, March 14.

LeJeune implied that either Daniels or the cannabis farmer had blamed electric thieves and transformer raids for the failed or "lost" harvest. He indicated he was less than fully convinced that a failed crop had actually occurred when he added "I assume the city is going to do some attendance on regulation

because it really is not clear on the enforcement end of it. If we have another situation like that where they have a loss and where they are not following protocol and documentation, then we are going to nail them for the 10 grand [\$10,000] fine and then we'll do something about it."

At present, marijuana production appears to be a relatively lucrative endeavor, with cannabis benchmarks online listing the current price of \$1,575 per pound for mid-grade grass, plus taxes.

It is unknown at this time if the grow operation was provided with electricity with the promise of payment once the crop was sold.

Daniels said the city

will very shortly "start with [inspections] every other week, taking pictures, checking logs to making sure that we don't have problems."

"And are we going to have enough resources when we get into 30-40 operations?" LeJeune queried.

"We have to scale up," Daniels reassured the board members, "We have to make sure there is full compliance at all times. And," he said, "if we don't, the feds will be coming after you or the state is going to come after you. We're gonna have to staff up. The money will be there. We are going to invest all the 'assignables' to those operations. We'll have to scale up to 40 to 50 people."

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The court determined it to be precluded as cumulative under Evidence Code Section 352, Penal Code Section 1044 and Evidence Code Section 765 as a mode of interrogation and to protect the witness from undue embarrassment."

With the exodus of Gonzales from the witness stand, it then fell to Cope and Mandel to stanch the bleeding. They began by next calling a relatively safe witness, former Assistant

San Bernardino County Administrator Norman Kanold, whose authority within the county included oversight of the county's flood control district. Kanold, who acknowledged he came into his position of authority "midway through the case," quibbled with former county chief administrative officer Mark Uffer's statement that he was a lead adviser on the case but said he did represent staff's view that the Colonies Partners were wildly inflating the costs associated with the lawsuit. For example, Kanold said, the Colonies Partners estimated management costs for a flood control basin at \$75 million when he believed

a more realistic assessment would be \$30 million. Kanold indicated that overall, he did not believe much more than one third of the \$102 million that was paid out in the settlement could be demonstrated as actual damages, if that. He also enunciated his belief that the price the Colonies Partners attributed to the basin went beyond paying for its basic function in providing flood control and contained landscaping and aesthetic elements that were the province and responsibility of the developer and not the county. He, like Gonzales, and the other supervisor who voted against the settlement and testified earlier

in the trial, Dennis Hansberger, maintained the Colonies Partners had not provided adequate back-up and documentation of the company's cost claims. "This was Colonies claiming the costs," he said. "It was really their responsibility to provide that information." Kanold said.

On cross examination, one of Burum's attorneys, Stephen Larson, sought to illustrate to the jury that Kanold was not really steeped in the background and details of the lawsuit and the issues involved in it. Kanold had attended law school, but despite that, Larson was able to get

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him to say that he did not know what a “quiet title” action was, nor an “inverse condemnation” suit, which pertain to determining the actual ownership of land and the government taking private property without compensation, respectively, both of which were involved in the case.

Larson also was able to get Kanold to acknowledge he was unaware the Colonies Partners had used dirt unearthed to create the 210 Freeway to fill in the quarry hole on the Colonies Partners’ property.

Larson sought to turn Kanold’s statement to Mandel that the board of supervisors had not directed county staff to examine the damage numbers claimed by Colonies into a suggestion that Kanold had an inadequate grasp of the entire matter. When Kanold maneuvered around that question, Larson sought to use his statement that he had “mixed feelings” with regard to the \$102 million settlement. Kanold said the ambiguity was based more on perception than fact. “There was talk of raising the ante [i.e., the damage amount claim the Colonies Partners was seeking] to \$300 million,”

Kanold said, describing how it was that the Colonies Partners were running a bluff that might influence public opinion. “We had appraised at a much lower figure,” he said.

Kanold said that Judge Warner “was not kind” in his rulings with regard to the county’s action at issue in the Colonies Partners lawsuit, but testified that he had not seen Ken Miller, the head of the county’s flood control district, manifest the deceit and dishonesty Judge Warner had accused Miller of in one of his findings, upon which much of Warner’s ruling against the county was based.

Kanold related to Mandel a brush he had with Postmus that echoed the previous testimony of others indicating Postmus was imploding, quite possibly through drug use, and that he was being pressured simultaneously to settle the lawsuit on terms favorable to the Colonies Partners.

“He was in a hurry to get it settled,” Kanold said of Postmus. “I had one encounter with him in his office. I was there on another matter and the subject of the Colonies settlement came up.” Kanold said this occurred as the final vote that ratified the settlement was approaching. “I pointed out the numbers seemed a little high,” said Kanold, to

which Postmus, he said, responded, “You just don’t understand. This needs to be settled and it needs to be settled quickly.” Kanold said “I mentioned the amount being considered was high. He raised his voice and I took that as a cue that the conversation was over.”

Kanold said that Postmus was “disheveled, [with] a two-day beard, I think. His hair wasn’t combed.”

When Kanold was asked, “Were you aware of any role Jim Erwin played in the settlement?” he responded, “Not at that time,” leaving the impression he learned of Erwin’s role assisting Burum later.

The \$102 million pay out, Kanold testified “took every bit of reserves we had,” in reference to the county flood control division’s budget.

After Kanold was dismissed as a witness, late on Tuesday, Michael Eagleson, who succeeded Erwin as the executive director of the union representing the county’s sheriff’s deputies, the Safety Employees Employment Benefit Association, took the witness stand. Two juries are hearing the case, one of which is to decide the guilt or innocence of Burum, Biane and Kirk and the other of which is to assess the case against Erwin. Both juries are usually present in the courtroom as

the testimony provided has relevance against all of the defendants. Nevertheless, in some circumstances, where statements by Erwin are testified to by a witness, if that statement has bearing on Burum, Biane or Kirk, their jury is excused because of the likelihood that Erwin will avail himself of his Fifth Amendment protection and not testify during the trial. Because Burum, Biane and Kirk also have the protection of the Sixth Amendment right to confront any witness against them, their jury is not hearing testimony with regard to any of Erwin’s statements bearing upon Burum, Biane or Kirk. Eagleson’s testimony was most relevant to Erwin but on Tuesday afternoon, both juries were in the courtroom for prosecutor Lewis Cope’s initial round of questioning of him.

Eagleson told both juries that Erwin was a “bright guy” who was “smart about politics.” Eagleson, who had started in a staff role with the union in 1999 before acceding to his present position, said that as president of the union and later as its executive director, Erwin had some degree of influence over how the union’s political action committee money was spent, but that his influence was not absolute since there were 35 to 40 union board mem-

bers who also had a say in how the money would be used and which candidates would be supported. Eagleson told both juries that Erwin told him in January 2007 that he was going to form a political action committee of his own, and that he anticipated receiving a \$100,000 donation into that committee from Burum for assisting in getting the Colonies lawsuit settled. Eagleson said that Erwin said that having control of his own political action committee would make him more powerful and that “When you have a lot of money people don’t want to upset you.”

To questions from Erwin’s lawyer, Raj Magline, Eagleson said that as union president and as its chief of administration Erwin was “very passionate about the deputies he was representing. He took care of his membership.”

