

Haro In Second Degree Murder Plea Acknowledges Beating And Killing His Son

Jake Haro, in an un-anticipated move during a court hearing to final-ize arrangements for his preliminary hearing and that of his wife and co-defendant, pleaded guilty this morning, Thursday October 15, in Riverside Superior Court to second degree murder in the death of his infant son.

The plea provides some but not all of the answers to a set of



Jake Haro

evolving questions that have been extant for more than two months.

It seemingly confirms what investigators and prosecutors and a significant portion of the public has believed and alleged for some time, which is that the original story about the disappearance of 7-month Emmanuel Haro told by the child's mother, Rebecca Haro, was patently untrue.

In that version of events, provided to members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's

Department on August 14, she, her husband, Jake, Jake's two-year-old sister and his ten-year-old half brother had driven to Yucaipa from the Haro home in Caba-zon in Riverside County so the ten-year-old could participate in a football scrimmage/practice at the large sports facility there. According to Re-becca Haro, she went to the Big 5 Sporting Goods Store several blocks from

the sports facility to pur-chase a mouth guard for her stepson, where in the parking lot she stopped to change Em-manuel's diaper. As she was doing so, sometime 7:44 p.m. and 7:54 p.m., with the 7-month-old on the backseat of the fam-ily vehicle, she said, she was sucker-punched by a man who had greeted her in Spanish. When she came to on the ground moments later, See P 2

Embezzler
Holmes, Who
Singlehandedly
Dashed Five &
Imperiled Two
Other Relief
Efforts For
The Homeless,
Now Charged



Cody Holmes

Cody Holmes, whose greed and the position of trust bestowed upon him at the age of 27 combined to threaten the viability of two of the more promising home-less rehabilitation pro-grams undertaken in San Bernardino County and, indeed, the state of Cali-fornia, has been charged by federal authorities with fraud, more than two years after the ex-tent of the embezzlement and other depredations he engaged him became publicly known.

Cody Holmes, 31, of Beverly Hills, was ar-rested Thursday morn-ing on a federal criminal complaint charging him with mail fraud, a felo-ny offense that carries a statutory maximum sen-tence of 20 years in fed-eral prison.

Holmes made his initial appearance this Thursday afternoon in United States District Court in downtown Los Angeles. No plea was taken.

Holmes perfidy undid the efforts of dozens or scores of local officials in four municipalities in California and within San Bernardino See P 2

After Five Years Of Temporizing, SB To Crush Concrete Strewn At Verdemont Site

Approaching three years into the Helen Tran Administration, San Bernardino City officials have now resolved to deal with one of the ves-tiges of the mayoral reign of John Valdivia. While there is relief among many that the city is at last dealing with a haz-ard and an eyesore that has gone unaddressed for too long, there is far from universal satisfac-tion with the means that

will be used to make the fix, which a good cross section of the impacted public feels represents an environmental danger in and of itself.

The circumstance came about as part of an untoward arrangement that involved money passing into the hands of Valdivia, who was may-ior from 2018 until 2022.

On June 5, 2020, a fire broke out in the 600,000-square foot

Kuehne & Nagel ware-house, located in the 2200 block of West Lu-gonia Avenue in Red-lands. The structure had served as a holding/distribution/dispatch facility for large items sold by on-line retail behemoth Amazon. The fire gutted the building, which was a total loss. The concrete walls were torn down. Initial plans were to haul them off to whatever landfill would

take them changed when Eric Cernich, the princi-pal officer with Newport Beach-based Oxbow Communities, Inc. indi-cated he had a use for the over one thousand tons of fragmented concrete. Some but not all of what occurred next is known, with some events opaque. Cernich ingrati-ated himself with Mayor Valdivia, first with a \$750 donation to Valdivia's campaign fund on

July 14, 2020, which he followed up with another \$750 installment on Sep-tember 8, 2020. Green-leaf Engineering of Hun-tington Beach, owned by Tim Greenleaf, who had the contract for the demolition of the Kuehne & Nagel warehouse and relocating its con-crete walls to San Ber-nardino, made an effort to get on Valdivia's good side, providing his elec-tion fund with See P 3

Apple Valley Taps As New Town Manager Outsider Steeped In Running Small Municipal Organizations

Apple Valley, which over the course of its 37-year history has proven itself to be among the most stable of San Ber-nardino County's 24 current municipalities, has selected as its next manager an administra-tor who has never over-seen an entity with as much as one eighth of the town's population.

The Apple Valley Town Council recently chose Todd S. Bodem, who has been the top ad-ministrator for the city of Guadalupe for the last six years, to replace outgoing Town Manager Doug Robertson upon his retirement as of De-cember 1.

Robertson is the fourth town manager

that Apple Valley has employed since its founding in 1988. When Bodem succeeds him, he will step into a position in which the holder of the title has averaged a ten-ure of nine and a quarter years or 111 months.

Throughout the vast majority of its time as an incorporated town, Ap-ple Valley has See P 3

Fontana & Redlands Manifest Diametric Warehouse Attitudes

San Bernardino County's second most populous and its 12th most populous munici-palities appear headed in diametrically oppo-site directions in terms of their acceptance of warehouse projects large and small.

In both cities, a pre-dominant contingent of the city's residents ap-

pear adamantly opposed to the construction of further warehouses, which are cataloged by both cities as light indus-trial uses. In Fontana, elected officials and the planning/land use divi-sion employees who are answerable to the man-agement echelon at City Hall who are in turn at the beck and See P 3

School Prayer Déjà Vu In Chino Valley Unified As Judge Again Sides With Secularists

The most recent Hail Mary thrown by the con-servative values/Repub-lican/Christian contin-gent on the Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees failed to strike paydirt, nine years after a similar quixotic attempt by the coalition's predecessors went to hell.

This time around, the long-range effort to re-verse the 1962 Supreme

Court ruling banning prayer in public schools ran into the same federal judge who had thwarted the effort in 2016. The petitioners' hope that changes on the U.S. Su-preme Court and some rulings on related or pe-ripheral issues that had signaled a change in at-titude and a tolerance for expressions of religiosity in public forums would weigh in their favor did

not pan out. Once again, it appears the district will need to pay the leg-al fees of the advocates of religion-free public education environments as a consequence of the unsuccessful legal maneuver. This most recent setback and the expense associated with it does not seem to have dimmed the enthusiasm of the Christians on the board for engaging in

the good fight, as they consider themselves, the district and the district's taxpayers to be in for the long haul, from which they are praying they will emerge with a just and Christian victory.

In 2012, Andrew Cruz, a member of the Calvary Chapel Chino Hills Congregation, was elected to the school board. Cruz joined James Na and Sylvia Orozco,

who were also Calvary Chapel parishioners on the panel. The pastor at Calvary Chapel Chino Hills is Jack Hibbs, a denominationalist, who holds that Christians have a duty to stand up for their beliefs by either running for election to public office themselves or supporting other Christians who do run, and then, upon taking of-fice, Christian- See P 3

Investigators Early On Used Immense Press & Social Media Attention To Pressure The Haros
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she said, Emmanuel was gone.

Initially, her story was lent credibility by the consideration that she had a blackened right eye. An all points bulletin went out as an intensive search was initiated, which resulted in a report that the child had been sighted in Kern County near Bakersfield.

Within a few days, however, contradictions in Rebecca Haro's story emerged, as video footage from cameras in the area either did not confirm her version of events or seemed at odds with it. A social media frenzy ensued, which entailed the relatively new brand of citizen journalists, among whom were both amateur and professional videographers, staking out the Haro's home, following them and tracing their previous movements in the days and weeks prior to Emmanuel's disappearance. Some of those efforts churned

up information that went beyond what sheriff's department investigators were able to obtain, such as indications that Rebecca Haro's eye was blackened as early as August 3.

Both of the Haros were confronted with this information and other details gleaned by detectives when they were interviewed, re-interviewed and interrogated over the course of the next three days, at which point Rebecca Haro grew uncooperative. The investigation at that point made a crucial shift, with the parents now suspects in what was believed to be the death of their child.

Late in the evening on Sunday, August 18, an identification of Jake Emmanuel Haro and Jake Mitchell Haro as being one and the same was received through a backchannel to several media organizations and social media outlets. Riverside County Superior Court records showed that a conviction against Jake Mitchell Haro had been entered against him in June 2023, stemming

from his arrest on charges of child cruelty in Hemet four years and 8 months previously. Both Haro and his then wife, Vanessa Avina, were arrested on October 13, 2018 after their 10-week-old daughter, Carolina Rose, was admitted to Hemet Valley Hospital. Doctors reported to police that the girl had a "fresh" and "acute" fractured rib, six previously fractured ribs, a previous leg bone fracture and a previous skull fracture, all of which were in a state of "healing," swelling of the neck and a brain hemorrhage.

Carolina Rose, who was severely disabled after having had to undergo a tracheotomy and was rendered blind, unable to walk or speak, with three to seven percent brain function because of the beating to her head, making her entirely dependent upon her caregiver, was adopted by Vanessa's sister, who changed the child's name to Promise Faith.

A criminal case against Jake Mitchell Haro and Vanessa Avina was pursued by the Riv-

erside County District Attorney's Office and dragged out for nearly five years, which concluded with his 2023 conviction for willful cruelty to a child.

It was incidentally mentioned that Haro had been arrested while in possession of a gun, and was yet facing charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The already pointed suppositions on multiple social media sites that were suggesting the parents were involved in the child's disappearance reached a cacophonous crescendo thereafter, at which point the involved law enforcement entities echoed those accusations, albeit in less sensationalistic terms, and without disclosing the basis for that conclusion. A wide cross section of the traditional press and media, hamstrung by the standard limitations relating to sourcing and the production of verified specifics, while taken aback by Jake Haro's criminal history that consisted of extreme abuse of a child, noted, without publishing as

most straightforward of terms, two of the best examples of how a state/local public agency/private industry solution to the homeless problem could be applied. Both projects were among the first real successes of the Homekey program. Unbeknownst to virtually everyone involved, however, then-28-year-old Holmes, using his position as Shangri-La's chief financial officer, embezzled an estimated \$40 million from the company, which resulted in Shangri-La defaulting on the loans taken out to complete multiple construction projects for homeless shelters, including the Good Nite Inn in Redlands, the All Star Lodge in San Bernardino, one in the City of King, one in Thousand Oaks and three in Salinas. As pertained to the Good Nite Inn conversion project, Shangri-La received \$30 million originating with the State of California passed along to it

through the Department of Housing and Community Development and the City of Redlands, but then defaulted on a \$12 million private loan it obtained in June 2022 to purchase the motel. While precisely how Holmes utilized all the money he diverted might never be tallied in detail, it is known that he used money flowing through Shangri-La's accounts to make \$4.3 million in a down payment and a principal payment in July 2022 through a company he created, Holmes Capital, toward the purchase of a seven-bed, 11-bath 11,000-square-foot mansion at 9301 Cherokee Lane in Beverly Hills valued at \$13.4 million; make over half of a million dollars in \$48,000-per-month lease payments on another Beverly Hills property for over a year; lay out \$54,400 in company funds on 20 VIP passes to the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival; another \$43,475 for pri-

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much, that the presumption of the Haros' guilt was unaccompanied by any specific hard evidence to support the inferences being drawn.

