

## Distrust Is The Watchword As Industry Pays \$41.6 M For Tres Hermanos

By Mark Gutglueck

Chino Hills city officials and residents find themselves faced with a multitude of unpalatable options in the aftermath of the City of Industry's purchase of 2,450-acre Tres Hermanos Ranch.

Immediately following the determination by a Los Angeles County-based redevelopment agency dissolution oversight board allowing the

City of Industry to purchase Tres Hermanos Ranch, the City of Chino Hills asked the California Department of Finance to examine that sale and audit the history of the offers to purchase the property. There were previous offers to buy the land that were more than double the \$41.6 million that was ultimately accepted as the sales price. The City of Diamond

Bar made a similar request of the California Department of Finance.

There is little about the Tres Hermanos Ranch circumstance that is straightforward. The ultimate resolution of issues emanating from it will impact three different counties – Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Orange – and the matter is greatly complicated by the consideration that



Ray Marquez

the state of California's wholesale elimination of municipal redevelop-

ment agencies more than five years ago foreclosed the ability of the City of Industry to utilize the property for utilities, as it says it intends, at no further land acquisition costs.

On one hand, Industry's stated intended purpose for the property – converting it into a massive solar power generating plant – represents to a sizable con- See P 2

## Impoverished San Bernardino Schools Boast One Of State's Best Paid Superintendents



Dale Marsden

By Harvey M. Kahn

While statistical clearingshouses show San Bernardino has one of the higher poverty rates and lower academic achievement scores in the state, those charged with administering that student population are not living hand-to-mouth. San Bernardino City Unified School District Superintendent Dale Marsden just negotiated a four-year contract worth \$1.2 million in base pay. Transparent California projects that when adding his annual salary, benefits and pension, Marsden will get at least \$1.7 million over four years based on a \$432,817.32 total compensation package per year.

Marsden oversees 49,000 students at 71 schools, making him superintendent in the tenth largest school district in the state. The San Bernardino City Unified School District website shows that 90 percent of its student population lives below the federally defined poverty level and most are eligible for a free lunch. About 2,800 of its students are homeless. Great Schools.org and other rating agencies say the San Bernardino City Unified School District is performing below average when computing test scores and See P 5

## Erwin Jury In Marathon Colonies Criminal Trial Near Deadlock After 3 Weeks

In a fashion befitting the nearly eight-month duration of the trial that preceded them, the deliberations of the jury considering the guilt or innocence of one-time sheriff's deputies union boss Jim Erwin entered their third week yesterday. While that panel is gamely making an effort to weigh the totality of the evidence presented to it during the marathon proceedings

to determine whether or not Erwin aided and abetted the pair of men who in 2006 were San Bernardino County's two top elected officials in taking bribes, details relating to the nature of those deliberations revealed in competing motions by the prosecution and Erwin's defense attorney considered by the judge this week seem to indicate the jury is very likely deadlocked.



Jim Erwin

Beginning in January, two juries heard testimony against four of the six total defendants

charged in the Colonies Lawsuit Settlement Public Corruption Case. In that matter, prosecutors alleged Rancho Cucamonga-based developer Jeff Burum by 2006 had grown increasingly frustrated at how the litigation his company, the Colonies Partners, had filed against the county four years earlier was failing to achieve its desired effect of allowing his project, the Colonies

at San Antonio residential subdivision in northeast Upland, to proceed. This led Burum, prosecutors maintained, into blackmailing and then bribing then-county supervisors Bill Postmus and Paul Biane to forge a \$102 million settlement of that litigation. According to a 29-count indictment handed down by a grand jury in May 2011, Erwin assisted Burum in threatening See P 6

## First Legalized Marijuana Operation In SB Goes To Vice Kingpin Welty

Randy Welty, the colorful vice czar who has cut a wide swath throughout Southern California, has emerged as the power behind what is slated to be the City of San Bernardino's first licensed marijuana clinic.

The precise extent of Welty's reach is difficult to ascertain. This is largely by design. His holdings are in many cases not directly held,



Randy Welty

but rather under the control of his accountant, shadow companies, entities or individuals in

which someone other than Welty is, or appears to be, the principal or operator, or chief executive or owner or chief agent. Reliable information, nonetheless, indicates Welty is the actual principal or owner of scores of enterprises in a sizeable empire. Welty owns, or principally owns, at least six adult live entertainment venues – that is, topless or topless/bottomless/fully nude or

partially nude theaters or bars. One report, unverified, is that he actually owns eleven such enterprises. He owns another seven adult bookstores. As of early 2016, he had an interest in 56 medical marijuana dispensaries.

How much of Welty's legend is fact, or based on fact, and how much is hyperbole is a subject of debate. This inexactitude with regard to Welty is a part of his ap-

proach to life and business. Even his name, his very identity, is less than exact. Though his actual name is Waldon Randall Welty, he does not go by Waldon but rather by Randy. What is more, he has a son also called Randy. Both have had run-ins with the law. The younger Welty appears to have been involved in some of his father's business ventures, leading to further confu- See P 7

## 29 Palms City Manager Makes Pitch For Cloaca Collaborative With Marines



Frank Luckino

Twentynine Palms City Manager Frank Luckino recently sug-

gested to city leaders that some level of a cooperative effort involving the city and the Marine Base be effectuated to construct a municipal sewer system.

The Marine Corps has a wastewater treatment plant on the base, but Luckino noted, "It is 50 years old and needs to be replaced. We are talking to them about collaborating and getting one plant

capable of taking their capacity and the city's capacity."

Luckino said the undertaking would likely take place under the auspices of the city. The Twentynine Palms Water District, an agency that is independent of the city, he said, "doesn't have the authority" to undertake such a project. In Yucca Valley, the nearest municipality to Twentynine

Palms, that area's water agency, the Hi-Desert Water District, did take on the leadership role in seeing that a water treatment system is being put in place. Luckino, who was once the chief financial officer and assistant general manager of the Hi-Desert Water District, said, "The Hi-Desert Water District went to LAFCO [the San Bernardino County Local

Agency Formation Commission] to get the authority. The Twentynine Palms Water District never got that authority. So, we're taking the role of the lead agency here."

Luckino said the replacement plant will likely be built on the site of the existing plant, which is referred to by the Marines stationed on the base as "Lake Bandini." He said See P 19

**City Of Industry's Intention With Tres Hermanos Purchase Unclear from front page**

tingent of Chino Hills residents a far more desirable utilization of the property than the designs of developmental interests which are angling to cover the property with wall-to-wall residential units, some 15,000 homes, condominiums or apartment units on the land straddling both Chino Hills and Diamond Bar on either side of the border separating southwest San Bernardino and southeast Los Angeles counties. But Chino Hills officials and citizens are distrustful of the City of Industry all the way around, from its elected officials, to its staff, and even its status as a governmental entity answerable to a minuscule population. The total population of the 12.06 square mile city within the greater Los Angeles megalopolis at present is 206, which is 13 fewer than the 219 counted in the 2010 Census. An entirely different ethos applies in the City of Industry, where, like its name implies, industry is king. Those living there are a breed unto themselves.

One of the city's founders, James Marty

Stafford, employed his status in the community and his control of city officials to orchestrate a number of questionable deals enriching himself and those in his circle. Ultimately, one of those deals, the construction of the 660-acre, \$65-million Industry Hills and Sheraton Resort, involving kickbacks and bid-rigging, came to the attention of the FBI and the U.S. Attorney. Stafford and five others were indicted and they all entered guilty pleas to a variety of criminal charges in 1984 and agreed to pay \$4.5 million in fines. Stafford spent three years in federal prison. Miraculously, John Ferrero, who was the city's first mayor elected after its founding in 1957 and who remained in office an astounding four decades, was never charged, despite having been installed into – and maintained in – his position by Stafford. The ground charted by Stafford and Ferrero was covered by one of Ferrero's successors, David Perez, who would use his position as a councilman and then mayor to steer more than \$326 million in city contracts to his family over a period of two decades.

But just as Chino Hills and Diamond Bar officials are wary of the

motives, intentions and ethics of the City of Industry's leaders, likewise, given the stakes involved, many Chino Hills residents are growing distrustful of their own city officials.

For residents on both sides of the Chino Hills/Diamond Bar boundary, those stakes involve the relative tranquility of their neighborhoods and preventing further impaction of the clogged roads they use during the initial part of their commute to work every morning and then back home in the late afternoon or early evening. For the City of Industry, those stakes, at least ostensibly, relate to its plans to utilize a significant portion of those 2,450 acres for a renewable energy project which will generate enough electricity annually to service the debt Industry will have accrued for the construction of the plant plus \$19 million in revenue on top of that. For GH America and South Coast Communities, who had previously teamed together to offer to buy Tres Hermanos Ranch for \$101 million, their stake in this is a potential \$2.25 billion profit. For Chino Hills' politicians, their stake in the deal is enough money to virtually ensure their election to any higher of-

vice they choose to seek in the form of guaranteed political donations from GH America and South Coast Communities.

From its inception, Tres Hermanos Ranch had money all through and all over it. Lying at the confluence of San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Orange counties, it was acquired and created as the shared asset of three fabulously wealthy men – oil baron Tom Scott; Harry Chandler, former publisher of the Los Angeles Times; and William Rowland, son of John Rowland, who led pioneers over the Santa Fe Trail to California and the San Gabriel Valley in the 1840s – three capitalist brothers.