Thereafter, Burum, Biane and Kirk’s jury was excused and Eagleson continued his testimony before Erwin’s jury, relating that Erwin in February 2007 told him about a January 2007 trip he took with Burum to New York City, where they stayed, Eagleson said, in what Erwin described as “a high end place, a pretty nice place,” and that Burum bought Erwin a Rolex watch. Burum had provided the lavish accommodations and the

gift, Eagleson said, “for assisting in settling the Colonies matter.”

Cope also questioned Eagleson about that assistance and efforts to broker a settlement involving Postmus and Burum at an Ontario hotel. Eagleson said “It is my understanding Mr. Burum and Patrick O’Reilly were at a hotel in Ontario hotel to discuss with Mr. Postmus a solution to the Colonies matter. Mr. Erwin would deal with Mr. Postmus on settlement issues and Patrick O’Reilly would meet with Mr. Burum and then Mr. Erwin and Mr. O’Reilly would meet.”

Sometime later, Eagleson testified, perhaps as late as 2008, Erwin told him that he was considering returning the watch to Burum because he had not reported receiving it on the statement of economic interest form he was required to fill out after he had been appointed assistant assessor by Postmus.

Cope asked Eagleson if he had given him any advice about that dilemma.

“I told him he needed to report the watch,” Eagleson said.

Eagleson said he and Erwin had attended intensified and accelerated negotiation and labor relations training seminars together at Harvard.

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Death At 8,000 Feet

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rows to little more than 18 inches across. Along one stretch of the Devil’s Backbone, the drop-off on one or both sides is very precipitous. Under dry conditions in the late spring, summer and fall, a hiker who happens to fall from that portion of the trail would most likely be able arrest his descent after a few yards and, with some effort, climb back up. In the winter, however, with both the top of the ridge and its sides coated with ice, even the strongest or the most skilled of climbers would be hard

pressed to stop his downward slide and, having done so, climb the steep icy grade back to the top of the ridge.

To make matters worse, the winds are very strong in that area, gusting at times to 100 miles per hour. Indeed, the life expectancy of a hiker traversing the devil’s backbone in the winter, with the ground below his feet iced over and the howling wind buffeting him from unpredictable angles, is a fraction – and a minute fraction at that – of the life expectancy of those in the general population.

Scaling to the top of 10,064 Mount San An-

tonio, known colloquially as Mt. Baldy, is a rite of passage for dedicated hikers in Southern California. Modern day, serious, experienced and seasoned hikers who brave the climb to the peak of Mt. Baldy in the winter come outfitted properly with warm – i.e., woolen – clothes; broken-in hiking boots onto the bottoms of which are affixed crampons, traction devices with metal teeth that dig into the iced surface to prevent slippage; and an ice axe; not to mention communication devices such as a cell phone that can be used to summon help in an emergency.

Charton died a month

and three days after the body of Yucheng Jia, 26, of Torrance was spotted near the Devil’s Backbone on February 8. Jia had been reported missing on February 7. He had gone hiking on February 4 and didn’t return. A sheriff’s department recovered his body on February 9 because the helicopter that originally located the corpse wasn’t equipped to recover a body and dangerous conditions led to a delay.

On January 16, a woman eluded death after she slipped from the Devil’s Backbone portion of the trail and slid an unspecified distance down the steep and ice-encrusted precipice. A

San Bernardino County Fire department helicopter, Air Rescue 9, was dispatched to the scene, roughly two miles from the 10,064 elevation summit. After she was plucked from below the ridge, she was transported because of her injuries to Cow Canyon Saddle, where a ground ambulance unit retrieved her.

The mountain can be unforgiving to even the most experienced of adventurers.

Thirteen months ago, again in the dead of winter, two people lost their lives on the frigid and unforgiving ice below the Devil’s Backbone within a span of three

weeks. On February 2, 2016 Daniel Nguyen, 23, was walking along the Devil’s Backbone Trail around 7 a.m. with a friend when his companion slipped. Nguyen tried pulling his friend to safety but as he did so, he himself slipped off the trail and down the mountainside, with fatal consequences.

A 45-year-old San Diego man whose identity was never released by authorities fell to his death while hiking across the Devil’s Backbone on Saturday February 20, 2016.



Project Denial In Chino

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to the project as proposed.

While some celebrated the relative placidity of the neighborhood, others who stand to make some money characterized the neighborhood as old and decaying, and they said putting between 900 and 1,200 new residents onto the acreage as something that will revitalize the area. The average size of the lots would be roughly one-eighth of an acre, which is half the size or less than most of those plots on which homes that were built in that area in 1960s or earlier now sit.

Those in favor of the development, referred to as the Brewer Site Project, want the district to

be entirely cityified. Those opposed to the development want to retain the rural character, where a more laidback aesthetic applies. The former group points out that little more than a half mile away is the Chino Promenade. Those who live in an area where much of density is consistent with the agricultural uses of the last century are fooling themselves, the project proponents say, and those resisting need to wake up, smell the coffee, get real and welcome themselves into the Third Millennium. Development is coming and there is no use resisting it, they point out. They said the project would make the neighborhood safer by bringing in additional street lighting, sidewalks and roads suitable for vehicular traffic.

But many of the residents of the area were galvanized into resistance and action when, in 2013, D.R. Horton, which was founded by Donald R. Horton and bills itself as the “largest homebuilder in the United States,” signaled its intention to develop the property to an intensity far in excess of its current and longstanding RD1 zoning, which permits no more than one dwelling unit per acre. D.R. Horton’s initial proposal extended to 33.5 acres upon which the company wanted to erect 232 dwelling units in addition to the eight existing homes already there. To achieve that goal, the project proponent had to get the consent of not just the planning commission and city council, but the city’s voters. Un-

der Measure M, a growth control measure adopted in 1988, land in Chino cannot be rezoned to allow more homes without a vote of the city’s residents. The project proponent must pay for that election. An effort to get enough signatures on a petition which was first circulated late in 2013 did not achieve the threshold needed to get a question on the matter placed before the city’s voters on the November 2014 ballot.

Those opposed to the project said going from 33 units on the property to 232 was “spot zoning” that would interrupt the flow of horses off street trails to surrounding property and would present a clash between “country” rural life with farm-like settings including animals and the

urban condos that were contemplated. They also maintained that the density did not conform to the surrounding area, that the project did not include bridle trails, that it would impact the area’s already near-capacity schools and that it would impact traffic. Ontario residents living in proximity to the project complained that their input was being ignored.

In December 2014, the city council told D.R. Horton that if the company was serious, an environmental impact report would be needed. D.R. Horton in 2016 moved forward, reducing the footprint of the project from 33 acres to 30 acres and 232 units to 12 single-family homes on 7,000-square-foot lots, 87 detached single-family units on

4,500-square-foot lots, and 73 detached condominiums in addition to the eight existing homes.

On March 6, thirty-four of the overflow crowd at City Hall offered their views on the project, with 22 speaking against it and 12 speaking in favor. The six commission members present – Brandon Blanchard, Kathleen Patterson, Harvey Luth, Steve Lewis, Walt Pockock and Sherman Jones – voted in unison against recommending approval of the project as is, saying it was out of step with the city general plan, out of compliance with the applicable zoning and incompatible with the existing neighborhood.

