

## Rats With Bubonic Plague-Bearing Fleas In North Upland?

Lackadaisical and inconsistent trash pick-up in neighborhoods of northern Upland has resulted in the proliferation of rats, which are reportedly beset with bubonic plague-bearing fleas.

City officials are loath to acknowledge the depth of the rat problem where it exists within certain city quarters because of the city's image as a prestigious bedroom community, the northern half of which is consid-

ered to be one of San Bernardino County's four most affluent areas.

At the basis of the rapidly deepening morass is the inconsistency on the part of the city's franchised trash hauler to engage in uniform refuse removal on a timely basis throughout the 15.62-square mile, 78,562-population city. Burrtec Industries has held the city's trash-hauling franchise since 2001 under a ten-year

automatic rollover arrangement. While the company has provided and continues to provide adequate service to keep most of its customers and the city's decision-makers in the form of the city council satisfied enough to have maintained that citywide franchise contract over-all for more than two decades, possibly because of underperformance by a handful of its trash truck operators, the gar-

bagemen who collect the city's trash, recyclables and greenwaste on a weekly basis, at certain points within the city garbage has remained in place for weeks and on occasion months at a time.

Rather inexplicably, the locations where this neglect has been most common is on the city's north side, in neighborhoods where the average household or individual annual income dwarfs

that of the more modest neighborhoods on the southern end of the city.

Exacerbating the problem are triple factors that include the discretion Burrtec has given its drivers/garbagemen as to how they are to carry out their assignments, the limited direct contact city residents were permitted with the company's mid-level employees/supervisors and the incorporation of alleyways **See P 2**

## Forsaking Salary Reductions To Balance Budget, Yucaipa Officials Propose Sales Tax

Rejecting Councilman Chris Venable's previous call to first examine a strategy of reducing city staff salaries to overcome Yucaipa's growing institutional budget deficit, the Yucaipa City Council voted on Monday June 24 to instead ask the voters in the 55,008 population city to consider a one-cent sales tax override in November to redress the

disparity between the municipalities revenues and expenditures.

In May, Yucaipa Finance Director Phil White, in previewing the city's 2024-25 budget, which covers income and outgo from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, said he anticipated that there would be a total of \$40.1 million expended from the city's general fund in the upcoming

year and that approximately \$35.7 million in revenue would come into the city from all sources. That immediately apparent \$4.4 million deficit would be compounded by the consideration that within the general fund's public safety subfund, the city would suffer a \$2.9 million shortfall in covering its \$7.4 contract for the provision of fire protection and

paramedic operations with the California Division of Forestry and Fire Protection, known by its acronym CalFire, which serves as the city's contract fire department. The city will have just \$4.5 million in its fire fund for 2024-25. To cover the \$2.9 million needed to shore up safety operations and the \$4.4 million to fill the gap with regard to basic

municipal operations, the city will, White said, utilize \$7.3 million from its reserves, which were accumulated over the course of the city's 35-year history since its 1989 founding. In addition, according to White, the city engaged in \$2 million of deficit spending during the now nearly completed 2023-24 fiscal year.

"We are at a **See P 3**

## 25 Recognized By Sheriff For Exceptional & Meritorious Service

On June 27, 2024, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department recognized 13 current law enforcement officers and a former one, a dispatcher, a physician, four firemen and four citizens for their extraordinary efforts during emergency and extreme circumstances in 2023 and 2023.

The Sheriff's Excep-

tional Service Awards, signed off on by Sheriff Shannon Dicus, were provided to the 25 individuals during a ceremony in Highland on Thursday by Assistant Sheriff Rick Bessinger. An unanticipated circumstance involving a member of Sheriff Dicus's family prevented him from making the presentations himself. **See P 3**

## 4 Of 5 Teen Joyriders Spotted By RC Deputies In Car Stolen From Fontana Streak To Their Deaths In Upland

Four of five youthful miscreants between the ages of 13 and 18 who started the evening of June 27 with a drunken joy ride involving a stolen 2018 Hyundai ended up dead in Upland when the driver of the car fled from a sheriff's deputy on patrol in Rancho Cucamonga and slammed into another vehicle while traveling at a high

rate of speed early this morning.

A fifth youth, the youngest of those in the car, survived but is hospitalized in severe but stable condition. His survival is anticipated and he may be able to shed some light on what transpired.

It is unknown how the ill-fated misdoers were able to defeat the security

mechanism on the black 2018 Hyundai when it was seized in Fontana. One of the car's occupants had a firearm in his possession, leading to speculation that the vehicle may have been taken at gunpoint, such that the now deceased driver had the short-lived and now unfortunate advantage of having the car's key.

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## Redlands Officials Downplay Concern Street Abandonment Will Entail Future Problems

Redlands city officials insist there will be no harm to the public's current or future interests with the city's vacation of an unimproved span of road right-of-way along Mecca Street approximately 400 feet south of Outer Highway 10 and 150 east of Gold Hill Lane.

That land, what city officials referred to as "an excess portion" of

"unimproved...street right-of-way that is 30 feet in width and approximately 298 feet in length," totals roughly 8,941 square-feet located approximately 150 east of Gold Hill Lane and south of 31119 Outer Highway 10. It is to be used by the landowner of the adjacent property to whom it is being relinquished "increase the buildable area of

the adjacent lots, which may allow for future improvements or development of the properties," according to planning staff report provided to the planning commission prior to its meeting on April 9 when it considered and ultimately signed off on the request for the property vacation.

The proposal to finalize the vacation of the

property is to be considered by the Redlands City Council at its July 2 meeting.

There has been some agitation within the Redlands community over the proposal on a number of grounds, some of which are baseless, according to at least some city officials.

Foremost among the objections raised are that the applicant for, and

therefore prime mover toward, the abandonment was not the city but Jadeland Developments, which is to receive unfettered access to the land; that Jadeland Developments is not registered with either the State of California or the County of San Bernardino as a company, partnership, limited liability entity or corporation; the lack of clarity as **See P 3**

## Forest Ecology Advocates Sue USFS Over Continued Arrowhead H<sub>2</sub>O Diversions

Three years after the California State Water Resources Control Board issued a tentative order to BlueTriton brands to discontinue diverting water from Strawberry Canyon at 5,200-foot to 5,600-foot elevation in the San Bernardino Mountains for use in its Arrowhead Spring Water bottling operation and nine months after that order was finalized, the Save Our Forest Association has sued the US Forest Service in an effort to force it to prevent the company from drafting any water from that mountain source.

Water originating in the San Bernardino Mountains and using the Arrowhead brand in one form or another had been marketed at least since 1909. Questions have long existed, however, as to whether the water rights originally claimed, attributed or granted to Arrowhead Puritas, the corporate predecessor to Arrowhead Spring Water, pertain to the current source of the water drawn at the 5,200-foot elevation level from Strawberry Creek in what is known as Strawberry Canyon rather than water drawn farther down the mountain at around the 2,000-foot above sea level. In 1929, the California Consolidated Waters Company was formed to merge three Los Angeles-based companies that bottled and distributed "Arrowhead Water," "Puritas Water" and "Liquid Steam." The property, bottling operations, wa- **See P 2**

## Bubonic Plague-Related Rats In Upland? *from front page*

into the layout of Upland's oldest neighborhoods. Burrtec's drivers exercise autonomy as to whether they can retrieve and dispose of all of the trash along their daily routes which are repeated on a weekly basis or whether they can, because of time constraints, leave trash in place to be picked up the following week or even at a later date. For more than 20 years, the city rather than the company carried out the billing and customer service function relating to trash hauling in Upland, a circumstance which has recently changed amid much confusion and which has not yet given residents a clear pathway to communicate with Burrtec corporate officers to have them override the refusal of some drivers/garbage men to haul away trash in the city's most problematic

areas. Upland, which is the fifth oldest of San Bernardino County's 24 municipalities, having come into existence as an incorporated entity in the first decade of the Twentieth Century in 1906, for much of its existence included alleys running behind the city's rows of homes, eliminating, in many cases, the need for driveways or curb cuts in front of the homes. Thus, many though not all homes in Upland were built with their garages accessed from the alleys, which provided the added benefit of enhancing visible aesthetics by allowing the homeowners to store garbage cans at the back of the property, making the fronts of those homes more presentable. This further provided for having trash removal to take place, for the most part, in the alleyways. This represented, under normal conditions, another benefit of improving sanitation by keeping trash in an area removed from the homes' living

quarters.

In those cases where trash pick-up has been neglected for weeks on end, however, that lack of visibility has resulted in creating areas out of sight and out of mind where the lack of hygienics has caused the circumstance involving vermin to fester.

In one case about which the *Sentinel* has a full range of detail, a house in Upland within a route where the average household income stands at \$100,970 and the average home price is \$1,144,487.48 has an alley feature from which it and two adjacent residential properties are provided with garage access and an area at the back of those properties where their trash, recycling and green-waste bins are staged on the normal pick-up day of Wednesday. On 32 of the 78 pick-up days since the beginning of January 2023, Burrtec has failed to pick up the garbage at that address. The recycling and gre-

enwaste service at that address has been far more consistent, though not entirely so. The trash generated at that address has been relatively modest, running, on average, to roughly a half of a bin or thereabouts per week. On occasion, trash pick-up at that address was neglected for more than two weeks. This week, after Burrtec had failed for the fourth week to collect the trash at that address, the residents placed in the alleyway on Wednesday June 26 the full standard black trash bin supplied by Burrtec and another full commercially-purchased similarly sized "Toter" brand bin with a dark olive green body and black lid. The Burrtec driver picked up neither bin. Trash pick-up at that residence had not taken place at all in June 2024.

The *Sentinel's* efforts to determine why the trash from address was not being picked up were unsuccessful. The *Sentinel* phoned City Hall to

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day to inquire about the sanitation issues relating to the lack of trash pick-up at various locations in the city, including the manifestation of a now-persistent rat population in the city's alleyways. There were no personnel available to field the call at City Hall.

Rats, believed to be the Norway variety, have been observed in multiple multiple locations within north Upland's alley system. A dead rat was collected, closely

photographed, placed in a sealed plastic container and sent to a laboratory for analysis. Photos appeared to show fleas similar in appearance to *Xenopsylla cheopis*, the Oriental rat flea on the rat.