The ranch lies within and abuts Tonner Canyon, consisting of oak woodlands, riparian habitat, rolling hillsides, canyon creeks, cattle pastures and grazing land for longhorn steers, chaparral that offers cover for bobcats, mountain lions, skunks and opossum, scattered black walnut trees and glades that hum with the buzz of honey bees at certain times of the year. Nearby residents treasure the property as open space. But the march of progress and the profit to be had by development render the wishes that the property will remain undisturbed for the next several generations unrealistic. In 1978 it was purchased from the Scott, Chandler and Rowland heirs by the City of Industry's Redevelopment Agency for \$12.1 million.

Last year, a signal that something was up came when the City of Industry bought 800 acres of land in Tonner Canyon near Tres Hermanos Ranch and the Firestone Boy Scout Camp for \$7.2 million.

City of Industry officials have given conflicting signals as to what their intention is with regard to the property. The sheer enormity of the GH America and South Coast Communities offer, which carried with it the tacit understanding that there

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would be no restriction on developing the land residentially, was taken as an indication that the land would host massive residential subdivisions. At the same time, however, Industry officials have indicated they were sincere about using the property for utility related purposes.

Two entities held sway over the property – the successor agency to the Industry Redevelopment Agency and the redevelopment agency dissolution oversight board. The first is an absolute creature of the City of Industry in that its board members are the members of the Industry City Council. The oversight agency consists in large measure of representatives of Los Angeles County and other local agencies, which have an interest in the funds to come available for education and public safety uses as a consequence of the 2011 state legislation shuttering the redevelopment agency. Among its members are its chairman, Santos Kreimann, the chief deputy assessor for Los Angeles County, Michael Gregoryk, vice president of Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut and Congressman Esteban Torres. In this way it is less of a creature of the City of Industry than the successor agency, although it does count among its board members Industry City Manager Paul Phillips.

On August 24, the oversight board, in a 4-3 vote, bypassed the \$101 million offer from GH America and South Coast Communities and

elected to sell the property to the City of Industry for \$41.65 million.

In something of a kneejerk reaction, the cities of Chino Hills and Diamond Bar asked the state Department of Finance to undertake a 60-day review to determine if the sale is legal and reject it if any anomalies are discovered. Chino Hills sent a letter to the Department of Finance immediately, on August 24. Diamond Bar followed four days later with its request. Both cities are calling for the sale to be vacated, as the price – discounted by some \$59 million from what GH America and South Coast offered – is what they claim is tantamount to a gift of public funds. Both cities, upon which a portion of Tres Hermanos Ranch sits, say they will sustain a significant loss of tax dollars as a consequence of the nearly \$60 million reduction in sales price. In its letter, Chino Hills maintains that the City of Industry's intended use of the property to host a solar farm makes the property more valuable than the \$101 million GH/South Coast offered.

The California Department of Finance acknowledged it had received the two letters but offered no further comment.

Among Chino Hills and Diamond Bar officials there is distrust of the City of Industry. One issue is the inexactitude and waffling attending the City of Industry's representation that it will

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## Lack Of Straight Answers From Industry Has Chino Hills Reeling, Mayor Says *from page 2*

limit development of the Tres Hermanos Ranch to the solar plant and attendant utility augmentations. There is concern that the City of Industry will make future additions to the development scheme on Tres Hermanos Ranch that will go beyond the solar plant.

Coexisting with the distrust of the City of Industry is pointed concern by some that GH America and South Coast Communities have a development and intensity of land use agenda that is far more onerous than the stated intentions of the City of Industry. Reliable sources report that GH/South Coast intended to construct 15,000 units on the Tres Hermanos property and that it was and yet remains prepared, if it can obtain title to the property, to push ahead with building entitlement applications, litigation and political donations to key decision-makers to get clearance to build the 15,000 units. An insinuation in all of this is that GH/South Coast has the will and the financial means to bankroll the future political careers of any or all of several Chino Hills and Diamond Bar council members as an inducement to modify the zoning restrictions on the property that currently limit the maximum number of units to be built on the 1,750 acres in Chino Hills to 467, and on the 700 acres in Diamond Bar to 624. Simple majority votes on the city councils of either city could alter each city's general plan and zoning map. In this way, skeptics maintain, the GH/South Coast consortium could obtain an entitlement to build to a magnitude of ten times or more the intensity of development represented by the 1,091-unit limit there now.

In this way, it comes across to many that the City of Chino Hills, by its challenge of the sale to the City of Industry,

is continuing to hold the door open for GH/South Coast.

Mayor Ray Marquez sought to address these perceptions.

The major issue, Marquez said, is the City of Industry's lack of transparency. "In the last two years, I have reached out to the Industry city manager," Marquez said. "I had a meeting with him and then another meeting with him which our city manager attended, and nothing of any substance was discussed or disclosed. I reached out to the mayor of Industry, Mark Radecki, whom I like and have a good rapport with personally, but I was able to get nothing out of him either. About a year ago, we had another meeting with Mark Radecki and councilman [Abraham] Cruz. Councilwoman Cynthia Moran was there. [Industry consultant] Frank Hill was there and he gave us some information about solar panels. That was the last thing he said to us. Initially he had talked about three reservoirs. One was a holding pond for rainwater runoff. Another was for recycled water and another to store water from the California Water Project, water brought in by the aqueduct. That is what they led us to believe they were working toward. When Frank Hill threw in the stuff about the solar power project, Mark Radecki and councilman Cruz didn't say much of anything. But that [a potential solar project] was laid out for us at that time, so we learned about this maybe a year ago, that a solar farm was a possibility. There were no details. We shared what we had heard with [the City of] Brea. Brea has concerns with a reservoir being built because there is a fault line that runs through Carbon Canyon."

Marquez said he had only recently learned about Industry's acquisition of the acreage in Tonner Canyon. "I didn't know anything about that," he said.

Marquez said there has been a constant discrepancy between re-

marks Industry officials have made and their intent as revealed in official filings and applications. He said he and other city officials had tried to verify the verbal representations with what is put down on the verifiable record. That has not always been easy, he said. One way of gathering information, Marquez said, was to attend Industry's successor agency and oversight board meetings. "Something like eight meetings were cancelled," he said. "We were not able to get the information through attending public meetings, so we basically had to file public records act requests. It took a long time to get most of what we asked for. A lot of what we received was redacted. But from that, we had a rough idea of what they are going to do. They have said certain things but we really don't have a commitment from the City of Industry on what their plans are. They have never reached out to our city with specific plans. I don't really trust them. I've reached out to get information about the project but the City of Industry has not been transparent or truthful. We don't know what they are going to do there."

With regard to the development plans on that portion of Tres Hermanos Ranch in Chino Hills, Marquez asked, "Is it going to be solar panels? A lot of the land around Grand Avenue would probably be used for that because it is flat. I anticipate that is where they will put solar."

Despite the ostensible relative desirability of a solar farm to an intensified use residential development, Marquez said he was leery of his constituents' eventual displeasure with a high profile renewable energy project. He analogized it to the city's experience with the Tehachapi Line, the high tension electrical cables and accompanying 197-foot high towers Southern California Edison sought to place in the city.

"Southern California Edison said they were going to put power lines

through Chino Hills," Marquez said. "No one was concerned initially. They didn't see them and they weren't involved. They heard about them but it was no big deal. The day they went up, a majority of the people in Chino Hills knew at that point they didn't want them and that is when the fight started. If they [the City of Industry] put in solar panels, we are going to have the same thing. As soon as they come in here it will register directly with everyone who can see them, and people are going to feel in their hearts that the city didn't do anything to fight it. We have to be proactive in the community. We have to hold more meetings and use social media to engage in community outreach so people can be involved. If people would rather see solar panels than houses, they may believe there should be more open space. If the City of Industry is going to spend \$41 million in buying that property, they expect to make money. So we are looking at the possibility that we are going to have all of the property covered with solar panels, and very little open space."

Marquez was dismissive of suggestions that the challenge lodged with the Department of Finance over the sale to the City of Industry would lead to the resurrection of the sale of the land to GH America and South Coast Communities, and would result in the intensive residential development that the lion's share of the Chino Hills community is adamantly opposed to.

"They [the City of Industry] can't really develop it as residential," Marquez said. "They must keep it as either open space or a public facility. If another developer bought it without restrictions on the property, then our general plan still allows a maximum of 670 units on the 1,750 acres in our city. Nobody is going to spend \$100 million to build 670 units."

Marquez acknowl-

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

By Count Friedrich von Olsen



How is some of California's taxpayers' money being spent? On high priced lawyers who are constructing criminal defenses for corrupt current and former California Public Utilities Commission members who are the targets of criminal investigations. How much money is being used in this way? The best estimate at the moment is \$7.4 million. And what is the money being used for? The California Public Utilities Commission members under the microscope hope it will prevent a full-blown investigation from transitioning into a prosecution, the end result of which would very likely be that commissioners or some commission staff members would end up in prison...

It is edifying to see how the arrangement for legal services evolved. Initially it was done in secret, when the commission retained the law firm of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton for \$49,000, just \$1,000 below the \$50,000 amount that triggers an examination of the expenditure by other state officials, including the Department of General Services and a public approval process. That \$49,000 paid for a few minutes more than 55-and-a-half hours of legal services, given that Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton charges \$882 per hour. Eventually, the arrangement for legal services became a matter of public record, and Michael Picker, the commission chairman proved unabashed about extending the contract with Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton. At present, California taxpayers have paid the law firm at least \$7.39 million to represent various members of the California Public Utilities Commission...