The matter is to come before the city council on April 4.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE # CIVDS 1702968
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JESSICA RENEE MINNICK has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JESSICA RENEE MINNICK to JESSICA RENEE ARQUETTE

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: 04/11/2017
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
Department: S-17

The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT-CIVIL DIVISION 247 WEST THIRD STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0210.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County, California, at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Date: FEBRUARY 17, 2016
s/ MICHAEL A. SACHS,
Judge of the Superior Court
Run dates: 02/24, 03/03, 03/10 & 03/17, 2017

SUMMONS (Family Law)
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: RICHARD TAGAYUNA DYKKE

You have been sued. Read the information below. Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación

Petitioner's name is: CATHERINE BIAGTAN AMOR
Case number: FAMSS

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Filed Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District January 31 2017 by Salvador Lopez, Deputy

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website www.lawhelpca.org, or by contacting your local county bar association.

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1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court;
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3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and
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You must notify each other of any proposed extraordinary expenditures at least five business days prior to incurring these extraordinary expenditures and account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after these restraining orders are effective. However, you may use community property, quasi-community property, or your own separate property to pay an attorney to help you or to pay court costs.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and the address of the court are: 351 N. Arrowhead Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415

The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: CATHERINE BIAGTAN AMOR 13412 GETTYSBURG STREET FONTANA, CA 92336 (909) 544-1073 IN PROPER

This case is assigned to JUDGE SINFIELD DEPT. S49 for all purposes and is subject to CCP 170.6(2)

Date: January 31, 2017
Clerk, by Salvador Lopez, Deputy

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This business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ William R. Bromley
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 02/15/2017.

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I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By/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. 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). 2/24, 3/03, 3/10 & 3/17, 2017.

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not now, nor has Secured Party ever been, an accommodation party, nor a surety, for the purported debtor, i.e., “JOAQUIN ANDRES ACOSTA,” nor for any derivative of, nor for any variation in the spelling of, said name, nor for any other juristic person, and is so-indemnified and held harmless by Debtor, i.e., “JOAQUIN ANDRES ACOSTA,” in Hold-harmless and indemnity Agreement No. JAA-12-161961-HHIA, dated the Sixteenth day of the Twelfth Month in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One against any and all claims, legal actions, orders, warrants, judgments, demands, liabilities, losses, depositions, summonses, lawsuits, costs, fines, liens, levies, penalties, damages, interests, and expenses whatsoever, both absolute and contingent, as are due and as might become due, now existing and as might hereinafter arise, and as might be suffered by, imposed on, and incurred by Debtor for any and every reason, purpose, and cause whatsoever.

Mutual Assent Implied and Express Contract Executed by Unauthorized Use of Secured Party's Common-Law Copyright Property; Self-executing Security Agreement in the Event of Unauthorized Use of Secured Party's Common-law Copyright Property; By this Copyright Notice, both the juristic person and the agent of said juristic person, hereinafter jointly and severally “User,” assent, consent, and agree that any use of JOAQUIN ANDRES ACOSTA © other than authorized use as set forth above constitutes unauthorized use, counterfeiting, of Secured Party's common-law copyright property, contractually binds User, renders this Copyright Notice a Security Agreement wherein User is debtor and joaquin andres acosta© is Secured Party, and signifies that User: (1) incurs a contractual obligation in favor of Secured Party, and grants Secured Party a security interest in all of User's assets, land, and personal property and all of User's rights, title and interest in assets, land, and personal property, in the sum certain amount of \$500,000.00 per each occurrence of use of the common-law copyrighted trade-name/trade-mark JOAQUIN ANDRES ACOSTA, as well as for each occurrence of use of any and all derivatives of, and variations in the spell-

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ing of, JOAQUIN ANDRES ACOSTA®, plus costs, plus triple damages; (2) has present intention to authenticate, and hereby and herewith authenticates, this Security Agreement, wherein User is debtor and joaquin andres acosta© is Secured Party, and wherein User pledges all of User's assets, land, consumer goods, farm products, inventory, equipment, money, investment property, commercial tort claims, letters of credit, letter-of-credit-rights, chattel paper, instruments, deposit accounts, accounts, documents, and general intangibles, and all User's rights, title, and interest in such foregoing property, now owned and hereafter acquired, now existing and hereafter arising, And, wherever located, as collateral to secured User's contractual obligation in favor of Secured Party for User's unauthorized use of Secured Party's common-law-copyright property; (3) Assents, consents, and agrees with Secured Party's filing of a Uniform Commercial Code, hereinafter “UCC,” Financing Statement in the UCC filing office, as well as in any county-level recording/registration office, wherein User is debtor and joaquin andres acosta© is Secured Party; (4) Assents, consents, and agrees that said UCC Financing Statement described above in paragraph “(3)” is a continuing financing statement, and further assents, and consents, and agrees with Secured Party's filing of any continuation statement necessary to maintain Secured Party's perfected security interest in all of User's property and right, title, and interest in property, pledged as collateral in this Security Agreement and described above in paragraph “(2),” until User's contractual obligation therefore incurred has been fully satisfied; (5) Assents, consents, and agrees with Secured Party's filing of any UCC Financing Statement, as described above in paragraphs “(3),” and “(4),” as well as the filing of any Security Agreement, as described in paragraph “(2),” in the UCC filing office, as well as in any county-level recording/registration office; (6) Assents, consents, and agrees that any and all such filings described in paragraphs “(4)” and “(5)” above are not, and may not be considered bogus, and that User will not claim that any such filing is bogus; (7) Prom-

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ises unconditionally to accept, has present intention to authenticate and accept, and hereby and herewith authenticates and accepts, as drawee-acceptor, any draft drawn by Secured Party to secure payment of outstanding unauthorized-use fees, as set forth above in paragraph “(1),” incurred by User through User's unauthorized use of Secured Party's common-law copyright property; (8) Waives right of presentment and all defenses; and, (9) Appoints Secured Party as non-fiduciary authorized representative for User, effective upon User's default re User's contractual obligations in favor of Secured Party as set forth below under “Payment Terms” and “Default Terms,” granting Secured Party full authorization and power to engage in any and all actions on behalf of User, in respect of User's outstanding contractual obligation as set forth above in paragraph “(1),” including without limitation, authentication of a record on behalf of User, as Secured Party, in Secured Party's sole discretion, deems appropriate and, as regards any deposit account, grants Secured Party full authorization and power to originate instructions for said deposit-account maintained with any bank in/under the Taxpayer Identification Number of User, notwithstanding the absence of user's name as account-holder on any such deposit account, grants Secured Party full authorization and power to originate instructions for said deposit-account bank and to direct the disposition of funds in said deposit account and execute demand drafts, as that term, i.e., “demand draft,” is defined at UCC 3-104(k), to discharge User's aforementioned outstanding contractual obligation, without further consent of User and without liability, and User further consents and agrees that appointment of Secured Party as non-fiduciary authorized representative for User, effective upon User's default, is irrevocable and coupled with a security interest.