Bubonic plague is mainly spread by infected fleas from small animals, most notably rats. Bubonic plague, however, is not the only form of plague. The other two types of plague, likewise

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## Presuming Upon Water Rights That Didn't Exist, Arrowhead Bottling Company Has Diverted Water Out Of The San Bernardino National Forest For Over A Century *from front page*

ter distribution and administration of Arrowhead Springs Company, Puritas of California Consumers Company and the water bottling division of Merchants Ice and Storage were all administered by California Consolidated Waters Company. In August 1930, California Consolidated Waters, on the basis of a single pipeline permit that was not based on any water rights and without having obtained a diversion permit or any further valid authorization or rights, started diverting spring water from a single "bedrock crevice" spring in the San Bernardino National Forest along Strawberry Creek at an elevation of 5,600 feet. Subsequently, in 1933 and 1934, the company put in place tunnels, ultimately accompanied by holes and horizontal wells at or near the head-

waters of Strawberry Creek in Strawberry Canyon. Strawberry Creek was noted in maps and springs studies prior to the diversion which was fed by abundant flowing headwaters springs. The Arrowhead Water Bottling Company, under various names and corporate configurations, including divisions of Standard Oil of California and Rheem Manufacturing, continued to operate, drawing water from Strawberry Canyon throughout the 20th Century. In 1969, the Arrowhead Water Bottling Company was acquired by the Coca Cola Bottling Company of Los Angeles and in 1978, Chicago-based Northwest Industries acquired Arrowhead Puritas when it bought Coca Cola Bottling of Los Angeles. In 1982, Northwest Industries unloaded

Coca-Cola Bottling of Los Angeles to Beatrice Foods. BCI subsequently acquired Beatrice in a leveraged buyout. While under BCI's control, the U.S. Forest Service-issued Arrowhead Puritas water drafting permit in Strawberry Canyon expired, and the BCI-Arrowhead Drinking Water Company applied to extend the permit. In 1987, while that application was still pending, Perrier purchased the BCI-Arrowhead Drinking Water Company. The then-pending water extraction permit renewal required a U.S. Forest Service review of the water drafting arrangement and its environmental/ecological impact, which the U.S. Forest Service then did not have the immediately available resources to carry out. In a gesture of compromise, Perrier was allowed, pending the eventual Forest Service review, to continue to operate in Strawberry Canyon by simply continuing to pay the \$524-per year fee to perpetuate the water extraction

under the terms of the expired permit. In 1992, when Nestlé acquired the Arrowhead brand from Perrier, it inherited the Strawberry Canyon operation and continued to pay the \$524 annual fee without renewing the permit, which at that time existed under the name of the "Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water Co.," one that was never listed legally in corporate filings, but which operated under Nestlé Waters of North America, Inc. until it was acquired by BlueTriton Brands. Nestlé's intensive water-drafting activity, which has long been decried by environmentalists, came under increasing fire as a statewide drought, which lasted for more than five years after it first manifested in 2011, advanced.

In 2015, environmental groups were gearing up to file a lawsuit claiming the U.S. Forest Service had violated protocols and harmed the ecology of the mountain by allowing Nestlé Waters North America to continue its opera-

tions in Strawberry Canyon for 28 years after its permit expired. At that point, the Forest Service moved to make an environmental review. In the meantime, Nestlé continued its water extraction, pumping an average of 62.56 million gallons of water annually from the San Bernardino Mountains.

Among those was the Save Our Forest Association, Inc., which began writing to the US Forest Service protesting Nestlé's use of the expired special use permit to divert the water from Strawberry Canyon, below Rimforest, to its water bottling plants. The United States Forest Service never responded to multiple requests

for a meeting to discuss and review the environmental impacts of this long standing spring water diversion from our San Bernardino National Forest.

In April 2016, the United States Forest Service held a public scoping meeting, at which it proposed a 5-year National Environmen-

tal Policy Act Study to determine the possible impacts of the water diversions. The Save Our Forest Association objected to this plan and recommended a no action alternative in the National Environmental Policy Act study with no further water diversion for bottling and spring water capture at the bottom of the canyon with monitoring to determine if any excess water flow existed.

Environmentalists lodged protests with the water rights division of the California Water Resources Control Board, alleging Nestlé was diverting water without rights, making unreasonable use of the water it was taking, failing to monitor the amount drawn or make an accurate accounting of the water it was taking, and wreaking environmental damage by its action. Following a two-year investigation, state officials arrived at a tentative determination that Nestlé could continue to divert up to 26 acre-feet

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## Amidst His Colleagues' Blanket Acceptance Of A Tax Increase As The Panacea For Yucaipa's Deficit Spending, Venable Suggested Staff Salary Reductions *from front page*

financial crossroads as it relates to the services we provide," White said at the May 13 meeting. "It's no surprise that we are in a deficit budget position. While that's okay for us right now, it's not sustainable to operate into perpetuity at a deficit position."

At the May 13 meeting, White floated the concept of raising or increasing existing taxes

in the 27.89-square mile city as an alternative to undertaking a reduction of municipal services provided to Yucaipa residents. The only other option he mentioned was continuing with the pattern of deficit spending while he pointedly avoided mention of seeking substantial salary reductions from the city's 84 full-time or lesser pay reductions from the

city's 182 part-time employees as a means of balancing the city's budget.

At the June 10 Yucaipa City Council meeting,



Phil White

the council was scheduled to consider and did indeed vote upon and

pass the city budget, the anticipated revenue reception and spending plan as formulated by both City Manager Chris Mann and white with the input of the city's various department heads and assistant department heads as well as White's and Mann's senior assistants.

Before that vote took place however, in discussing the city's financial situation and what could be done to map the city government out of its present mode of operation by which it is living beyond its means and

spending more money on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis than it is bringing in during a corresponding amount of time, Councilman Chris Venable sought to broaden the conversation to considering either reducing city employee salaries and benefits, which represent the major cost of running the city, or if not reducing those expenditures, holding them at current levels rather than increasing them through raises this year and into the future.

Venable is one of the city council's three

members who are employed in or function as self-employed members of the private sector, the other two being Councilman Bobby Duncan, who is a real estate agent, and Matt Garner, who runs a construction supply company. The two other members of the city council, Mayor Justin Beaver and Councilman Jon Thorp are public employees.

Venable's effort did not fare well. Garner was not present at the meeting, thus reducing the public sector to pri-

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## Deputies, Officers, Firemen, Support Staff & Citizens Recognized For Their Valor *from front page*

The awards honored those who distinguished themselves through exceptional intensity in performing their jobs or in confronting a challenging situation, bravery, and heroism beyond normal expectations. "Each recipi-

ent made a significant impact on our community," said Sheriff Dicus.

The event showcased inspiring stories of service and highlighted individual and team achievements. "Recipients risked their safety to save lives," according to a sheriff's department statement. "Some recipients rescued people trapped in fully engulfed homes and others aided severely injured hikers and individuals

from traffic collisions. One community member intervened to stop an armed suspect. Additionally, a group received recognition for their efforts in saving Deputy Marcus Mason's life, who was wounded in the line of duty during a 2022 traffic stop in Rancho Cucamonga."

Sheriff Dicus said, "I couldn't be more proud of the heroes we honored from our department and the commu-

nity. Putting yourself in harms way to save another is what make these heroes exceptional." Sheriff's Deputy Ernesto Madrigal was provided with the Medal of Valor.

Deputy Jacob Delano received the Medal of Valor. Deputy Kevin Konior earned the Medal of Valor.

Deputy Larry Torres was recognized with the Medal of Valor. Deputy Jeremy Deruiter was presented with the Medal of Valor

Captain Ross Tarangle was awarded the Medal of Valor. Deputy Chris Henry won the Medal of Valor. Detective Shauna Ables merited the Medal of Valor. Deputy Brandon Narcisse attained the Medal of Valor. Deputy David Johnson rated the Medal of Valor. Detective Eric Rebolgar Medal of Valor. Deputy Casey Allen was given the Medal of Valor. Dispatcher II Heather

Lassiter was lauded for her meritorious service. Battalion Chief Chad Comeau was recognized for his meritorious service. Firefighter Alex Wherry garnered the Meritorious Service Medal. Firefighter Cary Mitchell was a Medal of Valor recipient. Firefighter Adam Salverson was bestowed with a Medal of Valor. Ontario PD Pilot Derrick Alatorre was recognized for meritorious service.

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## Joyride & Pursuit Bring Death To Four *from front page*

limited descriptions available, it appears the driver was severely intoxicated. After leaving Fontana, the car and its occupants traveled west where at 1:48 a.m. two San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies on patrol in Rancho Cucamonga spotted the vehicle, which was being driven erratically.

The sheriff's department serves as the contract law enforcement agency, i.e., the police department, in the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

At 1:50 a.m., the sheriff's patrol car was positioned vehicle behind the Hyundai near the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Archibald Avenue and its lights and siren were activated. At that point the driver of the Hyundai sedan went into flight mode, achieving a high rate of

speed, which the pursuing deputy at the wheel prudently did not match. The Hyundai temporarily disappeared from the pursuing deputy's field of vision.

A call for assistance summoned another patrol car as well as the Ontario Police Department's helicopter, which in short order located the fleeing vehicle. Within four minutes, the Hyundai was westbound on Baseline Road headed into Upland.

In Upland Baseline is identified as 16th Street.

With two sheriff's vehicles in pursuit, the Hyundai streaked past the cross streets of Campus Avenue and Euclid Avenue and had achieved an estimated speed approaching 120 miles an hour when it passed San Antonio Avenue.

At 16th Street and Mountain Avenue it slammed into a white 2010 Ford Mustang, careening from there at what was yet an esti-

mated 60 to 70 miles an hour into an electrical pole, at which point the Hyundai exploded into fire and split into three sections, ejecting all five occupants.

At least three of those in the car died upon impact or shortly after at the scene of the wreck. The fourth died a short time later.

One passenger, who was thrown entirely clear and may have landed on a grass parkway, survived. His age was

given as 13.

One of the dead was identified as Jesus Guillen, 16 of Fontana.

The Upland police department is handling the crash investigation.

The two occupants of the Mustang, described as a 35-year-old male and 21-year-old female from Ontario, were shaken up but not severely injured in the crash. They were examined at a hospital as a precaution, authorities said.

## Redlands Officials Are Accommodating Unregistered Development Company In Its Request That The City Vacate And Deed To It An Unused Street On City's East Side, Apparently To Assist In Future Project *from front page*

to the status of and the ownership of the land in question, particularly as to whether the city is simply relinquishing an easement or is actually divesting itself of property it owns outright; and that the property is being handed off for no consideration.

Redlands Development Services Director Brian DeSatnik stated or suggested to the *Sentinel* that the city does not own the 8,941 square-foot of property, equal to more than one-fifth of an acre, but was merely granted an easement to allow it to be used as a street or

roadway. DeSatnik indicated that Jadeland Developments owned the property in fee.

Nevertheless, the staff report for next Tuesday's city council meeting, prepared by Redlands Principal Planner Sean Reilly, states, "This portion of right-of-way was dedicated to the County of San Bernardino in 1973 and accepted by the County in 1990 prior to the annexation of the area. However, no improvements were ever

made and there is no evidence that it has ever been used for public access."

Jadeland Developments, in making an application to have the city abandon the property to it, has indicated that it will undertake to develop the property it is to gain in this fashion in conjunction with the development of adjoining land it already owns. This being the case, some city residents have expressed concern that a future

need to pave and widen Mecca Street, which has remained unimproved for at least 51 years, will manifest. With the city having abandoned the property or easement, as the case may be, and Jadeland having developed the property, however, carrying out such a widening will prove problematic or impossible, those residents have warned. Those residents expressed befuddlement as to why the city at this point would do some-

thing that will hamstring future city officials.

Moreover, those residents have asked why the city is simply abandoning the property to Jadeland Developments for no consideration and whether doing so would not be an illegal gift of public funds.