The California Attorney General's Office initiated a criminal investigation relating to the California Public Utilities Commission in 2014. In 2015, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge authorized three search warrants stemming from that investigation. One part of the investigation involves looking into how former board chairman, Michael Peevey, a former Southern California Edison president, traveled out of the country to hold a secret meeting with Edison officials at the swanky Bristol Hotel in Warsaw, Poland, where he cut a deal with Edison whereby Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric ratepayers were consigned to coughing up \$3.3 billion, roughly 75 percent of the cost of shuttering the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, which grew inoperable because of Edison's technical mismanagement of that facility...

Another relates to Dr. Tim Brown, who from 2011 until early 2014 was a senior scientist in the Advanced Power and Energy Program at the University of California at Irvine and was also serving as a consultant to the Energy Commission in drawing up a map for determining the best locations for hydrogen refueling stations throughout the state to serve the hydrogen fuel cell cars which are soon to become commercially available. After serving as the architect of the "hydrogen highway," Tim Brown resigned his position and then formed a company, First Element Fuel, which tapped into the hydrogen station grants being handed out by the Energy Commission, reportedly to the tune of \$10 million...

A third investigation relates to what happened up in San Bruno, where a pipeline blast killed eight

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### **Confusion & Distrust Over Industries' Tres Hermanos Acquisition** *from page 3*

edged that hidden or unanticipated forces might be at work which could result in a move to develop the property residentially and which could saddle Chino Hills with having to accept greater density than it wants.

"This is what I am afraid of. The governor is pushing affordable housing," said Marquez. "Right now or within the last couple of months there are or were five or six senate bills pushing affordable housing. Under some of those bills, a developer could come in and not have to honor the general plan. The state legislation is looking to streamline everything and that would give the developers license to build whatever they want."

Another area of concern with regard to the City of Industry is its willingness to dispense with crucial elements of the environmental certification process, Marquez said. "They were going to put in a stadium in their own city and CEQA [the California Environmental Quality Act] was not a consideration for them," he said. If the City of Industry is willing to do that within its own borders, it will have no scruples in doing the same thing in Chino Hills, Marquez said. He said buying into Industry's proposal blindly would subject Chino

Hills to long term consequences it might not be prepared to live with.

"Per our general plan, solar panels are not something that is allowed there [on either side of Grand Avenue near the city limits]," Marquez said. "I don't think they are sensitive to that."

With regard to the suggestions that GH America and South Coast Communities would spread around political donations to buy radical increases in the intensity of development on the Tres Hermanos property, Marquez said, "Paying off politicians? I don't like that terminology. Could it happen? Yes." But he said, anything along those lines would "supersede our regulations and our general plan and our numbers. I have to apologize if I have given anyone the impression that I am the type of politician that can be bought off," adding, "I did run for the state legislature. And I did get money from developers, but whatever money I received or might receive in the future is not going to change my morals or my integrity. This is Chino Hills, not the City of Bell or the County of San Bernardino, where the assessor was on the take. If anyone thinks we are going to have 10,000 homes built on the Chino Hills portion of Tres Hermanos Ranch, they're smoking dope. The city council here would not do that. We're not perfect and we do make mistakes,

but I can say with 100 percent certainty we are not going to change the general plan or engage in any kind of zoning variances so some company from Irvine can cover that property with wall-to-wall houses. I would stake my reputation on it. The kind of money you are talking about can buy a lot of influence up in Sacramento but that has nothing to do with Chino Hills. I love this city."

Before anything is done with the Tres Hermanos property, Marquez said, "I want a consensus from our community. I want there to be in-depth talk about transportation. Carbon Canyon is already severely impacted. So is Grand Avenue. There has been talk about a road in Tonner Canyon. That would be a very expensive road to build. That would be a conversation that I would like to see between the County of San Bernardino, the County of Orange and the County of Los Angeles. I would like to see hiking trails from Chino Hills to Brea and from Brea to Diamond Bar. I spoke with Claire Schlotterbeck of Hills For Everyone. There is an area in Tonner Canyon that is part of what they are trying to protect and which they would like to acquire to help with the wildlife corridor they are committed to getting. That is a nice trail through Carbon Canyon. I want to see if it is possible to keep most of it open. If there

is going to be a developer other than the City of Industry, then we need to keep the minimum residential density. We have to balance it out. We are serious about no more than 467 units. My belief is they should all be north of Grand Avenue so that area by the lake going into Tonner Canyon is kept as natural as possible."

Marquez returned to the subject of the City of Industry's unreliability.

"We have been trying to get from them what they are going to do for the last two years," he said. "Before they were talking about a reservoir. From what they are saying now, it still could be a reservoir, but that is only partially true." Marquez lamented, "The only person on their end who has been straight with me is Frank Hill, but he has a lot of baggage."

Industry retained Hill, a former state assemblyman and state senator from Whittier, to represent the city with regard to a number of issues, including the overhaul of its public utility division and in conjunction with the Tres Hermanos Ranch proposal. Hill is with the consulting firm Cordoba Corporation. Hill has long had a close relationship with the City of Industry, and in particular the Tres Hermanos Ranch, predating his time with Cordoba. While he was a legislator, he log-rolled legislation that removed requirements that the city develop affordable housing as part of a trade

off in which the Industry Redevelopment Agency granted the Pomona Unified School District clearance to construct Diamond Ranch High School on a tract within Tres Hermanos Ranch. Hill served in the California State Assembly and California State Senate from 1982 until 1994. In 1994, Hill was convicted of taking a \$2,500 bribe during an undercover FBI sting in exchange for his agreement to assist with legislation. He spent four years in prison.

Marquez says he is in an unenviable situation, having to rely upon Hill as the most credible and forthcoming representative of the City of Industry. "Do I believe everything he says?" Marquez asked "No." The contradictions emanating from Industry are perplexing, he said. "People are believing what they [Industry officials] are saying," Marquez said. "That is because they have a propaganda machine, and are engaging in very intense PR [public relations]. Publicly, they are saying the land on Tres Hermanos Ranch will be preserved for open space, public uses, and public facilities. At the same time, their city attorney has said 'We are going to have 10,000 homes built on Tres Hermanos.' The City of Industry is also on record in the San Gabriel Valley *Tribune* that it is going to put 10,000 houses on Tres Hermanos Ranch. That's doubletalk, plain and simple. They are

trying to lead people to believe they will do something everyone will accept in Tres Hermanos. First, they had someone who was going to spend \$100 million for it and now they end up getting it for \$41.6 million themselves. I was there when it happened and I was left scratching my head. I don't know how it happened. There is a lot of misinformation. I want to keep my community abreast of what is going on as far as Tres Hermanos Ranch is concerned. We are going to need to reach out to our citizen and keep them informed. They are misinformed as far as the City of Industry goes if they are trusting them as to what they said they are going to do."

Repeated efforts to obtain input from Industry City Manager Paul Phillips and Industry Mayor Mark Radecki were unsuccessful.

Industry officials in the past have said that city officials in other cities who are answerable to tens of thousands of residents do not have an understanding or appreciation of the situation in the City of Industry, which has just over 200 residents and is committed to industrial expansion. They maintain their city's imperative with Tres Hermanos Ranch is to secure it for the creation of utilities, in particular those for the production of power and the availability of water, which are industrial necessities.



## Glimpse Of SBC's Past Mount Baldy's Ice House Canyon Lodge



The Ice House Canyon Lodge is to the left in this photo and to the right is the trail that leads further into Ice House Canyon, and from there to Baldy Notch and ultimately to the Summit of Mount San Antonio.

The area around Mount San Antonio, also referred to as Mt. Baldy, saw its first significant development during the time of the Civil War, shortly after Mormon settlers set up ranches in nearby Lytle Creek.

The area's resources were of some value to those in the populated lowland areas. A tributary of San Antonio

Creek flows through what is now known as Icehouse Canyon, where along its north-facing slope snow is retained late into the spring and early summer. As early as 1859, Damien Marchessault and Victor Beaudry, later Los Angeles mayor, built an icehouse there. The ice was brought down from the mountains to Los Ange-

les by mule and wagon and sold door to door, as well as being used at Beaudry and Marchessault's ice cream saloon, the only one in the city.

Oranges were grown near what is now Mount Baldy Village by Madison Kincaid in 1865. A sawmill was built in 1870 upstream from the village, but was destroyed, most likely in

the flood of 1884.

Beginning in 1882, the San Antonio Water Company took control of the water rights in San Antonio Canyon, including its three hydroelectric plants.

In 1880, W.H. Stoddard, brother-in-law of railroad baron Collis P. Huntington, built a resort in what is now called Stoddard Can-

yon. This precipitated the area's popularity as a resort destination. Frank Keyes converted Dell's Camp from a mining support station into a rental resort, and by the turn of the century Dell's Camp attracted as many as a hundred guests in a weekend. Charles Baynham built a second camp nearby in 1907, and in the following year the

canyon became accessible by automobile. By the early 1920s there were numerous trail camps and resorts such as the Icehouse Canyon Resort, Bear Canyon Resort, Eleven Oaks, Baynham Camp, Alpine Woods, Trail Inn, Snow Crest, and Kelly's Camp, the latter of which was originally a logging camp. When the area became a national forest in 1908, the U.S. Forest Service began offering 99-year leases on plots of land in Icehouse Canyon for vacation cabins. By 1938 there were 105 cabins and additional cabins at a resort owned by the Chapman family.

By the 1960s, the Ice House Lodge, at an elevation of 5,280 feet and roughly a mile north of Mr. Baldy Village proper, had become a popular Friday and Saturday evening night spot for those risking the drive up from the flatlands below. In March 1988 it burned down.



### Marsden from front page

student readiness for college. The San Bernardino City Unified School District acknowledges that only 28.3 percent of its students met college course requirements in 2014-2015. However, it does graduate 91 percent of its high school seniors.

