

## Sharply Differing Take Among Cities On Wisdom Of Warehouse Development

Recent events demonstrate a sharp dichotomy in the attitude among and between different community leaders and residents over the hot button issue of warehouse development in San Bernardino County.

Over the last two decades, even as Southern California, the Inland Empire and San Bernardino County experienced explosive growth and residential, commercial and industrial expansion that

was a continuation of the post-World War II trend that continued unabated for the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, warehouse development has been a part of that buildup, particularly in the last 20 years.

Southern California, which involves large port facilities in San Pedro and Long Beach, lands massive amounts of merchandise from manufacturers in Asia brought across the Pacific Ocean by ship. That cargo is offloaded

onto trains and trucks and distributed throughout much of the country. In this way the Inland Empire has become a major logistics center.

Nevertheless, with more and more land locally being consumed by warehouses and distribution centers, some have begun to second guess the wisdom of allotting so much property, which could be used for other purposes, for the building of warehouses.

Increasingly, some elected officials, local residents and futurists are questioning whether warehouses constitute the highest and best use of the property available for development in the region. And while logistics facilities in modern times must be part of any land use mix, there is an argument to be made that there is a need to maintain a balance between such operations – or at least the quarters for such op-

erations, as many of them stand empty – and other types of development. In refuting the assertions of the sponsors and proponents of warehouses that they constitute positive economic development, their detractors cite the relatively poor pay and benefits provided to those who work in distribution facilities, the large diesel-powered semi-trucks that are part of those operations with their unhealthy exhaust emis- **See P 3**

## Supervisors' Vote On Sheriff Succession Will Impact Their Future Graft Opportunities

By Mark Gutglueck

With at least \$3 million and perhaps as much \$15 million in future bribes and payoffs riding on their decision, three-fifths of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors are carefully weighing whom they will appoint to replace John McMahon as sheriff.

On June 18, McMahon announced his resignation from the county's top law enforcement post, some eight-and-a-half years after he was appointed by the board of supervisors as it was then composed to lead the sheriff's department in the aftermath of Rod Hoops, who was McMahon's predecessor as sheriff, having himself resigned. McMahon, running as an unelected incumbent in 2014 against two challengers and unopposed in 2018, was elected sheriff twice. His resignation, effective July 16, means he will depart from office a little less than 18 months prior to the term he was elected to in 2018 coming to an end.

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, as the county government's highest decision-making authority, has discretion in determining how McMahon is to be replaced. The board could call for a special election to allow the voters of the county to make that determination or it can use its own authority to make an appointment.

Citing what is estimated as a \$1.4 million cost to hold such an election countywide, the board has indicated it will instead make an appointment, most likely on July 7, the same day interviews of those interested in serving in the post who have submitted appli- **See P 2**

## Truck Thief Touches Off 4-Freeway Wrong Way Chase, His Shooting Death & 14-Hour Traffic Back-Up

The shutdown of the westbound lanes of the I-10 Freeway in the Fontana area that lasted from roughly 1:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday June 23 was the result of the action of a yet-unidentified man who apparently commandeered a truck around 11:50 p.m. Tuesday and led the Highway Patrol on a wild wrong way chase on the I-15, I-210, I-215 and then the I-10 Freeway.

Authorities offered only minimal detail about the incident, which ended in the fatal shooting of the driver of the vehicle. Details of the shooting remained scarce more than two days after the incident. The *Sentinel* is able to piece some, but not all of what occurred.

A truck registered to CMC Steel Fabricators of Irving, Texas that functions out of CMC's Rancho Cucamonga facility was stolen sometime around 10:30 p.m. in the city of San Bernardino while it was in the 5400 block of Industrial Parkway in San Bernardino. There were unverified and unconfirmed reports that the individual who stole the truck was armed, and had kidnapped the driver. Some time after 11:45 p.m., Colton police caught sight of the truck.

Ultimately, the Highway Patrol was alerted, and both ground units and a helicopter eventually located the truck and began a pursuit.

A report to the *Sentinel*, which the CHP did not verify, was that the driver of the truck, in seeking to elude his pursuers, used an offramp in Rancho Cucamonga to enter the southbound I-15 Freeway heading north, transitioned onto the 210 Freeway, which at that hour was fortunately not too-heavily traveled, then transitioned to the northbound I-215 freeway while headed **See P 3**

## Deputy's Violence Toward Suspect Was Out Of Character, A Colleague Insists

The action of San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Deputy Corie Smith, seen on a surveillance video twice kicking a surrendering suspect in the head, was completely out of character, one of his fellow deputies told the *Sentinel*.

The video unequivocally shows Smith kicking a compliant Willie Jones, who shortly before had attempted to flee from deputies after an attempt to stop him for what the department said were "numerous traffic violations."

Early in the morning of June 16, a motorcyclist, later identified as the 32-year-old Jones, was observed by a deputy operating his motorbike

in a flagrantly dangerous manner in the area of Seventh and Lincoln streets in Victorville, according to the department. When an effort to pull Jones over was made, Jones accelerated and, traveling at excessive speed, ran multiple traffic signals, entered the northbound lanes of Interstate 15 in the opposite direction and almost collided head-on into several vehicles. A radio dispatch from the pursuing patrol deputy went out.

Thereafter, Jones exited the freeway in the vicinity of Roy Rogers Drive/La Paz Avenue, then headed toward the Valley Hi Toyota Dealership, located on Valley Center Drive. He dropped his bike at the side of the road behind the dealership and fled onto the dealership's lot on foot. There, for a time, he hid beneath the undercarriage of a vehicle.

Surveillance footage of the lot, which has since been obtained by the *Sentinel*, shows what appears to be a lot lit by overhead lights with ten vehicles in the video's range of field. There is no immediate activity, but roughly five seconds into the video, Jones can be seen crawling out from underneath a black pickup truck. He remained crouched down, and roughly 22 seconds into the video he was yet crouched as he crept in a direction at an angle that brought him somewhat closer to the camera, which was mounted at an

elevated level. Jones made his way to the front of another vehicle, an SUV, and then moved in the same direction, yet crouching, toward another pickup truck. Having reached that point, he stood upright and continued past that pickup truck to another vehicle, what appeared to be a white compact, assuming a casual attitude, but looking back in the direction from which he came. At 37 seconds into the video, Deputy Smith comes into the camera's field of view from the direction in which Jones was looking.