The staff report for next week's meeting states, "The applicant is requesting to vacate the right-of-way to increase the buildable area of

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## Rats And Their Fleas Have Played A Part In Historic Bubonic Plague Outbreaks From The 500s Into The Middle Ages To The Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century *from page 2*

conveyed to humans through fleas are septicemic plague and pneumonic plague.

The first recorded Bubonic pandemic, referred to as the Plague of Justinian, lasted from 541 AD to 549 AD, killing at least 15 million people. Recurrences of the outbreak lasted nearly 200 years, until the approximate middle of the Eighth Century, killing 35 million to 50 million people. It impacted both the Sasanian Empire and the rival Eastern Roman Empire, also known as the Byzantine Empire. The Byzantine Emperor, Justinian I was infected, but survived. As a consequence of that plague, Justinian I built multiple hospitals for the poor as well as public baths.

The second bubonic pandemic came during the late Middle Ages, originating in Asia in the 1330s and lasting in potency in Europe for the six years between 1346 to 1352, known variously as the Black Death, the Great Dying or the Great Pestilence, it carried with it a mortality rate of somewhere between 70 percent to 80 percent of those infected, killing an estimated 50 million in Europe alone.

The third plague initiated in the mid-nineteenth century, most likely in Yunnan

Province in China, and spread through port cities throughout the world, lasting into the Twentieth Century, with outbreaks in Chinatown in San Francisco from 1900 to 1904, Oakland and the East Bay from 1907 to 1909, with a last major outbreak in Los Angeles in 1924.

That the ground is being laid for an outbreak locally, in a place such as Upland, is disturbing to some people.

The circumstance does represent some difficulty for local officials whose oversight of the City of Upland and the entity charged with local vector control, the West Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District, give them the responsibility of maintaining minimal standards with regard to refuse handling and reducing or eliminating the presence of rats and other health threats in Upland and the authority to do something about it.

Ontario Mayor Paul Leon, the president of the board of trustees for the West Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District said, "I have zero knowledge of" the reports relating to the bubonic plague bearing rats in Upland. Upland Councilman Carlos Garcia, who is a member of the board of trustees for the West Valley Mos-

quito & Vector Control District and might be better situated to get a rundown of what the circumstances are in Upland, was unavailable through his office at City Hall this week. Similarly, Upland City Councilman James Breitling, who has previously been willing to acknowledge a serious problem with cockroaches in the Upland sewer and storm-water drainage systems, was unavailable at City Hall yesterday and early today.

Brian Reisinger, the West Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District's community outreach coordinator, said he had checked the district's files going back to 2018 and could find no confirmed documentation or indication of the presence of rats in Upland.

"I don't see anything for Upland at all," Reisinger said.

Reisinger did say that locally, within the bailiwick for the West Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District, which is headquartered in Ontario and has jurisdiction extending to cover Chino Hills, Chino, Ontario, Montclair, Upland and Rancho Cucamonga, the recurrent problem with rodents extends to "roof rats, Norway rats and house mice." He said that Norway rats are distinguished from most other types of rats by their size. "They're a little bit larger, typically with heavier bodies," he

said.

Going back 20, 30, 40 and even 50 years, Ontario, particularly north Ontario, had a major issue with rats, both Norway rats and roof rats. A huge colony of rats had established itself in the basement and underground facilities beneath Chaffey High School. In the residential neighborhood around Chaffey High, on both sides of Euclid Avenue, roof rats predominated.

Reflective of the current situation in Upland, Ontario's vector problem was most pronounced in that section of the city considered to be the haven for its most affluent residents. Ontario, San Bernardino County's fourth city to incorporate, incorporated alleyways into its original layout, as did San Bernardino, the county's oldest city, along with Upland, which was founded by the Chaffey Brothers, who were responsible for the creation of the Ontario community. Montclair, the county's 11th oldest city, initially sought to emulate both of its neighbors to the immediate east by the placement of alleys into both its commercial and residential sections.

According to Reisinger, alleys present an opportunity for rat populations to concentrate, but only if they are poorly maintained or garbage and the like is allowed to accumulate there.

"Rat activity will

heighten, or deepen, as you prefer to think of it, if areas such as an alleyway is unkempt," Reisinger said. "They are always looking for food, water and cover. They seek out a place where they feel safe. If an alley has a lot of trash and is not maintained, it can become a haven for rats."

While they are generally relatively sedentary, remaining in an established spot as long as they are undisturbed, rats can be mobile. Infamously, Ontario's roof rats migrated from one nesting spot to another within the attics of homes by manifesting impressive balance in traversing the electrical or telephone wires that ran through the north Ontario neighborhoods.

While some roof rats did migrate into Upland, there numbers were limited, as the 10 Freeway served as a daunting obstruction. Similarly, the freeway discouraged Ontario's Norway rats from moving freely into Upland, though that was not universally true, as Norway rats were adept at finding underground routes such as storm drains and channels to transit from one spot to another and would, additionally, often move on the ground at night under the cover of darkness.

"The freeway can create a barrier, north to south and south to north, for a lot of different wildlife," Reisinger said.

"There are likely other avenues they might be able to use to get through safely. They trek around, wandering to territory that they can inhabit."

Reisinger, while saying, "As far as I know, we have no calls with regard to rodents lately in Upland," added that if problems persist to the point where his agency is contacted, "We will go out and do a surveillance run and check for all the signs of rodents. I can tell you that based on what has been reported to us, I didn't see anything relating to rats in Upland."

The California Department of Public Health's website, though mentioning rats and rat flea-borne illnesses, did not specifically catalog bubonic plague, but did reference "flea-borne typhus," which is described as "a bacterial disease that can spread from some animals to humans by fleas and make people sick. In California, typhus is considered endemic (always present) in Southern California, including Los Angeles and Orange counties. Cases are sometimes reported from other parts of California."

The *Sentinel* at press time is following through to see what results are returned from the private lab analysis of the flea-infested rat found in Upland.

-Mark Gutglueck

## Despite Vigorous Protests And Authorities' Orders Against Doing So, Arrowhead Bottler Has Continued With Massive Water Diversions From The Forest *from page 2*

of water (8.47 million gallons) per year. Nestlé had gone far beyond the water drafting limit the company was entitled to, the State Water Resources Control Board said, and was actually drafting 192 acre-feet (62.56 million gallons), such that 166 acre-feet (54.09 million gallons) the company was taking on an annual basis was unauthorized, according to a report released on December 21, 2017.

Nestlé, however, continued to draft water from Strawberry Canyon well in excess of 26 acre-feet of water annually, running to an amount near or exceeding its historic 192 acre-foot annual use pattern.

Responding to citizen complaints, the California State Water Resources Board issued a draft cease and desist order against Nestlé on April 23, 2021. A public hearing by the

California State Water Resources Board took place between August 2021 and July 2023, in which the Save our Forest Association and other environmental organizations and citizen activists participated as witnesses, resulting in a revised cease and desist Order against BlueTriton Brands sent to the State Water Board of Directors which unanimously approved the order on September 19, 2023.

In March 2021, Nestlé's parent company, Nestlé S.A., a corporate conglomerate headquartered in Vevey, Vaud, Switzerland, sold its Nestlé Waters North

America division, with the exception of its bottling rights to Perrier, to One Rock Capital Partners, LLC, in partnership with Metropoulos & Company. Nestlé Waters North America existed as Nestlé's operations pertaining to bottling drinking water in the United States and Canada, including eight of the leading water bottling operations in the United States. Upon the sale being completed to One Rock Capital and Metropoulos, Nestlé Waters North America was redubbed BlueTriton Brands. Arrowhead Mountain

Spring Water is among the most iconic of the brands now in the possession of BlueTriton. To the chagrin of the company, the California State Water Resources Control Board's finalized determination on September 19, 2023 to issue the cease & desist order entails a finding that "BlueTriton does not have any water rights that authorize these diversions and uses."

Despite the California State Water Resources Control Board's ruling, the U.S. Forest Service has extended the Strawberry Canyon water extraction permit first issued to BCI in the 1980s

under the auspices of what the Forest Service now refers to as a "land use" fee that has grown from the previous the \$524 per year to \$2,500 annually.

On June 25, the Save Our Forest Association, represented by attorneys Rachel Doughty and Jennifer Rae Lovko filed suit in United States District Court in Riverside against the U.S. Forest Service and Michael Nobles in his official capacity as the acting district ranger for the San Bernardino National Forest, "challenging the U.S. Forest Service decision to allow BlueTri-

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## “Why Reduce Salaries When We Can Raise Taxes On Residents?” Yucaipa Officials Reason *from page 3*

vate sector balance on the council that evening to an even 2-to-2. Venable’s suggestion that the city consider employee pay and benefit reductions were not warmly welcomed by Beaver, who is employed by the City of Azusa’s police department as a corporal, in which capacity he is provided with a total annual compensation of \$230,267.26, including \$115,654.58 in salary, \$50,350 in overtime pay, \$6,070 in perquisites and pay add-ons, \$35,159 in non-retirement benefits and \$23,033.68 in pension system-related benefits. As the wielder of the gavel, Mayor Beaver was able to exercise a degree of influence over the ebb and flow of debate and discussion. As a member of a public employee union, he was in no mood to allow a free-flowing dialogue to take place in which the subject of negotiating the pay of public employees downward to progress. By multiple verbal comments and efforts to direct the conversation, along with his body language, Beaver made clear he did not want the discussion to result in any move toward reducing employee salaries. Similarly, Thorp, a deputy with the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department and as such received in 2023 a total annual compensation of \$253,290.86, which included \$109,607 in salary, \$18,841.12 in overtime pay, another \$15,207.88 in pay add-ons and perquisites and \$109,634.86 in benefits, did nothing to encourage the discussion Venable was seeking to carry out.

At the June 10 meeting, Venable was further boxed in by the attitudes of both Mann, who as city manager, is currently provided with an annual salary of 207,840.17, perquisites and pay add-ons of roughly \$23,000 and to-

tal benefits of \$45,619.29 for a current total annual compensation of approximately \$276,459.46, and White, whose salary of \$176,470.30 is augmented with around \$20,000 yearly in perquisites and pay add-ons plus roughly \$41,000 in total annual benefits for a total yearly compensation of around \$237,470.30.

Ultimately on June 10, Venable relented and voted along with Beaver and Thorp to approve



**Chris Venable**

the 2024-25 budget with its \$40.1 million in expenditures against \$32.8 million in true revenue for a deficit of \$7.3 million, with Councilman Duncan dissenting and Councilman Garner not participating.

Over the next two, the forces in control at City Hall, consisting of the two members of the city council who are themselves public employees and city staff, went to work on Venable in what he acknowledges at this point was an “educational” effort to convince him that reducing city employee paychecks is not a realistic solution to curing the city’s deficit. According to the municipal establishment, city government can maintain solvency through further citizen subsidies: in other words, increased taxation.