Yet another corner on the case was turned when both Jake and Rebecca were rousted at 6:59 a.m., on August 22 by San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deputies and detectives, who arrested them on suspicion of the murder of their son. They were entrusted to the custody of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, which de-

layed in booking them. Rebecca was not booked into official custody at the jail until 12:32 p.m., more than a half hour after noon, five-and-a-half hours after her arrest. Jake was not booked until 5:33 p.m., a full ten-and-a-half hours after his arrest.

During that time, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department used the opportunity to place undercover officers into the inmate population in the holding cells where both were being detained. Those officers, in the

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Holmes Squandered Millions Of Dollars Intended To Reclaim The Lives Of The Indigent On Luxury Items For Himself And His One-Time Girlfriend
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County's governmental structure, and destroyed or nearly destroyed benefits intended for hundreds of people living on the streets.

Redlands and the cities of Salinas, King and Thousand Oaks were among dozens of California cities that moved to take advantage of money being offered by the State of California through its Department of Housing and Community Development via the so-called Homekey Program, which was being pushed by Governor Gavin Newsom at around the time of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. San Bernardino County also sought to make use of that program. Using Homekey funds and matching city money, Redlands partnered with Step Up on Second, a Santa Monica-based

nonprofit to take possession of the Good Nite Inn, located on Industrial Avenue, and convert its 98 hotel rooms into mini-living quarters, complete with kitchenettes and bathrooms to house and support, variously, individual homeless or homeless couples. Step Up on Second affiliated with Shangri-La Industries, to engage in those conversions.

Similarly, All Star Lodge, a former San Bernardino hotel with 76 single and one-bedroom units, was converted to interim to permanent housing for individuals and families through the County of San Bernardino's participation in the Homekey Program.

Work on those projects progressed well. In March 2023, the facilities opened, becoming what were, in the

Investment Trust, Lone Oak Fund, Arixa Institutional Lending Partners, LLC; Fairview Loan 123 LLC; 310 Real Estate Investment Trust, Medalist Partners Asset-Based Private Credit Fund III Commercial Real Estate LLC., Medalist Partners Asset-Based Real Estate Investment Trust III and Pacific Western Bank, the Tullius Law Group, the Law Firm of Foley & Lardner, the Fidelity National Title Corporation and Chicago Title Company, alleging they "breached their obligations" under terms of their agreements with the state. According to the lawsuit, Shangri-La received more than \$114 million in Homekey funds from the state to convert motels or other buildings into permanent supportive housing in San Bernardino, Redlands, Thousand Oaks, King and Salinas, while Shangri-La thereupon granted and recorded deeds of trust

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Having Lost On The Prayer Issue in 2016, School Board Sought To Appeal This Year Based On Differing Supreme Court Composition *from front page*

ize public policy. With the religious trifecta of Orozco, Na and Cruz in place and in control of the district, there followed increasingly bold efforts to make significant inroads on the district’s policies. Milestones in this regard were achieved with making Bible study part of the district curriculum, as well as including benedictions at the beginning of the school board meetings and later, after Na became board president, outright evangelism from the district board dais, with Na telling those present at meetings that they should seek out Jesus Christ as their personal savior. When the district began to move toward including daily prayer as part of basic instruction at the district’s schools, the Freedom From Religion Foundation of Madison, Wisconsin in 2014 stepped in and filed suit in Federal Court in Riverside against the district on behalf of two named plaintiffs, Larry Maldonado and Mike Anderson, and 21 unnamed plaintiffs who asserted they were alienated or intimidated at school board meetings because of the insistence of some district officials to engage in so-called Christian witnessing, including “prayers, Bible readings and proselytizing.” A ruling on the Freedom From Religion Foundation lawsuit by Federal Judge Jesus Bernal resulted in overt religiosity and proselytizing within the district’s schools being eliminated in 2016. As a consequence of that ruling, the district had to reimburse the Freedom From Religion Foundation \$546.70 for its cost in filing the lawsuit and cover its \$202,425.00 in attorney’s fees. Nevertheless, the Na, Cruz and Orozco voted for the district to appeal Bernal’s ruling to U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The Ninth Circuit ultimately upheld Bernal, which resulted in the district being responsible for another \$75,680 of the Freedom From Religion’s legal fees with regard to the appeal. In the years since, Orozco left the school board but two others of like mind, Sonia Shaw and Jon Monroe were elected to the board in 2022. With the school board under the tight grip of Na, Cruz, Monroe and Shaw, who was established shortly after her election as the school board president, the district contemplated taking up once more an effort to acculturate public education in Chino Valley in accordance with Christian principles. The time to do so was propitious the quartet figured. In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court, laden with six justices appointed by what are deemed to be “conservative,” i.e., Republican presidents and three by “liberal,” i.e., Democrat presidents, took up the case of Kennedy v. Bremerton School District. In Kennedy v. Bremerton a football coach challenged his having been disciplined

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Warehouses Prodigiously Proliferating In The Inland Empire *from front page*

call of those politicians feel that popular sentiment can be disregarded with relative impunity. In Redlands, where the city council for more than two decades has been far more aggressively in favor of growth than the majority of constituents who voted them into office, city officials are more sensitive than those in Fontana with regard to the type of development that is going on within their city limits. They sense that while, on average, citizens in their city would prefer that as little new construction take place as is possible, those residents are far less tolerant of factories, foundries and warehouses than they are of houses or commercial buildings. Throughout San Bernardino County and the

Inland Empire in general, the expansion of warehousing over the last two decades has been intensive. There is more than 940 million square feet of warehousing in San Bernardino and Riverside counties at present, with more being built. That includes 3,052 warehouses in San Bernardino County. In Ontario alone, there are 290 warehouses larger than 100,000 square feet. Reportedly, there are

143 warehouses in Fontana larger than 100,000 square feet. In Chino there are 118 warehouses larger than 100,000 square feet, 109 larger than 100,000 square feet in Rancho Cucamonga and 75 larger than 100,000 square feet in San Bernardino. Since 2015, 27 warehouse project applications have been processed and approved by the City of San Bernardino, entailing acreage under roof of 9,600,000 square feet, or

more than one-third of a square mile, translating into 220.38 acres. After Ontario, Fontana, Chino, Rancho Cucamonga and San Bernardino, the city in San Bernardino County with the next largest number of warehouses of more than 100,000 square feet is Redlands, with 57, followed by Rialto with 48. In addition to those 48 larger warehouses, Rialto has another 125 warehouses of under 100,000 square feet. Increasingly, some elected officials, local residents and futurists are questioning whether warehouses constitute the highest and best use of the property available for development in the region. The glut of logistics facilities in the Inland Empire has some thinking their numbers are out of balance. In refuting the assertions of the proponents of warehouses that they constitute positive economic

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With Few Exceptions, Apple Valley Has Been Politically And Managerially Stable, Without Excessive Controversy For Nearly Four Decades *from front page*

been relatively free from political or operational dissension. Shortly after its incorporation in 1988, the maiden town council hired Bruce Williams to serve as the senior administrator at Town Hall. He lasted in that position 19 years. He was replaced by longtime Victorville City Manager Jim Cox, who came out of retirement to guide the city for two years, whereupon he was succeeded by Frank Robinson in 2009. Robinson remained in place for nine years. He was replaced by Robertson, who took a pay cut to leave his seven-year long assignment managing the larger and far more complex and challenging assignment of running Victorville.

Other than minor bumps in the road and some legitimate differences of opinion with regard to public issues, at only two times did the circumstance in Apple Valley boil over into a major contretemps, that being after the November 1998 election, when Patrick Jacobo joined David Holman and Barbara Loux, who had been elected to the town council in 1996. Jacobo, Holman and Loux, all of whom had ties to the development community, formed a three-member

ruling coalition on the council that was philosophically at odds with the controlled growth principle that had permeated the town from its outset and had been enshrined in a firm and fast rule that all single-family homes built in the town be constructed on lots of no less than one-half acre. When Jacobo, Holman and Loux politically outmuscled their two council colleagues, Mark Shoup and Bob Sagona, in a push to reduce the town’s standards to allow four

residential units to the acre as a prelude to even further density concessions, a counter-reaction among town residents ensued, resulting in a committee qualifying a recall election against the troika for the November 1999 ballot. All three recall efforts succeeded. A somewhat shorter-lived but intense kerfuffle played out in 2007 when a majority on the council, as it was then composed, moved to terminate Williams as town manager, holding discus-

sions to do so in a closed session meeting without disclosing the rationale for doing so. That crisis passed without further incident when Cox, who had managed Victorville for three decades prior to his retirement in 1999, agreed to come in to steady the situation. Most recently, in 2021, the town sustained something of a black eye when it undertook and failed to wrest control of its water system from its private sector owner, Liberty Utilities,

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In Exchange For Contributions, Valdivia Let Developer Dump Concrete In Verdemon Without A Permit *from front page*

\$2,000, likewise provided in two increments, in Greanleaf’s case, \$1,000 each, one on October 2, 2020 and the other on October 7, 2020. In August 2020, Verdemon District residents noted that dump trucks were transiting up Palm Avenue and depositing massive loads of the large shards and chunks of shattered concrete onto vacant land near the site of Oxbow Communities’ planned development of a 40-unit single family homes subdivision, which was to be built in cooperation with Jazzar Construction Group, which had at that time an option on the property.

The project had been stalled out at least since 2018. Reportedly, one of the reasons the project had been suspended was that the land upon which the project was to be built was uneven and would require either intensive grading and then hillside reinforcement or the introduction of fill into the low-lying side of the property or its crevices to render it level. Cernich apparently be-

lieved the concrete could be used as fill when the project was at last revived. For such a use, however, permits had to be secured, which entailed inspections beforehand for the process to be legitimate. Given that Valdivia was extending Cernich legal cover, however, there was an unwritten understanding at San Bernardino City Hall that there was

no need to observe legal niceties and that both Cernich and Greenleaf, who had already gotten permission from Redlands officials to allow the concrete walls to be partially broken up at the Lugonia Avenue property, were to be allowed to import the shattered concreted to the Verdemon location, some 12.5 miles away from the burned-out Kuehne & Nagel warehouse as the crow flies or variously 15.6 miles or 18.3 miles distant via differing routes using the local freeway system. No permits were issued or required, and the concrete was deposited at the far extension of Palm Avenue in North San Bernardino’s Verdemon District, in proximity to Palm Elementary School and Tom Minor Park. When they queried

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Investigators And Prosecutors Lost Patience With Social Media When The Glare Was Focused On Them *from page 2*

guise of individuals who had just been arrested themselves, attempted to befriend the Haros in an effort to gain their confidence and thereby obtain statements from them that further implicated them in the murder of their son, together with possible hints with regard to where the child's remains were located.