At that point, Jones began walking, at first nonchalantly, back in the direction from which he came as if to see if he could simply pass himself off as a pedestrian walking through the car lot. When Smith immediately veered in his direction, however, Jones raised his hands in a show of surrender and Smith, carrying what appeared to be either a lit flashlight or a laser source came toward him. At 42 seconds into the video, Jones began to bend down and at 44 seconds into the video is on his knees with his hands touching the ground, moving into what looked to be a prone position. At 46 seconds, Jones' hips are flat on the ground as are his forearms, with his neck and head arched up, just as Smith begins a powerwalk and rather gratuitously, using his right foot, kicked Jones in

the head with considerable force. Smith then shined the light he is holding on Jones, and at 48 seconds into the video, kicked him in the head once more, this time somewhat less forcefully. Jones, whose position on the ground shifted to his right because of the violence of the kicks, assumed a completely prone position at that point, with his head on the pavement. Smith then bent down and seized Jones' **See P 3**

## Local Firefighters Join FEMA Team

Fifteen San Bernardino County firefighters have been detailed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's California Task Force 6.

Known by the acronym CA-TF6, the team is to be deployed to extraordinary events, such as regional catastrophic fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, bombings, terrorist attacks and the like.

The City of Riverside is hosting the team locally, which can be dispatched at a moment's notice anywhere around the country.

Members of the team are recruited for their particular skills and include explosive dismantlers known as miners, logisticians, hazardous material specialists, heavy riggers and structural engineers, heavy rescue personnel, search specialists, search dog handlers, and medical doctors.

## Sheriff Succession Question Is Immersed In Political Considerations That Extend To Whether The County's Emerging And Well-Connected Licensed Marijuana Cartel Will Be Able To Solidify Its Hold On The County's Lucrative Future Cannabis Market *from front page*

cations by June 30 will be conducted.

Word circulating about the county is that the most likely successors are either Undersheriff Shannon Dicus, Assistant Sheriff Robert Wickum or Assistant Sheriff Horace Boatwright.

In the past, as in 2012 when McMahon replaced Hoops and in 2009 when Hoops replaced Gary Penrod who resigned that year after 15 years as the elected sheriff, the board of supervisors has honored the recommendation of the departing sheriff in making its selection of who would succeed him. In 2012, Hoops had nominated McMahon, who was then serving in the department's third-ranking position of assistant sheriff, a move which some considered surprising, as there was anticipation that the department's second-in-command, Undersheriff Bob Fonzi, would get the nod to head the department. In 2009, when Penrod departed prematurely, both Penrod in his recommendation and the board of supervisors in its decision, bypassed then-Undersheriff Richard Beemer in favor of Hoops, who was assistant sheriff.

The board of supervisors, nonetheless, is not bound to comply with the departing sheriff's wish as to who will replace him. The board is at liberty to make a collective decision to put into the sheriff's post any qualified lawman they deem fit, as long as their appointee has certification by California's Police Officers Standards and Training Commission, which sets minimum selection, eligibility and training standards for California law enforcement officers, and is a resident of San Bernardino County.

It has not been publicly announced if McMahon is going to make a recommendation to the board or whom he will endorse.

There is a chance that in the current case the board of supervisors will not comply with McMahon's recommendation. At

the root of that possibility are dual factors: the corruption of county government that is taking place as a consequence of the societal shift with regard to the legality and availability of marijuana with its accompanying financial opportunities and the resurrection of disgraced former San Bernardino County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Bill Postmus as a political force to be reckoned with in San Bernardino County.

McMahon, for the majority of his law enforcement career, which began when he was hired as a deputy by then-Sheriff Floyd Tidwell in 1985, lived by the ethos that marijuana was a prohibited drug, the growing of, the possession of, the distribution of, the sale of or the use of which was illegal under both California law and U.S. law. When California's voters in 1996 passed Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use of Marijuana Act, which made it legal for the drug to be sold, purchased and used, subject to certain restrictions including the user first obtaining a medical prescription, that softened no soap with San Bernardino County's governmental authorities, and none its cities nor the county government itself allowed, until first Needles in 2012 and Adelanto in 2015 became the exceptions, the sale of marijuana. The county's law enforcement agencies, including most notably the sheriff's department, continued arresting, jailing and through the judicial process convicting and imprisoning marijuana offenders.

After the passage of Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act in 2016, which legalized the sale and use of marijuana for its intoxicative effect throughout California, San Bernardino County government and the lion's share of the municipal governments in San Bernardino County continued to resist such liberalization, primarily

out of a belief that marijuana use and availability are contrary to the maintenance of an orderly and moral society. Only the cities of Needles, Adelanto and San Bernardino, all of which were in dire financial straits, acceded to the new order by allowing marijuana cultivation, harvesting, distribution, wholesale and retail sale, or alteration into edibles, palliatives, ointments and/or salves within their respective jurisdictions. Barstow consented to the sale of the drug within its confines, and Hesperia allowed marijuana distribution and mobile sales businesses to operate there, while yet prohibiting storefront sale of the substance. Everywhere else in the county, including the 18,899-square miles of the county's unincorporated territory and within the incorporated towns of Apple Valley and Yucca Valley and the cities of Chino Hills, Chino, Montclair, Ontario, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Rialto, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, Highland, Redlands, Big Bear, Yucaipa, Twentynine Palms, and Victorville, the production, distribution, conversion and sale of marijuana remained prohibited.

In Adelanto and San Bernardino, elected and city officials, functioning under the cover of California's legalization of the production and sale of marijuana, while publicly using the rationale that having their cities get in on the ground floor of the commercialization of marijuana in the Golden State represented an economic development opportunity that would prove a financial boon to their cash-strapped communities, invited and then embraced marijuana and cannabis product entrepreneurs to apply for marijuana-related business permits.

In Adelanto, then-Mayor Rich Kerr, then-Councilman John Woodard and then-Councilman Jermaine Wright, manipulating their council colleague Charlie Gasper, who was in the throes of dementia, arranged first to open the city to marijuana cultivators who would produce a supply of the product to marijuana dispensaries located elsewhere and then transitioned to allow-

ing any type of commercial marijuana activity – cultivation, harvesting, packaging, shipping, distribution, wholesale marketing, retail selling, and cannabis-based product manufacturing – to take place in their city. Early in the going, they employed Jessie Flores, a one-time political associate of Bill Postmus, as the city's economic development director. Later, they transitioned Flores into Adelanto City Manager.