Getting down to brass tacks, Venable was re-educated in the facts of life, namely that money makes the world go round and Yucaipa municipal government doesn’t have enough of it. In San Bernardino County, as with the rest of California with the exception of Los Angeles County, the maximum amount of sales tax that can be imposed on shoppers in California is 9.25 percent. By special dispensation and legislation, in Los Angeles County the

maximum is 10.25 percent. For starters, Venable was informed, in San Bernardino County there is a basic sales tax of 6 percent – six cents for every dollar – that is tacked onto the sale and which goes to the State of California. In return, the State of California returns one percent of that six percent to the city in which the sale takes place. If the sale takes place in an unincorporated county area, the one percent – a single penny of the six pennies the state has collected – is provided to the county. In addition, San Bernardino County imposes a 1.75 percent sales tax on all of its shoppers. Of that 1.75 percent, one-half penny per dollar consists of the tax override passed by voters with their approval of Measure I in 1989 and its extension by another vote in 2004. The Measure I tax is provided to the San Bernardino County Transportation Agency for road and traffic improvements throughout the 20,105-square mile county. The remaining 1.25 percent tax goes to the county as part of its revenue stream and for entertainment, recreation the running of special districts.

In this way, the minimum sales tax anywhere in San Bernardino County is 7.75 percent. In several San Bernardino County cities, however, shoppers pay even more in sales tax. In Ontario, Chino, Victorville, Barstow, Yucca Valley, Loma Linda and San Bernardino, shoppers are obliged to pay 8.75 percent sales tax, as they agreed in a vote to pass an extra one-percent sales tax in their jurisdictions.

Yucaipa should get in on the bonanza as well, Mann told Venable, and here is why, he explained: Not only does Yucaipa need the money for its municipal operations, there is a danger that a combination of action by other public entities and votes by the city’s voters could preclude Yucaipa from being able to tap into sales tax revenue in the future. One of those

factors is the 9.25 percent maximum sales tax that can be levied on San Bernardino County residents and thereby Yucaipa’s shoppers. The other factors consist of the need and will of other public institutions to tap into sales taxing authority. The San Bernardino County Transportation Agency, for example, could come to the conclusion that the half-cent sales tax in place because of Measure I is



**Justin Beaver**

not enough. If it chose to do so, it could put a measure on the ballot to increase that tax to one-cent. If the county voters were to pass that measure, Yucaipa shoppers would find themselves saddled with a sales tax of 8.25 percent. Any of a number of other governmental authorities – the school board or the community college board or the water board could likewise place such a measure on the ballot. If voters feel generous, those measure might pass. At any time, a not yet existent entity dedicated to some publicly beneficial cause could form – such as a hospital foundation – which might sponsor an effort to put a measure on the ballot to collect sufficient funds to build a hospital through a sales tax override. If City Hall does not take action to cash on the potential generosity of Yucaipa’s voters before others do, Mann warned Venable, the 9.25 percent maximum sales tax imposition in Yucaipa will be eclipsed and the city will have missed out. Mann talked and Venable listened. In the end, Venable bought what Mann was selling.

Mann had to make the pitch under what might be considered inauspicious circumstances. A little more than three-and-a-half years ago,

Yucaipa officials had sought approval for an even more modest one-half-percent sales tax in the city. Voters rejected that initiative – Measure E – convincingly, with 5,212 votes or 35.96 percent in favor and 9,281 or 64.04 percent opposed.

Time was of the essence because the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters must set the ballot by August and a deadline looms next month to get requests for a measure on the ballot by next month. Mann was hoping that there might be a turnaround in the attitude of Yucaipa’s residents with regard to taxing themselves. He had been able – with the assistance of the disapproval that Venable’s council colleagues Beaver and Thorp had shown toward his idea of balancing the budget through staff pay and benefit reductions – to convince Venable to consider raising taxes.

Striking while the iron was hot, Mann had an item placed on the June 24 Yucaipa City Council meeting agenda calling for discussion of and possible action on placing either a one-cent or half-cent sales tax proposal on the ballot in November.

At the meeting on Monday, Mann sought to drum up support for the taxing proposal. Speaking partially in the third person, Mann said, “The deficit situation we are now facing was inherited by the majority of this city council and by this city manager. The numbers we are looking at, which clearly show the spending down of tens of millions of dollars of city reserves on the building of infrastructure projects over the past 15 years and the drastic cost increases related to our contracts for police and fire services across the board due to inflation are not my numbers or even the numbers of our current finance director, but are taken directly from the official audited financial reports from each year. These reports were prepared by previous administrations and auditors.”

Mann then played a four-year-old video from 2020 in which Mann’s predecessor as city manager, Ray Casey, made a pitch to the city’s voters, imploring them to support Measure E, the half-percent sales tax proposal on the March 3, 2020 California Primary ballot. On the video, Casey was heard saying, among other things, “The city’s paramedic program, which provides 9-1-1 emergency services to



**Jon Thorp**

Yucaipa residents has been operating in the red for the past four years. In addition, based on recent contract changes with represented employees, the sheriff’s department costs are rising at a faster rate than the city’s revenues. During the last four years, the city has done everything in its power to avoid having to make cutbacks in these critical emergency services, thus keeping the present level of 9-1-1 services in place. During these four years, the city has been able to maintain the same level of service in our paramedic program by using the savings from previous years when the paramedic assessment revenues did exceed expenses and by drawing down the city’s structural fund balance as well as making some other cuts. Unfortunately, the time has come where this is no longer possible, to keep the same levels of service into the future without additional funding.”

Seeking to avoid sounding panicked, Mann nevertheless sought to impart to those listening a sense of urgency.

“We’re estimating by January the continuing trend will push the deficit to 8 million dollars,” he said, solemnly. He then gave his best mat-

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## Despite Its Own Conclusion That The Arrowhead Bottler Was Extracting Excessive Water From The Forest & State Officials' Determining The Company Had No Water Rights In The Forest, The USFS Extended The H<sub>2</sub>O Diversion Permits At Issue, Prompting A Lawsuit *from page 4*

ton Brands, Inc.'s illegal occupancy of San Bernardino National Forest lands and the dewatering of Strawberry Creek and its tributary Springs."

According to the suit, BlueTriton Brands does not have, nor can it obtain or maintain, a valid special use permit from the U.S. Forest Service. With this illegal occupancy, BlueTriton Brands has engaged and will continue to engage in the diversion of substantially all of the water from the San Bernardino National Forest's Strawberry Canyon, negatively impacting the forest, local communities, and downstream users."

According to the lawsuit, "Strawberry Creek is a tributary to the Santa Ana River and part of the Santa Ana River Watershed. The United States Geologic Service documented that Strawberry Creek is a recharge source for the Bunker Hill Basin. The dry and diminished Strawberry Creek has led to impaired riparian fauna and flora and a creek that cannot support fish, like the native Speckled Dace, as fish need water to survive. BlueTriton Brands' occupancy has dewatered Strawberry Creek and diverted natural springs leaving Strawberry Creek with only intermittent pooling water and fractured habitats. The Santa Ana River Watershed was decreed to have no water available for appropriation decades ago and is fully appropriated. The Bunker Hill Basin remains in deficit, giving diminished water for agricultural and nearly a million people. BlueTriton Brands is taking the Strawberry Creek water that should be recharging the basin. Plaintiff files this complaint to prevent the United States Forest Service from continuing to allow BlueTri-

ton Brands' occupancy and diversion of water in violation of the Federal Land Policy Management Act, The National Forest Management Act, the Administrative Procedure Act and the National Environmental Policy Act."

According to the lawsuit the "Federal Land Policy Management Act [r]equires that public land be managed in a manner that will protect the quality of scientific, scenic, historical, ecological, environmental, air and atmospheric, water resource, and archaeological values; that, where appropriate, will preserve and protect certain public lands in their natural condition; that will provide food and habitat for fish and wildlife and domestic animals; and that will provide for outdoor recreation and human occupancy and use." The Federal Land Policy Management Act also, according to the lawsuit, "states that the United States shall receive fair market value of the use of the public land and their resources."

The suit further proounds that "Defendant United States Forest Service is authorized under the Federal Land Policy Management Act to grant or renew rights of way upon United States Forest Service lands for various special uses, including "pipes, pipelines ... and other facilities and systems for the impoundment, storage, transportation, or distribution of water. However, special use permits for such rights of way must be subject to terms and conditions that ensure compliance with federal and state laws regarding air and water quality and environmental protection, and that "minimize damage to scenic and aesthetic values and fish and wildlife habitat and

otherwise protect the environment."

According to the lawsuit, "The National Forest Management Act the San Bernardino National Forest land and resource management plan, San Bernardino National Forest's Forest Service Handbook National Environmental Policy Act Administrative Procedure Act requires the United States Forest Service to develop, maintain, and, as appropriate, revise a land and resource management plan for each unit of the National Forest System. The land and resource management plan must 'provide for ... watershed, wildlife, and fish' and 'provide for diversity of plant and animal communities.' All projects within a national forest must comply with that forest's land and resource management plan. Here, the United States Forest Service must comply with the San Bernardino National Forest land and resource management plan which was adopted in 2005. Land and resource management plans must include enforceable design criteria—"the rules"—that managers legally must operate within in order to achieve desired conditions set forth in the land and resource management plan's 'vision.'" Special use permits must include terms and conditions 'which will . . . Require compliance with State standards for public health and safety, environmental protection, and siting, construction, operation, and maintenance if those standards are more stringent than applicable Federal standards.' Issuance of a new special use authorization for an existing use is subject to the holder being in compliance with all the terms of existing authorization and must be accompanied by 'appropriate environmental analysis.' All proposals for special use also must provide information demonstrating the proposal's compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and orders."

The suit holds that

"In keeping with National Forest Management Act's mandates, the San Bernardino National Forest land and resource management plan requires that for surface water development projects, 'instream flows favorable to the maintenance and restoration of riparian dependent and aquatic resources and channel conditions will be required.' It also requires that surface water diversions and groundwater extractions, including well and spring developments, may only be authorized upon demonstration that the water extracted is in excess to the current and reasonably foreseeable future needs of forest resources; approved extractions must provide for the 'long-term protection and reasonable use of surface water and groundwater resources.'"

The suit asserts that "The land resource management plan's mandates are intended to implement the overarching goals set forth in Part 1 of the San Bernardino National Forest land and resource management plan. One of those goals is that '[w]atersheds, streams, groundwater recharge areas, springs, wetlands and aquifers are managed to assure the sustainability of high quantity and quality water. Where new or reauthorized water extraction or diversion is allowed, those facilities should be located to avoid long-term adverse impacts to national forest water and riparian resources.' The land and resource management plan asks the 'outcome evaluation question' for Goal 5.1: 'Is the national forest making progress toward sustaining Class 1 watershed conditions while reducing the number of Condition Class 2 and 3 watersheds?' The San Bernardino National Forest land resource management plan incorporates the regarding soil and water conservation practices specific to the San Bernardino National Forest's Forest Service Handbook. For riparian conservation ar-

reas, activities are limited, and watersheds are to be managed to improve degraded riparian areas for native populations of riparian-dependent species. Riparian conservation areas include perennial and intermittent springs, seeps, springs, and inner gorges. The San Bernardino National Forest's Forest Service Handbook directs that: 'Existing uses, activities, or occupancy within riparian conservation areas should be evaluated for risks or impacts and mitigated during special use renewal or re-issuance. If mitigation measures are not effective, reassess with the option to modify or eliminate the use, activity or occupancy when impacts are unacceptable.'"