Statistics from the California State Department of Education show in 2016 that 49 percent of students in San Bernardino are performing below state standards in math, 39 percent are not meeting standards in English language arts/literacy and 45 percent are testing below standard in reading. Dropout rates in San Bernardino could not be located.

Hired in 2012 to replace Dr. Arturo Delgado, Marsden accepted the challenge of moving to San Bernardino, a region trying to fight the

stigma of bankruptcy, crime and political corruption. Marsden's decision to leave the Victor Valley School District for San Bernardino appeared noble when considering that NBC News has gone on record to claim San Bernardino is per capita California's most dangerous city.

When comparing Marsden's salary, he makes more than Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Michele King whose total pay/benefits is \$397,987 per year, according to Transparent California. King manages the second largest district in the nation with 734,000 students in 900 schools. Her 60,000 employees are paid from the district's \$7 billion annual budget. San Bernardino has a \$650 million annual budget to help pay 8,000 employees.

San Diego Unified School District Superin-

tendent Cynthia Marten receives an annual package of \$345,919 to manage 135,000 students in 231 schools. About 16 percent of Marten's students live below poverty. Neighboring Riverside Unified School District Superintendent David Hansen is the CEO for 53 schools that instructs 42,500 students and receives an annual package of \$328,453. The state department of education shows that 44 percent of Riverside's graduates are meeting college course requirements.

Transparent California shows the Riverside Unified School District Board has approved six administrator's salary packages exceeding \$200,000 and another 116 receiving annual compensation over \$150,000. The San Bernardino City Unified School District has seven employees receiving over \$200,000 and another 111 getting

packages over \$150,000. San Bernardino's deputy superintendent Harold Volkommer totaled \$261,469 and assistant superintendent John A. Peukert \$233,202 in 2016.

Marsden negotiated his recent contract with the school district board just before the 2017 school year. His annual base pay is \$307,546, but that amount increases when additional pay and total benefits are computed. In a copy of a five-page contract provided by the district, it states that Marsden has been issued a district credit card for expenses he incurs while representing the district. In addition, he can be reimbursed for all necessary business related expenses paid in the conduct of his duties. His contract did not specify a spending limit in those two entries.

Two "other pay" items in Marsden's contract are

\$24,000 worth of annual life insurance deposited into a trust account, and another \$12,000 per year he receives that is deposited in a tax sheltered account. Other inclusions are a \$14,400 annual housing allowance and a \$9,120 auto allowance. He gets 24 vacation days and 30 sick days per year and full lifetime medical and dental coverage for himself and his wife if he retires from the district.

Marsden received \$185,212 in total pay/benefits when hired by the San Bernardino City Unified School District in 2012. Since then his salary package has more than doubled. He was renewed at \$303,298 in 2013, up to \$343,728 in 2014, increased to \$385,414 in 2015, and \$430,329 in 2016. At that rate, Marsden will receive over \$2 million before his contract expires in 2021.

Numerous attempts to reach Marsden through the "proper protocol" over a one week time span were unsuccessful. San Bernardino City Unified School District communications officer Maria Garcia said she could not respond to questions regarding Marsden's salary, as it is the school board that sets his salary. "Dr. Marsden's salary is comparable to that of other urban school superintendents in California," said Garcia.

Although Marsden's salary exceeds others in his position from much larger districts, his pay does not match that of Ontario-Montclair Superintendent James Hammond who receives \$516,573 per year. Hammond manages kindergarten through eighth grade in a district where 85% of his 22,000 students are eligible for a free lunch.

**Erwin Jury Deadlock Prompts Prosecution & Defense Moves To Shed Jurors**

*from front page*

both Postmus and Biane, then the chairman and vice chairman of both the board of supervisors and the San Bernardino County Republican Party, with exposure relating to the former's drug use and homosexuality and the latter's precarious financial condition. According to the prosecution, that induced Postmus and Biane to vote in November 2006, along with then-county supervisor Gary Ovitt, to approve conferring the \$102 million payment on the Colonies Partners to end the litigation. Thereafter, between March and the end of June in 2007, the Colonies Partners provided each of two political action committees controlled by Postmus with separate \$50,000 donations; and \$100,000 donations to each of three political action committees controlled by Biane, Erwin and Mark Kirk, who was Ovitt's chief of staff. The indictment alleged that the \$300,000 paid out to Postmus, Biane and Kirk was bribe money, kickbacks provided to Postmus and Biane in ex-

change for their vote to settle the litigation and a kickback that went to Kirk for his assistance in delivering Ovitt's vote in favor of the settlement. The \$100,000 received by Erwin, the prosecution maintained, was a reward provided to Erwin for his assistance in inducing Postmus and Biane to support the settlement. Two months prior to the indictment, Postmus pleaded guilty to a raft of criminal charges relating to his vote in favor of the settlement that had been filed against him in 2010, including bribery. He was the star witness before the grand jury that indicted Burum, Biane, Erwin and Kirk, and he was a central witness in the trial this year that was presided over by Superior Court Judge Michael Smith.

Two juries heard the case, one for Burum, Biane and Kirk and the other for Erwin, because Erwin had previously made statements to investigators implicating himself and the other defendants. Because it was anticipated Erwin would invoke his Fifth Amendment right not to testify, which he in fact did invoke, the case against him was heard by a separate jury, which heard those statements.

Because all criminal defendants have a right, guaranteed by the Sixth Amendment, to confront their accusers with regard to any evidence presented against them, the jury for Burum, Biane and Kirk were excluded from the courtroom during the presentation of the evidence relating to Erwin's statements to the investigators, as the lawyers for Burum, Biane and Kirk would not have the opportunity to cross examine Erwin with regard to what he had said in implicating their clients.

Beginning on August 14 and concluding on August 24, California Supervising Deputy Attorney General Melissa Mandel followed by the attorneys for Kirk, Biane, Burum and Erwin – Peter Scalisi, Mark McDonald, Stephen Larson and Raj Maline, respectively – provided the jurors with final arguments. On August 23, the jury for Burum, Biane and Kirk began deliberations on the charges, which by that point had been whittled down to four against Burum, three against Biane and two against Kirk. The following day, the jury for Erwin began its deliberations on the seven charges still in play against him.

After just two days of deliberating, the panel for Burum, Biane and Kirk returned with not guilty verdicts on all nine remaining charges against the three defendants, which were read to a packed courtroom on August 28.

No such quick resolution of the case against Erwin, however, was forthcoming. That jury continued its deliberations throughout the week, breaking for the three-day Labor Day Holiday. On September 5, dual motions from the prosecution and the defense were heard. In a somewhat irregular filing, the prosecution on August 31 submitted by email rather than through a paper document filing with the court a motion, which reportedly sought the removal of two jurors, citing potential juror misconduct. It referenced, according to verbal representations at the courthouse, pre-judgment of the case by the jurors in questions, their refusal to deliberate, and concealment of information as grounds for discharging them. In response, Maline filed a motion of his own seeking the removal of two other jurors, including the foreman. To all appearances, the upshot of the motions was that the

prosecution was seeking to remove two jurors believed to be steadfastly in favor of acquittal, and the defense was seeking to remove the two jurors believed to be most passionately in favor of conviction.

The actual contents of the prosecution motion have not been made publicly available, and are known primarily on the basis of Maline's motion, which references several of the prosecution's motion's elements.

In the title of his motion, Maline laid out that he and Erwin were seeking "to remove for good cause Juror Number One and Juror Number Seven pursuant to California Penal Code Section 1089 or, in the alternative, for mistrial."

According to Maline, "It has become clear that defendant James Erwin's jury is deadlocked in its deliberations over most, if not all, of the claims against Mr. Erwin. Rather than bend to this reality, the prosecution has used this development to launch a last-minute attack on an apparently large jury faction that has sat through this eight-month trial and concluded, as is its right, that the prosecution has not made its case. Rather than accept the judgment of these citizens, the prosecution has already expressed its intent to use the deadlock to launch a full inquiry into the entire panel's deliberations. Only these prosecutors could conclude that mere disagreement with the prosecution's self-serving conclusions rises to the level of misconduct. But in their zeal to disqualify and remove jurors who have expressed Erwin's innocence, they run roughshod over Mr. Erwin's constitutional rights – not to mention the sanctity and secrecy of jury deliberations." The motion continues, "Instead of considering these paramount issues, the prosecution requests an inquiry into the jurors that have concluded Mr. Erwin's innocence, and this on the hearsay-based statements of two jurors that disagree with their fellow jurors. These accusations have

been hurled – literally at the last hour – at the jurors favorable to Mr. Erwin. These supposed statements were made weeks or months ago – at a time when all of the jurors should have been maintaining, as repeatedly instructed by the court, that each of the defendants including Mr. Erwin are presumed innocent - and are only now being reported in the wake of the jury's evident deadlock. We do not know what precipitated these belated accusations, and no reasonable inquiry – an inquiry that would have to take place in the middle of the jury's deliberation – could ever resolve their he-said-she said character."

At that point, Maline initiated his call for the removal of two of the jurors believed to be pushing their colleagues in the direction of findings of guilt.

"In truth, it is Juror Number 1 and Juror Number 7 that have committed misconduct by publicly revealing the jury's deliberations to the court and to the public," Maline stated in the filing. "Juror Number 1 and Juror Number 7 should be removed for this misconduct, and no further inquiry is necessary. The only other alternative is an immediate ruling of mistrial. Juror Number 7 indicated in her complaint to the court that she called Juror Number 1 on Wednesday August 30, 2017 at night. When the court questioned Juror Number 7 about this call, Juror Number 7 indicated that the only thing discussed was her plans to tell the court she wished to be removed. That does not appear to be true. Rather, it appears based upon her nearly identical list of complaints submitted by Juror Number 1 (in his written letter) and Juror Number 7 (in her in camera disclosure to the court) that the two have fully coordinated their story and list of complaints outside the presence of the other jurors. That is manifest misconduct."