Along the way, Kerr, Woodard and Wright engaged in graft of a breath-taking scope, with those applying for the marijuana-related business permits the city was offering coming into City Hall with briefcases full of cash. Wright was caught by the FBI taking bribes from marijuana-related business applicants in exchange for ensuring that licensing of those businesses would take place and that those operations would be free of the city's regulatory interference. He was arrested and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney in 2017, and forcibly removed from office. The FBI was closing in on Kerr, Woodard and Flores in 2018, having served search warrants at City Hall, Kerr's home and the business offices of marijuana business applicants the FBI had grounds to believe were paying off Adelanto city officials. In the November 2018 election, Gasper, who was at that point fully non-copus mentis, did not seek reelection, and both Kerr and Woodard, whose corruption was evident, were soundly defeated. In their place, three political newcomers who represented themselves as reformists – Gabriel Reyes as mayor and Gerardo Hernandez and Stevevonna Evans as councilmembers – were elected. The reforms that troika had intimated would take place if they were elected did not manifest, however, and Flores remains as city manager, while the City of Adelanto remains on course to become the marijuana capital of California as Kerr once promised, with the applicants for marijuana-related business permits yet plying the city's decision-makers with money. According to city insiders, including those currently and formerly

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employed with the city, money originating with the owners and operators of marijuana-related businesses that have obtained permits in the city is still making its way into the political funds and pockets/personal bank accounts of the city's elected officials, and lax enforcement of city regulations is allowing those marijuana entrepreneurs to function without having to pay the full fees and taxes that the city is supposed to collect from them.

In San Bernardino, John Valdivia, who represented that city's Third Ward from 2012 until 2018 and was elected mayor in 2018, used his position of authority in the county seat to militate on behalf of those seeking marijuana-related business licenses in exchange for money, either in the form of contributions to his political war chest or what were tantamount to bribes, kickbacks and payoffs in the guise of retainers provided to his business, AAdvantage Comm LLC. Valdivia, in exchange for the money applicants for those permits provided him, gave assurances that he would manipulate the city's permitting process such that they were to be granted licenses to operate marijuana dispensaries, stores, cannabis-related product derivation and manufacturing concerns, research facilities, wholesalers, distribution companies or cultivation operations. Valdivia came through in several of those instances, and those who had paid him were granted permits. In others, the promised permits were not obtained by those who had paid Valdivia. In at least two of those cases,

when those who had paid Valdivia directly or made contributions to his political fund with the understanding that they were to receive a marijuana-related business permit in return and were not successful in having their application approved by the city, Valdivia told them he could yet come through for them but that they would need to provide him with more money.

Meanwhile, Bill Postmus, who had been San Bernardino County First District supervisor from 2000 until 2007, chairman of the board of supervisors from 2004 until 2006, the chairman of the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee from 2004 until 2006 and San Bernardino County Assessor from 2007 until 2009, has inserted himself into the San Bernardino County marijuana fortune sweepstakes.

In 2009, Postmus was caught up in a scandal and forced to resign from office. Ultimately between 2009 and 2010, he was charged with 14 felonies relating to political corruption and public office crimes, including conspiracy, bribery, soliciting a bribe, accepting a bribe, fraud, public office conflict of interest, misappropriation of public funds and perjury stemming from his activity while he was both a member of the board of supervisors and county assessor. In 2011, he pleaded guilty to all 14 of the felony charges against him, and was eventually sentenced to three years in state prison. His conviction on the public office conflict of interest charge carried with it a lifelong ban on him hold-

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## Deputy Suspended For Kicking Suspect Was Feted As A Hero For Two Of His Fast-Acting 2020 Rescue Efforts

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left arm at the 51 second point and bent it up to take it behind Jones and begin handcuffing him. Smith has bent Jones' right arm back to fully effectuate the handcuffing at 53 seconds, when another deputy came into the video's frame of view. That deputy assisted Smith and at one minute and seven seconds into the video, a third deputy arrived. A fourth deputy arrived at the 1:34 mark and then a

fifth deputy four seconds later. From that point on, Jones' arrest is carried out with no further incident on the video, and Jones is led away.

The violence exhibited against Jones during the arrest came two weeks and one-and-one-half days after Sheriff's Sergeant Dominic Vaca was killed in Yucca Valley in broad daylight during the noon hour on May 31, at the end of an incident in which deputies there sought to make a traffic stop of another motorcyclist, Bilal Winston Shabazz, for riding a motorcycle without a license plate. Like Jones, Shabazz fled and when Vaca approached him, Shabazz, who was armed, shot and

killed him. Shabazz was himself mortally wounded by other deputies at the Yucca Valley scene.

Smith began with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in April 2016, and has been assigned to the Victorville Sheriff's Station since September 2017.

Earlier this year, the department presented Deputy Smith with two lifesaving awards. One of those pertained to an incident on August 26, 2020, when he responded to a call and found a two-year-old lying in a pool of blood and bleeding profusely from multiple stab wounds in his chest and abdomen. Smith used his fingers to plug the wounds to stem the bleed-

ing until medical help arrived. The child survived. On July 11, 2020, Smith responded to a call of a woman having a medical emergency. Upon arrival, he found an unresponsive woman, with three young children in a car with the engine running inside a garage in which the temperature exceeded 140 degrees. Smith was credited with saving the lives of the children.

Undersheriff Shannon Dicus, speaking for Sheriff John McMahon, in a video released before Smith was publicly identified, said, "I want to [assure] the citizens of San Bernardino County, the sheriff and I are aware of the alarming video depicting a deputy kicking a

suspect. This video came to our attention after a Victorville watch commander was contacted by the security company that monitors the parking lot where this incident occurred. The watch commander reviewed the video and immediately determined the deputy's actions were disturbing. The watch commander notified the commander of the station. I want to [assure] the community it is our expectation that deputies respond to any incident professionally and in a manner that's consistent with their training. We know the community's trust is the platform which enables us to do our jobs. The deputy involved in this incident was im-

mediately taken off duty and placed on administrative leave. A criminal investigation is being conducted. This investigation will be submitted to the district attorney. Subsequently, an administrative investigation will also be initiated to allow for the appropriate employment actions to be taken. It's unfortunate when incidents like these occur, because it causes turmoil within our communities and equally amongst our deputies who pride themselves on providing professional service. We take these matters seriously, and want to assure you a thorough investigation will be conducted."

*-Mark Gutglueck*

## Truck Thief Shot To Death At Roadblock

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south, and then headed west on the eastbound 10 Freeway.

The CHP set up a roadblock on the freeway between Cedar Avenue to the east and Sierra Avenue to the west. As the truck approached the roadblock

just after 1 a.m. on June 23, a CHP officer opened fire on the cab. Four bullet holes were visible in the windshield of the truck.

The driver, a male who has yet to be identified, was pronounced dead at the scene.

There was a passenger in the truck, who was treated for a glass injury to his arm. He was es-

corted from the scene by law enforcement officers. At least two reports were that he was in custody, but there was no report of an arrest relating to the incident. A conflicting report was that he was an unwilling participant in the mad ride, and was possibly a driver for CMC, who had been abducted. Despite the *Sentinel's* requests to

CHP Spokesman Ramon Duran, no clarification on the passenger's involvement in the incident has been forthcoming.