The suit further argues that the forest service is required to review new special use permit applications for surface and groundwater extraction and for transport of water across National Forest System lands to assess the potential impacts on aquatic and riparian ecosystems on or off the forest. The applicants for those permits should be required, the Save Our Forest Association maintains, to demonstrate that the proposed development would meet the riparian management objectives."

The suit makes the point that "The San Bernardino National Forest's Service Handbook further directs the United States Forest Service to manage watersheds to "improve or restore degraded riparian areas to proper functioning condition for native populations of riparian-dependent species."

According to the suit, "The San Bernardino National Forest's Service Handbook describes the affirmative duty of the USFS to ensure that 'proof of water right is established prior to issuing or re-issuing [special use permits]' and that the applicant has complied with 'applicable environmental laws. . . . Where water use . . . is evident [the USFS must] ensure that

all special use permit applicants have secured the appropriate . . . California Department of Fish and Game 1602 Stream Alteration [sic] Agreement . . . before issuing a special use permit that would result in channel alteration.'"

The lawsuit cites the National Environmental Policy Act's declared intention to "encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment," to help "prevent or eliminate damage to the environment," and "to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation."

According to the suit, "The National Environmental Policy Act has two fundamental purposes: (1) to guarantee that, before taking an action, federal agencies take a 'hard look' at the consequences of that action to ensure that 'the agency, in reaching its decision, will have available, and will carefully consider, detailed information concerning significant environmental impacts;' and (2) to ensure that 'the relevant information will be made available to the larger audience that may also play a role in both the decision-making process and the implementation of that decision.' As a practical matter, National Environmental Policy Act requires comparing a baseline, determined from 'accurate information and defensible reasoning' against the conditions expected after approval of a proposed project in order to determine the impact on the environment."

Doughty and Lovko assert on the Save Our Forest Association's behalf that "Supplemental National Environmental Policy Act analysis is required when 'there are specific new circumstances or information relevant to the environmental concerns that have bearing on the proposed action or its impacts.' Supplemental environmental impact statements may also be required when the agen-

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## Four Years After Yucaipa Voters Rejected A Half-Percent Sales Tax Increase, City Officials Believe They Can Sell The Concept Of A One Cent Per Dollar Sales Tax - Double What They Asked For Before - Through An "Education" Campaign *from page 5*

ter-of-fact rendition of what dire prospects face the city.

"We have identified service level cuts of 8 million [dollars] city-wide," he said, which extended to closing one of the city's three fire stations and eliminating five firefighter positions in the city's contract with CalFire, those being those manning that station; reducing the cost of the contract with sheriff's department by \$2 million, eliminating between five and seven patrol deputy positions; closing the senior center, saving \$300,000; closing the Seventh Street Pool, saving an estimated \$300,000; reducing Yucaipa Performing Arts Center programming that does not achieve full cost recovery, thereby saving an estimated \$250,000; reducing community center programming, saving an estimated \$250,000; identifying additional cuts to community service programs, saving \$900,000; reducing net costs from the city's development services division, saving \$1 million; identifying and implementing \$1 million in cuts to the city's support services; freezing vacant any vacant non critical positions; and having the city negotiate with the Yucaipa City Employees Association a combination of furloughs or layoffs with city employees.

In his role as city manager, Mann is essentially the master of ceremonies at city council meetings. He skillfully used his position of authority to narrow the discussion and lead it to the preordained conclusion he was pushing toward: taxing Yucaipa's consumers. Mann's rhetorical approach consisted of presuming throughout the presentation that no intelligent or rationale person could come to any other determination

than that getting a sales tax in place was the way to go. The only question, his presentation acknowledged was exactly how much that tax should be.

To further the progression toward getting the tax proposal before Yucaipa's voters, he in-



**Chris Mann**

troduced the polling consultant the city had hired, Dr. Richard Bernard of FM3 Research, to present the foregone case that despite the voters overwhelmingly rejecting a half-cent sales tax four years ago, they can be convinced to accept a tax of twice that amount later this year.

Bernard said he had conducted a resident survey between May 8 and May 15, which he somewhat contradictorily said was random but also targeted specifically at 405 individuals likely to vote who reflected the city's precise demographics. He said 51 percent of the sampling was done on the phone and 49 percent was carried out on-line.

According to Bernard, 61 percent of those polled in this way said the city had at least some need for additional funds. Those polled were asked to consider two sales tax proposals, one of 1.5 percent, that is a cent-and-a-half and another of one cent.

The survey found, Bernard said, that 26 percent said they would definitely support the one-and-a-half cent sales tax proposal 14 percent said they would probably support it and five percent of those who were undecided said they were

leaning toward supporting it. Simultaneously, the survey found 32 percent definitely opposed to the one-and-a-half cent sales tax proposal with another 11 percent likely opposed and 4 percent of the undecided vote leaning against supporting it. Another 8 percent were undecided with no hint of which way they were leaning. Thus, according to Bernard, the one-and-one-half cent tax proposal could only count, realistically, on getting 45 percent approval.

The survey found that close to 32 percent said they would definitely support the one cent sales tax proposal and another 15 percent or thereabouts said they would probably support it and five percent of those who were undecided said they were leaning toward supporting it. Simultaneously, the survey found 30 percent definitely opposed to the one cent sales tax proposal with another 8 percent likely opposed and 3 percent of the undecided vote leaning against supporting it. Another 7 percent were undecided with no hint of which way they were leaning. Thus, according to Bernard, the one cent tax proposal could conceivably achieve narrow passage with a 51 to 52 percent vote of approval.

At the June 24, Mayor Beaver was not present, while Garner who did not participate in the budget passage vote on June 10, was present. It was suggested by some that Beaver, whose current term is set to end in December and must run for reelection in November if he is to remain in office beyond that point, had deliberately not attended Monday's meeting to avoid having to vote in support of placing a tax measure on the ballot.

While some perhaps thought that Venable, after having taken a stand and lost on June 10 with regard to progressively increasing staff salaries and the concept of reducing personnel costs as at least part of the formula for combating

deficit spending, might prove the hardest sell with regard to utilizing increased taxes as the pathway out of the city's financial doldrums, that was not the case. Instead, Venable turned out to be the one member of the council who seemed to enthusiastically embrace putting the sales tax proposal on the ballot. Indeed, at one point, he indicated he found the one-and-one-half cent sales tax override a preferable option to the once-cent version.

Venable at one point gave away that he had been subject to intensive reeducation on the tax subject. When discussion with regard to the viability of the measure was ongoing, he referenced the concept of education. That issue is problematic, since state law prohibits a city or any governmental entity from using public funds to promote a ballot measure. What Venable seemed to suggest, while betraying that someone, in all likelihood Mann, had done a top notch job of persuading him, was that merely providing the city's residents with the facts would be enough to get them to reverse the outcome of the 2020 defeat of Measure E.

As had been the case on May 13 and June 10, Mann assiduously avoided any discussion regarding staff pay and salary reductions, as if even acknowledging the concept existed would in some fashion legitimize it.

At the meeting Monday night, Mann did his level best to convey that good citizenship and both civic pride and duty are synonymous with a willingness to submit to higher taxes. "The reason this is so important in staff's eyes and in the eyes of the consultant is that the community really has a significant choice to make here and we don't want to be vague about what the choice is," he said. "We want the community to understand clearly on the front end what the choice is so there are no surprises on the back end. We can't

advocate but we can be clear about the facts and what the choices are, so in my mind it's only fair to be clear on the front end what the intention is, what the choice is. It is in my mind not only what is fair but also a key component of our strategy of community outreach and education as well."

Left out of the choice, Mann implied, was the prospect that he or any of the workers he oversees at City Hall see a reduction in their pay or benefits.



**Joe Pradetto**

After Monday night's vote to put the measure on the ballot, Mann huddled with the city's spokesman, Joe Pradetto, to put city officials' best foot forward in presenting the taxing proposal.

The first order of business was to give the initiative a name that would heighten its appeal to residents. Ultimately, they settled upon "The City of Yucaipa Public Safety/Essential Services Protection Measure."

In heralding the measure, Mann and Pradetto wrote, "If approved by Yucaipa voters, the measure would enact a 1-cent local sales tax until ended by voters, providing a stable source of locally controlled funds to prevent millions of dollars in planned service cuts to police, fire, emergency medical care or law enforcement efforts. To officially commit the money to be generated from the measure for those specific purposes, however, would trigger the requirement that it pass by a two-thirds vote. Thus, the measure to be voted upon in November by Yucaipa's residents will allow city officials, if the measure passes, to utilize the money in any fashion they see fit, including for any mu-

nicipal services. The statement then quoted Mann directly as saying, "Because the city runs so lean, and the increased need for services has grown year over year, the city cannot cut more without impacting basic services, including public safety, which comprises 63% of our budget. The funding this measure would provide would allow the city to avoid deep cuts to

911 emergency medical response, fire and police personnel, prevent the city from closing a fire station, the senior center and the swimming pool, and maintain other basic local services that keep our city a great place to live, work, and raise a family."

According to the statement, "The City of Yucaipa Public Safety/Essential Services Protection Measure was placed on the ballot following significant community engagement with local residents, who consistently showed a preference for not cutting police, fire, medical response, and youth/senior program funding. The city council adopted a concurrent resolution upon placing the measure on the ballot stating their intention to use the majority of the money to prevent cuts to public safety services."

That point is a significant one with crucial implication. It is a peculiarity of California law that tax initiatives approved by voters which devote the money collected to a specific purpose must be passed by a two-thirds majority. Under California law, initiatives that call for the levying of a tax to produce revenue for which no use is specified need to gain a simple majority approval to pass. It is both generally and specifically believed that Yucaipa's voters would be far more likely to pass the upcoming sales tax measure if they are convinced that the money will be used for enhancing public safety, whether that is maintaining or improving fire safety service, emergency medical care or law enforcement efforts. To officially commit the money to be generated from the measure for those specific purposes, however, would trigger the requirement that it pass by a two-thirds vote. Thus, the measure to be voted upon in November by Yucaipa's residents will allow city officials, if the measure passes, to utilize the money in any fashion they see fit, including for any mu-

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## Public Notices

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CIV SB 2417669  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner NICOLE LI filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: NICOLE LI to XIAOFANG LI

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: JULY 12, 2024

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Department: S30

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

Gilbert G. Ochoa

Judge of the Superior Court.

Filed: May 31, 2024 by Alyssa Leber, Deputy Court Clerk

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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CIV SB 2417874  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner TROY TRANG and LING YIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name TRENTON BLAKE TRANG-YIN to Proposed Name TRENTON BLAKE TRANG

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: JULY 15, 2024

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Department: S33

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

Gilbert G. Ochoa

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Judge of the Superior Court.