User Further Assents, Consents, and Agrees with the Following Additional Terms of “Mutual Assent Implied and Express Contract Executed by Unauthorized Use of Secured Party's Common Law-Copyrighted Property; Self-executing Security Agreement in Event of Unauthorized Use of Secured Party's Common

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Law-Copyrighted Property"; Payment Terms: In accordance with fees for unauthorized Use of JOAQUIN ANDRES ACOSTA© as set forth above, User hereby assents, consents, and agrees that User must pay Secured Party all unauthorized-use fees in full within ten (10) days of the date Secured Party sends User the invoice, hereinafter "invoice," itemizing said fees. Default Terms: In event of non-payment in full of all unauthorized -use fees by User within ten (10) days of date invoice is sent, User shall be deemed in default and: (a) All of User's property and rights, title, and interest in property pledged as collateral by User, as set forth in the above paragraph "(2)," immediately becomes, i.e. is property of Secured Party; (b) Secured Party is appointed User's Authorized Representative as set forth above in paragraph "(9)"; and (c) User assents, consents, and agrees that Secured Party may take possession of, as well as otherwise dispose of in any manner that Secured Party, in Secured Party's sole discretion, deems appropriate, including, without limitation, sale at auction, at any time following User's default, and without further notice, any and all of User's property, and rights, title, and interest in property, described above in paragraph "(2)," formerly pledged as collateral by User, now property of Secured Party, in respect of this Mutual Assent Implied and Express Contract Executed by Unauthorized Use of Secured Party's Common Law-Copyright Property," that Secured Party, again in Secured Party's sole discretion, deems appropriate. Terms for Curing Default: In event of default, as set forth above under "Default Terms," irrespective of any and all of User's former property and right, title, and interest in property, described "(2)," in the possession of, as well as disposed by, Secured Party, as authorized above under "Default Terms," User may cure User's default only re the remainder of User's said former property and right, title, and interest in property formerly pledged as collateral that is neither in the possession of, nor otherwise disposed of by Secured Party within twenty (20) days of date of User's default only by payment in full. Terms of Strict Foreclosure: User's non-payment in full of all unauthorized-use fees itemized in invoice within said twenty (20) day period for curing default as set forth above under "Terms for Curing Default" authorizes Secured Party's immediate non-judicial strict foreclosure on any and all remaining former property and rights, and interest in property formerly pledged as collateral by User, now property of Secured Party, which is not in the possession of, nor otherwise disposed of by, Secured Party upon expiration of said twenty (20) day default curing period. Ownership subject to copyright of common-law trade-name/ trade-mark; security agreement; and, UCC Financing Statement filed in the UCC filing office. Record Owner: joaquin andres acosta©, Autograph Common Law Copyright © 1979, Unauthorized use of "joaquin andres acosta" incurs same unauthorized-use fees as those associated with JOAQUIN ANDRES ACOSTA©, as set forth above in paragraph "(1)."

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APN: 1089-281-61-0-000 TS No: CA08001861-13-1S TO NO: 130241981-CA-MAI NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d) (2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST

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DATED June 22, 2006. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On March 28, 2017 at 02:00 PM, on the Southside of the main entrance to the Chino Public Library, 13180 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710, MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on June 30, 2006 as Instrument No. 2006-0449107, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, executed by JOE A PICKENS, AND KAREN CRAWFORD, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee for COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6990 GALATINA PL, RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701-9216 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 made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$675,276.87 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. 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

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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 In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08001861-13-1S. 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: February 23, 2017 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08001861-13-1S 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Miguel Ochoa, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose.ISL Number 28637, Pub Dates: 03/03/2017, 03/10/2017, 03/17/2017, SAN BERNARDINO SENTINEL

SUMMONS (Family Law) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: PAMELA D. LEIGHTON

You have been sued. Read the information below. Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación

Petitioner's name is: GABRIEL MUNOZ PARRA Case number: FAMSS 1700587

Filed Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District January 25 2017 by Dawn Santos, Deputy

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website www.lawhelpca.org, or by contacting your local county bar association.

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STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS

Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:

1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court;
2. cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health, automobile, and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children;
3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and
4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affects the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court.

You must notify each other of any proposed extraordinary expenditures at least five business days prior to incurring these extraordinary expenditures and account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after these restraining orders are effective. However, you may use community property, quasi-community property, or your own separate property to pay an attorney to help you or to pay court costs.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

The name and the address of the court are: 351 N. Arrowhead Avenue San Bernardino, CA 92415

The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: Gabriel Munoz Parra 18065 Valencia Fontana, CA 92335 (909) 332-4123

This case is assigned to JUDGE APALOO DEPT. S47 for all purposes and is subject to CCP 170.6(2)

Date: January 25, 2017 Clerk, by Dawn Santos, Deputy

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FBN 20170001316 The following entity is doing business as:

JAY MART 1396 N BOARDWELL AVE. COLTON, CA 92324 909-433-0100 DARSHAN LAL 1900 W REDLANDS BLVD # 11652 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92403

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ DARSHAN LAL Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 02/03/2017.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the

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rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FBN 20170002075 The following entity is doing business as:

A.D. WELDING & IRON FABRICATION 10088 6TH STREET #J RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 LUIS A DIAZ 13148 STANTON DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ LUIS A DIAZ Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 02/24/2017.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/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. 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).

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FBN 20170002134 The following entity is doing business as:

SALON SIX-ONE-FIVE 847 W FOOTHILL BLVD UPLAND, CA 91786 FELICIA M BARNETT 801 SAN YSIDRO DRIVE UPLAND, CA 91786

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ Felicia Barnett Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 02/27/2017.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/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. 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).

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FBN 20170002371 The following entity is doing business as:

CRYSTAL NAILS & SPA 9255 BASELINE RD. UNIT E RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 TONY D NGUYEN 4991 GRAPHITE CREEK RD JURUPA VALLEY, CA 91752

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ TONY D NGUYEN Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 03/02/2017.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize

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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).

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FBN 20170000638 The following entity is doing business as:

ALL PROFESSIONAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES [and] ALL PRO TECH SERVICES 5447 KNIGHT COURT CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 DAVID ENDRES 5447 KNIGHT COURT CHINO HILLS, CA 91709

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1/1/2017.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ Anitra Murphy Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 01/18/2017.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/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. 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).

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FBN 20170000486 The following entity is doing business as:

CTI 10801 6TH STREET, SUITE 200 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 COLLECTION TECHNOLOGY INCORPORATED 10801 6TH STREET, SUITE 200 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 9/24/54.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ Chris Van Dellen Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 01/12/2017.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/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. 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).

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FBN 20160013917 The following entity is doing business as:

SHALLYBIM ENTERPRISE 7656 BEAR CREEK DRIVE FONTANA, CA 92336 SALEWA AWOSIKA 7656 BEAR CREEK DRIVE FONTANA, CA 92336

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/27/2016.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ Salewa Awosika Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 12/27/2016.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy

Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the

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date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. 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).

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE # CIVRS 1700067

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner TRICIA L. ARENAS has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing names as follows:

LEONARD JUNIOR AHUMADA to LEO JUNIOR AHUMADA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING DATE: 4/28/2017 TIME: 8:30 A.M Department: R-8C

The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO RANCHO CUCAMONGA JUDICIAL DISTRICT 8303 HAVEN AVENUE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition

Date: MARCH 06, 2017 s/ R. GLENN YABUNO, Judge of the Superior Court Run dates: 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 3/31, 2017.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE # CIVDS 1703659

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JASON CARL UNDA has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JASON CARL UNDA to JASON LARA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING DATE: 04/13/2017 TIME: 8:30 A.M Department: S-17

The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT-CIVIL DIVISION 247 WEST THIRD STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0210.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order to Show Cause be published in THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San

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Bernardino County, California, at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition

Date: MARCH 03, 2016
s/ MICHAEL A. SACHS,
Judge of the Superior Court
Run dates: 03/10, 03/17,
03/24 & 03/31, 2017

FBN 20170002163
The following entity is doing business as:
EPIC MORTGAGE CONSULTANTS 9220 HAVEN AVE, SUITE 301 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 BEST CAPITAL FUNDING 21540 PLUMMER ST, SUITE A CHATSWORTH, CA 91311
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ Michael Yates
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 2/27/2017.