In the early morning daylight hours of Wednesday, some seven hours after the shooting, a member of a *Sentinel* delivery crew reported seeing what he believed was the body of the driver underneath

wrappings beside the truck.

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department traffic and homicide investigators were summoned to make a thorough examination of the scene, which entailed traffic in both lanes being shut down at about 1:30 a.m. Motorists at a critical point on the free-

way were unable to leave it form more than three hours early Wednesday morning, when they were allowed to travel single file using the freeway shoulder to exit at Cedar Avenue. At 5:30 a.m. the westbound lanes were reopened. East bound lanes were closed until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

## To Some, Warehouses Represent A Boon, To Others A Bane

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sions, together with the bane of traffic gridlock they create.

Along the I-10 Freeway corridor running from Ontario in the west to San Bernardino in the east are four of San Bernardino County's largest cities population-wise – Ontario, at 183,393, Rancho Cucamonga at 178,849, Fontana at 216,173 and San Bernardino at 217,491.

Of those, both Fontana and San Bernardino have embraced warehouse development as a means of economic development, to the point that Fontana's mayor since 2010, Acquafredda Warren, is known by the sobriquet "Warehouse Warren."

In March, San Bernardino gave go-ahead to one of the most ambitious warehouse projects in the region, dubbed San Manuel Landing, to be built by the San Manuel Indian Tribe near the city's eastern border, which upon completion is to entail 1.153-million square feet

under roof.

Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga have been far less hungry, or perhaps the word is desperate, for development, and somewhat more selective in what they allow to be built in their cities. Nevertheless, they too are hosts to a substantial number of warehouses.

Rancho Cucamonga is one of the more affluent cities in San Bernardino County in terms of the wealth of its residents, and as a municipality, it has the second largest budget among the county's cities, with more than \$224 million running through its various funds at present.

Though Ontario's residents are well behind those of many of the county's other cities such as Chino Hills, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland and Redlands in terms of personal wealth, as a city it is home to some extremely lucrative businesses and other features, such as Ontario Airport, the Ontario Mills shopping mall, the Cemex corporate offices and others that provide the city with a prodigious revenue stream in terms of fees and taxes, such that it has more than

half of a billion dollars a year running through all of its funds.

Thus, neither Ontario nor Rancho Cucamonga have found themselves under the gun to accommodate as much in the way of warehouse development as some other close-by communities. They have been at the periphery rather than the center of the warehouse-building frenzy.

Upland, which also lies along the I-10 Freeway Corridor, traditionally has not been a recurrent host of large warehouse projects.

Bloomington, an unincorporated county district of some 34,000 population that for the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was an agricultural community, in recent decades has become a major player within the logistics industry, and it finds itself attracting ever more warehouse development proposals. This was perhaps an inevitability, because of the I-10 Freeway, which runs through it; the major road arterials of Slover, Jurupa and Santa Ana avenues, all of which lead from the east toward Ontario Airport, to say nothing of the

east-west railroad line that traverses it.

Rialto, a blue-collar city of 104,000, has welcomed some warehouses along the way.

Colton, with its 54,000 population, rail lines traversing north south, east and west and even diagonally, as well as its contiguity with both the I-10 and I-215 freeways has made it a natural haven for warehouses.

Warehouse developers and the owners of property to be converted to warehousing can make a quick buck. Consequently, they have proven to be significant donors of money to the campaign war chests of politicians who hold sway over the Inland Empire's cities, as well as the county board of supervisors, which has ultimate land use authority over the unincorporated areas of the county, such as Bloomington. Many of those politicians have done the bidding of those who provide them with this campaign cash, in many cases going along with whatever development proposal is set down before them, including warehouses.

Since 2015, 26 ware-

house projects have been processed and approved by the City of San Bernardino, entailing acreage under roof of 9,598,255 square feet, translating into 220.34 acres or more than one-third of a square mile.

In May, San Bernardino City Councilman Ben Reynoso, in consonance with four of his council colleagues, was able to provide direction to city staff to prepare an urgency ordinance that called for imposing a moratorium on building further warehouses in the city until city officials, with the input of residents, can formulate a set of standards with regard to such facilities, including how much of the city's remaining available space in terms of undeveloped or blighted property should be utilized for warehousing, what requirements should be put on such development such as electrification of the vehicles utilized there and what restrictions should be placed on them, including distance from existing residential or school properties.

California law, however, requires that a moratorium on any spe-

cific type of building can be imposed only if it is passed by a four-fifths vote of a governmental entity's legislative body. In San Bernardino, where the mayor is not empowered to vote, that means six of the seven members of the council had to sign off on the moratorium to meet or exceed the 80 percent passage threshold. Third Ward Councilman Juan Figueroa, a firm and fast political ally of Mayor John Valdivia, was unwilling to support a moratorium because Valdivia is heavily supported by warehouse developers, who have made major donations to Valdivia's political war chest. Valdivia has passed some of that campaign cash along to Figueroa. Likewise, Fourth Ward Councilman Fred Shorett, who has built his political career by professing to be pro-development and has been the recipient of money from the development community, was unwilling to support a moratorium.

Thus, though Reynoso had solid majority support of First Ward Council-

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man Ted Sanchez, Second Ward Councilwoman Sandra Ibarra, Sixth Ward Councilwoman Kimberly Calvin and Seventh Ward Councilman Damon Alexander, he did not have the requisite political muscle to achieve the six council votes – tantamount to 85.71 percent of the council, to impose the warehouse moratorium.

Nevertheless, Reynoso, in league with Sanchez, Ibarra, Calvin and Alexander, will likely be able to block any warehouse development proposals in the county seat that do not embody the standards the five-member coalition deems desirable in such projects.

In neighboring Colton, the city council on May 4 put a 45-day moratorium on further consideration or approval of any warehouse projects not already in the pipeline. That gave city staff until June 18 to study the advisability and long term implication of allowing any remaining fast-depleting undeveloped land in the city to be converted into warehouses, distribution centers or similar uses. When staff by last Friday had not completed its assignment of making findings on whether permitting more warehouse development in the city qualified as a sensible land use strategy and what mitigations should accompany that type of development if it is allowed to occur, the council this week voted to extend the ban on further warehouse/distribution center development for another 10 months and 15 days, such that the moratorium will run through May 3, 2022.