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## Erwin's Jury On A Trajectory Toward Hanging from page 6

Maline's motion continues, "Jury deliberations should be conducted in secrecy. If jurors are not permitted to deliberate in secret, it will chill the debate, deliberation, and free expression of thought necessary to the deliberation process. Juror Number 1 and Number 7 have colluded in breaching the sanctity of the deliberations and hopelessly poisoned the proceedings. Unsurprisingly, the prosecution has leapt at this opportunity to wreak havoc on these proceedings, jumping immediately to endorse an all-encompassing and intrusive investigation into the jurors who did their job but happen to disagree with the prosecution. In doing so, they treat the deliberation process with the same dilatory contempt with which they treated their presentation of evidence. Of course, the investigation the prosecution urges upon this court both invades the jury's ability to freely express diverse and varying options without fear of reprisal, and naturally carries with it the significant likelihood of prejudicing the defendant's right to a jury trial. Complaints by Juror Number 1 and Juror Number 7 about their fellow jurors do not even merit inquiry, much less

removal, under the relevant legal standards. First, we know that the problem is not a failure to deliberate, as demonstrated by the fact that these concerns only came to light (1) after several days of deliberation; (2) after the jury, in the presence of the court, clearly reflected their engagement in deliberations by listening to the court's answer to a question by the jury; and (3) after the jury reported their division. If the situation were truly as it has been represented, one would have expected these reports long before this late date."

Continuing, the motion states, "The problem, to the extent one exists, is that the jurors disagree about the state of the evidence. The jury foreperson, Juror Number 1, has told us so. His letter demonstrates that deliberation has occurred, and that several jurors do not agree with his assessment of the evidence. For example, he believes, per his letter to the court, that the 'Postmus plea deal' is evidence that some crime was committed. Others do not – more than a reasonable conclusion, particularly given the conclusion reached by the other jury as well as the court's instruction on the significance of the guilty plea. But rather than accept this disagreement in the course of deliberation, Juror Number 1 has now revealed the

jurors' disagreements to the court – including the particulars of the jurors' disagreements – and thus to the world. Ironically, the failure of Juror Number 1 and Juror Number 7 to honor the secret and sacred nature of jury deliberations is the only provable juror misconduct in this case."

Maline said they "conspired... for the purpose of sabotaging the deliberations altogether."

Though the prosecution's motion is not available, Maline's motion reveals that one of the grounds cited by the prosecution for removing one of the two other jurors represented as leaning toward acquittal is an "incident when one juror was texting instead of listening to the read back of testimony" during deliberations.

According to Maline's motion, the prosecution's motion also referenced "one juror's declaration that she wanted to have '100% no doubt,'" which is distinct from the standard of beyond a reasonable doubt. Maline's motion further states that "Both Juror Number 1 and Juror Number 7 also complained that several other jurors 'disregarded evidence.'"

Maline's motion made the claim that "The prosecution is strategically using Juror Number 1 and Juror Number 7 to target minority jurors for removal. Juror Number 1 and Juror Number 7 are both white, while each

of the jurors identified by Juror Number 1 and Juror Number 7 as the 'crew' of Erwin supporters is of minority heritage – either African-American or Hispanic. It is no surprise that the prosecution strategically seeks to have the court 'investigate,' then no doubt exclude, these minority jurors from further deliberation. Rather than embark on an investigative jeremiad against the jurors who have concluded that Mr. Erwin is innocent, what should happen is that the jurors that have revealed the jury's deliberative process – Jurors Number 1 and Number 7 – should be removed and the panel instructed to begin deliberations anew."

Despite Maline's assertion that "The only way to restore any kind of sanctity for the jury's deliberative process is to remove Juror Number 1 and Juror Number 7, and proceed anew with deliberations with a reconstituted panel" and "The only alternative is for this court to declare an immediate mistrial," Judge Smith did neither. He did, however, late Tuesday morning in his chambers and beyond the view of the public, make inquiries of the 12 jurors on issues brought up in the motions.

Thereafter, the entire jury returned to the jury box in Smith's courtroom on the sixth floor, at which point Smith made no reference on the

record with regard to the motion to remove any of the jurors, but rather signaled the panel would remain intact when he instructed them all to return to deliberations. Before sending them back to the jury room, however, he gently admonished them to remain engaged during their discussion and avoid "completely tuning out" when disagreements among the panel members manifest. "You can't just turn off," Judge Smith said.

The judge said that despite the jurors coming to loggerheads over some of the charges, they should continue to deliberate on the charges they have yet to come to a verdict on and with regard to which there is some chance of reaching a consensus.

The charges against Erwin consist of two counts of aiding and abetting Postmus in receiving or asking to receive a bribe, two counts of aiding and abetting Biane is receiving or asking to receive a bribe, intentionally failing to file his state tax return for 2008, and two counts of perjury prosecutors say he committed when he did not fully disclose on statements of economic interest that must be filled out by public officials that he had received a \$12,765 Rolex watch from Burum and travel and accommodations on a trip to New York and Washington D.C. Erwin took on with

Burum in January 2007 as a show of appreciation for his part in helping to achieve the settlement.

Erwin, once a sheriff's deputy, was until 2004 the elected president of the sheriff's deputies' collective bargaining unit, the Safety Employees Benefit Association, known as SEBA. In 2006, he was no longer SEBA president but was working as SEBA's executive director. In November 2006, Postmus was elected county assessor and in January 2007, Postmus appointed Erwin assistant assessor.

Six individuals were charged in the criminal case growing out of the Colonies lawsuit settlement. With Postmus' 2011 guilty pleas and the acquittals of Burum, Biane and Kirk last month, the case against four of those has been concluded, though Postmus has not yet been sentenced, as the punishment to be meted out against him was to be conditional upon his cooperation in the prosecution of the others. Erwin represents the fifth defendant in the matter. A sixth defendant, Postmus' business partner and political associate Dino DeFazio, is charged with assisting Postmus in laundering the bribes he is alleged to have received from the Colonies Partners. He is awaiting trial. *-Mark Gutglueck*



## Welty Awarded First Legal Pot Operation In SB from front page

There is no doubt, however, that Welty is a larger-than-life figure, a Vietnam War veteran and successful entrepreneur, a First Amendment advocate and provocateur, a self-admitted and unabashed smut peddler and fleshmonger, described by his friends, rivals and foes alike as a genius, who has long recognized and taken advantage of the opportunities local governments present by their

predictability, complacency, indolence, corrupt nature and self-centeredness. He is condemned by some as a mobster, an operator of illicit enterprises, the kingpin of an underworld organization with tentacles reaching to scores of cities throughout California.

As the owner of adult entertainment venues, Welty has made money both directly and indirectly. One of the remarkable things about Welty is he has a legion of admirers or, to put it another way, qualified admirers. Some who admit they admire him

say they don't really like him. But they acknowledge, nonetheless, that he is a formidable entrepreneur, one with virtually unerring instincts on how to make a buck and a facile mind that allows him to come out on top, even when his business ambition is thwarted.

Part of Welty's formula, it has been alleged, is to acquire, by taking over or buying, what is a marginal or maybe even failing night spot – either a bar, pool hall, night club, comedy club or sports bar. Welty will initially, sources say, try, or at least appear to try,

to have the night spot make a go of it. At some point, he will, perhaps with or perhaps without local government approval, transition the business into one with a sexual theme – usually one featuring some order of nude female dancing.

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## The Count... from page 3

people there in 2010. When the City of San Bruno filed a lawsuit against Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), San Bruno lawyers during the discovery process came across a cache of internal PG&E emails as

well as exchanges with commissioners and commission staff that indicate there was something less than an arm's length relationship between the commission and PG&E. In particular, San Bruno officials consider some of the communications between commission member Mike Florio and

PG&E to be a "smoking gun," showing that PG&E was dictating California Public Utilities Commission policy and that Florio was involved in a conflict-of-interest under California law. An indication that there is substance to San Bruno's suspicions is the manner in which PG&E

fire the officials demonstrated to have had the cozy relationship with Florio...

Nothing has happened to the commission members, largely because the high priced lawyers paid by taxpayer dollars are putting stumbling blocks in the way of anyone, including investigators

and journalists seeking public documents relating to the commission, thereby making sure that the commissioners will never be held to account let alone be punished for their criminal neglect and betrayal of the citizens they were sworn into office to protect...