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy

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The following entity is doing business as:

J.J.J. PRODUCTS 11016 MAPLE AVE BLOOMINGTON, CA 92316 JESUS CAMACHO 11016 MAPLE AVE BLOOMINGTON, CA 92316

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ Jesus Camacho
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APN: 1062-451-57-0-000
TS No: CA08006619-14-1
TO No: 10-8-126309 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE (The above statement is made pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(1). The Summary will be provided to Trustor(s) and/or vested owner(s) only, pursuant to CA Civil Code Section 2923.3(d)(2).) YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED September 10, 2004. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On April 11, 2017 at 02:00 PM, on the Southside of the main entrance to the Chino Public Library, 13180 Central Avenue, Chino, CA 91710,

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MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded on September 22, 2004 as Instrument No. 2004-0688968, of official records in the Office of the Recorder of San Bernardino County, California, executed by BRIAN SCOTT RICHTER, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Trustor(s), in favor of EXPRESS CAPITAL LENDING as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8715 SUNSTONE CT, ALTA LOMA, CA 91701-3350. 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 made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$630,794.28 (Estimated). However, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a 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 California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. 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. 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 infor-

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mation. 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 In Source Logic at 702-659-7766 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address listed below for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA08006619-14-1. 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: March 9, 2017 MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps TS No. CA08006619-14-1 17100 Gillette Ave Irvine, CA 92614 Phone: 949-252-8300 TDD: 866-660-4288 Myron Ravelo, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.insourcelogic.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: In Source Logic AT 702-659-7766 Trustee Corps may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. ISL Number 29067, Pub Dates: 03/17/2017, 03/24/2017, 03/31/2017, SAN BERNARDINO SENTINEL

FBN 20170002940
The following entity is doing business as:

HELP U SELL INLAND EMPIRE GROUP 7365 CARNELIAN ST SUITE 231 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 BERNARDO VALENZUELA 12956 RAE CT EASTVALE, CA 92880

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ Bernardo Valenzuela
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 3/14/2017.

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FBN 20170002747
The following entity is doing business as:

PRECISION SURGICAL GUIDES [and] SPEEDENT DENTAL SUPPLIES 9591 CENTRAL AVE MONTCLAIR, CA 91763 CUNNING ENTERPRISES 9591 CENTRAL AVEMONTCLAIR, CA 91763

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/01/2012 [PRECISION SURGICAL GUIDES] and 08/20/1992 [SPEEDENT DENTAL SUPPLIES].

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true

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and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

S/ Keith Cunning
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 3/09/2017.

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FBN 20170002609
The following entity is doing business as:

MVP REALTY 11933 SAGEMONT DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 MONA PATEL 11933 SAGEMONT DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 3

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

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S/ Mona Patel
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 3/07/2017.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JOANNA HEIL, CASE NO. PROPS1700162

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of SHIRLEY JOANNA HEIL and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A petition for PROBATE has been filed by MARY E. HEIL in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO, requesting that MARY E. HEIL be appointed executor of the estate of SHIRLEY JOANNA HEIL and full authority be granted to administer under the Independent Administration Estates Act.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S35 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT - PROBATE DIVISION 247 W. 3rd STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0212 on APRIL 18, 2017 at 08:30 AM

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 deceased, 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

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issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 58 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code.

Filed February 21, 2017
Petitioner: Mary E. Heil
Attorney for Petitioner: Mary M. Bader Law Office of Mary Bader 9227 Haven Avenue, Suite 368 Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 PH 909-245-2775 FAX 909-245-2778 officemarybader@veizon.net

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE # CIVRS 1700085
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JESUS MORGA has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JESUS MORGA to JESUS CARMONA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: 05/05/2017
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
Department: R-8C

The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO RANCHO CUCAMONGA JUDICIAL DISTRICT 8303 NORTH HAVEN AVENUE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition

Date: MARCH 17, 2016
s/ R. GLENN YABUNO,
Judge of the Superior Court
Run dates: 03/17, 03/24, 03/31 & 04/07, 2017.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE # CIVRS 1700077
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KATRINA CASTRO has filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing names as follows:

BROOKLYN JADAH BATTLE to BROOKLYN JADAH CASTRO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

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DATE: 05/05/2017
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
Department: R-8
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO RANCHO CUCAMONGA JUDICIAL DISTRICT 8303 NORTH HAVEN AVENUE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition

Date: MARCH 10, 2016
s/ R. GLENN YABUNO,
Judge of the Superior Court
Run dates: 03/17, 03/24, 03/31 & 04/07, 2017.

Summons
Montana Fourth Judicial District Missoula County

In the marriage of DEANNA RODRIGUEZ, petitioner, and JEFFREY RODRIGUEZ, respondent
Cause No. DR-17-96 Dept. 4

The State of Montana sends greetings to the above named respondent: You, the respondent, are hereby summoned to answer the Petition in this action, which is filed with the Clerk of Court, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to file your answer and serve a copy thereof upon the Petitioner within twenty days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you for relief of the demanded Petition. This action is brought to obtain a dissolution of marriage.

Title to and interest in the following real property will be involved in this action: Home owned by both parties.

Dated This 13th of March, 2017.

Shirley E. Faust, Clerk of Court

Petitioner Pro Se
Deanna Rodriguez 1811 Colley St. #D Missoula MT. 59802

P.O. Box 18181 Missoula, MT, 59808
406-240-3457
moldylocks54@gmail.com

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FBN 20170001664
The following person is doing business as: JTECH, 8742 PINECREST PL RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730, CHRISTOPHER M JACKSON, 8742 PINECREST PL RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ CHRISTOPHER M. JACKSON
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FBN 20170001618
The following person is doing business as: PACIFIC BLUE ESCROW A NON INDEPENDENT BROKER ESCROW, 1462 W 9TH STREET UPLAND, CA 91786, TREC HOMES INC, 1462 W 9TH STREET UPLAND, CA 91786
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A

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s/ BRENT LIPPINCOTT
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FBN 20170001665
The following person is doing business as: SOCCER SHOTS, 12324 HEARTSTONE CIR UNIT F MIRA LOMA, CA 91752, D.J. FOX SPORTS MANAGEMENT L.L.C., 12324 HEARTSTONE CIR UNIT F MIRA LOMA, CA 91752
This business is conducted by: AN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 01/09/2012

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ DANIEL FOX
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FBN 20170001605
The following person is doing business as: WENDY RAMIREZ TAX & NOTARY SERVICES, 473 E CARNEGIE DR STE 200 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408, WENDY P RAMIREZ, 473 E CARNEGIE DR STE 200 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 02/01/2017

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s/ DANIEL FOX

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FBN 20170001632
The following person is doing business as: BRYLEY TRUCKING, 14681 ALLISON ST ADELANTO, CA 92301, BARREN A SPIVEY, 14681 ALLISON ST ADELANTO, CA 92301

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 03/08/2016

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ BARREN A SPIVEY
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FBN 20170002411
The following person is doing business as: T AND R TRUCKING; 13516 TREASURE WAY CHINO HILLS, CA 91709, TONY VALENZUELA, 13516 TREASURE WAY CHINO HILLS, CA 91709