Unfazed by the moratorium are a 960,000-square-foot warehouse that is referred to as the Barton Road Logistics Center, another 882,000-square-foot distribution facility referred to as the Agua Mansa Logistics Center and a more modest warehouse contemplated for South La Cadena Drive. Proponents for those three undertak-

ings began the application process for them before May 4.

In Bloomington, residents there increasingly dismayed over the county's disregard of their protests over the placement of warehouses into their residential neighborhoods and the granting of zone changes and variances required to accomplish this, are gradually becoming more sophisticated and activated in lodging protests and registering their discontent over such government actions, though the money the proponents of warehouse projects put up still rules the day.

In Upland, against overwhelming resident opposition, the city council as it was then composed in April 2020 gave Bridge Development Partners permission to construct for on-line retail behemoth Amazon at the western end of Upland a 201,096-square foot distribution center facility involving 25 dock high loading bays for 18-wheeler trucks, another 32 bays for delivery vans and trucks, along with 1,438 parking spaces around the building. The previous year, Bridge had previewed the project as three buildings comprising 977,000 square feet, but reduced the size of the project while city officials were contemplating the overture. The environmental certification for the project consisted of a mitigated negative declaration rather than a more comprehensive environmental impact report.

A group of residents, under the guise of a group they had formed, Upland Community First, sued the city, alleging a bevy of issues – including conflicting land use considerations, water consumption, air quality, potential contamination, noise, traffic, and biological and cultural resources – were not adequately addressed with the mitigated negative declaration, and they asked that the Superior Court order that the project approval be rescinded and a full-blown environmental impact report be completed for the project before it is again considered by the city.

Judge David Cohn, while finding that the council acted within its legal discretion in making its negative declaration

with regard to the lion's share of issues raised by Upland Community First, ruled in a tentative decision which has yet to be finalized that the negative declaration was flawed in its analysis of the project's air quality impacts, in particular the greenhouse gasses to be emitted from the warehouse operation. Without ordering up the comprehensive environmental impact report that Upland Community First had requested, Judge Cohn's tentative decision called upon the city to do an in-depth study of the greenhouse gas issue and adequately research precisely how many thousands of tons of carbon dioxide and other particulate-bearing emissions would be dispersed in the atmosphere if the facility were to be built and begin operating.

In the meantime, Bridge Development Partners, perhaps disenchanted with Upland and its residents' unwillingness to welcome the Amazon distribution center into their community, has initiated an application with neighboring Rancho Cucamonga to construct on 91.4 acres in that city's southeast corner two warehouse facilities totaling 2,175,000 square feet.

The two buildings, one described as consisting of approximately 1,422,500 square feet of floor area and the other as 752,500 square feet, are to be sited on a single property at 12434 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, bordered by 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the south, which is also the jurisdictional boundary between the City of Rancho Cucamonga and the City of Ontario, and 6<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, and generally located between Etiwanda Avenue to the east and Santa Anita Avenue to the west.

At this point, Bridge, which paid \$191 million for the 91.4-acre Rancho Cucamonga property upon which the retailer Big Lots until early last year operated a warehouse, has not identified the tenant for the proposed 2.175 million-square foot facility in Rancho Cucamonga. In Upland, Bridge has not acquired the property but has arranged to occupy it pursuant to a 50-year lease, with an option to renew for fifty more years beyond that.

Unlike the circumstance in Upland, Rancho Cucamonga officials are requiring a full-dimensional environmental impact report for the warehouse project in their city. As the location of the 2.175-million square foot facility is in an area that is zoned for and already occupied by light and medium-intensity industrial uses, it is anticipated the project will be deemed one that is compatible with its surroundings, and which will not trigger any environmental or other legal challenges. The Upland project is surrounded by existing mining, aviation, commercial, industrial and residential properties. It is widely believed that if it achieves success in bringing the Rancho Cucamonga project to fruition, Bridge will forsake the Upland project. Bridge officials, however, have not confirmed that.

In Fontana on April 20, 2021, the Fontana City Council entrusted to that city's planning commission land use authority with regard to a proposal by Michael Weber and his Irvine-based company, Duke Realty, to consolidate seven parcels into a single parcel of approximately 8.61 acres at the southwest corner of Slover Avenue and Oleander Avenue upon which a proposed 205,949-square foot warehouse was to be built. The planning commission approved that project.

That approval included passage of the project's design review and its tentative parcel map.

Elizabeth Sena, a Fontana resident, appealed that project approval to the Fontana City Council.

According to Sena, the proliferation of warehouses in Fontana generally, and the Weber/Duke Realty warehouse project specifically are contrary to the interests of the Fontana community. In a multitude of political and geographical contexts, according to Sena, there are "racial and ethnic disparities" in terms of those who bear the brunt of the negative consequences of warehouse development. She maintains that elsewhere, as is the case in Fontana, African-Americans, Hispanics and Asians more than the white population have the close proximity of warehouses, including their negative health consequences, imposed upon them by virtue of those onerous uses being located in or proximate to their residential neighborhoods.

With regard to the Weber/Duke Realty warehouse proposal, Sena wrote in her appeal, "This project is planned directly adjacent to Jurupa Hills High School in South Fontana. The pollutants from the persistent truck traffic, along with tire particulates are clearly harmful." She asked how Fontana city officials could

"justify harming our kids and the community? This blatant disregard for the safety of our community smacks of environmental redlining, using a warehouse developer-friendly planning commission and city council. In a recent Fontana City Council meeting, Mayor Warren stated: 'I think we have taken every effort legally to keep people safe.' This study proves that the mayor is wrong."

Mayor Warren and her three allies on the council, John Roberts, Phil Cothran, Jr. and Peter Garcia, were able to sidestep the opposition that Sena raised, and the voices of protest that joined with hers, consisting of Carlos Tinoc, Tina Tinoc, Sunny Renteria, Julian Rambil, Julia Avina, Gabriela Mendez, Brian Culdy, Rosa Culdy, Yolanda Rivera, Jasmine Cunningham, Veronica Perez, Eddie Lopez, Ben Vasquez, Paul Salazar, Debrah Seldon, Cynthia Gonzalez, Alejandra Collazo, Andrew Noriega, Annelie Torres, Rebecca Gonzalez and Jose Valdez

The council, in a 4-to-1 vote, with Warren, Roberts, Cothran and Garcia prevailing and Councilman Jesse Sandoval dissenting, denied the appeal, upholding the planning commission's decision to let Weber/Duke Realty proceed with the project.

*-Mark Gutglueck*

## Postmus A Factor In Sheriff Succession *from page 2*

ing elected office in California.