Within days, word of the undercover operation became public knowledge, as did investigators inability to locate the body of the child. The situation was compounded by a series of statements emanating out of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, ones which failed to hold up or which appeared, based upon available information, to be internally inconsistent or self-serving from the standpoint of the sheriff's department or plain wrong. One report was that Jake Haro had admitted, either to another inmate or an undercover officer masquerading as an inmate, to killing the child in a fit of rage and then disposing of him in the trash. It went around that Jake had admitted to killing the child accidentally when he rolled over on the infant in bed, crushing him. Thereafter, in a panic, he scattered the remains in the wilderness.

Whereas previously, the detectives with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in investigating the matter had embraced the opportunity that the widespread public interest and accompanying social media scrutiny provided them in pressuring the Haros to further their effort to learn what the actual circumstances surrounding Emmanuel's disappearance were, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and in particular Sheriff Chad Bianco, with the couple in their custody, proved to be far less adept at

harnessing the glare of attention that attended the case for any positive effect. The public, expectant as a consequence of the arrests of the parents that at minimum an explication of the facts with regard to the killing of the child by his parents would be provided and anticipating an even more comprehensive detailing of what had occurred, found themselves stonewalled as the Riverside Sheriff's Department showed itself to be far less forthcoming than the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. Bianco and his crew grew even more coy when it was pressed about the most basic element of the murder, i.e., how the child had died. It was at that point that it was intimated that the child's body had not been found. On August 24, two days after the arrests, amid reports that Jake Haro was cooperating with his jailers, what was hoped would prove to be a public relations coup for the department, news outlets were tipped off that something significant was in the offing, and they were directed to a location along the 60 Freeway east of Moreno Valley. Those who took the hint, found themselves at a lookout point along the side of the freeway near Gilman Springs Road, proximate to the San Timoteo Badlands, a rugged, hilly area of eroded scrubland that separates Moreno Valley from Beaumont. A good number of law enforcement personnel were there, partially up the hillside, walking along a fire access road with Jake Haro, clad in his orange jail jumpsuit. The press and other members of the public were prohibited from progressing up the fire access road by police scene cordon tape not far from the freeway. Haro and his escorts could, however, be seen from a distance, and those with telephoto lenses on their cameras captured both still and moving images of the accused child murderer as he appeared to be guiding his jailers to different spots along where the fire access road met

the indigenous chaparral. There was no opportunity to speak with Haro, so much as shout questions to him or overhear his exchanges with the law enforcement officers surrounding him. Nevertheless, the implication was clear: it at the very least appeared that he was leading investigators to the body of Emmanuel. Photos of Jake Haro were posted to social media sites that day and appeared in the following days newspapers, some of the captions for which strongly suggested that the child's remains had been recovered. A copy of the Monday, August 25 edition of the local Riverside Press-Enterprise was left in the common area on the seventh floor of the Robert Pressley Detention Center in downtown Riverside, where Rebecca Haro was housed.

In this way, the gesture by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department on August 24 came across as designed to kill two birds with a single stone, that is, induce Rebecca Haro to open up to those she was in detention with, including the undercover deputy who had been planted in her midst, as well as to lead the general public toward the conclusion that the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was on top of the situation. It was the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department which had initially established a connection with Jake Haro, such that it was officers from that agency with whom he was interacting. When that agency put out a statement that the "search for Emmanuel Haro" included the use of "cadaver dogs... has concluded, and Emmanuel was not located," the Riverside County Sheriff's Department found itself back where it had started, trying to justify an arrest that to many came across as premature.

That provoked some intemperate remarks from Sheriff Bianco, who instead of perceiving the public's close scrutiny of the case as providing him with more eyes and ears to see the

matter from a different perspective than that which he and his investigators were locked into, felt he was being crowded and subject to unwelcome skepticism. He unsuitably suggested that the amateurs who had covered ground in the early phase of the case and had clued the San Bernardino County investigators into some salient facts should simply butt out and leave the investigating to the professionals. Despite that assertion, the questions that naturally proceeded from the arrest of the Haros did not diminish, but intensified, with the central issue being how could the couple be charged with murder when there was no body. And, scores, hundreds, indeed thousands of members of the public wanted to know, if there was no body, what evidence did law enforcement have to indicate the child was dead and why couldn't it be disclosed.

Bianco and his department was given some level of assistance when Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin, lodged charges against both of the Haros, consisting of one charge of murder, Penal Code Section 187, and filing a false police report, Penal Code Section PC 148.5, each. At the Haros scheduled arraignment on August 26, however, the proceedings were abruptly continued until September 4. With the crescendo of skepticism intensifying, something needed to be done. The following day, Hestrin called a press conference, where he stood side-by-side with San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus and Bianco to stand down any suggestion from anyone that the case against the two parents was somehow invalid. That the prosecutor for Riverside County, where the child's death had presumably occurred, was putting his imprimatur on the murder charges, at least at first, appeared to stymie the suggestions that either of the sheriff's departments had gotten ahead of themselves in collaring the couple.

Hestrin's gravitas, at least initially, stood off those who questioned the basis of the case. Relatively early on, in fact, Hestrin, most likely to his later regret, endeavored to move everyone over the lack-of-a-body hump. When a reporter delved into whether the location of Emmanuel's body was known, Hestrin took, or at least seemed to take, the bull by the horns, though he was actually cleverly sidestepping the pitfall relating to the lack of a body of the murder victim by somewhat slyly suggesting, without directly saying, that the body had been located. "Yes," Hestrin said. "We have a pretty strong indication of where the remains of Baby Emmanuel are." He implied but did not specifically state that it was now just a matter of a scientific confirmation being made. "That investigation is ongoing at this time," he said.

Later in the press conference, however, Ahmed Bellozo, one of the new breed of citizen reporters who lacks any formal journalistic training or polish, whose methodology of news-gathering consists of being armed with a microphone and an accompanying videographer as he conducts man-or-woman-on-the-street interviews pertaining to whatever issue he has taken an interest in without observing the niceties or manners of traditional newspapermen or media personalities, was given an opportunity to question the district attorney. Bellozo, despite his dearth of experience, in seeking out material for his Tik Tok Channel "On The Tira," latched onto the Baby Emmanuel Haro disappearance as a subject that would bring in viewers. Running on energy, intrepidity, resourcefulness and boldness, bordering on what some consider unmitigated gall and guided by instinct and perhaps some tips from nameless law enforcement sources rather than established or standard journalistic means, Bellozo somehow managed

in the early going of the Haro case to get information that no one – including the sheriff's department, the local press, the regional press, the national press, the mass media or his new age social media competitors – were able to nail down. Bellozo, either unable or unwilling to adhere to the polite norms of comportment typically employed by professional news crews, did not hesitate to put Hestrin on the spot. Did authorities, Bellozo asked Hestrin, have Baby Emmanuel's body or didn't they?

Hestrin, the highly refined, sophisticated and experienced prosecutor who has a mastery of pinning things and people down, was himself pinned down, having to give an explicit rather than the elliptical answer he had tried to get away with before.

"I didn't say I know where the remains are," Hestrin responded to Bellozo's challenge.

For over a month-and-a-half, the credibility of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and law enforcement in the county in general has been on the line, as questions about whether it was incompetence or outright abuse of authority that had led to the premature arrests of the Haros. In the back of the minds of at least some was the possibility that Emmanuel Haro would turn up in some unlikely place, but alive. Such a development would have had major implications on the political future of Bianco, who is chasing after the Republican nomination for California governor in 2026, and Hestrin, who is due to seek reelection as district attorney next year as well.

Yesterday's development sets any such issues aside.

The question yet remains, however: Where are the remains of Emmanuel Haro?

With Jake Haro having entered guilty pleas, it would seem that maintaining secrecy about that issue for investigative purposes is no longer necessary.

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After Tarrying For Years, SB Moves Forward With Imperfect Means Of Concrete Debris Removal *from front page*

of San Bernardino city officials what was happening, nearby residents were told that Oxbow Communities had clearance from the city to utilize the concrete as fill. If they would just be patient, they were told, the concrete would be pulverized and ground into manageable-sized pieces and mixed with dirt to be thereafter compacted so it might disappear under the foundations of the homes that were to be built and the yards and lawns that would eventually surround those homes. When the wind kicked up in the funnel below Devore stretching south to San Bernardino, between, on the east, the

Four Cities & A County Government Entrusted Holmes’ Company With Arrangements On Securing The Property Upon Which Homeless Facilities Were To Be Built *from front page*

to secure loans from the host of lenders without first obtaining the state’s written authorization, as required under the Homekey agreements. The state also alleges in its lawsuit that for each of its Homekey-funded projects, Shangri-La used the address of each motel to create undercapitalized limited partnerships to perpetrate the fraud, subjecting all of the properties, some fully converted and others only partially converted, to possible foreclosure. Only the Redlands project and the San Bernardino project met the goal of transforming previously existing hotels or motels into residences for the homeless. San Bernardino County, Redlands, Thousand Oaks, King and Salinas failed to ensure that Shangri-La lived up to its performance requirements in its contract with them, according to the State of California. It took tremendous effort, some skillful lawyering and intensified lobbying on the part of the City of Redlands to convince state officials that Red-

Shandin Hills and, on the west, the badlands that stretch westward toward Lytle Creek, the people in the neighborhood found themselves, their houses, cars and pets peppered and pelted with dust and concrete fragments anywhere from the size of sand to pebbles. There was concern that the concrete itself was not stable physically or chemically and that it represented a safety and health hazard. When City Hall was met with complaints, then-City Manager Teri Ledoux at first sought to downplay the problem, offering an assurance that the Environmental Protection Agency’s standards contained in its Land Development and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System guidelines rated the concrete as a low-level or nonexistent health threat.

lands officials had not been the perpetrators of any fraud and that they were in fact victims whose admirable intentions and commitment had been egregiously betrayed and violated. For months, Redlands officials sought to work with officials from Shangri-La Industries, who made a convincing case that they were, after all, Holmes’ victims, to see if the money Holmes had diverted could be recovered and the city’s financial obligations with regard to the financing of the conversion of the hotel satisfied. By Spring 2024, it was acknowledge that Shangri-La’s internal tracking and accounting mechanisms left much to be desired, based on the way Holmes suckered its corporate officials, and that Redlands’ recovery of the money Holmes had taken would be too long in coming, if ever it was to come, as the company had filed for federal bankruptcy protection. In April 2024, the City of Redlands ended its relationship with Shangri-La Industries.