FBN 20170002436
The following person is doing business as: CELEBRITY NIGGAZ, 2519 QUAKERIDGE PL ONTARIO, CA 91764, DAVID A. HORN, 2519 QUAKERIDGE PL ONTARIO, CA 91764

FBN 20170002436
The following person is doing business as: DIVINE FAVOUR OF FLAVOR, 16155 SIERRA LAKES PARKWAY #160-636 FONTANA, CA 92336, LATONYA VAUGHNER, 16155 SIERRA LAKES PARKWAY #160-636 FONTANA, CA 92336

FBN 20170002395
The following person is doing business as: 5 STAR PIZZA AND WINGS, 13819 FOOTHILL BLVD STE I FONTANA, CA 92335, FNU JAGROOP, 13819 FOOTHILL BLVD STE I FONTANA, CA 92335

FBN 20170002378
The following person is doing business as: J J PRODUCE, 200 S. LINDEN AVE APT 6N RIALTO, CA 92336; PO BOX 2474 FONTANA, CA 92334, JAIME CASTANEDA, 200 S LINDEN AVE FONTANA, CA 92336, [AND], JAIME RODRIGUEZ 8912 GUAVA AVE HESPERIA, CA 92345

FBN 20170002422
The following person is doing business as: CENTILLO, 9762 WALNUT CT RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730, CENTILLO LLC, 9762 WALNUT CT RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

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FBN 20170002366
The following person is doing business as: WABA GRILL, 11175 SIERRA AVE SUITE #500 FONTANA, CA 92337, G&C INDUSTRIES, INC, 605 WEST COVINA BLVD SAN DIMAS, CA 91773

FBN 20170002395
The following person is doing business as: STAR PIZZA AND WINGS, 13819 FOOTHILL BLVD STE I FONTANA, CA 92335, FNU JAGROOP, 13819 FOOTHILL BLVD STE I FONTANA, CA 92335

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FBN 20170002422
The following person is doing business as: CENTILLO, 9762 WALNUT CT RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730, CENTILLO LLC, 9762 WALNUT CT RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

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or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
s/ JAIME CASTANEDA
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 03/02/2017

FBN 20170002422
The following person is doing business as: CENTILLO, 9762 WALNUT CT RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730, CENTILLO LLC, 9762 WALNUT CT RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

FBN 20170002395
The following person is doing business as: STAR PIZZA AND WINGS, 13819 FOOTHILL BLVD STE I FONTANA, CA 92335, FNU JAGROOP, 13819 FOOTHILL BLVD STE I FONTANA, CA 92335

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FBN 20170002436
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111701
FBN 20170002473
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San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

Coroner Case #701701900 On 03/11/2017, at 4:44 AM, officers from the California Highway Patrol and paramedics from the San Bernardino County Fire Department responded to a vehicle versus a pedestrian on State Route 138 east of Scrub Oak Rd., in unincorporated Pinion Hills. Jeffery Ballard, a 45-year-old male resident of Pinion Hills, was a pedestrian who was crossing the roadway outside of the crosswalk and was struck by a westbound traveling vehicle. Ballard was pronounced dead at the scene from his injuries. The California Highway Patrol is investigation the collision. [031217 1700 TC]

Coroner Case #701701810 On Tuesday, 03/07/2017, 55-year-old Robert Alexander, a resident of Hesperia, was the solo pilot of a Quickstar MXL II, an ultra light sports aircraft. At about 10:00 AM, after taxing down the Hesperia Airport runway in Hesperia, he became airborne for a short period of time before going into aerodynamic stall, and collided in a field, north of the airport. Alexander was pronounced dead at the scene. [03072017 1925 SC]

Coroner Case #701701779 On Monday, 03/06/2017, at approximately 6:10 am, the California Highway Patrol received a 911 call regarding a traffic collision on Fort Irwin Road north of Interstate 15 in Yermo. Ivonne Iturralde, a 41-year-old female resident from Lancaster, was the driver and sole occupant in a Honda Civic that was traveling southbound on Fort Irwin Road. For reasons yet to be determined, Iturralde lost control of her vehicle, crossed over into the northbound lane of traffic, and left the roadway at the east shoulder. Iturralde was pronounced dead at the scene from her injuries. The California Highway Patrol is investigation the collision. [03062017 2155 SC]

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Cope began his direct examination of Patrick O'Reilly, who had narrowly avoided being indicted himself. Not yet disclosed, or even broached, is whether O'Reilly cut a deal with prosecutors for his cooperation in testifying. What came across over the day-and-a-half of testimony that ended on Thursday March 16, was that, willingly or not, O'Reilly assisted Cope in taking a major stride toward rehabilitating the prosecution's case.

Much doubt about whether O'Reilly would be of much use in furthering the prosecution toward its goal had hung over the case from the outset. As O'Reilly testified to on Wednesday, he was not only one of Burum's close friends with whom he sometimes vacationed, he had a significant professional relationship with him as well, in that Burum had paid O'Reilly and his public relations firm substantial fees. While some of that work appears to have been standard public relations efforts, the exact nature of some of it remains unclear and was not made any less opaque by O'Reilly's testimony. Rather it left open the impression that it might have entailed both gathering information on

Postmus and Biane and lobbying and pressuring them. At the very least, O'Reilly confirmed the subject of blackmailing Postmus and Biane had been broached among Burum, Erwin and O'Reilly in the crucial two-month period before the final settlement vote.

Cope dwelled for some time on the nuts and bolts of running a public relations firm and the minutiae of preparing press releases and the distinction between talking points, media decks, press kits and sound bites. When he moved on to actual events, he cleverly did not proceed in a chronological fashion through his questioning but rather early on jumped to a point shortly after the settlement had been effectuated, in January 2007. He questioned O'Reilly about a trip to New York City and Washington, D.C. on January 28, 29 and 30, 2007 aboard a private plane Burum either owned or chartered. In a painstaking fashion that seemed picayune, Cope led O'Reilly through what even Judge Michael Smith would indicate he felt was an unnecessarily overly-detailed description of what the trio had done on the excursion, which included meals, taking in a Broadway show, Burum purchasing watches for O'Reilly and Erwin, and a flight to Washington, D.C., where they spent the night at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel and had dinner

with Congressman Kevin McCarthy at the Congressional Club before flying home. When the defense raised objections to questions Cope asked about what courses had been ordered by whom at the restaurants, Smith sustained the objections, saying at one point, "I don't think going into exactly what they ordered and ate has anything to do with it [the case before the juries]."

Cope at one point focused on one of the receipts for the watches, referencing the credit card number used to make the payment, and asking O'Reilly if he recognized or knew Burum's credit card number. The question, seemingly finicky at the time, had the effect of angering and exasperating O'Reilly, who gave a rather exaggerated response that he did not.

So proceeded much of Cope's questioning, dealing to a remarkable degree with what seemed minor or unremarkable events and circumstances. In his questioning, Cope gave O'Reilly plenty of latitude and opportunity to establish that he not only worked for Burum, was his friend and thought highly of him, but that he believed the Colonies Partners held both the factual, moral and legal high ground in the company's legal dispute with the county and that it was more than justified in its approach toward achieving a settlement of the suit. At

one point, O'Reilly testified that it was he who had convinced Burum to prosecute his case in the media, a piece of advice and guidance that early in the trial, Jim Brulte had taken credit for during his testimony. O'Reilly said he was the architect of much of that media campaign, including suggesting that the Colonies Partners' actual damages in the case exceeded \$300 million.