Postmus was determined to remain politically involved in San Bernardino County, nevertheless, and created a Wyoming-based company, Mountain States Consulting Group, LLC, which he uses to engage in political money laundering for California elected officials, particularly ones in San Bernardino County. Relying on his experience in having been caught, prosecuted and convicted of bribery as well as taking advantage of the lax reporting requirements Wyoming has for limited liability companies based there, Postmus has devised a formula

by which Mountain States Consulting Group takes in money from those with an interest in decisions to be made by elected officials in local government and conveys that money to those elected officials with the proviso that the suppliers of the money will get their projects, licenses, permits, contracts or franchises approved by those elected officials.

Postmus and his associates, including John Dino De Fazio, who has an interest in a licensed marijuana cultivation operation in Needles, are working through Mountain States Consulting Group on behalf of those who have obtained marijuana-related business permits in San Bernardino, Adelanto and Needles to ensure they are not interfered with by any competitors. A comprehensive

business plan Postmus is pursuing includes those entities that have already established a toehold in the San Bernardino County marijuana industry in San Bernardino, Adelanto and Needles to move to the next phase, which involves opening the rest of San Bernardino County up for a set number of commercial marijuana operations, which Mountain States Consulting Group's clients are to be given exclusive licenses and permits to run.

Postmus, through Mountain States Consulting Group, has begun to filter money to Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Curt Hagman, First District Supervisor Paul Cook and Third District Supervisor Dawn Rowe to get them to accept the next step in the process,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20210005012

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Willand's Ranch, 9330 High Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308, Sara Molina, 9330 High Road, Apple Valley, CA 92308

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/Sara Molina  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/11/21

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

Began Transacting Business: 04/12/2021

County Clerk, s/ I1327  
NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code).

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FBN 20210004494 The following entity is doing business as RESILIENT MARTIAL ARTS AND FITNESS 8654 BAY LAUREL STREET CHINO, CAL 91708: EXCELLENT ENGLISH EXPERIENCE, INC. 8654 BAY LAUREL STREET CHINO, CAL 91708 This Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION 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/ GYANGDI LIU This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 4/29/2021 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: APRIL 23, 2021 County Clerk, Deputy I1327 NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 2021 and Corrected on: 06/04/21, 06/11/21, 06/18/21, 06/25/21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LINDA JO DYBERT

CASE NO. PROPS 2100055 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of LINDA JO DYBERT A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by STEVEN D. DYBERT in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that STEVEN D. DYBERT be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S-36P at 9:00 a.m. on JULY 28, 2021 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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T.S. No. 20-20233-SP-CA Title No. 200098701-CA-VOI A.P.N. 1083-201-71-0-000 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/04/2001. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein-after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Mario Juarez and Hilda Juarez, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 09/12/2001 as Instrument No. 20010414009 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of San Bernardino County, CA. Date of Sale: 07/08/2021 at 1:00 PM Place of Sale: At the Main (South) Entrance to the City of Chino Civic Center, 13220 Central Avenue, Chino, CA. 91710 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$275,020.32 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 2838 South Pine Valley Avenue Ontario, CA 91761 A.P.N.: 1083-201-71-0-000 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The require-

ments of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 20-20233-SP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 05/27/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com) By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021, 06/25/2021 CPP 351126

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Anna Lucille Harris Case NO. PROSB2100078 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Anna Lucille Harris A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by George Gill in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that George Gill be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S-37 at 9:00 a.m. on JULY 19, 2021 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Judge Tara Reilly May 24, 2021

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit this Internet Web site [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 19-20943-SP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 06/11/2021 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 855-219-8501; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com) By: Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative 06/18/2021, 06/25/2021, 07/02/2021 CPP351151

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RICHARD SAMUEL BROTZMAN. NO. PROPSB2100048

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of RICHARD SAMUEL BROTZMAN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NORMA BROTZMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NORMA BROTZMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S-37 at 9:00 a.m. on JULY 19, 2021 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

Judge Tara Reilly  
May 24, 2021

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the Petitioner: JOHN G. WURM, ESQ.

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P.O. Box 1875, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352  
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FBN 20210004680

The following entity is doing business as JM ROOFING 3685 N. E STREET #307 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405: JOB MARTINEZ AVALOS 3685 N. E STREET #307 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405

This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL 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/ JOB MARTINEZ AVALOS

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/04/2021

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: 11/25/2020

County Clerk, Deputy C9754

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Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, Deputy I1327 NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 5/14, 5/21, 5/28 & 6/04, 2021

Corrected on 6/18, 6/5, 7/02 & 7/09, 2021.

FBN 20210004683

The following entity is doing business as MI GENERAL CONSTRUCTION 8274 CONCORD AVE FONTANA, CA 92335 MARIANO IRAHETA BAIRES 8274 CONCORD AVE FONTANA, CA 92335

This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL 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/ MARIANO IRAHETA BAIRES

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/04/2021

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: N/A

County Clerk, Deputy I1327 NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 5/14, 5/21, 5/28 & 6/04, 2021

Corrected on 6/18, 6/5, 7/02 & 7/09, 2021.

FBN 20210006164

The following entity is doing business as TAMMY LAMBERTON HILLIARD, LPCC 47 1ST Street, Suite A Redlands, CA 92373 [and] TAMMY LAMBERTON HILLIARD MA, MS LPCC 47 1ST Street, Suite A Redlands, CA 92373: TAMMY LAMBERTON HILLIARD A PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELOR CORPORATION 47 1ST Street, Suite A Redlands, CA 92373

Mailing Address: PO BOX 8278 REDLANDS, CA 92375

This Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION 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/ TAMMY LAMBERTON HILLIARD

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/10/2021

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: 11/25/2020

County Clerk, Deputy C9754

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ERIK H. BERLINER NO. PROPS 2100624

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of ERIK H. BERLINER

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by GAIL SELINGER in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that GAIL SELINGER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. No. S36 at 9 a.m. on JULY 15, 2021 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Filed: May 13, 2021

Attorney for the Petitioner: Jennifer M. Daniel, Esquire

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220 Nordina St. Redlands, CA 92373 Telephone No: (909) 792-9244 Fax No: (909) 235-4733 Email address: [team@lawofficeofjenniferdaniel.com](mailto:team@lawofficeofjenniferdaniel.com) Attorney for Erik H. Berliner

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CIVSB2116266

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Marleina Reylene Fraire filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Leia Rey Panelli to Lola Rey Panelli

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: 08/11/21 Time: 9:00 a.m. Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 W. Third St., San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the The 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: June 11, 2021  
Lynn M. Poncin  
Judge of the Superior Court.