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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CIV SB 2417976  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner MITCHELL SAMUEL LACAYO filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MITCHELL SAMUEL LACAYO to MITCHELL JOHN MEDINA

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: JULY 16, 2024

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Department: S33

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

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## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CIV SB 2417408  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner MARVIN LEWIS BAYES filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: MARVIN LEWIS BAYES to MARV SMYLES

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: JULY 29, 2024

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California,

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County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

Gilbert Ochoa

Judge of the Superior Court.

Filed: May 30, 2024 by Veronica Gonzalez, Deputy Court Clerk

Marvin Lewis Bayes  
1468 D Street, Apartment A

Ontario, CA 91764  
(909) 518-2343

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The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as CARNICERIA EL TORO 1129 E 4th STREET ONTARIO, CA 91764; EL TORO MEAT MARKET INC 1129 E 4th STREET ONTARIO, CA 91764

Business Mailing Address: 1129 E 4th STREET ONTARIO, CA 91764

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 5782545.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: July 1, 2023.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ MAURICIO ANTONIO JERONIMO FIGUEROA, CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/24/2024

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 J7527

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).

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The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as DIANA'S SPORTS RECOVERY 21800 BARTON RD STE 101 GRAND TERRACE, CA 92313; DIANA D VASQUEZ

Business Mailing Address: 388 COYOTE DR COLTON, CA 92324

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: June 4, 2024.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ DIANA D VASQUEZ  
Statement filed with the

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County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/04/2024

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 J3256

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).

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FBN 20240004737

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

ERES BOUTIQUE LLC 16025 SAN JACINTO AVE FONTANA, CA 92336; ERES BOUTIQUE LLC 10514 ROUSSELLE DR JURUPA VALLEY, CA 91752  
Business Mailing Address: PO BOX 33432 JURUPA VALLEY, CA 92519

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered with the State of California under the number 202359214264.

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

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ARIANNA GOMEZ, CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/17/2024

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 K1583

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).

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FBN 20240004940

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

CARNICERIA EL TORO 1129 E 4th STREET ONTARIO, CA 91764; EL TORO MEAT MARKET INC 1129 E 4th STREET ONTARIO, CA 91764  
Business Mailing Address: 1129 E 4th STREET ONTARIO, CA 91764

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 5782545.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: July 1, 2023.

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/s/ MAURICIO ANTONIO JERONIMO FIGUEROA, CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/24/2024

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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MELEIA PEDRAZA CASE NO. PROPS1600335

TO all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MELEIA PEDRAZA.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RUDY PEDRAZA III in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RUDY PEDRAZA III be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests full 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 July 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F3 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335  
Filed: JUNE 5, 2024

Angelina Garcia, Deputy Court Clerk.

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.

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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MELEIA PEDRAZA CASE NO. PROPS1600335

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MELEIA PEDRAZA.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RUDY PEDRAZA III in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RUDY PEDRAZA III be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/23/24 at 9:00AM in Dept. F3 located at 17780 ARROW BLVD., FONTANA, CA 92335  
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.

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## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

FREDA BRANCH CASE NO. PROVA2400500

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of FREDA BRANCH.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILLIE EDWARD III MAUGHAN in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WILLIE EDWARD III MAUGHAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/17/24 at 9:00AM in Dept. F1 located at 17780 ARROW BLVD., FONTANA, CA 92335

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.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

OF Miguel Gaucin Saucedo Case No. 2400207 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF San Bernardino

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino Fontana District-Probate Division and mail or deliver a copy to Rita Marie Saucedo-Almanza, wherein the decedent was the settlor, at 8107 Tapia Via Drive Rancho Cucamonga, CA, 91730 within the later of four months after 06/14/2024 (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim, form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

8115 Tapia Via Drive Rancho Cucamonga CA 91730 << State Bar Number >>

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE**

Notice is hereby given that personal property in the following units will be sold at public auction pursuant to Sections 21701-21716 of the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act. A public lien sale will be conducted by www.storage-treasures.com on the 11th day of July, 2024, at or after 9:00 am. The property is stored by All American Storage Ontario located at 505 S. Mountain Avenue, Ontario, CA 91762. Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY. Items are sold AS IS WHERE IS and must be removed at the time of sale. All American Storage Ontario reserves the right to refuse any bid or cancel auction. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: miscellaneous personal and household goods stored by the following persons:

- Unit Name
- E031 Jimi Reynaldo
- C138 Vivian Porras
- D087 Raul Luna
- E096 Lorie L Gipson
- E006 Ernesto Marez
- C031 Justin Martin
- E092 Beauregard Shideler

Dated: 6/20/24  
Signed: Garrett Gossett storage-treasures.com

Sales subject to prior cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

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

CIV SB 2419105 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner PATRICIA TERESA DUARTE filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: PATRICIA TERESA DUARTE to PATRICE TERESA DUARTE

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated

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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: September 6, 2024  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Department: S14

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

Gilbert G. Ochoa  
Judge of the Superior Court.

Filed: June 14, 2024 by Abrianna Rodriguez, Deputy Court Clerk

Patricia Teresa Duarte  
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FBN 20240004489  
The following person is doing business as: 4D CONSTRUCTION. 7549 VISTA RIO HIGHLAND, CA 92346; [MAILING ADDRESS 7549 VISTA RIO HIGHLAND, CA 92346]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 4D CONSTRUCTION, INC. 7549 VISTA RIO HIGHLAND, CA 92346 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 6154575  
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 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ CARMELO RAMIREZ, MANAGING MEMBER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 13, 2024  
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).  
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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 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ CARMELO RAMIREZ, MANAGING MEMBER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 13, 2024  
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).  
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FBN 20240005335  
ABANDONMENT OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
The following entity was doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as: BLUE SKY MASSAGE 1964 W. 9th ST. SUITE C UPLAND, CA 91786; MING LI 1962 CANOPY LANE LA VERNE, CA 91750  
Mailing Address: 1964 W. 9th ST. SUITE C UPLAND, CA 91786  
The business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.  
The date of the current filing for this business was 9/24/2021. The original file number was FBN20210009751 in San Bernardino County. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A  
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ MING LI, Owner  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: JUNE 10, 2024  
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).  
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FBN 20240005335  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as: BLUE SKY MASSAGE 1964 W. 9th ST. SUITE C UPLAND, CA 91786; MING LI 1962 CANOPY LANE LA VERNE, CA 91750  
Mailing Address: 1964 W. 9th ST. SUITE C UPLAND, CA 91786  
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.  
The date of the current filing for this business was 9/24/2021. The original file number was FBN20210009751 in San Bernardino County. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A  
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ ROSIE GONZALEZ  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: June 11, 2024  
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 J6748  
Notice-This fictitious name statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the office of the county clerk. A new fictitious

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FBN 20240003571  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as BLUE SKY MASSAGE 1964 W. 9th ST. SUITE C UPLAND, CA 91786; FUXIANG QIAN  
Business Mailing Address: 1964 W. 9th ST. SUITE C 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 in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ FUXIANG QIAN, Owner  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: June 7, 2024  
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 J2522  
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).  
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FBN 20240005436  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CARE 7231 BOULDER AVE SUITE 535 HIGHLAND, CA 92346; ROSIE GONZALEZ  
Business Mailing Address: 7231 BOULDER AVE SUITE 535 HIGHLAND, CA 92346  
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: June 11, 2024.  
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ ROSIE GONZALEZ  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: June 11, 2024  
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 J6748  
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FBN 20240004487  
The following person is doing business as: PINATA FELIZ. 203 PLEASANTVIEW AVE COLTON, CA 92324; [MAILING ADDRESS 203 PLEASANTVIEW AVE COLTON, CA 92324]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO GENARO LOZOYA ; NORMA A. LOZOYA  
The business is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on FEBRUARY 05, 2020. Original File #20200001641  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: FEB 02, 2010  
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
s/ NORMA A. LOZOYA, OWNER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 10, 2024  
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).  
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A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. F2 - FONTANA COURTHOUSE at 09:00 AM on 10/10/2024 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana CA 92335, San Bernardino District-Probate Division

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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.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**

CELIO RUVALCABA MAE DULL Case NO. PRO-VA2400517

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of CELIO RUVALCABA A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CELIO RUVALCABA in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that 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., CELIO RUVALCABA 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., CORY MULLINS 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., CORY MULLINS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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A hearing on the petition will be held in Dept. F1 at 09:00 AM on 07/23/2024 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 17780 Arrow Blvd., Fontana, CA 92335, San Bernardino District-Probate Division

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. 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.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**

F R E D A BRANCH Case No. PRO-VA2400500

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of FRED A BRANCH A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILLIE EDWARD III MAUGHAN in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that 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., WILLIE EDWARD III MAUGHAN in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

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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. F1 at 09:00 AM on 07/17/2024 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 17780 Arrow Blvd., Fontana, CA 92335, San Bernardino District-Probate Division

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

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

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**

DORIS ANNE WEAVER CASE NO. PROV2400248

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of DORIS ANNE WEAVER: a petition for probate has been filed by NANCY LYNN NORRIS in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

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., NANCY LYNN NORRIS in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

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fornia, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NANCY LYNN NORRIS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests full 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 July 17, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Victorville District

Department V-12 - Victorville

14455 Civic Drive  
Victorville, CA 92392  
Filed: JUNE 4, 2024  
Valerie Goldstein, Deputy Court Clerk.

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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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: THELMA GARCIA

CASE NO. PRO-VA2400496

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent credi-

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tors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of THELMA GARCIA: a petition for probate has been filed by RENATE JUNGBAUER-AVALOS in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RENATE JUNGBAUER-AVALOS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests full 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 July 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F3 - Fontana  
17780 Arrow Boulevard  
Fontana, CA 92335  
Filed: JUNE 5, 2024  
Angeline Garcia, Deputy Court Clerk.

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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BARBARA JEAN THOMPSON aka BOBBIE JEAN THOMPSON

CASE NO. PRO-

VA2400524

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of BARBARA JEAN THOMPSON aka BOBBIE JEAN THOMPSON: a petition for probate has been filed by RACHEL JEAN BATTIEST in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RACHEL JEAN BATTIEST be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests full 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 July 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F3 - Fontana  
17780 Arrow Boulevard  
Fontana, CA 92335  
Filed: JUNE 14, 2024  
Arica Tobias, Deputy Court Clerk.

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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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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: VIRGINIA

M. JOHNSON

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CASE NO. PRO-VA2400531

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of VIRGINIA M. JOHNSON: a petition for probate has been filed by KATHERINE CARY in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

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

THE PETITION requests full 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 July 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F2 - Fontana  
17780 Arrow Boulevard  
Fontana, CA 92335  
Filed: JUNE 12, 2024  
Zaynah Gaj, Deputy Court Clerk.

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.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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CIVBA 2400346 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner SUSAN ELLEN BRIGHT filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SUSAN ELLEN BRIGHT to JEAN HELEN MURRIETTA

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: August 6, 2024  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Department: B1  
Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino  
Barstow District  
The address of the court is 235 East Mountain View Street Barstow, CA 92311

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

James R. Baxter  
Judge of the Superior Court.