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HIAM A. FEHMI, CASE NO. PRO PSI700795

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of HIAM A. FEHMI and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A Petition for Probate has been filed by AMINE P FEHMI in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO, requesting that ALAN YAGHDJIAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of HIAM A. FEHMI. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. S36 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT - PROBATE DIVISION 247 W. 3rd STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0212 on NOVEMBER 8, 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 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. Attorney for Petitioner: JOHN G. YPHANTIDES 539 WEST GRAND AVENUE ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA 92025 Telephone: (760) 738 -1328 Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel August 18, 25 and September 1 & 8, 2017

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The registrant commenced to transact business under

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the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/18/2011

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s/ Dritan Kapidanja  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 8/14/2017

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NUMBER CIVRS1700128

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Vanessa Castaneda, Mario Castaneda filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Valerie Ivy Rose Castaneda to: Valerie Rose Acevedo

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: 09/25/2017  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior

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to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: August 10, 2017  
Michael A. Sachs  
Judge of the Superior Court.  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170009349

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Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Jose L. Mendez Lopez  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170008753

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: R&G Transportation, 873 Walnut St, Colton, CA 92324, P.O. Box 1781, Colton, CA 92324, Ramon Pineda, 873 Walnut St, Colton, CA 92324

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Ramon Pineda  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170009233

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: LKKL Brothers, 3410 S Arcadian Shores Ave, Ontario, CA 91761, Veronica Reyes, 3410 S Arcadian Shores Ave, Ontario, CA 91761

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s/Veronica Reyes  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170008501

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Med Dental Billing Solutions, 4816 Condor Ave, Fontana, CA 92336, Nearyrath Patton, 4816 Condor Ave, Fontana, CA 92336

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, 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/Nearyrath Patton  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 7/26/2017

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/RS

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8/18/2017, 8/25/2017, 9/1/2017, 9/8/2017

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170009486

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: JMC 744 W CEDAR ST ONTARIO, CA 91762 8333 ROCKING HORSE CIR JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92509 JOSE MARIO CALVILLO MENCHACA 8633 ROCKING HORSE CIR JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92509

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Began Transacting Business On: 12/01/2009

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, 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/Jose Mario Calvillo Menchaca  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/22/2017

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/GA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170008776

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: HOME AND MIND ALIGNED 27515 CLOVERLEAF DRIVE HELENDALE, CA 923432 P.O. BOX 1971 HELENDALE CA 92342 ERIKA L DOMINGUEZ 27515 CLOVERLEAF DRIVE HELENDALE, CA 92342

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Began Transacting Business On: N/A

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, 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

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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/Erika L. Dominguez  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/03/2017

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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/GA

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Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Began Transacting Business On: N/A

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s/Erika L. Dominguez  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/03/2017

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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/GA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170008772

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PHOENIX 1 AUTO SALES 161 W. MILL ST, SUITE 204A SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408 JOSHUA R PHOENIX 25652 RIMGATE DR UNIT 4G LAKE FOREST, CA 92630

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Began Transacting Business On: N/A

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, 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/Joshua R. Phoenix  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/03/2017

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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/GA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170008690

The following person is doing business as: JOJOS SOLAR SHINE 465 W. VICTORIA ST. RIALTO, CA 92376 ERNESTO J RAMIREZ 465 W. VICTORIA ST. RIALTO, CA 92376

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 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Ernesto J. Ramirez  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 8/01/2017

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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Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel August 25, and September 1, 8 & 15, 2017

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
CASE NUMBER CIVDS1715608

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: MOHINI ROHITKUMAR PATEL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
MOHINI ROHITKUMAR PATEL to: MOHINI SUCHAK 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.

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business as: JOJOS SOLAR SHINE 465 W. VICTORIA ST. RIALTO, CA 92376 ERNESTO J RAMIREZ 465 W. VICTORIA ST. RIALTO, CA 92376

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 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ Ernesto J. Ramirez  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 8/01/2017

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Notice of Hearing:  
Date: 09/28/2017  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

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

Dated: August 17, 2017  
Michael A. Sachs  
Judge of the Superior Court.  
Published in SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL on 08/25/2017, 09/01/2017, 09/08/2017 & 09/15/2017.

SUMMONS CITACION

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: RICARDO SANCHEZ, an individual; JESUS E. RAMOS, an individual; OTTO R. BRAVO, an individual; CARLOS BARBA, an individual; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive.  
CIVDS1617843

You are being sued by plaintiff: Lo esta demandando el demandante: VARDAN ISAYAN, an individual.

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

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Case number: CIVDS1617843

Filed Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino San Bernardino District OCTOBER 25, 2016 by Clerk (Secretario) VERONICA GONZALEZ, Deputy (Adjunto) NOTICE!

You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE:  
The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's

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tacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is San Bernardino Superior Court 247 West Third Street San Bernardino, California 92415 Civil Division

The name, address, and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, are: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): WARD & WARD 202 E. AIRPORT DRIVE SUITE 120 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408 TELEPHONE: (909) 381-8350

Date (Fecha): OCTOBER 25, 2016

Clerk, by (Secretario,) VERONICA GONZALEZ, Deputy (Adjunto)

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 08/25/2017, 09/01/2017, 09/08/2017 & 09/15/2017.

**SUMMONS**  
(Parentage—Custody and Support)

**CITACIÓN**  
(Paternidad Custodia y Manutención)

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: JOSE PEREZ**

**AVISO AL DEMANDADO**  
(Nombre): JOSE PEREZ  
FL-210

**SUMMONS**  
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page.

Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente.

Petitioner's name: EVELYN CORDONA

El nombre del demandante: EVELYN CORDONA  
CASE NUMBER: FAMSS 1707219

You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page.

Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente.

Petitioner's name: EVELYN CORDONA

CASE NUMBER: FAMSS 1707219

To: JOSE PEREZ

Para: JOSE PEREZ

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-220 or FL-270) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-220 o FL-270) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your right to custody of your children. You may also be ordered to pay child support and attorney fees and costs.

Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención de los hijos, y honorarios y costos legales.

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 bar association.

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Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org), o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

NOTICE: The restraining order on page 2 remains in effect against each parent until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of it.

AVISO: La orden de protección que aparecen en la página 2 continuará en vigencia en cuanto a cada parte hasta que se emita un fallo final, se despidan la petición o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquier agencia del orden público que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas orden puede hacerla acatar en cualquier lugar de California.

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**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.

EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS:  
Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención de cuotas.

La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a petición de usted o de la otra parte

Filed Superior Court county of San Bernardino San Bernardino District  
by Denaya Robinson, Deputy

Date (Fecha): AUGUST 18, 2017

The name and address of the court are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte son:) SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT 351 N. ARROWHEAD AVENUE SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA 92410

The name, address, and telephone number of petitioner's attorney, or petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son:) EVELYN CORDONA 2122 CHESTNUT ST. #3203 SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA 92410

Date (Fecha): AUGUST 18, 2017

Clerk, by (Secretario, por) Denaya Robinson, Deputy (Asistente)

This case is assigned to Harrison Dept S54 for all purposes and is subject to CCP 170.6 (2)

**STANDARD RESTRAINING ORDER (Parentage—Custody and Support) FL-210**

**NOTICE**  
Starting immediately, you and every other party are restrained from removing from the state, or applying for a passport, the minor child or children for whom this action seeks to establish a parent-child relationship or a custody order without the prior written consent of every other party or an order of the court.

This restraining order takes effect against the petitioner when he or she files the petition and against the respondent when he or she is personally served with the Summons and Petition OR when he or she waives and accepts service.

This restraining order remains in effect until the judgment is entered, the petition is dismissed, or the court makes other orders.

This order is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of it.

**ORDEN DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTÁNDAR**

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(Paternidad—Custodia y Manutención) Aviso de FL-210

En forma inmediata, usted y cada otra parte tienen prohibido llevarse del estado a los hijos menores para quienes esta acción judicial procura establecer una relación entre hijos y padres o una orden de custodia, ni pueden solicitar un pasaporte para los mismos, sin el consentimiento previo por escrito de cada otra parte o sin una orden de la corte.

Esta orden de restricción entrará en vigencia para el demandante una vez presentada la petición, y para el demandado una vez que éste reciba la notificación personal de la Citación y Petición, o una vez que renuncie su derecho a recibir dicha notificación y se dé por notificado.

Esta orden de restricción continuará en vigencia hasta que se emita un fallo final, se despidan la petición o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquier agencia del orden público que haya recibido o visto una copia de esta orden puede hacerla acatar en cualquier lugar de California.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170008598**

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Golden State Services, 1752 E Lugonia Ave #117 - 70, Redlands, CA 92374, 1752 E Lugonia Ave #117 - 70, Redlands, CA 92374, Edwin Rivera, 1752 E Lugonia Ave #117 - 70, Redlands, CA 92374

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, 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/Edwin Rivera

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 7/28/2017

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/EF

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8/25/2017, 9/1/2017, 9/8/2017, 9/15/2017

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170009579**

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Jev's Place, 8345 Durango Ave, Fontana, CA 92335, 4866 Camino De Madera, Jurupa Valley, CA 91752, Monica M Berumen, 4866 Camino De Madera, Jurupa Valley, CA 91752

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, 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/Monica M. Berumen

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/23/2017

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/ADC

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8/25/2017, 9/1/2017, 9/8/2017, 9/15/2017

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170009554**

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: WHEPAT&CO., 1657 Pinehurst Dr, Upland, CA 91784, Martha P Wheeler, 1657 Pinehurst Dr, Upland, CA 91784

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, 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.

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STATEMENT FILE NO-20170009554

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Business is Conducted By: An Individual

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, 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/Martha P. Wheeler

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/23/2017

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/RS

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8/25/2017, 9/1/2017, 9/8/2017, 9/15/2017

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170008600**

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Golden State Services, 1752 E Lugonia Ave #117 - 70, Redlands, CA 92374, 1752 E Lugonia Ave #117 - 70, Redlands, CA 92374, Edwin Rivera, 1752 E Lugonia Ave #117 - 70, Redlands, CA 92374

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Kena L Poole

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 7/28/2017

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/DOM

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8/25/2017, 9/1/2017, 9/8/2017, 9/15/2017

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

CASE NUMBER CIVDS1716995

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner: NANCY TREVINO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

OSCAR ALBERTO PORTILLO to: OSCAR ALBERTO TREVINO

**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: 10/16/2017  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above,

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San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

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

Dated: September 1, 2017  
Michael A. Sachs  
Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL On 09/01/2017, 09/08/2017, 09/15/2017 & 09/22/2017

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170010106**

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: G.R.S., 15688 Pecan Lane, Fontana, CA 92337, Gateway Recovery Solutions LLC, 15688 Pecan Lane, Fontana, CA 92337

Business is Conducted By: A Limited Liability Company

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

CASE NUMBER CIVDS1717361

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner: Nicole Marie Ramirez

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Nicole Marie Ramirez to: Nicole Marie Goforth

**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.

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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: 11/07/2017  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

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

Dated: Sept.07, 2017  
Michael A. Sachs  
Judge of the Superior Court.