Published in The San Bernardino County Sentinel on 06/25/21, 07/02/21, 07/09/21, 07/16/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO- 20210006656

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Lovely Dental, 130 S. Mountain Ave, Unit G, Upland, CA 91786, Dental Practice of Dr. A.F. Concepcion, 130 S Mountain Ave Unit 6, Upland, CA 91786

Business is Conducted By: A Corporation

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/Anthony F Concepcion

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 06/23/21

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

Began Transacting Business: 05/04/21

County Clerk, s/ I5199

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code). 06/25/21, 07/02/21, 07/09/21, 07/16/21

FBN 20210005115

The following entity is doing business as THEMINEBEAUTICIAN; MELSSHHECRETA; #LOOKFEELSMELLBEAUTIFUL; MDULAYSTOUCH; #DECKEDOUT; #LETSENHANCELETSNOTCHANGE, 13788 ROSWELL AVE., SUITE 136 CHINO HILLS, CA 91709: MELISSA M DULAY 2359 VALLEY VIEW DR. CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 Mailing Address: 625

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2359 VALLEY VIEW DR. CHINO HILLS, CA 91709 This Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL 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/ MELISSA M DULAY This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/13/2021 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: APRIL 15, 2021 County Clerk, Deputy I1327

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14400 et. Seq. Business & Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on 5/21, 5/28, 6/4 & 6/11, 2021 & Corrected on: 06/25/21, 07/02/21, 07/09/21, 07/16/21

ABANDONMENT OF AN FBN 20210004542 The following entity was doing business as GAMESTOP 5196 14190 BEAR VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C VICTORVILLE, CA 92392: GAMESTOP, INC 625 WESTPORT PARKWAY GRAPEVINE, TEXAS 76051 State of Incorporation: MN Reg. No.: C1969245 Mailing Address: 625 WESTPORT PARKWAY GRAPEVINE, TX 76051 This Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION Date of Current Filing: 11/16/20 Former FBN#: FBN20200010537 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/ GEORGE E. SHERMAN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/29/2021 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: 06/11/2005 County Clerk, Deputy I6733

NOTICE- This fictitious business name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021, 06/25/2021 CN-BB2220101MT

FBN 20210005256

The following person is doing business as: PNT AUTOBODY SHOP 633 W STATE ST STE A ONTARIO, CA 91762 ( COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO ); PRINT N THINGS, INC. 633 W STATE ST STE A ONTARIO, CA 91762 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ FELIPE M. POZOS, PRESIDENT Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By/Deputy Notice- This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021, 06/25/2021 CN-BB2220102MT

FBN 20210005601

The following person is doing business as: HAIR SECRET 182 N 2ND AVE UPLAND, CA 91786 ( COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO ); HAIR SECRET ACADEMY, CORP 182 N 2ND AVE UPLAND, CA 91786 The 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

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WESTPORT PARKWAY, ATTN: Business License Dept., GRAPEVINE, TX 76051 Date of Current Filing: 11/16/2020 Previous FBN#: FBN20200010522 This Business is Conducted By: A CORPORATION 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/ GEORGE E. SHERMAN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 04/29/2021 I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. Began Transacting Business: 05/10/2007 County Clerk, Deputy C9754

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FBN 20210005257

The following person is doing business as: PNT AUTOBODY SHOP 633 W STATE ST STE A ONTARIO, CA 91762 ( COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO ); PRINT N THINGS, INC. 633 W STATE ST STE A ONTARIO, CA 91762 The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ FELIPE M. POZOS, PRESIDENT Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By/Deputy Notice- This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021, 06/25/2021 CN-BB2220101MT

FBN 20210005256

The following person is doing business as: KAREN'S CAR CLEARING 17096 SEQUOIA ST UNIT 101 HESPERIA, CA 92345 ( COUNTY OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS SAN BERNARDINO ); MAILING ADDRESS 16333 GREENTREE BLVD #131 VICTORVILLE, CA 92393; CIAM LLC 17096 SEQUOIA ST #101 HESPERIA, CA 92345 The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ MARK VALDEZ, SECRETARY Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 05/18/2021 I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By/Deputy Notice- This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14400 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel 06/04/2021, 06/11/2021, 06/18/2021, 06/25/2021 CN-BB2220102MT

FBN 20210005601

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## Wide Open Field For Sheriff McMahon's Replacement

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which is intended to confer a monopoly, or a near monopoly, on those who have established cannabis-related operations in San Bernardino and Adelanto through bribery, as well as on De Fazio and his associates, in the areas of the county where commercial marijuana activity is now prohibited but will later be permitted. Toward an even more lucrative goal, Postmus has formulated a timetable that would have the county move to allowing commercial cannabis within the unincorporated areas of the county, roughly 94 percent of its overall 20,105-square mile jurisdiction by 2022. The estimated half of a billion dollar initial revenue stream this would create would be spread around to the decision-makers to be brought in on the deal, such that Hagman, Cook and Rowe would be guaranteed no less than \$1 million each, along with the governmental and political support network that exists around them, including several of their supervisory staff members to include their chiefs of staff, who in any event serve in key positions on the supervisors' campaign teams. In this way, Postmus and the marijuana cartel he is now representing are prepared to apply "political grease," consisting of more than \$10 million, to the governmental and political players in the county as necessary to establish a monopoly, or near monopoly, for the cartel.

Over the last several years, literally hundreds of bootleg marijuana producers – that is, individuals who have not obtained permits or licenses to operate nor otherwise registered their operations with the state or county government – have set up marijuana farms in the more remote areas of the county, such as in the mountains but particularly in the vast reaches of the Mojave Desert. Beginning in January 2021, the sheriff's department began a concerted effort to, in the words of Sheriff McMahon, "take down" those illicit operations. Since January, the sher-

iff's marijuana eradication team has busted dozens of such operations and uprooted and destroyed nearly 100,000 marijuana plants. Inadvertently, those operations have benefited those permitted and licensed operations in San Bernardino, Adelanto and Needles, as the destruction of the crops at the unpermitted farms decreases the supply of marijuana generally available in the region, allowing the licensed or permitted operations to sell their product at a premium price, making those operations much more profitable. This has left the owners of those operations in a position to continue to kick a substantial amount of money back to the San Bernardino city, Adelanto and Needles politicians who approved their existing operations, and make donations to San Bernardino County elected officials whose support will be needed to expand their operations into new territory within the county.

In setting the county's budget for 2021-2022, the board of supervisors earmarked \$10.4 million to deal with nettlesome land use and code enforcement issues in the county's unincorporated areas, the most significant of which consist of unlicensed marijuana farms.