Similarly, Cope through his questions allowed O'Reilly to propound to the jury a message highly favorable to not just the Colonies Partners but the defense, which held that the \$102 settlement was a fair and just one and that, if anything, the Colonies Partners received less money in the settlement than was due the company for all it had been put through by the county.

When Cope asked O'Reilly if Burum "was happy" with the settlement, O'Reilly responded, "I think he felt he had left some [money] on the table but, candidly, he was happy to get it behind him."

In this way, by late Wednesday afternoon, O'Reilly's guard was down and he had been lulled or perhaps manipulated into a comfort zone when Cope moved his questions into an area in which tremendous hazard to both Burum and Erwin lurked – a meeting involving Burum, Erwin and O'Reilly at the Double Tree Hotel

in Ontario on October 18, 2006. Staying at the Double Tree that night was Postmus, who was there to attend a mediation session between the county and the Colonies Partners in Ontario on October 19.

After Cope got O'Reilly to admit he was at the Double Tree that evening and that he had been invited there by Burum, the bespectacled and mild-mannered prosecutor dry-gulched the witness.

He showed O'Reilly three exhibits, one showing O'Reilly had checked into a room at the Double Tree that night.

"No, sir, I don't remember doing that at all," said O'Reilly, with Cope vectoring attention to another of the exhibits, a credit card slip showing that the room had been paid for by the same American Express card – Burum's – used to pay for the watches a little more than three months later. The unstated inference was that Burum had checked into the Double Tree, where Postmus was in temporary residence, the night before the mediation, under O'Reilly's name.

From that point on, O'Reilly was like a stag in the middle of a road in Upper State Michigan caught in the glare of high beams at midnight.

Cope got O'Reilly to relate how he had rendezvoused with Burum and Erwin at the hotel. After Erwin went down to Postmus' room, all

three of them went to the supervisor's room to greet him, after which they left Postmus and the three went to the hotel restaurant to have dinner.

O'Reilly said the trio had come to the Double Tree that night to see what information might be had with regard to the county's position going into the settlement talks scheduled for the next day. That turned out to be a bust, O'Reilly testified, since when they had attempted to suss out from Postmus where the county stood, Postmus, then the chairman of the board, "said he didn't know, and that it was 'up in the air.'" Some time later, on his drive home, O'Reilly said he thought to himself that the meeting with Postmus had proven out as "the biggest waste of time."

In his matter-of-fact responses to the questions being thrown at him, O'Reilly was confirming the foundation of the prosecution's case, that the Colonies Partners had gone to extraordinary lengths in focusing on, pressuring and exploiting the county's decision-makers to achieve the company's ends.

While Cope was having his way with O'Reilly on the stand, the prosecutor inflicted further damage on the defendants by getting the witness to say that Erwin was being utilized to re-

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O'Reilly Acknowledges Blackmailing Postmus & Biane Was Discussed

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lay information about the county's negotiating position provided by Postmus to Burum and O'Reilly.

Having capitalized already on O'Reilly's psychological shock at seeing his name on the receipt for Burum's hotel room, Cope advanced into the most critical area of that day's testimony, establishing the existence of hit pieces – mailers containing highly derogatory information about politicians – that had already been created or were in the works against Postmus and Biane. The hit pieces, which were never mailed, comprise, according to the prosecution, the central element of the extortion alleged against Burum and Erwin in the 2011 indictment. One of those hit pieces concerned Postmus' homosexuality and drug use, highly problematic issues for someone who was the chairman of the county Republican Party and a candidate for county assessor in that year's election. The other hit piece dwelled on Biane's financial woes that extended to his being on the brink of bankruptcy, which was information he would have preferred remain unknown given that he was at that point sponsoring Measure P, which called for increasing each supervisor's annual salary from \$99,000 to \$151,000. Cope had the further advantage that the Measure P is-

sue was the one matter at that time over which O'Reilly and Burum had differences. Burum was opposing Measure P and using it as a cudgel against Biane. O'Reilly and his public relations firm were working on behalf of promoting the measure.

Cope started with Measure P, asking "Do you recall a bag of flyers at that meeting?"

O'Reilly said that a bag containing flyers was indeed delivered by Spencer Brown, one of Burum's employees.

"What was the subject matter of the flyers?" Cope asked.

"Measure P," said O'Reilly.

O'Reilly said he did not look at any of the flyers because discussion of them "wasn't germane" to the topic that had led to the gathering at the Double Tree "and I was on the other side."

Cope asked, "You knew they were campaign flyers?"

"Yes," said O'Reilly.

"How did you know they were?" Cope asked.

"Jeff said they were," responded O'Reilly.

Delicately, Cope proceeded, asking what the flyers concerned.

"He did indicate he had mailers relating to Supervisor Biane," O'Reilly said. "He thought it was hypocritical for them [the supervisors] to be going on about getting a pay raise when they hadn't been doing a good job." The mailers, O'Reilly said, "were going to say he doesn't deserve a pay raise. He [Biane] doesn't do a good job with the money he's already given. That was definitely a theme of them."

When O'Reilly began

to balk at giving further damaging information about Burum, Cope coaxed him along with references to testimony O'Reilly had provided before the grand jury in 2011 to the effect that Biane was having money and debt problems. One question before that panel to O'Reilly was, "Did he [Burum] say that he knew Paul Biane was having financial difficulties?" O'Reilly's response was, "Yes, that's what he told me."

After establishing that an effort to intimidate and threaten Biane had taken place in the period prior to the settlement vote, Cope moved on to addressing a similar effort against Postmus involving hit piece mailers.

It was Erwin, O'Reilly said, who had brought up the subject of a mailer targeting Postmus relating to his homosexuality. Before the topic proceeded very far, O'Reilly said, Burum brought it to a close. "Jeff stopped him," O'Reilly said. "He said it was not even relevant. It was the end of the discussion."

When Cope sought to hover over the subject, asking if "that information would be harmful to Mr. Postmus' career?" O'Reilly sought to put in a good word for Burum, succeeding in doing so but simultaneously acknowledging the creation of a mailer using Postmus' homosexuality against him was a recurrent topic.

"I know on another occasion when Jeff said

that shouldn't be an issue," O'Reilly said.

Cope explored whether Burum knew of Postmus' homosexuality prior to the settlement.

"It was a well known rumor around the county," O'Reilly acknowledged.

Cope then asked O'Reilly if Postmus' sexual orientation left him politically vulnerable.

O'Reilly said that if the information had been revealed "It would pretty much have killed any political situation for him at that time, yes sir."

Wednesday's testimony ended shortly thereafter.

Thursday morning, having reestablished momentum in the prosecution's favor, Cope enlarged further on the gains he had made, even though O'Reilly, apparently conscious of the degree to which he had been utilized to wound Burum and Erwin, was growing more circumspect.

When Cope inquired about whether Erwin was exploiting his access to Postmus to obtain information on the county's negotiating position regarding the lawsuit settlement before, during and after the mediations, O'Reilly said, "Jim was receiving updates from Bill, when and how I am not familiar."