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

CASE NUMBER CIVDS1717362

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner: Annette Roberta Ramirez

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Annette Roberta Ramirez to: Annette Roberta Martinez

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**FBN 20170008610**

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## San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

Coroner's Case #701706095 On 09/02/2017 at 11:19 pm, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call regarding a traffic collision on US 395, near Palmdale Road, in Victorville. Deputies and paramedics arrived at the scene to find a motorcyclist down in the roadway. The motorcyclist, Cornelius Turner a 45-year-old resident of Victorville, was pronounced dead on scene at 11:30 pm. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department MAIT Division is investigating the collision. [09042017 0830 SC]

Coroner's Case #701706076 On Thursday, 08/31/2017 at 10:07 PM, officers with the Upland Police Department and paramedics responded to southbound N. Mountain Avenue at Brookdale Drive in Upland, for a call for service. When they arrived, they found Jorge Diaz, a 21-year-old male, resident of Riverside, with injuries consistent with being struck by a vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 10:11 PM. The Upland Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) is investigating the incident. [09012017 1330 JK]

Coroner's Case #701705967 On Friday, 08/25/2017, at 12:52 p.m. deputies with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and paramedics responded to a single vehicle collision on US Highway 395 between Eucalyptus Street and Main Street in Victorville. Paramedics located the driver, 48 year-old Derron Thomas of Adelanto, with traumatic injuries. He was transported to Desert Valley Hospital and then transferred to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. On Monday, August 28, 2017, at 09:41 a.m., Derron was pronounced deceased in the intensive care unit. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is investigating the collision. [08302017 1530 SC]

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### San Bernardino Gives Welty First Crack At Dealing Weed from page 17

and charged with felony assault. His lawyer was able to have the charges whittled down, and Welty pleaded guilty to misdemeanor aggravated trespassing.

In Upland, Welty is the de facto, though not the official, owner of the Tropical Lei strip club, which stands at the far west end of the City of Gracious Living on Foothill Boulevard, just east of the Claremont/Upland border, the gateway into San Bernardino County from Los Angeles County. A generation ago, Welty withstood the City of Upland's effort to shut the Tropical Lei down. A half dozen years ago, a medical marijuana dispensary set up operations on property controlled by Welty adjacent to the Tropical Lei. The City of Upland had a strict ban on medical marijuana clinics within its city limits. Beginning in 2007, the city had waged a protracted legal battle with one of Welty's competitors, another determined dispensary operator, Aaron Sandusky, who on three occasions succeeded in standing the city off in state court over its efforts to shut down his operation, G3 Holistics. Ultimately, however, Upland officials coordinated with the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's Of-

ice, which prosecuted Sandusky, taking him to trial and getting a conviction in Federal Court in October 2012. In 2013, Sandusky was given a ten-year sentence in federal prison. He remains incarcerated in a federal facility in Texas. Having made an example of Sandusky, the City of Upland stepped up its enforcement against cannabis clinics operating in the city. Simultaneously, Upland voters have twice voted through the initiative process to prohibit the sale of marijuana in the city. Over 15 marijuana clinics have been shut down through a coordinated effort involving the police department, the municipal code enforcement division and the city attorney's office. Yet through it all, the city has maintained a hands-off posture with regard to Welty's operation next to the Tropical Lei.

In 2014, Welty bankrolled an effort by the California Cannabis Coalition to qualify a ballot measure to permit three medical marijuana clinics to operate in Upland. Ultimately, the coalition, in the names of Upland residents Nicole DeLaRosa and James Velez, qualified that initiative to go before the voters. The measure called for the those dispensaries to operate legally in the relatively confined zoning district along a limited stretch on the north side of Route 66 – Foothill Boulevard – and south

of Cable Airport, east of Monte Vista Avenue and west of Airport Drive, precisely where the Tropical Lei is located. Before the voters in Upland soundly defeated that measure, Welty on more than one occasion came before the Upland City Council, advocating on behalf of the initiative, alternatively pleading with and then demanding that the council dispense with the citywide vote and simply pass the measure using its own authority. In doing so, he brazenly inveighed against "the black market" in the marijuana trade, propounding the measure would eradicate that black market in Upland. He conveniently omitted that he was one of the operators in that black market.

Part of the way across the county, last year three measures pertaining to permitting marijuana clinics to operate in the City of San Bernardino were qualified for the ballot. As in Upland, the political establishment in San Bernardino was conceptually opposed to allowing marijuana to be commercially available within the city. But after two separate initiatives - measures N and O, the latter sponsored by Welty - were qualified for the ballot through the initiative petition process, city officials, seeing the writing on the wall, put together their own clinic-permitting initiative, Measure P, that was more restrictive than the

others. N and O passed by 51.1 percent and 55.12 percent, respectively, while Measure P fell short, with 48.45 percent support. Based on its greater number of votes, Measure O was deemed the binding law with regard to marijuana sales regulations in San Bernardino.

In the aftermath of Measure O's passage, city officials said they would move expeditiously to actuate it, but then delayed, saying they needed time to re-draft elements of the city code to make it compatible with Measure O. That had not been completed when in February the city was hit with two lawsuits challenging Measure O's provisions legally and procedurally. One of those lawsuits originated with a group that had sponsored the competing dispensary permitting initiative, Measure N. City Attorney Gary Saenz, citing that litigation, suspended the full implementation of Measure O.

Four months after the passage of Measure O, the city had not yet put any of the elements of the protocol for the marijuana dispensary permitting process provided for in Measure O into place. The following day, on March 9, Diamond, on behalf of Welty, filed suit against the city. Three months passed before the city's community development department provided applications for dispensary

operations to interested parties. On August 24, the city issued a permit for its first legal marijuana dispensary operation to an entity functioning out of the address at 100 W. Hospitality Lane. 100 W. Hospitality Lane is the address of the Flesh Showgirls club. The de facto owner of Flesh Showgirls is Randy Welty.

As is typical of so many of Welty's operations, the permit for the dispensary is not in Welty's name but rather in that of Quiang Ye, who has been identified as the general manager of Flesh Showgirls.

This was not the first time the City of San Bernardino found itself legally challenged by Welty. Welty had previously, in defiance of the City of San Bernardino's city code and zoning restrictions, opened a previous incarnation of Flesh Showgirls, called the Flesh Club. The city moved to close the enter-

prise, whereupon Welty brought in Diamond to bloody the city's, and then-city attorney James Penman's, noses. The Flesh Club remained shuttered for four years while Welty pursued a \$2.6 million suit challenging the city code and the specific ordinance cited in the Flesh Club's closure. Welty obtained a court order calling for the city to allow the club to reopen along with a \$1.4 million judgment to recover lost income suffered during the closure.

At present, attorney James DeAguilera, the one-time city manager of Adelanto, is representing one set of plaintiffs alleging Measure O is flawed. Though DeAguilera is pursuing the case, it is San Bernardino City Attorney Gary Saenz' judgment that the city has more to fear from Diamond and Welty than from DeAguilera and his clients. *-Mark Gutglueck*

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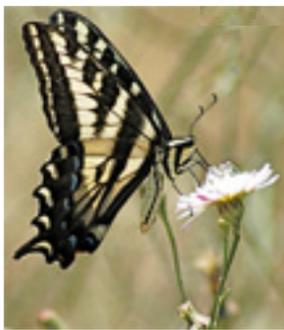
The Pale Swallowtail - *Papilio Eurymedon*

The pale swallowtail or *Papilio eurymedon*, which is also called the pallid swallowtail, is a butterfly in the Papilionidae family and the Papilioninae subfamily. It is found in San Bernardino County, and is common throughout much of western North America, particularly along the Pacific coast from northern Baja California to southernmost British Columbia. Its territory reaches inland to northern New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and as far east as the Black

Hills of South Dakota. It is absent from most of Nevada and western Utah.

The pale swallowtail prefers open woodlands, forest clearings, foothills and chaparral, especially near permanent bodies of water such as ponds and streamsides, but also urban parks. They are occasionally seen in suburban areas. Though not as common as the western tiger swallowtail, the pale swallowtail can be seen in large numbers at puddling parties where up to a dozen or more males may be gathered. There they join other species to sip water from damp soil to obtain nutrients for mating.

Their appearance is



quite similar to that of the western tiger swallowtail, except they are a white-cream color or very pale yellow. Some pale swallowtails also have differing amounts of red-orange patches on the wings just above the tail. Tiger stripes and borders are thicker than those of western tiger swallowtails. The wingspan is typically 2.8 to 4.5 inches. The front wing is narrow and

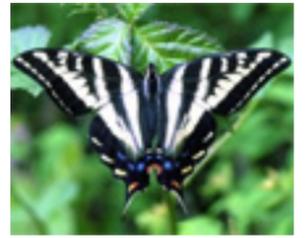
pointed; the tail of hindwing is long, slender and twisted.