A number of those who live in proximity to the site, however, were not as sanguine. They wanted the city to take action.

Yet, just as political consideration, the perceived strength of then-Mayor Valdivia, was a major factor in creating the problem, political considerations played a significant role in preventing the circumstance from being alleviated.

The impacted property lies within the city’s Fifth Ward. The city is divided into seven wards, such that any single ward comprises only one-seventh or slightly more than 14 percent of the city’s body politic. Thus, those most directly impacted by the issue of the concrete had suffrage – a direct voting impact – on but one of the city council’s members and just one-seventh of the say in who is to be mayor. In 2000,

Similarly, Redlands had placed a considerable amount of faith in the Santa Monica-based homeless services nonprofit Step Up. Redlands officials had brought Step Up in to manage the homeless services facility after it had been converted from a hotel. That facility put homeless individuals and couples into minimalized living quarters. Step Up was affiliated with Shangri-La in a number of homeless residency projects, and was satisfactorily managing the Redlands facility. Nevertheless, its relationship with Shangri-La was a complicating factor, as both were entangled in the lawsuits brought by the State of California.

In May, the City of Redlands gave Step Up, which was in the process of discontinuing its homeless facility management operations, a 30-day notice of its intention to end its property management services arrangement with the company. Consequently, Step Up’s last day in the role of the property manager at the converted Good Nite Inn was June 30.

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Fifth Ward Councilman Henry Nickel was defeated by challenger Ben Reynoso. Reynoso did not immediately come to terms with the issue or up to speed with all of its implication or what was entailed in the matter. Like Nickel, he was unable to form a consensus among the six other members of the council to take action. For starters, For two years, Valdivia remained as mayor. In addition, there remained the possibility that Cernich and Oxbow Communities would indeed undo the problem by proceeding with the project. That was not in the cards, but Cernich’s failure to execute was not known at that time.

The concern expressed about the potential environmental hazard of breaking up the concrete on site, to potentially include sawing it, pounding it to fragment it, crush it, grind it and/or pulverize it, however, did lead to the council making a resolution to utilize the concrete as block fill or remove it rather than to break it up.

In 2022, Valdivia failed in his effort to be reelected, becoming a lame duck in the aftermath of that year’s June primary election. Without a friend willing to cut corners for him, Cernich lost what little incentive he had to move forward with the project. The prospect that he would pay for the removal of the concrete was virtually nil. In this way, the city was going to have to bear the financial cost of removing the concrete and six-sevenths of the city council, with priorities other than pleasing the residents of the Fifth Ward, who have no power in voting for or against them, were unwilling to commit city funds to effectuate the removal.

Indeed, First Ward Councilman Ted Sanchez said he was convinced by his reading of the Environmental Protection Agency’s land development and national pollutant discharge standards and the related studies he had seen that the concrete represented no significant environ-

mental threat and that its presence could merely be tolerated until it was eventually utilized in some development scheme for the property, whether by Oxbow Communities or some other landowner or developer.

In 2024, Reynoso was supplanted as Fifth Ward Council representative by Kim Knaus.

After five years of the concrete being in place, the city recently took up formulating a plan of action to get rid of it. Reversing the previous commitment not to grind it, the council seriously considered and ultimately approved a plan to crush the concrete.

Ultimately, the city council on October 15, with Councilwoman Sandra Ibarra absent from the meeting, voted 5-to-1 to crush the concrete where it now is, a field near Palm Avenue and West Verdemon Drive. Councilwoman Knaus joined with council members Sanchez, Juan Figueroa, Fred Shorette and Mario Flores in voting to remove the debris. Councilwoman Treasure Ortiz was opposed. Mayor Tran is not empowered to vote on normal policy items that come before the council, under San Bernardino’s municipal charter.

There was no information on how much the effort will cost. The concrete is to be smashed into piles of smaller rubble by a breaker and a crusher. The piles are to be arranged at various spots around the property to be used as fill for future projects.

For some, the breaking, crushing and retention of the material at the site represents a potential environmental and health issue. It is not entirely clear how much concrete dust will be liberated in the breaking and crushing process, although it admittedly will be substantially less than if the concrete were to be pulverized. Still, concrete dust, upon inhalation can lead to lung cancer, silicosis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma and other respiratory diseases and conditions.

Using water to anchor

the dust is a standard practice to prohibit it from going airborne during smashing operations. Nevertheless, upon the water evaporating, the dust is subject to liberation during heavy winds.

City officials, at one level, straightforwardly acknowledged that all of its options in dealing with the concrete had a downside in that there was “not any ideal solution to removing or crushing the debris.” The report held that crushing the debris and keeping it in place on the property would avoid one negative health consequence, that being the use of trucks to remove the concrete remnants.

Knaus’s vote was made in the face of opposition by a number of her constituents being opposed to the on-site crushing.

Nickel maintained crushing the concrete and leaving it in place would create a health risk.

“Why would you repeal a resolution that prevents the crushing of concrete?” Nickel asked the council, telling its members, “You have a responsibility to protect the residents of this city, not to protect one developer.”

Knaus sought to deflect the opposition to the crushing by not acknowledging it. She suggested those in her district who did not want the concrete smashed and reduced into mounds of rubble rather than remaining as it is were a minute minority.

“I have to make decisions that are reflective and best of all of the Fifth Ward, not just a few who chose to come tonight,” Knaus said. She said that during her campaign last year, at various civic forums and her surveying of residents’ opinions, “Not one individual has opined [that] they did not want crushing. Not one.”

Councilwoman Ortiz, in her dissent from the council vote called for the concrete to be “properly recycled.” She said, “Crushing and grinding is a slap in the face to the residents who have had to endure this.”

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Council, after considering options charted by Redlands Homeless Solutions Coordinator David Rabindranath, on September 16 opted to contract with Many Missions, a Thousand Oaks-based nonprofit to take on property management responsibility at the Redlands municipal homeless residence operation.

According to an affidavit filed with the federal criminal complaint against Holmes, in October 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development paid approximately \$25.9 million in grant money for the Thousand Oaks homelessness project to Shangri-La Industries LLC. The grant funds were sent with the provision that the money be used to purchase, construct,

and operate homeless housing in Thousand Oaks and followed many millions of dollars the California Department of Housing and Community Development had already paid to Shangri-La to buy, build, and operate housing for the homeless in Redlands and King City in Monterey County, among other California cities.

“Holmes—as Shangri-La’s CFO – knowingly submitted fake bank records to the California Department of Housing and Community Development that purportedly showed approximately \$160 million supposedly controlled by Shangri-La and its affiliates to prove that Shangri-La had the capacity to fulfill the homeless housing projects for which it had coapplied for grants from the California Department of Housing and Community Development, including the Thousand Oaks project,” according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office. “In fact,

the bank accounts Shangri-La and Holmes said contained these funds did not exist.”

The U.S. Attorney’s Office stated that “Holmes and Shangri-La also submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development balance sheets falsely representing that Shangri-La-affiliated entities held millions of dollars in cash that these entities did not actually have on deposit in the known accounts for those entities. Holmes and Shangri-La submitted these fake bank statements and false balance sheets with the intent that the California Department of Housing and Community Development should rely on them and release grant money to Shangri-La. After these documents were submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, the California Department of Housing and Community Development paid

millions of dollars more in grant money to Shangri-La, including for the Thousand Oaks project.

Some of the Homekey money paid to Shangri-La for homeless housing was used to pay credit card bills for American Express accounts associated with Holmes. In November and December of 2022, more than \$2.2 million was transferred from a Shangri-La account to a Holmes-controlled account. Afterwards, from November 2022 to May 2023, more than \$2 million was paid towards American Express cards. The charges on those credit card accounts included purchases at well-known luxury retailers. Law enforcement believes these payments were made at least in part for Holmes’s benefit.”

The announcement of Holmes’ arrest and the charges against him were made simultaneously with the arrest and filing of charges against Steven Taylor, 44, of

Brentwood, who defrauded lenders to aid his property-flipping business, including a Cheviot Hills home that he sold to a homeless housing developer for more than double his original purchase price.

“Accountability for the misuse of billions of tax dollars intended to combat homeless starts today,” said Acting United States Attorney Bill Essayli, “The two criminal cases announced is only the tip of the iceberg and we intend to aggressively pursue all leads and hold anyone who broke any federal laws criminally liable.”

“In both of these cases, defendants took advantage of funds allocated to assist the homeless, some of the most vulnerable people in society and many of whom may be suffering from myriad conditions, including addiction,” said Akil Davis, the assistant director of the FBI’s Los Angeles Field Office. “The FBI is committed to the Home-

lessness Fraud & Corruption Task Force to find perpetrators of this insidious fraud and build cases to hold the offenders accountable in court. It is my hope that the charges we’re announcing today send a message to others who may be contemplating similar criminal behavior.”

“IRS-Criminal Investigation is proud to be an inaugural member of the Homelessness Fraud and Corruption Task Force, which was formed to ensure that funds which were committed to aiding California’s homeless population were spent as intended,” said Special Agent in Charge Tyler Hatcher of IRS Criminal Investigation’s Los Angeles Field Office. “Today’s actions show our commitment to ensuring the public that we will investigate missing funds that were intended to benefit some of the most vulnerable Californians.”

-Mark Gutglueck

Penal Code §273A Child Beating Death Charge Carries Longer Sentence Than §187 from front page

Jake’s admission of responsibility in the death of his son will impact, inevitably, the case against Rebecca. Straight up, Jake admitting that the child is dead and that he had a full or a partial hand in killing him renders untenable, or so it would seem under virtually every conceivable scenario, Rebecca’s not guilty plea to filing a false police report. At the same time, depending on what future statements or testimony Jake provides, in particular the degree to which he takes responsibility for Emmanuel’s death, the murder case against his wife could be severely compromised.

Of note is that Jake made his plea directly to Judge Gary Polk. The district attorney was not a party, at least ostensibly and officially, to the terms of the plea. He pleaded guilty to Penal Code §187, second de-

gree murder, signifying that he had not planned to take the life of his son in advance, and two accompanying charges Penal Code §273A, abuse of a child resulting in death, and Penal Code §148.5, filing a false police report.

Under California Penal Code §273a applies to “Any person, having the care or custody of a child who is under eight years of age, who assaults the child by means of force that to a reasonable person would be likely to produce great bodily injury, resulting in the child’s death.”