The supervisors' commitment to fund more sheriff's department efforts against unlicensed marijuana cultivators served as a signal to Postmus that county officials are agreeable to the timetable he has worked out with Hagman and County Chief Executive Officer Leonard Hernandez to provide the marijuana-related business operations that are Mountain States' clients with the limited number of permits the county will issue when it undertakes to legalize marijuana-related commercial activity less than two years hence. The arrangements Postmus is pursuing in getting his clients permits to operate at the county level will ultimately give those entities an inside track in establishing cannabis-related businesses in the 18,899-square mile expanse of the county's unincorporated territory. Moreover, that groundwork will give the cartel

Postmus represents an advantage in obtaining marijuana cultivation and cannabis-related product commercial entitlements in the eleven other county municipalities besides Adelanto, Hesperia and Needles where the sheriff's department fills the role of police department, Postmus believes, those being Chino Hills, Rancho Cucamonga, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, Highland, Big Bear Lake, Yucaipa, Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Apple Valley and Victorville.

The timing of the sheriff's department's stepped-up operations against illicit marijuana cultivation operations in the desert, corresponding as it did with Postmus's efforts on behalf of the cartel that has established itself in San Bernardino, Adelanto and Needles, was interpreted as a sign that McMahon was on board, along with Hagman, Cook, Rowe, Supervisor Janice Rutherford, Supervisor Joe Baca, Jr., County Executive Officer Hernandez, County Chief Financial Officer Matthew Erickson, County Counsel Michelle Blake-more and Chief Assistant County Counsel Penny Alexander-Kelley, in allowing the cartel that has retained Postmus to achieve its marijuana cultivation and cannabis-product related monopoly.

Sources close to McMahon, however, have told the *Sentinel* that he had been completely unaware of the money laundering activity Postmus was engaged in involving members of the board of supervisors until earlier this month. Upon being sallied with questions about his own motivation and why he was assisting Postmus in his strategy, which included suggestions that the motive behind the department's action might have included better positioning the cartel represented by Postmus to increase its current profitability and equip itself to widen the range of those being politically greased to include himself and members of his department, McMahon grew angry. After McMahon detailed detectives attached to the sheriff's department's executive command to look into the matter and determine the grounds for

the accusations he was confronted with, the investigators' findings confirmed that in fact Postmus has begun so-called "fundraising" efforts on behalf of Hagman, Cook and Rowe, money which is tantamount to payoffs for their going along with the move to legalize commercial marijuana activity in the county's unincorporated areas. A key element of that strategy was to use the sheriff's department's eradication efforts and the seemingly endless proliferation of illicit activity the department is encountering even in the face of that aggressive program to make a case that cracking down on marijuana production in the desert and elsewhere is futile, and that the most sensible approach is to create a system under which massive marijuana production is permitted and taxed, thereby creating a regulated market and a revenue stream for the government. Part and parcel of that strategy is that the permits that will ultimately be issued by the county government will go primarily to those businesses which have retained Postmus/Mountain States Consulting Group to ensure that the county government decision-makers are kicked back to.

McMahon was "appalled" to learn that Hagman, Cook and Rowe, whom he had previously considered to be on the up-and-up, were on the take. Concerned that his reputation as a law enforcement officer would be ruined through his and his department's association with what is ongoing, McMahon abruptly elected to tender his resignation as sheriff.

Now taking place is an examination of the senior members of the sheriff's department or other individuals with sufficient law enforcement credentials outside of the department who meet the San Bernardino County residency requirements to be eligible to be appointed to the sheriff's post who are willing to play ball with Postmus and the majority of the board of supervisors looking toward accepting marijuana use as the "wave of the future," which, if properly orchestrated, means a fortune can be had by not only those now occupying

San Bernardino County's seats of power, but the retinue of political and governmental operatives surrounding them.

While on most handicap sheets, Undersheriff Dicus appears to be the favorite in the field of potential candidates to succeed McMahon, his straightforward approach to police work and traditionalist values may leave him disinclined to go along with Postmus's plan. The longer list of contenders includes more than Dicus and assistant sheriffs Wickum and Boatwright, as Deputy Chief Sam Fisk, Deputy Chief Robert O'Brine, Deputy Chief Sarkis Ohannessian, Deputy Chief Rick Bessinger and Deputy Chief Trevis Newport are in the running, as is Captain John Ades, who currently oversees the sheriff's department's bureau of administration.

Newport, who began with the department in 1999, has made a meteoric rise since 2013, when he was serving as a sergeant in Needles. He subsequently promoted to lieutenant and in that capacity led the homicide detail that investigated and solved the 2014 Erin Corwin murder case. After a stint within the department's bureau of administration in 2017, Newport made captain in January 2018, and then served as the commander of the Morongo Basin Sheriff's Station. His time in Needles, while that city became the first jurisdiction in San Bernardino County to allow medical marijuana sales to take place, is considered a positive attribute by Postmus and his crowd.

Others mentioned include Sheriff's Captain Jeremy Martinez, who oversees the sheriff's department's operations in Adelanto, and those members of the department who preceded Martinez as station commander in Adelanto over the last six years. The sheriff's department serves as the contract law enforcement service provider for Adelanto, which in essence makes the Adelanto Sheriff's Station the Adelanto Police Department, the deputies serving there Adelanto police officers, and Martinez the Adelanto police chief. Since 2015, the Adelanto Police

Department has peacefully coexisted with the political leadership in Adelanto, even as several of the owners of the companies that have successfully established marijuana and cannabis-related operations in that city did so through graft and bribery of the city's elected officials. It was not the sheriff's department that felled Councilman Wright nor which undertook the hard-hitting investigations of Mayor Kerr, Councilman Woodard or Economic Development Director/City Manager Flores, but rather the FBI.

Personages outside the department considered potential candidates to replace McMahon include Upland Police Chief Darren Goodman and former San Bernardino County Marshal Keith Bushey.

Goodman left the sheriff's department in 2018, while he was serving in the capacity of captain overseeing the Chino Hills Sheriff's Station, to become Upland police chief. Goodman possesses a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California at Los Angeles and a doctorate from USC's Rossier School of Education. As recently as last year, however, Goodman was not a resident of San Bernardino County, living at that time in Riverside County.

Bushey was commander with the Los Angeles Police Department before he accepted the marshal's position in San Bernardino County, which in 1999 was absorbed into the sheriff's department when the board of supervisor's merged the marshal's office with the sheriff's department. Bushey served as a deputy chief in the sheriff's department for six years before retiring in 2005. In 2009, when Penrod resigned, and in 2012, when Hoops resigned, there were multiple advocates for Bushey's appointment as sheriff. He contemplated but ultimately did not seek election as sheriff in 2010 and 2014.

Goodman's and Bushey's position with regard to licensing/permitting/facilitating the availability of marijuana in the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County are unknown.