Shortly thereafter, perhaps without understanding what he was doing or perhaps beguiled by the casualness with which Cope asked the

County Wildlife Corner

Bird Watchers Counted 12 Bald Eagles in Inland Empire



count period at five different lakes. Bald eagles acquire the full white head and tail in their 5th year. Until then, they have different plumages of brown and white. Two subadults were observed at Lake Silverwood; 2 adults and 1 subadult

at Lake Arrowhead; 2 adults at Lake Hemet, and 3 adults and 2 subadults at Big Bear Lake.

The highest number of bald eagles in southern California occurs between December and March when eagles migrate here for the winter.

By the end of March, most of the migrant bald eagles have headed back north to their nesting areas. After decades of no bald eagles nesting in southern California, there are now some nesting pairs that stay year-round. A live-stream camera on a nest near Big Bear Lake (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHofqKTOcKw>) (installed by the Friends of Big Bear) provides a peek in the life of our local bald eagles.

concentrated on Bill Postmus. While Cope did not explicitly ask or directly suggest that O'Reilly was being used to spy on Postmus or pressure him on Burum's behalf or that he was coordinating with Erwin to do so, the indirect inference was that something akin to that was ongoing.

For his work, O'Reilly was being paid \$250 an hour.

The invoices documented that O'Reilly had made scores of phone calls during the fall of 2006 relating to the Colonies lawsuit settlement efforts either to the parties involved in the discussions or otherwise was involved in providing Burum with advice on how to proceed with his phone conversations or interpret or utilize the information he had gleaned from those calls.

In plodding examination of the invoices and testimony from O'Reilly, it was established, among several other lesser billings, O'Reilly had been paid: \$1,125 for four-and-a-half hours' work on August 1, 2006 involving media response to the recent court ruling in favor of the Colonies Partners and for phone calls to Burum and Postmus; \$750 for three hours spent editing an op-ed piece that was to be written by assembly members Russ Bogh and Bill Emerson calling for a settlement of the case, involving direction and input from Erwin

"Yes," O'Reilly responded.

"Did Mr. Burum indicate he was going to deliver a large amount of money to SEBA with the understanding that the money would be delivered to candidates he favored?" Cope asked.

"Yes," said O'Reilly. "I know it happened. He agreed to it and he was fine with that."

Later in the morning and then into the afternoon, Cope used invoices sent from O'Reilly's public relations firm to the Colonies Partners which delineated the work O'Reilly was doing on behalf of the company to demonstrate that in the months before the settlement vote and especially during the mediation sessions, O'Reilly's work on behalf of Burum intensified and much of what he did appeared to be con-

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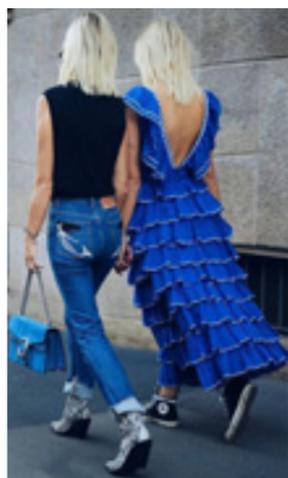
California Style Ruffled

By Grace Bernal



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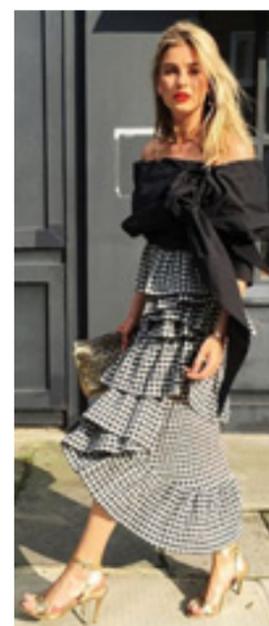


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ing this spring weather because they are making a comeback this season. Stay cute and trendy until next week!



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and Postmus; \$937.50 paid for three-and three-quarters hours he was involved in taking phone calls from Burum, Postmus and Biane, and then meeting with Postmus; \$500 paid for two hours involving meetings with Postmus and Biane and phone calls from Burum on August 22; \$1,500 paid for six hours' work which involved meeting with Postmus and Gonzales and phone calls with Burum and Biane on August 23; \$1,000 for four hours' work on August 24 which involved reading and evaluating newspaper articles, editing responses to the same and phone calls with Burum, Biane and

Postmus; \$1,000 paid for four hours' work on September 5 for either meeting with or phoning Burum, Erwin and Postmus' chief of staff Brad Mitzelfelt and his field representative Adam Aleman; \$750 paid for three hours' work in contacting Erwin and editing phone bank scripts on October 13.

On the day of the meeting at the Double Tree, October 18, 2006 O'Reilly billed Burum \$1,250 for five hours' work, which was described in the invoice as consisting of "Postmus & Erwin issues."

On October 19, the day of the mediation, O'Reilly was paid \$1,500 for six hours' work shown as board of supervisors calls, Erwin calls and Burum calls. Cope gave special focus on October 19, stating that on that day, there had been 37 calls between O'Reilly and Erwin on

their cell phones, consisting of 21 calls from O'Reilly to Erwin and 16 calls from Erwin to O'Reilly.

When asked about the number of calls between him and Erwin, O'Reilly said, "I don't recall that. I'm not disputing it happened." When Cope put those calls into the context of the mediation held that day, O'Reilly, almost casually, stated "That's not surprising. That would be reasonable."

On November 1, the day of another mediation session between the county and the Colonies Partners involving former California Supreme Court Justice Edward Panelli, O'Reilly was paid \$2,000 for eight hours' work, which was described as relating to the "Colonies settlement issue" on the invoice.

On November 6, he was paid \$1,625 for six-and-a-half hours' work

relating to board of supervisors issues.

At the November 7, 2006 board of supervisors meeting where it was anticipated the settlement would be approved, O'Reilly was in attendance, for which he was paid \$1,625 based upon his invoice's claim of six-and-a-half hours' work.

On November 8, he invoiced Burum for \$500 for two hours' work, consisting of phone calls to Burum and Erwin.

Cope also used the invoices to demonstrate that O'Reilly had met with Postmus on at least three occasions that summer and fall prior to the settlement, which controverted O'Reilly's initial claim that he had met Postmus only once and that the meeting occurred after the settlement.

In the criminal complaint filed against Postmus and Erwin in Febru-

ary 2010, O'Reilly was not identified by name but described in detail as a "co-conspirator" in the extortion, bribery and conspiracy scheme for which Postmus and Erwin were charged. Also described as co-conspirators were Burum, Biane, Kirk and Dan Richards, who is with Burum a co-managing principal in the Colonies Partners. O'Reilly and Richards avoided being named in the 2011 indictment. O'Reilly's entanglement in many of the events alleged in the indictment, together with statements he has already made under oath before the 2011 grand jury, makes him a very problematic figure for the defense. The defense will have the opportunity to cross examine him next week following the conclusion of Cope's direct examination, which had not concluded as of this week. And while

the defense had a field day in impeaching Supervisor Gonzales after she provided testimony on direct examination deemed damaging to the defendants, pursuing a similar strategy against O'Reilly would be hazardous at best, given the fashion in which Cope has established him as being closely identified with and on such positive terms with Burum.

This week, a development with the grave potential of resulting in the criminal proceedings lapsing into a mistrial manifested when one of the members of Erwin's jury alerted Judge Smith that members of the Burum, Biane and Kirk jury had engaged in inappropriate discussions outside the courtroom. Smith admonished the jury members that they needed to exhibit caution in their discussions and comportment.