The district attorney’s office had the option of objecting to the guilty plea arrangement but did lodge any resistance to Judge Polk accepting Haro’s plea. Of note, the district attorney’s office, in the personage of Assistant Deputy District Attorney Brandon Smith, who was assigned to prosecute the Haros, could have fought Haro and his attorneys on the issue of second degree murder, but chose not to, most likely because of the accompanying Penal Code §273A admission.

While California Penal Code §187, prosecuted as a second degree offense, does not involve or hinge on prior intent, California Penal Code §273a entails an intent element. For that reason, it appears, the district attorney’s office was willing to accept Haro’s plea with the judge without protest.

A Penal Code §187 conviction brings with it a mandatory 15 years to life sentence. A Penal Code §273A conviction entails an even stiffer penalty of a mandatory sentence of 25 years to life. The Penal Code §148.5 is a minor consideration, punishable by six months in jail. The real battle between Jake Haro’s attorneys and the prosecution will come down to convincing Judge Polk to impose his sentences concurrently or consecutively. If Judge Polk sides with the prosecution and rules that Haro must serve consecutive sentences – 25 years followed by 15 more years for a total of 40 years, he will remain incarcerated for a substantially longer term. If Judge Polk imposes the

sentences concurrently, allowing him to serve the 15-year sentence while he is serving the 25-year sentence, he could see his sentence, practically, reduced to one quarter of a century.

Under California law, an offender guilty of murder is required to serve 85 percent of his sentence before being eligible for parole or early release. Thus, if Judge Polk imposes a concurrent sentence, Haro, conceivably, could be released from prison in 21 years and three months, dependent upon his behavior in prison and other factors. Rarely are murderers granted parole on their first go-round, meaning even if all of the factors moved in Haro’s favor, he would not likely be released, at the earliest until late 2047. If Judge Polk imposes consecutive sentences, Haro would be unlikely to gain his freedom, just with regard to the charges relating to the death of his son, until 2061.

Haro on Thursday also pleaded guilty to an unrelated charge from 2024, being a felon in

possession of a firearm, which carries with it a sentence of from 16 months to three years in jail. He further acknowledged violating probation on the previous offense involving his daughter Carolina Rose, which could result in his original six year sentence of six years in prison, which was suspended, being reinstated.

Because the prosecution was not, apparently, party to the plea negotiations, it did not have the opportunity to condition acceptance of the plea upon Jake’s agreement to cooperate – i.e., testify as a witness in a way that would be favorable to the prosecution – with the district attorney’s office going forward. While it is perhaps too early to make a definitive interpretation of that aspect of Thursday’s development, it is a possible indication that Jake is on a trajectory to take the fall for his son’s death and testify to the effect that Rebecca was not involved in the child’s killing, rendering it likely that the prosecution will need to content itself with a conviction against

her of being an accessory to murder, most likely after the fact.

Rebecca Haro was in the courtroom on Thursday, at which time preparations for her preliminary were to be dealt with. Judge Polk extended her preliminary hearing date from October 28 until November 3, the same date he set for Jake Haro’s sentencing. It is therefore possible she will be present for his sentencing, unless it is postponed.

Meanwhile, sources tell the Sentinel, Assistant Deputy District Attorney Smith was in a tentative mode with regard to moving ahead on the case, given that the child’s body has yet to be found. The Riverside County District Attorney’s Office has successfully prosecuted murder cases previously in which the alleged victim’s corpse was not produced. Still, Smith was nervous about taking a case to trial in which he would not be able to say how the child had died. That consideration was a factor in his willingness to accept without objec-

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While Both Fontana & Redlands Deem Development To Be Positive, Redlands Officials Are More Sensitive Than Ones From Fontana About the Public' Disaffection For Warehouses *from page 3*

development, their detractors cite the relatively poor pay and benefits provided to those who work in distribution facilities, the large diesel-powered semi-trucks that are part of those operations with their unhealthy exhaust emissions, together with the bane of traffic gridlock they create.

In Fontana in particular, an increasingly vocal element of the community has decried the proliferation of warehouses in that city, maintaining that city officials there have been indiscriminate in where they have allowed them to be built, including in close proximity to schools and homes.

Acquanetta Warren was appointed to the Fontana City Council in 2002 and elected to that post in her own right in 2004 and reelected in 2008. She was elevated by the city's voters to the position of mayor in 2010. Throughout her time as an elected official, Fontana has embraced warehouse development. Both her supporters and detractors alike refer to her as "Warehouse Warren." Citing Fontana's location, she says her city is a logical host for warehouses and distribution centers. She has argued that given the largely blue collar populace of Fontana and the consideration that approaching 30 percent of the parents of children attending Fontana schools either do not speak, or lack proficiency in, the English language, the best that can be done for a significant percentage of those who graduate from or drop out of Fontana's high schools is to provide them with jobs such as those available in warehouses, which do not demand skilled laborers. Between 2016 and 2021, Fontana approved more than 30 warehouses totaling approximately 16 million square feet in

southern Fontana alone.

A number of organizations, including the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, the South Fontana Concerned Citizens Coalition and the Robert Redford Conservancy have become animated in opposing Warren and her pro-warehouse agenda in Fontana. The State of California – in the form of the California Attorney General's Office – in 2021 second guessed the decision of the city council decision to approve a warehouse next to Jurupa Hills High.

In the face of that opposition, Warren and her three allies on the city council – John Roberts, Pete Garcia and Phil Cothran, Jr – have remained convinced that building more warehouses in their city is a goal worth pursuing. Earlier this year, on June 3, the Fontana Planning Commission, which serves at the pleasure of the city council, approved an environmental impact report which essentially gave go-ahead for a plan to consolidate six land parcels into one for the construction of a 397,000-square foot warehouse. By its action, the planning commission approved a final environmental impact report, the adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, a tentative parcel map and design review for the warehouse, which is to be constructed on roughly 18.3 acres of land, situated between Sierra and Mango avenues, some 1,300 feet south of Summit Avenue.

On June 16, the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance challenged that action, submitting an appeal of the approval. The alliance maintained in the appeal that the environmental impact report was inadequate and misleading, and did not provide an accurate or completed

analysis of the environmental impacts of project or size up in its entirety what would come about as a consequence of the project's construction and operation. According to the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance, the environmental impact report did not provide an analysis of the health risk impacts associated with construction and the operation of the facility upon its completion.

According to the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance, the city was permitting the developer to engage in a piecemeal approach in undertaking preparation for the project, had not provided an accurate site plan, floor plan or conceptual grading plans for the undertaking, and had not disclosed building elevations or given a project narrative during the scoping session for the public to review. Moreover, according to the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance, the city and the developer did not openly address the closure of Windflower Avenue, which is to come about as a consequence of the project. The Planning Commission, Golden State maintains, should have requested a revised environmental report to make those details relating to the project available to the interested members of the public before the June 3 hearing, extending to information about the vacation of the road.

Fontana city officials maintain there is absolutely no substance or truth contained in the appeal of the project's approval.

The council majority, consisting of Warren, Roberts, Garcia and Cothran, has instructed city staff to prepare a response to the challenge to "blow the Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance out of the water" by establishing that the project will "promote economic development by creating jobs, establishing a quick and consistent development process and showing those seeking

to establish operations in Fontana that we are a business-friendly community."

By contrast, when the generalized issue of further warehouse development came before the Redlands Planning Commission this week on Tuesday October 14, five of the six members present – Karah Shaw, Matt Endsley, Rosemarie Gonzales, Maryn Mineo-Wells and Emily Elliott – voted to recommend that their political masters, the members of the city council, amend the city's zoning ordinance to ban discontinue the construction of warehouses within the city limits going forward. One member of the commission, Mark Stanson, opposed making the recommendation. A seventh commissioner, Rich Smith, was not in attendance at the meeting. on the redevelopment of existing warehouses.

According to Redlands Planning Division Manager Brian Foote, within the northwest quadrant of the city, primarily west of the 210 Freeway closest to the City of San Bernardino, where traditionally the development of warehouses and light industrial uses has been encouraged, there are 59 warehouses. He said three of those exceed 1 million square feet. Warehouses as defined in Wednesday's discussion as building of 50,000 square feet or more with six or more truck docks or loading doors.

One of the primary development standards relating to warehouses the city has adhered to previously is a site location within one mile of a freeway ramp for new warehouses. Several of the city's specific plans allow warehousing and distribution centers. The East Valley Corridor Specific Plan permits warehouses, limiting them to that specific plan area's commercial industrial, regional commercial and special development districts. The East Valley Corridor Specific Plan requires a discretionary approval process by the planning commis-

sion and the city council for such entitlements. Either a "planned development" or "concept plan" entitlement is required and is processed as a quasi-legislative action.

According to a staff report, almost all of the larger warehouse/distribution facilities in Redlands have been developed over the past 20 years. Staff ascertained the year of construction for each property. Six large facilities were constructed in Redlands between 2002 to 2005, thirteen large facilities constructed between 2006 to 2008 and six large were facilities constructed between 2013 to 2015. Overall, the pace of development in the northwest area of Redlands shows six warehouses, all large, developed between 2001 and 2005; 25, not all large, built between 2006 and 2010; 19 warehouses of all types built in the northwest area between 2011 and 2015; three built between 2016 and 2020; and five built from 2020 to 2025.

According to the staff report, "In the southwest part of the city, there are another five properties that are believed to have warehousing and distribution uses for local businesses, for example, furniture distribution owned by a retailer, food/beverage distribution for a fast food chain, another food/beverage distributor for several restaurants, and mix of other small office or light industrial businesses in the other buildings. These five buildings range between approximately 52,000 to 96,000 square-feet each. The largest building with almost 96,000 square-feet has been subdivided for two tenants of about 48,000 square feet each and appears to be vacant presently. While these uses may involve storage and distribution activities serving Redlands and surrounding communities, the operating characteristics that serve local businesses and the local economy are different from the larger regional/national logistics distribution facilities in

buildings that typically exceed 250,000 square-feet."

The staff report noted that in 2026 a state law will go into effect that will apply to new warehouses of 250,000 square-feet or ones that expand to 250,000 square feet requiring a minimum of 500 feet of separation from a sensitive receptor to a dock door; that heavy-duty trucks cannot use drive aisles on sides of the building adjacent to sensitive receptors; that the site must have a separate entrance for heavy-duty trucks that directly access the major thoroughfare, arterial, or local commercial road abutting the project site; and buffer areas which are to have a specified width of 100 feet for screening and sound mitigation.

Previously, members of the planning commission had made statements suggesting that the city might adopt a total prohibition on warehouses and logistics distribution centers, while allowing those already permitted to continue to operate or that the city could impose more stringent requirements on warehouses to ensure they are located in areas that do not impact on non-industrial-related uses and are properly buffered or separated from other uses.