Filed: June 11, 2024 by Sarah Mishoe, Deputy Court Clerk  
Susan Ellen Bright  
15564 Tenth St.  
Victorville, CA 92395  
(760) 590-3277  
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BFN 2024005515

The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as BRIGHT ROAD INSURANCES SERVICES LLC AND AUTO REGISTRATIONS 5153 HOLT BLVD A5 MONTCLAIR, CA 91763: BRIGHT ROAD INSURANCES SERVICES LLC 5153 HOLT BLVD A5 MONTCLAIR, CA 91763

Business Mailing Address: 10021 BEL AIR AVE MONTCLAIR, CA 91763

The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY registered in California.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: June 14, 2024.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ JAZMIN NERI GARCIA, CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/14/2024

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 D9865

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).

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The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

MEN'S MINISTRY MISSIONARY SOLDIERS 265 E MERRILL AVENUE RIALTO, CA 92376: JEAN L DANGERVIL [and] DONOVAN DAWKINS  
Business Mailing Address: 265 E MERRILL AVENUE RIALTO, CA 92376

The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: June 10, 2024.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ DONOVAN DAWKINS, General Partner  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/11/2024

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 J6748

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).

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FBN 2024005658  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

ZIADE MARKETING AND CONSULTING 8270 ASPEN AVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: ISRA ZIADE

Business Mailing Address: 16379 EAST PRESERVE LOOP UNIT 1891 CHINO, CA 91708

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: May 1, 2024.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ISRA ZIADE  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/21/2024

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 J2522

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).

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

JAMES CARL HEIMERICKS Case NO. PROVA2400539

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JAMES CARL HEIMERICKS A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BENJAMIN CARL HEIMERICKS in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION FOR

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PROBATE requests that 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., BENJAMIN CARL HEIMERICKS 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. F1 at 09:00 AM on 08/14/2024 at Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, San Bernardino District-Probate Division

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: GORDON TOD LARSON aka TOD

LARSON aka TOD

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LINN LARSON  
CASE NO. PRO-  
VA2400543

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of GORDON TOD LARSON aka TOD LINN LARSON: a petition for probate has been filed by ANGELA M LANCASTER in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANGELA M LANCASTER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests full 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 July 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F2 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335 Filed: JUNE 20, 2024 Arica Tobias, Deputy Court Clerk.

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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: EZEQUIEL MARTINEZ JR

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CASE NO. PRO-  
VA2400562

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of EZEQUIEL MARTINEZ JR : a petition for probate has been filed by LINO MARTINEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

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

THE PETITION requests full 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 August 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F2 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335 Filed: JUNE 24, 2024 Arica Tobias, Deputy Court Clerk.

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.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
CIV SB 2420032

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner ELBA PELAYO and GUSTAVO ROMAN filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: GENESIS ROMAN to GENESIS PELAYO-ROMAN

[and] EMMANUEL ROMAN to EMMANUEL PELAYO-ROMAN

[and] BELLA ANAHI ROMAN to BELLA ANAHI PELAYO-ROMAN

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: August 5, 2024  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Department: S24  
Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino  
San Bernardino District-Civil

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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

Gilbert G. Ochoa  
Judge of the Superior Court.

Filed: June 24, 2024 by Ariel Barajas, Deputy Court Clerk  
Elba Pelayo and Gustavo Roman

503 North Elderberry Ave. Ontario, CA 91762 (951) 783-8593 elbapelayousa@gmail.com

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FBN 20240005757  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

JOULE CONSTRUCTION 7252 ARCHIBALD AVENUE #1022 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701: JOULE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION LLC 7252 ARCHIBALD AVENUE #1022 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701

Business Mailing Address: 7252 ARCHIBALD AVENUE #1022 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91701  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.  
/s/ KYLE W URRUTIA, Managing Member  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/25/2024

FBN 20240005669  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

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I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/ Deputy J6748

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).

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FBN 20240005692  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

DYNAMIC SPA 1955 E FOURTH ST ONTARIO, CA 91764: YUEQING INC 1955 E FOURTH ST ONTARIO, CA 91764

Business Mailing Address: 1955 E FOURTH ST ONTARIO, CA 91764

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: July 12, 2021.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ LI ZHU, President  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/24/2024

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 J2522

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).

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FBN 20240005555  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

ACV ELECTRIC 9563 LANGSTON ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730: ANTHONYPYRE INC 9563 LANGSTON ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

Business Mailing Address: 9563 LANGSTON ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California.

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

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ ANTHONY VELASQUEZ, President  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/20/2024

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 D9505

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The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

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UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC SUPPLY 4563 STATE ST MONCLAIR, CA 91763: CLARE E. TEDDER ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO. 4563 STATE ST MONCLAIR, CA 91763

Business Mailing Address: PO BOX 2218 MONTCLAIR, CA 91763

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: October 27, 1976.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ CHRISTINE TEDDER, President  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 6/21/2024

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

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FBN 20240004813  
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

INTERNATIONAL AUTOS 148 E BASELINE STREET SUITE C-10 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410: CAPSULA CORPORATION 2100 S LARK ELLEN AVE 90 WEST COVINA, CA 91792

Business Mailing Address: 148 E BASELINE STREET SUITE C-10 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 5426306.

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

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

/s/ JOHN KENNEDY MUNOZ ROSARIO, President  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 5/20/2024

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 J2523

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).

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The following person is doing business as: CUSTODI MANUFACTURING. 4671 BROOKS ST UNIT C MONCLAIR, CA 91763; [ MAILING ADDRESS 4671 BROOKS ST UNIT C MONCLAIR, CA 91763]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CUSTODI MANUFACTURING 20106 STATE ROAD CERRITOS, CA 90703 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 4014475

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 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ JAMES R. O'BRIEN, CEO Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: JUNE 03, 2024 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 06/07/2024, 06/14/2024, 06/21/2024, 06/28/2024 CNBB23202403MT

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FBN 20240005093  
The following person is doing business as: DONUT MAKER. 306 E BASELINE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404; [ MAILING ADDRESS 306 E BASELINE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO REAB TOR

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 in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ REAB TOR, OWNER Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: MAY 31, 2024 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 06/07/2024, 06/14/2024, 06/21/2024, 06/28/2024 CNBB23202402MT

FBN 20240005177  
The following person is doing business as: N & N SMOKE SHOP 1. 1470 EAST HIGHLAND AVE SUITE F SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404; [ MAILING ADDRESS 1470 EAST HIGHLAND AVE SUITE F SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOOR JAHAN INC 187 BRIGHT POPPY IRVINE, CA 92618 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA

The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JUN 03, 2024 By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing. s/ NOOR JAHAN, PRESIDENT Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: JUNE 03, 2024 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 06/07/2024, 06/14/2024, 06/21/2024, 06/28/2024 CNBB23202405MT

FBN 20240005061  
The following person is doing business as: HKBP NOMMENSEN CALIFORNIA. 113 E SAN BERNARDINO AVE REDLANDS, CA 92374; [ MAILING ADDRESS 113 E SAN BERNARDINO AVE REDLANDS, CA 92374]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAMOSIR MARUDUT.

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

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FBN 20240005220  
The following person is doing business as: SUBSTANCE MATTERS. 697 ALPINE LANE SPUR #45 TWIN PEAKS, CA 92391; [ MAILING ADDRESS 697 ALPINE LANE SPUR #45 TWIN PEAKS, CA 92391]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SUBSTANCE MATTERS LLC 697 ALPINE LANE SPUR #45 TWIN PEAKS, CA 92391 STATE OF ORGANIZATION CA

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

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FBN 20240005214  
The following person is doing business as: UNITED LEARNING COLLEGE. 15378 PARSLEY LEAF PLACE FONTANA, CA 92336; [ MAILING ADDRESS 15378 PARSLEY LEAF PLACE FONTANA, CA 92336]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO INTEGRITY INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TRADING COM-

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PANY LLC 15378 PARSLEY LEAS PLACE FONTANA, CA 92336 STATE OF ORGANIZATION CA; 15378 PARSLEY LEAF PLACE FONTANA, CA 92336 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

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The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JUN 03, 2024

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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

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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







## Forest Services' Tolerance Of Arrowhead Bottling Company's History Of Usurping San Bernardino Mountain Water Forced It To File Suit, Save Our Forest Association Maintains *from page 6*

cy determines that the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act will be furthered by doing so."

The Administrative Procedure Act provides for judicial review of agency action.

Doughty and Lovko maintain "Under the Administrative Procedure Act, a reviewing court must 'hold unlawful and set aside agency action, findings, and conclusions' found to be 'arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law' or 'unsupported by substantial evidence in the record.'

An agency action is arbitrary and capricious if the agency 'relied on factors which Congress has not intended it to consider, entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem, offered an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency, or is so implausible that it could not be .... the product of agency expertise.' When reviewing agency action under the Administrative Procedure Act, a court must ensure that the agency reviewed the relevant data and articulated a satisfactory explanation establishing a "rational connection between the facts found and the choice made."

According to the suit, the United States Forest Service's allowing BlueTrion Brands to continue drawing water from Strawberry Creek after the determination by the California Board of Water Resources that it had no valid water rights relating to that water rendered its decision to grant BlueTrion Brands a continuation of the permit arbitrary and capricious, as it had 'entirely failed to consider an important aspect of the problem' that is at issue, which further represented a violation of the Administrative Proce-

dures Act.

"Under the Administrative Procedure Act, a reviewing court must also set aside agency action, findings, and conclusions found to be without observance of procedure required by law," according to the suit.

According to the lawsuit, Strawberry Creek is tributary to East Twin Creek and the Santa Ana River. The West Fork of Strawberry Creek originates in the San Bernardino National Forest. Both the Headwaters Springs and the Ciene-ga Springs are located

was a perennial stream prior to diversion. United States Geological Survey quadrangle maps show Strawberry Creek as a perennial stream, and the Headwaters Springs and the Ciene-ga Springs, all as blue lines."

The suit references the survey work of Engineer W.P. Rowe, who was hired by BlueTrion Brand's corporate predecessor to survey the area. The suit cites this statement from Rowe: "Strawberry creek drains a portion of the south slope of the San Bernardino Mountains. It has its source at a group of springs which issue from the side of Strawberry peak. ... The flow from these springs being deep seated should be fairly regular, especially during the late

to Nestlé to operate and maintain existing diversion structures in Strawberry Canyon.

The suit maintains, "The initial studies provided by the permittee suggest that water extraction is reducing surface flow in Strawberry Creek. Ranger Rechsteiner himself performed only a perfunctory environmental review to support the 2018 decision memo, making findings of no extraordinary circumstances necessitating an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, despite the acknowledged 'impaired' status of Strawberry Creek Watershed due to the diversion. Despite acknowledged changes in management direction since issuance of the 1978 special use

the permit] shall result in termination of this permit.'