Males perch and patrol for receptive females. Females lay eggs singly on host plant leaves, which include members of the Ceanothus genus, including buckbrush, mountain balm, and mountain lilac, trees and shrubs in the Rosaceae, Rhamnaceae and Betulaceae families including cherry (*Prunus emarginata*), bitter cherry coffeeberry (*Rhamnus californica*), and ash (*Fraxinus* spp.), as well as red alder, ocean spray, and serviceberry species. Caterpillars feed on leaves and rest on silken mats in shelters of curled leaves.

The pale swallowtail has a single brood throughout most of its range, but two or more along the Pacific Coast. Adults fly from March to October and are most common in May and July. In southern California, they fly from March until August. Caterpillars enter their pupal stage in the fall. Pupae hibernate and overwinter before emerging as adults.

Adults feed on flower nectar, including that of the California buckeye, yerba santa, and wallflower.

Caterpillars are plump green with a single yellow band behind the thorax. They have two eye-shaped spots on the upper thorax, which



may help frighten predators. Like most swallowtails, they have a red wishbone-shaped organ called the osmeterium, which pops out from behind the head and releases a foul odor to warn off predators. Caterpillars turn brown just before the fifth moult. The pupa is brown and looks like a piece of bark. As they pupate, they face upright, secure the tip of their abdomens to a branch with a silk thread, and hang freely.

### Forge Alliance With Marine Corps For Construction Of Wastewater Treatment Plant, 29 Palms City Manager Recommends

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the likelihood is that the new plant would be operated by municipal staff. "The Marine Corps has a very important mission, which is protecting the country," said Luckino. "What we would envision for sufficiency purposes would be that the city do what we do

best, which is to provide municipal services. So, under theory, it would be city workers running the plant, which would be located on the base. The model for this exists with other military bases, like China Lake. Elements of this, of course, need to be worked out."

While the city will take the lead, at least at present, Luckino said, the water district will eventually be brought in. "As we move forward, it makes sense at some point to have the water district involved," he said, noting the district is

involved in the laying of water pipe on a continuous basis.

The impetus for the project is the long term protection of water quality in the area, said Luckino, but he insisted there is no pending threat to the water supply. That was not the case in Yucca Valley, where that community was under a mandate from the State Water Board to construct a sewer system.

"There is no current crisis," said Luckino. "The water quality in Twentynine Palms is good. There is no enforcement action pending against the city because of threats to our water quality. However, the state maintains as a general rule that septic systems are not acceptable for treating water." Luckino explained that "The biggest issue is [population] density. Density is what triggers issues with the groundwater. The EPA [Environmental Protection Agency] says septic systems work ideally on a five-acre lot. That is the perfect scenario. With more houses and businesses and the more of a load you place on the water table, the potential for damage increases."

In this way, he said,

the more heavily populated area of 59-square mile Twentynine Palms "is a ticking time bomb. The reliance on septic systems could become an issue in the future in maintaining water quality. That is why the state encourages us to make progress. As long as they are satisfied we are making some form of progress, they stay off the regulatory path."

That regulatory path could be onerous. In the case of Yucca Valley, the state mandated certain dates by which phases of the project had to be completed. The threatened penalty for not meeting those deadlines was rather draconian and angled to obtain compliance. Where the mandated system was not in place, the state said it would either methodically move to seal off every septic system in use within each of the specified areas, essentially rendering the affected homes inhabitable, or would use a somewhat more capricious methodology as was employed against Los Osos, a California community that failed to come into compliance after repeated warnings from the state. In Los Osos, the entire community became sub-

ject to an enforcement action, which was done in a lottery fashion, in which random property owners were selected to receive cease and desist orders with the potential of daily fines for non-compliance. They were ordered to discontinue the discharge from their septic systems, seal them off and pump them at regular intervals. If they did not, they were subjected to fines of up to \$5,000 per day.

Luckino said "We are going forward with a United States Geological Survey study to understand how our ground water is being affected by the septic discharge."

With regard to the price, Luckino expressed confidence the city can greatly minimize the sewer plant construction cost through its cooperation with the Marine Corps and the federal governmental assistance represented by the Defense Department defraying the cost of the sewer plant rebuild.

Luckino was able to make cost estimates based upon extrapolations from known figures. In terms of the plant's planned capacity, he said the base currently processes 1.2 million gallons of sewage per

day. Likewise, he said, in Yucca Valley, it is estimated the plant there will treat roughly 1.2 million gallons per day once it is up and running. According to the 2010 Census, Twentynine Palms had a population of 25,048. Yucca Valley had a population of 20,700 at that time. Thus, Luckino said, the planned capacity for the plant will be "in the two to three million gallon per day range." He said "The federal government's estimate for the replacement of the current plant is \$22 million. The add-on cost for greater capacity from the city would be incremental."

There will be economies of scale in the construction, Luckino said. "There is a lot of basic infrastructure that would not have to be doubled or reproduced," he said. "The full portion of the local contribution is one thing we will have to determine."

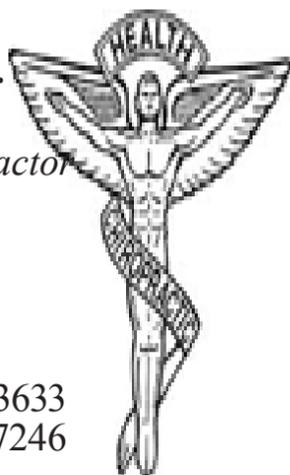
Luckino noted that the area's congressman is Paul Cook, formerly a colonel at the base and later Yucca Valley mayor and a state assemblyman. He said "Congressman Cook is very engaged,"

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# California Style Embroidered

By Grace Bernal



Autumn is just around the corner, and with that comes embroidered garments. This means embroidered bags, embroidered shirts, embroidered dresses and embroidered jackets are about to be a highly visible element of daily attire. I am also see-

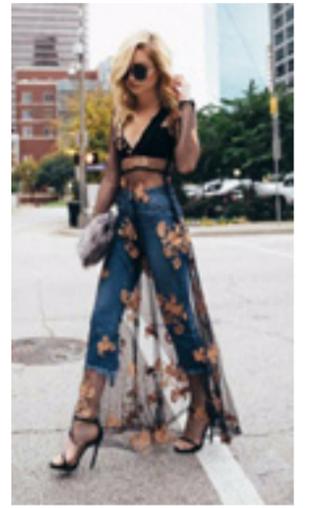


enon all the way back to the Iron Age? The jackets with embroidery are stunning! Denim along with leather add a strong statement on the streets. Denim, in my view and

just about everyone else's, based on its popularity, looks spectacular embroidered. If you



are trending, like handbags in stitch work and beaded embellishment. I think autumn is going to fill the streets with a hint of romanticism, and embroidery will lead the way. Enjoy!



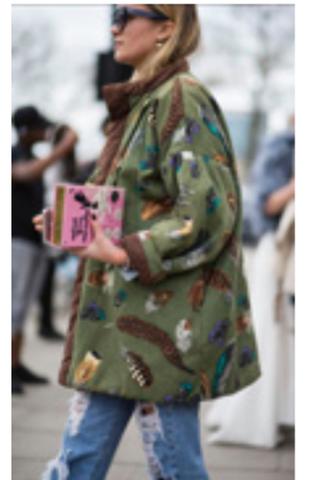
*"If you take away print and embroidery, you have to challenge yourself a bit more on the cut."* -Joseph Altuzarra



ing embroidered shoes. This autumn embroidery is the trend! Embroidery is something that has been around a long time. Would you believe cultural anthropologists have traced this phenom-



want to add to the hype, try a pair of embroidered leather lace-up boots to match. Also, accessories



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## Work With Marines On Building Cloaca, Says 29 Palms City Manager from page 19

and he suggested Cook would be helpful in achieving federal subsidies to assist in paying for the sewer plant.

The more expensive element of the project,

which he referred to as the "second phase," Luckino said, will be the collection system.

Luckino said that the collection system will be concentrated in the most heavily populated area of Twentynine Palms. "The plan is to connect through time regionally those who are closest to the center of town and

gradually moving outward."

He said that a 2003 study determined that the city will need to lay roughly 415,000 linear feet of pipe to complete the municipal portion of the collection system. He said that there has been only minimal growth in Twentynine Palms, so the 415,000 linear feet requirement very likely holds. The estimated cost of the 415,000 feet of pipe in 2003, Luckino said, was \$53 million. But costs have risen, he said. A closely comparable figure he referenced is the 430,000 feet of sewer line to be put into Yucca Valley. That cost in 2017 dollars is \$92 million.

Luckino said getting ahead of this inflation curve is one of the reasons for moving ahead with the project. Still, he said, first things should come first. "The first phase we are talking

about is getting the capacity at the plant," he said. "Getting the pipe in the city is the second phase and we are not at that phase yet. The bigger challenge is the collection system, without a doubt."

Asked how he envisioned the project being paid for, Luckino said, "assessments, sales tax, water rate increase, fees, all of the above. Yucca Valley has looked at how to make it affordable. We have not gotten to that level yet."

After years of resisting sales tax increases in Yucca Valley, the voters there last November approved measures Y and Z, each of which raised sales tax by a half-percent each starting April 1 and lasting for ten years. Measure Z is devoted entirely to paying for the cost of the sewer system. Measure Y is to cover a fuller range of government services, and it is

anticipated some of its proceeds will pay for the water treatment system as well.

A portion of Twentynine Palms could be hooked up to the sewer system in another five years, Luckino said. "The base is hoping to get this through what the military calls micon dollars by 2020," he said. "They would then have construction complete in 2021. We are work-

ing through these issues hand-in-hand with the Marine Corps and Congressman Cook. For the military, this is mission critical because without a wastewater treatment facility, the base could be shut down. Getting the system is important for the city for our community's growth and economic development."



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