The planning commission took up such a discussion in earnest on October 14.

What was brought up during the commission's discussion was that in the rush to accommodate warehouse development last year and this year, the planning commission went along with staff's recommendations regarding allowing a 357,610-square-foot warehouse to replace the Splash Kingdom waterpark and another warehouse for Prologis to replace the La-Z-Boy manufacturing plant at 301 Tennessee Street. The vote on the Splash Kingdom replacement took place in July 2024 and the vote in favor of Prologis four months ago in June.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
NUMBER CIV SB 2526928

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PEDRO ALEJANDRO VAZQUEZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

PEDRO ALEJANDRO VAZQUEZ to ALEX VAZQUEZ

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: November 26, 2025,
Time: 09: AM, Department: S 24

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

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

Dated: 09/23/2025
Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa
Shuai Zhou, Deputy Clerk of the Court
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Business Mailing Address: 5200 E. AIRPORT DR. SUITE B ONTARIO, CA 91761
The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION registered with the State of California under the number 1574609
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: May 01, 1991
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/ CHRISTOPHER LUPO, President & CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/09/2025

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 AS235
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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Business Mailing Address: 6909 STONECROP LANE FONTANA, CA 92336
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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/ GUSTAVO CORDOVA, President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/26/2025

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COURSE AND COACHING LLC 9431 HAVEN AVE 100 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730
Business Mailing Address: 9431 HAVEN AVE SUITE 100 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730
The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 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/ DENNIS M WEST, CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 08/22/2025

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 J9965
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: JEFFREY OVADIA CASENO.PROVV2500345
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the

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will or estate, or both of JEFFREY OVADIA: a petition for probate has been filed by JASON OVADIA in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION for Probate requests that JASON OVADIA 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 November 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at: San Bernardino County Superior Court – Victorville District 14455 Civic Drive Victorville, CA 92392
Branch Name: Probate Division
Department: V-12
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Jason Ovadia: Mathew Alden (California Bar Number 288429) 255 North D Street Suite 200 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 414-0797 mralden123@gmail.com
Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on October 3, 10 & 17, 2025.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JESUS MUÑOZ

CASE NO. PRO-VA2500758

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JESUS MUNOZ:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MA REFUGIO MUNOZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MA REFUGIO MUNOZ be ap-

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pointed as personal representatives 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. F-1 at 9:00 a.m. on November 13, 2025

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F1 – Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard 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.

Attorney for Ma Refugio Munoz:

ANTONIETTE JAUREGUI (SBN 192624) 1894 COMMERCENTER WEST, SUITE 108 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92408
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

MANUEL RAMIREZ LUNA, JR

CASE NO. PROVA2500739

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of MANUEL RAMIREZ LUNA, JR:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RICHARD EDWARD LUNA, SR in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RICHARD EDWARD LUNA, SR be appointed as personal representative to administer

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the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests that 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 OCTOBER 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F1 – Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard Fontana, CA 92335

Filed: SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

MADISON YOUNG, 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.

Attorney for Richard Edward Luna, Sr:

Jennifer M. Daniel 220 Nordina St. Redlands, CA 92373
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SUMMONS – (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DEL CASO) CIVSB2515377

NOTICE TO:

EZ CABINETRY LLC., a California Limited Liability Company; WEI SHI, an individual and DOES 1-20, inclusive (AVISO DEMANDA-DO):

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:

(LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMAN-

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DANTE):

LBA RV-COMPANY I, LP, a Delaware limited partnership

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

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

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelp-california.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una repuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no le protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted puede usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida si secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov), o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación da \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corta antes de que la corta pueda desechar el caso.

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The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y la dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino 247 W Third Street, San Bernardino California 92415 San Bernardino District- Civil Division
Order for service of Defendant Wei Shi by publication made by Stephanie Tañada, Judge of the Superior Court
DATE (Fecha): September 11, 2025
Clerk (Secretario), by Veronica Gonzalez, Deputy (Adjunto)

The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
NUMBER CIV SB 2526087,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JUDE FRANK LIZARRAGA filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

JUDE FRANK LIZARRAGA to FRANK JUDE LIZARRAGA, JR

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 10/27/2025, Time: 09:00 AM, Department: S36
The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.
Dated: 09/15/2025
Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa
Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on September 26 and October 3, 10 & 17, 2025.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JESUS MUÑOZ

CASE NO. PRO-VA2500758

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JESUS MUNOZ:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MA REFUGIO MUNOZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MA REFUGIO MUNOZ be ap-

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JESUS MUÑOZ

CASE NO. PRO-VA2500758

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JESUS MUNOZ:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MA REFUGIO MUNOZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MA REFUGIO MUNOZ be ap-

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JESUS MUÑOZ

CASE NO. PRO-VA2500758

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of JESUS MUNOZ:

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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

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/ SANDRA I GONZALEZ
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/30/2025

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 K3379

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

LABLIFE 15959 MOONFLOWER AVE CHINO, CA 91708: NICOLE VAUGHN

Business Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 350 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: 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/ NICOLE VAUGHN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/17/2025

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 K3379

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: GREGORY PAUL JOHNSON
CASE NO. PRO-VA2500796

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MATTHEW JOHNSON 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

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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 November 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F3 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard 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.

Attorney for Matthew Johnson:

R. SAM PRICE SB 208603/ROSA M. MARQUEZ SB 313405
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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 31st day of October 2025, at or after 10:00 am. The property is stored by AAA All American Storage Fontana located at 14918 Foothill Blvd, Fontana, CA 92335. Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY. Items are sold AS IS WHERE IS and must be removed at the time of sale. AAA All American Storage Fontana 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	
A039 Cassey Collins	
E088 Christian D Hol-loway	
C065 Cynthia T More-land	
D014 Robert M Jauregui	
E039 Cynthia T More-land	
F028 Shaun Michael Munoz	

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A013 Juan Gutierrez D085 Lavonda Rouse F051 Tierra Janae Reed
Dated: 10/15/25
Signed: Jonathan Gossett storagetreasures.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 CASE

NUMBER CIV SB 2528342

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EFREN MARTINEZ RODRIGUEZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

EFREN MARTINEZ RODRIGUEZ to JESSE EFREN MARTINEZ

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: November 25, 2025, Time: 8:35 AM, Department: S 27

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

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

Dated: 10/07/2025

Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa

Veronica Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk of the Court

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on October 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2025.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PATRICIA ANN CUNNINGTON CASE NO. PRO-VA2500770

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of PATRICIA ANN CUNNINGTON : a petition for probate has been filed by BELINDA LARSEN and KAREN VAN SANTEN in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. THE PETITION for Probate requests that BELINDA LARSEN and KAREN VAN SANTEN 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 per-

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sons 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 November 5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at:

San Bernardino County Superior Court Fontana District

Department F1 - Fontana 17780 Arrow Boulevard 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 de-livery to you of a notice under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Belinda Larsen and Karen Van Santen:

Mathew Alden (California Bar Number 288429) 255 North D Street Suite 200 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 414-0797 mralden123@gmail.com

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIV SB 2527555,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ,Joshua David Munoz filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Joshua David Munoz to Joshua David Cambron Munoz,

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: 12/01/2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S30The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street,

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San Bernardino, CA 92415, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the SBCS Montclair in San Bernardino County California, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.

Dated: 09/30/2025

Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa

Published in the SBCS on 10/10/2025, 10/17/2025, 10/24/2025, 10/31/2025

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIV SB 2528389

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PEDRO BERMUDEZ VEGA filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

PEDRO BERMUDEZ VEGA to PETE VEGA

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: November 19, 2025, Time: 9:00 AM, Department: S 36

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

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

Dated: 10/08/2025

Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa

Alyssia Skinner, Deputy Clerk of the Court

Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel on October 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2025.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

SPECIAL NOTICE OF LAWSUIT

TO: Prime Staff Inc, Defendant, Illegally Uninsured Employer

Christian Banerjee, Applicant

WCAB NO.: ADJ10357952

1) A Special Notice of Lawsuit and Application For Adjudication of Claim, has been filed with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board against you as the named defendant by the above named applicant(s). You may seek the advice of an attorney in any matter connected with this lawsuit and such attorney should be consulted promptly so that your response may be filed and entered in a timely fashion. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney reference service or a legal aid office. You may also request assistance/information from an Information and Assistance Officer of the Division of Workers' Compensation. (see telephone directory.)

2) An Answer to the Application must be filed and served within six days of the service of the Application pursuant to Appeals Board rules; there-

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fore, your written response must be filed with the Appeals Board promptly; a letter or phone call will not protect your interests.

3) You will be served with a Notice(s) of Hearing and must appear at all hearings or conferences. After such hearing, even absent your appearance, a decision may be made and an award of compensation benefits may issue against you. The award could result in the garnishment of your wages, taking of your money or property, or other relief. If the Appeals Board makes an award against you, your house or other dwelling or other property may be taken to satisfy that award in a non-judicial sale, with no exemptions from execution. A lien may also be imposed upon your property without further hearing and before the issuance of an award.

4) You must notify the Appeals Board of the proper address for the service of official notices and papers and notify the Appeals Board of any changes in that address.

TAKE ACTION NOW TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS! Issued by: WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

Name and Address of Appeals Board: Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, 320 W 4th St 9th Floor, Los Angeles CA 90013

Name and Address of Applicant's Attorney: Ysabel Law, 12439 Magnolia Blvd Ste 214, Valley Village CA 91607, Telephone No.: (213) 988-6033

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served: Prime Staff Inc.,

1.[X] As a corporation.

Legal documents served: Special Notice of Lawsuit and Application for Adjudication for claim number

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FBN20250008987
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as

FANTASY NAILS AND SPA SALON 255 W FRANCIS ST ONTARIO, CA 91762: VIVIAN LE

Business Mailing Address: 255 W FRANCIS ST ONTARIO, CA 91762

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: September 24, 2025

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/ VIVIAN LE, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/24/2025

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 J9535

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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FBN20250008380

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

SCHEMES & DREAMS 25786 ALTO DR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404: ALEX LOPEZ

Business Mailing Address:

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25786 ALTO DR SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404

The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: September 8, 2025

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/ ALEX LOPEZ, Owner

Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 09/08/2025

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 J1808

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIV SB 2528342

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EFREN MARTINEZ RODRIGUEZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

EFREN MARTINEZ RODRIGUEZ to JESSE EFREN MARTINEZ

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: November 25, 2025, Time: 8:35 AM, Department: S 27

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

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

Dated: 10/07/2025

Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa

Veronica Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk of the Court

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE

NUMBER CIV SB 2528342

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EFREN RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

EFREN RODRIGUEZ

Personals

\$10,000 REWARD for information regarding girl born August 4, 2001 whose parents (actors) were lost in a theater collapse in Colorado, April 27, 2003. Thomas W. Campbell, Attorney-at-Law 15 Williams St. New York, NY

Civil Service Employee wants to rent suburban detached apartment, 4 or 5 bedrooms 2 baths, will pay cash for the right setting Alfred Willenstein Post Office Box 843 Sempleton, Wis.