On March 31, 2021, the privately held private equity firm of One Rock Capital Partners, LLC, in partnership with the also-privately-held Metropoulos & Co., acquired Nestlé in a leveraged buyout. This sale operated to terminate the Nestlé 2018 special use permit. Accordingly, on April 1, 2021, Nestlé filed with the USFS a 'Request for Revocation' of the August 24, 2018, Nestlé 2018 special use permit, on the basis that Nestlé had 'conveyed all my (our) right, title, and interest in and to the improvements,' the diversion infrastructure, to BlueTrion Brands."

BlueTrion Brands was the follow-on corporate entity to Nestlé Wa-

that neither BlueTrion Brands nor any of its corporate predecessors hold or held water rights to the water in Strawberry Canyon, under the applicable restrictions of the Federal Land Policy Management Act, the National Forest Management Act, the San Bernardino National Forest land and resource management plan, San Bernardino National Forest's Forest Service Handbook, National Environmental Policy Act and the Administrative Procedure Act requires that the United States Forest Service bring BlueTrion Brand's diversion of water from Strawberry Canyon to a halt.

The suit asks the court to adjudge and declare that the United States Forest Service's actions in issuing the 2018 special use permit to

Nestlé and the 2023 special use permit to BlueTrion Brands violated the Federal Land Policy Management Act, the National Forest Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Administrative Procedure Act and that allowing BlueTrion Brands to continue to operate in Strawberry Canyon without a valid special use permit violates the Federal Land Policy Management Act, the National Forest Management Act and the Administrative Procedure Act.

The suit further asks for the court to vacate and set aside the BlueTrion Brand's 2023 special use permit, the 2018 decision memo, and the National Environmental Policy Act conclusions supporting the 2018 decision memo while enjoining the United States Forest Service from approving or allowing any third party to divert water from Strawberry Canyon by entry onto forest land unless and until the United States Forest Service has performed a new or supplemental environmental analysis taking into account the historical information illuminated through the California *Continued on Page 16*



within the San Bernardino National Forest. All of the water at issue in this complaint is diverted from the West Fork of Strawberry Creek Watershed, which is within the Strawberry Creek Watershed, and all within the San Bernardino National Forest. In the early 1900s, before any water was diverted from Strawberry Canyon, the canyons near the Arrowhead Hot Springs Hotel were wet and lush. Prior to diversion, Strawberry Creek was a popular fishing stream. United States Geological Survey teams visited and mapped Strawberry Creek Watershed in the late 1890s, establishing that Strawberry Creek

summer season. The observations show this to be the case. The dependable supply will aggregate about 10 [miner's] inches."

One Miner's Inch is the equivalent of 9 gallons per minute; 1 gallon per minute is the equivalent of 1,440 gallons per day; 1 gallon per minute is the equivalent of 1.61 acre-feet/year. Ten inches year-round even during dry periods, as described by Rowe, converts to 99 gallons per minute.

According to the suit, on July 27, 2018, Forest Ranger Joseph Rechsteiner signed a decision memo memorializing his decision to issue a new special use permit

permit, no consideration was apparently given to a no action alternative requiring a return to pre-diversion baseline conditions in Strawberry Canyon. On January 22, 2021, Nestlé asked the Forest Service to renew the Nestlé 2018 special use permit for one year, expiring on August 24, 2022. This request was granted, without modification to the 2018 Nestlé special use permit."

The suit propounds, "The contents of the Nestlé 2018 special use permit specified that the permit was not renewable, assignable, or transferable. The 2018 special use permit stated: 'Any change in control of the business entity [holding

of America, which had previously operated the Arrowhead Spring Water Bottling Company.

According to the suit, "On August 18, 2022, Acting Ranger Joseph Jordan signed a special use permit for BlueTrion Brands. This special use permit expired six days later on August 24, 2022. It stated that 'The CA State Water Board enforcement hearing in 2022 may clarify the water rights related to the system and/or uphold the draft cease and desist order issued to the holder in 2021.'

According to the suit, the ultimate finding by the California State Water Resources Board

## City Doesn't Need The Street Right-Of-Way It is Giving Up Now & Won't Need It In The Future, Redlands Officials Insist *from page 3*

the adjacent lots, which may allow for future improvements or development of the subject properties." Based upon that wording, residents reason that Jadeland Developments has designs on developing the property. Those residents want to know whether Jadeland Developments previewed the development proposal to the city and if the city's transfer of the property to Jadeland Developments implies future approval of the Jadeland Developments proposal. In this way, the city might be compromising its ability to engage in future land use regulation with regard to whatever proposal Jadeland Developments is to make, according to those residents.

The report to the council on the references that Jadeland Development had already built on the property to be abandoned some small and less than permanent structures.

Photos of the property in question were provided as part of the report to the city council. In those photos, it appears storage sheds were erected not on the existing earthen roadway but on the opposite side of the fence from the earthen roadway. This created, for some residents, confusion as to where the boundary between the public right-of-way and Jadeland's property stands. Some said this raised questions as to whether Jadeland Developments had acted

properly in constructing improvements – modest though they might have been – on public land. They suggested that Jadeland Developments had usurped a portion of the public right-of-way and that what the city is now on the brink of doing, by abandoning the property, is to reward a private landowner for having taken adverse possession of public property. This could set an unfortunate precedent, they assert.

Furthermore, Jadeland Developments' failure to register as a business entity with the state or county is of significance when it comes to the city turning property over to it, those residents maintain. While Jadeland Developments can own property, it cannot engage in any sort of business transactions without being registered as an entity with the state or county, they say, and the city, accordingly,

should not be engaged in a land transaction with Jadeland Developments, whether the property is being deeded to it for no consideration or in exchange for capital.

Residents also pointed out that the city has not listed the 8,941 square-foot of property as excess land, thereby giving other parties an opportunity to make competing bids for it.

Desatnik told the *Sentinel* that the city did not own the property and was merely abandoning the easement it had across Jadeland Developments' property.

In the event that Jadeland Developments develops its property, Desatnik said, those improvements and any existing development already in place will be able to be accessed from streets at the front of Jadeland Developments' property, such that access via Mecca Street

will not be necessary.

City Manager Charles Duggan told the *Sentinel*, "The agenda item proposes to vacate an excess portion of public right-of-way. This action, if approved, would change the land's designation from public right-of-way and it would then become part of the adjacent parcels. Yes, the city would be abandoning claim to this land because no improvements were ever made, there is no evidence that it has ever been used for public access, and the action is in compliance with the city's general plan and all applicable laws. Simply put, the city has no plans to use this land in the future so it is releasing it to the adjacent land owners. This is a very simple and common action for a city to take."

Duggan said, "The proposed resolution was reviewed and recommended by the city's

planning commission. Additionally, as noted in the staff report, pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code (which defines the general procedures for public street and easement vacations), the city council may adopt a resolution summarily vacating a public street that has been impassable for vehicular travel for a period of five consecutive years preceding vacation, and no public money was expended for maintenance on the street during such period. These findings can be made in this case for this segment of the public right-of-way (which has not been developed or improved) and is identifiable as right-of-way only on maps. Therefore, the summary vacation meets the criteria and may be approved. The excess right-of-way is not required for street or highway purposes."

## Forest Service Says It Is Merely Re-viewing Arrowhead Bottling Company's Request That Its Water Diversion Permit Be Extended *from page 15*

State Water Resources Control Board Hearing, continuing damage to resources on the San Bernardino National Forest, and the failure to meet goals and standards of the San Bernardino National Forest land and resource management plan.

This should be topped with, according to Doughty and Lovko, an order to the United States Forest Service to comply with the Federal Land Policy Management Act, the National Forest Management Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Administrative Procedure Act in connection with BlueTriton Brand's diversion of water from the Strawberry Creek

Watershed and the removal of the water diversion structures in Strawberry Canyon to restore Strawberry Canyon to its

condition pre-diversion. The suit also seeks reimbursement of the Save Our Forest Association's cost in pursuing the suit.

The cease and desist order that was originally issued in draft form by the California State Water Resources Board against Nestlé and which is now in place against BlueTriton has been appealed by BlueTriton Brands and is assigned to a Fresno Superior Court to be heard this summer. Meanwhile, the water

diversions continue as BlueTriton and the United States Forest Service negotiate terms of a possible new special use permit despite the California State Water Control Board's determination that BlueTriton holds no water rights in Strawberry Canyon.

Hugh A. Bialecki, the president of the Save Our Forest Association, said, "Ten years of letter writing, collecting evidence and testifying to the California State Water Board has not yet resulted in the US Forest Service stopping the water giveaway to Nestlé/BlueTriton

Brands. The US Forest Service must be ac-

countable for protecting our natural resources."

Steve Loe, a retired United States Forest Service Fish & Wildlife Biologist, said, "The US Forest Service has known for decades that taking the spring water for Arrowhead bottled water was drying up the stream below and adversely affecting threatened and endangered species and their habitat. Even during extreme drought when residents were being forced to ra-

tion water, Nestlé, now BlueTriton, and the US Forest Service have refused to put any water back into the stream. This is the public's land and water, not a corporation's that is using it for its profit at the public's expense."

United States Forest Service Spokesman Gustavo Bahena told the *Sentinel*, "In response to your inquiry about the lawsuit filed by Save Our Forest Association against the San Ber-

nardino National Forest, the forest does not comment during pending litigation. In regard to Blue Triton applying for a special use permit, the forest is in the review process for their most recent application."

Bahena said, "Blue Triton Brands' previous permit was issued on July 27, 2018, for a three-year term with two optional years that was reissued annually and expired on August 27, 2023. Because Blue

Triton had a timely request for renewal of the permit, the current permit remains in effect by operation of law under the Administrative Procedures Act until the forest renders a decision on their new request. Blue Triton's land use fee is \$2,500 annually. Blue Triton's operations in the forest are governed by its permit, and all terms and conditions of the permit remain in full force and effect."

-Mark Gutglueck

## Yucaipa Officials Seeking To Sell The Tax Increase As "The Public Safety & Essential Services Protection Act" *from page 7*

municipal programs or projects, contracts or city departments. Similarly, the tax money could also be used to boost employee salaries or benefits. Thus, Mann and council will need to thread a very narrow needle eye, assuring voters they will use the money for public safety purposes without actually saying just that. If they do so and it can be documented that they

made just such a commitment or promise, passage of the measure by less than two thirds of the vote could conceivably result in the tax being challenged in court.

Mann sought to ward off the impression that there was any sort of

hanky-panky with regard to the measure.

"The City of Yucaipa Public Safety/Essential Services Protection Measure includes strict fiscal accountability provisions, including a citizen oversight committee, public disclosure of

all spending and annual independent financial audits," he and Pradetto wrote in the city's official statement. "No measure funds can be taken by the county, state, or federal governments."

## Sheriff Recognizes First Responders' & Citizens' Courage & Commitment *from page 3*

Ontario PD Observer Michael Ayala was endorse for his meritorious service.

Physician Onaona Gurney was credited with meritorious service. Citizen John Kraus was recognized for his meritorious service. Citizen Mike Ball was decorated with the Medal of Valor. Citizen Christensen Severin was esteemed as deserving

his Medal of Valor. Citizen Jose Pulido was honored with the Medal of Valor. Retired Riverside Sheriff's Department Deputy Dean Colbert was acknowledged with the Medal of Valor.