PERSONAL Lance Corporal who saw shy governess in rickshaw on the streets of Hong Kong on March 14 would like to meet up with her again. Steve Duvery of St. Louis Missouri.

Established and moderately famous scientific professional with literary background — handsome, tall 6'2", athletic (pole vaulter), San Jose-based, divorced white male of 53 years, compassionate and witty, with Maserati, 45-foot yacht and Almaden Valley real estate — seeks intelligent, college-educated, multi-lingual attractive, and realistic 35ish woman for exploratory relationship, potentially extending to marriage and children. Please send photo in care of newspaper personals, box designation 27.

Marriageable Men! Take Notice! R. Mills of Sandusky Ohio will give to any man who will marry his daughter the sum of \$500,000

Attention Mr. Daugherty: The rendezvous in Quebec is on for Saturday, the 25th. Bring biefcase and all necessary instrumentation.

Healthy buck looking for a doe. If interested, contact Rodney P.O. Box 425 Casper, Wyo. 82604

Mr. Rodham — Abort the flight. There are too many prying eyes looking on. Stand by and await further instructions as events continue to unfold.

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MARTINEZ to JESSE EFREN MARTINEZ
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: November 25, 2025, Time: 8:35 AM, Department: S 27
The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.
Dated: 10/07/2025
Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa
Veronica Gonzalez, Deputy Clerk of the Court
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE
NUMBER CIV SB 2529637
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOSE ANTHONIO RUIZ/ MELITON CRISTOBAL BETANCOURT filed with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JOSE ANTHONIO RUIZ to JOSE ANTHONIO CRISTOBAL RUIZ
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: December 1, 2025, Time: 08:30 AM, Department: S 36
The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District-Civil Division, 247 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel, once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition.
Dated: 10/17/2025
Judge of the Superior Court: Gilbert G. Ochoa
Abrianna Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk of the Court
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FBN20250009652
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as LANDCARE PRO 525 EAST RALSTON AVENUE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404: HECTOR RAMIREZ
Business Mailing Address: 525 EAST RALSTON AVENUE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92404
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/ HECTOR RAMIREZ
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/09/2025
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 J9965
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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FBN20250009400
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as PALITEL INC [and] METRO BY T-MOBILE 8922 BEECH AVE UNIT H FONTANA, CA 92335: PALITEL INC 8922 BEECH AVE STE H FONTANA, CA 92335
Business Mailing Address: PALITEL INC 8922 BEECH AVE UNIT H FONTANA, CA 92335
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: JANUARY 13, 2013.
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/ BAYAN MUBAREK, CFO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/03/2025
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 K4616
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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FBN20250009760
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as CLAUDIA'S EVENTS 360 W FOOTHILL BLVD UPLAND, CA 91786: CLAUDIA I BALVANEDA
Business Mailing Address: 7268 MISSOURI ST FONTANA, CA 92336
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: MAY 13, 2025
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/ CLAUDIA I BALVANE-DA, Owner
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/14/2025
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 F3010
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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FBN20250009532
The following entity is doing business primarily in San Bernardino County as WINK ACTIVITIES 4812 SAN JOSE ST MONTCLAIR, CA 91763: DATING LI
Business Mailing Address: 4812 SAN JOSE ST MONTCLAIR, CA 91763
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

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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/ DATING LI, Sole Proprietor
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 10/08/2025
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 J9965
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 20250009177
The following person is doing business as: TAQUERIA MEXICO. 711 S EUCLID AVE ONTARIO, CA 91762:[MAILING ADDRESS 714 S EUCLID AVE ONTARIO, CA 91762]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO TAQUERIA MEXICO LLC 711 S EUCLID AVE ONTARIO CA ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION B20250275922
The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
s/ ANGELA GARCIA, MANAGING MEMBER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 29, 2025
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 20250009122
The following person is doing business as: L&M TRUCKING. 575 E JACKSON ST RIALTO, CA 92376:[MAILING ADDRESS 575 E JACKSON ST RIALTO, CA 92376]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO JOSE L RAMOS HERNANDEZ
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/ JOSE L RAMOS HERNANDEZ, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 29, 2025
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 20250009189
The following person is doing business as: THE IMMIGRATION AND

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LAW CORPORATION. 2130 N ARROWHEAD AVENUE SUITE 201A SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405:[MAILING ADDRESS 2130 N ARROWHEAD AVENUE SUITE 201A SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO U.S. IMMIGRATION & LEGALIZATION CORPORATION 2130 N ARROWHEAD AVENUE SUITE 201A SAN BERNARDINO CA 92405 STATE OF INCORPORATION CA ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION C3582481
The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JUN 06, 2013
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/ OLIVIA MUSTELIER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
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 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 20250009166
The following person is doing business as: SCNDVSN; SECOND DIVISION 7051 ROCKSPRING LANE HIGHLAND, CA 92346:[MAILING ADDRESS 7051 ROCKSPRING LANE HIGHLAND, CA 92346]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO CAREY E. COPELAND
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/CAREY E. COPELAND, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 29, 2025
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 20250009200
The following person is doing business as: LUCY'S BEAUTY SALON & BARBER; LUCY'S BEAUTY SALON. 715 S EUCLID AVE ONTARIO, CA 91762:[MAILING ADDRESS 714 S EUCLID AVE ONTARIO, CA 91762]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO LUCY'S BEAUTY SALON & BARBER LLC 715 S EUCLID AVE ONTARIO CA 91762 STATE OF ORGANIZATION CA ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION B20250275959
The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 179130. I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
s/ ANGELA GARCIA, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office San Bernardino County Clerk By:/Deputy

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FBN 20250009379
The following person is doing business as: LILLIAN EMELY SNACK BAR. 3378 N LAUREL AVE RIALTO, CA 92377:[MAILING ADDRESS 3378 N LAUREL AVE RIALTO, CA 92377]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO MARIA I ENCINAS
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/ MARIA I ENCINAS, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: OCTOBER 03, 2025
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 20250009544
The following person is doing business as: TACOS SINALOA Y CARNICERIA. 17294 VALLEY BLVD SUITE A FONTANA, CA 92335:[MAILING ADDRESS 17294 VALLEY BLVD SUITE A FONTANA, CA 92335]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO MATTHEW E MEZA
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/ MATTHEW E MEZA, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: OCTOBER 08, 2025
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 20250009379
The following person is doing business as: LHD MOBILE TRAILER REPAIR. 980 W. EVANS ST. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92411:[MAILING ADDRESS 980 W. EVANS ST. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92411]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO LUIS A CERON 980 W. EVANS ST. SAN BERNARDINO CA 92411
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: APR 05, 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/ LUIS A CERON, OWNER
Statement filed with the Coun-

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ty Clerk of San Bernardino on: OCTOBER 03, 2025
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 20250009611
The following person is doing business as: AV HAIR COLLECTIVE. 780 E FOOTHILL BLVD SUITE D2 UPLAND, CA 91786:[MAILING ADDRESS 4880 GRAND AVE ONTARIO, CA 91762]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO VU B HO
The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: JUN 01, 2025
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/ VU B. HO, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: OCTOBER 09, 2025
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 20250009549
The following person is doing business as: BEAUTY BY NOEL. 5148 WASHINGTON AVE CHINO, CA 91710:[MAILING ADDRESS 5148 WASHINGTON AVE CHINO, CA 91710]; COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOEL Y WILSON
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/ NOEL Y WILSON, OWNER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: OCTOBER 08, 2025
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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Quit Your Damn Praying, Says Judge Jesus from page 3

for praying with members of his team on the field after games. The Supreme Court, in its decision with regard to Kennedy v. Bremerton, by a 6-to-3 ruling dispensed with the previous standard, one embodied in the 1971 case of Lemon v. Kurtzman relating to such issues. Under Lemon v. Kurtzman, laws could not have a religious intent, could not advance a particular religion but could not inhibit any religion either and could not promote government involvement in a particular religion. In Kennedy v. Bremerton School District, the Supreme Court indicated that in prohibiting the coach from praying with his players, the coach’s free speech rights might have been violated and that before prohibiting prayer straight out, a governmental entity should consider “historical practices and understandings” with regard to prayer in the particular community involved. Na, Cruz, Shaw and Monroe, heartened by the Kennedy v. Bremerton decision, in July of this year rolled the dice in an effort to see whether the unwinding of the controlling precedent in Lemon v. Kurtzman will carry over and provide a different outcome than the district had in 2016 and 2018 if it were to test the school

prayer issue again. Quietly, the district retained Advocates for Faith & Freedom, a Murrieta-based non-profit law firm specializing in issues relating to religious liberty to represent it with regard to what was generically described as “anticipated litigation.” On Thursday, July 31, Advocates for Faith & Freedom, on behalf of the district, filed with the Federal District Court in Riverside for relief from Judge Bernal’s 2016 injunction enjoining the board from permitting or endorsing prayers during meetings. The district’s filing incorporated wording from the Supreme Court’s decision in the Kennedy v. Bremerton case, propounding that a majority of the board are intent on adopting a policy of kicking off the board meetings with an invocation or a prayer in keeping with the district’s “history and traditions.” In a statement that minimized the degree to which the board as it was previously composed including Na and Cruz had virtually exclusively utilized Christian prayer as the board homilies, Shaw insisted that the district had “welcomed voices of all faiths without coercion or preference.” She said that secular “groups driven by political agendas” had straitjacketed the district into having “to abandon a unifying tradition,” namely prayer recitation. “We will not quietly surrender our right to reflect the values of our community and the freedoms

our nation was built upon,” Shaw vowed. Robert Tyler, an attorney for Advocates for Faith & Freedom who was involved in 2016 and 2018 when the district policy was successfully challenged by the Freedom From Religion Foundation and lost on its appeal of Judge Bernal’s ruling, said the district was banking on the re-orientation the Supreme Court has made with regard to the subject of public religious expression in recent years. The Freedom From Religion Foundation immediately reacted to the filing, and stepped in to oppose the district’s petition. As a matter of course, the case was routed to Judge Bernal. Based on his familiarity with the subject matter and being up to speed with regard to the case law pertaining to the full range of issues involved. This week, on October 13, Judge Bernal denied the district’s petition for the board to be able to engage in religious invocations at its meetings. Judge Bernal utilized the same citations and references as he had in 2016. He ruled again that the school district cannot open board meetings with prayer. “Defendants argue that the court should grant relief from the order... because the legal basis underpinning this court’s order and the 9th Circuit’s opinion was overruled by the Supreme Court’s decision in Kennedy v. Bremerton School District,”

Judge Bernal wrote. “The court finds that defendants have not articulated a sufficient basis for relief.” Judge Bernal noted, “Defendants waited over three years after Kennedy to file this motion. Defendants provide no reason, let alone ‘exceptional circumstances,’ to justify this three-year delay.” In his ruling, Judge Bernal stated that the school district, as the defendants in the original case brought in 2014, had not articulated how the 2016 ruling was in error, grounded in factual misrepresentations or based upon inapplicable case law. Nor had the defendants brought up any new, novel or otherwise previously unexplored legal territory, the judge said. “Defendants shouldn’t be allowed to get another bite at the apple years after losing just because they don’t like that the court ruled against them,” Judge Bernal stated. “The Chino Valley School Board was unable to prove its case otherwise.” The ruling further stated that “even if the court found that defendants brought the motion within a reasonable time, the court is not persuaded that Kennedy represents a ‘significant change in the law.’” The Supreme Court distinguished coach Joe Kennedy’s private prayers from its line of Establishment Clause cases. It found ‘prayer involving public school students to be problematically coercive’; the coach’s prayers

were not ‘publicly broadcast or recited to a captive audience’ and he did not require or expect students to participate. Nothing in Kennedy persuades this court that the Supreme Court intended to overrule its line of school prayer cases banning ‘prayer involving public school students’ that is ‘problematically coercive.’” In response to the ruling, Annie Laurie Gaylor, Freedom From Religion Foundation co-president, said, “We are so pleased that reason and our secular Constitution have prevailed here, and that the families in this school district will not have to endure coercive prayers in order to attend school board meetings.” The foundation’s attorneys plan to file a motion seeking additional fees. “The district fails to protect taxpayer money as long as it continues to pursue this renewed attempt to coerce families to engage in prayer,” Gaylor said. Monroe, who moved out of state in August, resigned his position on the board as of August 15. Shaw, Na and Cruz remain committed to the effort to obtain clearance to initiate and close school board meetings with prayer and see establishing that right as a prelude to a further move toward allowing teachers and students to offer up prayer in classrooms. The district, the school board and Advocates for Faith & Freedom went into the appeal with their eyes wide

open, anticipating to lose at the Federal District Court in Riverside and to lose as well before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. It is at the level of the U.S. Supreme Court, where the school board and Advocates for Faith & Freedom intend to achieve final reckoning. While the district is at liberty to appeal Judge Bernal’s most recent ruling to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and then, if that fails, appeal the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals’ ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court, that strategy is a longshot. U.S. Courts of Appeals routinely handle more than 50,000 cases each year. Generally, 7,000 to 8,000 of those decisions are appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. On a yearly basis, the Supreme Court considers only about 100 of those cases. Historically, the Supreme Court tends to affirm the lower court’s decision in a majority of the cases it chooses to hear, with reversal rates typically in the range of 30 percent to 40 percent. Ultimately, the issue of school prayer will at best only tangentially hinge on the Kennedy v. Bremerton case. The real crux of the school prayer issue comes down to the 1962 case of case of Engle v. Vitale, a landmark decision in which the Supreme Court ruled that state-sponsored or organized prayer in public schools violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. -Mark Gutglueck

Apple Valley Is Practically A Megalopolis Compared To The Small Potatoes Towns Bodem Led Before *from page 3*

expending \$8.5 million in its own and its opposition’s legal fees in the process. A three-judge panel of the California Fourth District Court of Appeals overturned the ruling in that case. The matter, however, has not been fully resolved, and will entail the case again being litigated in San Bernardino County Superior Court before a resolution is reached, as well as the eventual expenditure of at least \$150 million in bond money, to be debt serviced by increased property tax payments by the town’s landowners, to pay for the acquisition of the water facilities.

That, however, requires that the town government keep pace with the infrastructure and other demands of providing for the needs of the town’s 78,808 residents, which includes employing a workforce of 239 employees.

In contrast, the City of Guadalupe, where Bodem is currently employed, has 27 employees.

Bodem, 61, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in local and urban affairs with a minor in minority studies from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and a Master of Urban Studies from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He pursued a career in municipal management, but did so originally within the confines of Minnesota, where cities and govern-

ments, on average, function on a smaller scale than those in California.

In the initial nine years of his career, Bodem obtained the position of city administrator with three different cities in Minnesota, those of Red Lake Falls from September 1994 to December 1995; Belle Plaine from May 2000 to September 2001; and Jordan from September 2001 to March 2003; as well as servicing as the city clerk and treasurer of Grand Marais from December 1995 to April 2000. He subsequently found city administrator positions with the cities of Corcoran and Claremont and Claremont in Minnesota. From March 2010 to February 2011, he was the county administrator for Waseca County in Minnesota.

Red Lake Falls has a population of 1,333 and encompasses 2.03 square miles; Grand Marais has 1,344 residents within 2.9 square miles; Belle Plaine boasts 7,400 inhabitants spread over 6.11 square miles; Jordan, numbers 6,788 inside its 3.32-square mile confines; Corcoran with 6,190 residents covers 36 square miles; and 1.15-square mile Claremont is home to 513 people. The population of Waseca County is 18,680.

Bodem made a sojourn into the private sector between 2003 and 2007 as a project manager with Tollefson Devel-

opment on several residential and commercial projects, but that phase drew to a close with the economic downturn that gripped the nation in the aftermath of the 2007 subprime mortgage collapse.

Also in 2007, Bodem’s career and life was interrupted and thrown off track by an extremely unfortunate domestic incident when on August 25 of that year, his 11-month old daughter, Cecelia, drowned in the Bodem home’s bathtub while his wife, Katherine Bodem was distracted and engaged browsing the internet. The following year, his wife was convicted of second degree manslaughter.

After resuming his function as a public administrator in his role with Waseca County, which he left in February 2011 he landed an assignment as the city manager of 4.56-square mile Lake City, which has a population of 5,200. He served in that role from from August of 2011 to June of 2014.

In 2014, Bodem left the employ of Lake City, where he was receiving a salary of \$115,000 to accept a position as the city manager with Sand City in Monterey County at a salary of \$151,252.50 plus pay ad-ons and perquisites of \$4,320 and benefits \$35,117.63 for a total annual compensation of \$190,690.13. He remained with Sand City, which has a population of 325 and encompasses 2.9 square miles two miles northeast of the City of Monterey,

for four years, by which point he was being paid \$173,502.68 in salary, another \$23,478.52 in perks and pay add-ons along with \$20,464.95 in benefits for a total annual compensation of \$217,446.16.

Despite Bodem’s desire to remain as Sand City city manager, in 2018 the city council there balked at renewing his contract. Rather than being terminated, Bodem resigned.

He found some work thereafter as a management specialist with Monterey County. He was on the verge of leaving California when the following year, the 8,900-population City of Guadalupe in Santa Barbara County, which is a 1.3-square mile jurisdiction located on the far western periphery of the City of Santa Maria, hired him as its city administrator, extending him a contract that provided a salary before benefits of \$146,028.

Bodem is still with Guadalupe. The most recently available document shows that he is currently pulling down a salary of \$154,552 per year, \$2,289 in perks and pay add-ons and \$27,049 in benefits for a total annual compensation of \$183,890.

Landing the job in Apple Valley was something like winning the lottery for Bodem, who will see his salary jump to \$290,004, which is to be augmented with perks and add-ons totaling roughly \$34,000, including a \$700 per month vehicle allowance, and

\$60,000 in benefits for a total annual compensation of \$384,004. His contract carries a guarantee that if he is terminated without cause being cited he is to receive a severance equal to six months of his salary.

In addition, the town agree to provide him with a \$10,000 moving allowance.

The town council retained the executive headhunting firm of Bob Murray & Associates to carry out a recruitment for a candidate to replace Roberston. It is unknown, at this point, how many applicants there were for the post, how many were interviewed by the town council or how many reductions of the list were made throughout the process as the candidate in the running were winnowed to Bodem as the final selection. The town, on its website stated, “Bodem was selected from a nationwide pool of candidates following an extensive recruitment process.”

In the aftermath of his selection, as is customary when a manager is selected for a municipality, there followed a series of accolades and notation of his qualifications by town officials.

The town’s website states, “Bodem brings a wealth of experience in local and regional government and real estate development. He has served as a city and county administrator for over 23 years in Minnesota and California and has also worked in real estate land development

on multimillion-dollar residential projects. His leadership philosophy emphasizes collaboration, innovation, and integrity, with a commitment to building strong teams and high-quality results.”

Bodem was quoted on the website as well.

“Apple Valley is a truly special community, and I am excited to join a team that is so deeply dedicated to its residents,” the website reported Bodem as saying. “I look forward to working with the council, staff, and community partners to continue building on the town’s success.”

Jake’s Pleas Both Weaken & Strengthen Rebecca’s Position *from page 6*

tion Jake Haro’s plea, the Sentinel is informed. His misgivings remain with regard to proceeding to trial on the murder charges against Rebecca Haro, those within his orbit report.

With Jake’s guilty plea and evidence in the possession of investigators to indicate that her eye may have been blackened as early as August 3, the prosecution now must anticipate a redirection on the part of her defense that will explore whether a jury will find a narrative that she was physically coerced by her husband to concoct the false report of Emmanuel’s kidnapping to assist him in covering up his killing of the child, an act she had no foreknowledge of.

Redlands Planning Commission Recommends City Council Pull Plug On Any Further Warehouse Construction *from page 7*

According to Brian Desatnik, the city’s development services director, there remain just three sites within the city where warehouse development could take place.

Desatnik said the city can simply declare that there will be “basically... no new warehouses past a certain date.”

There is sentiment in the community and on the council that allowing warehouse development to override the potential for other types of development on those properties or that would supplant existing uses such as those at Splash Kingdom or the La-Z-Boy facility which are treasured by elements of the Redlands population would create needless hostility toward city government and its planning division, to say nothing of elected city officials.

Simultaneously, the city has been accommo-

dating of residential developers and some commercial developers in recent years, which has rubbed some members of the community the wrong way. At the same time, Redlands, like other cities, is under pressure by the California Department of Housing and Community Development to accommodate more residential development. The State of California has specified that Redlands should be prepared to allow, during the October 2021 to October 2029 planning cycle 3,516 residential

units to be built within its city limits, including 967 units for very-low income homebuyers, 615 units for low income buyers, 652 units for moderate income home purchasers and 1,282 units for those of above-moderate income.

There is some evidence to suggest that some concession to the anti-development sentiment among Redlands residents had to be made.

An idea floated was that the city will revamp its zoning such that the building of new warehouses would be banned

and existing warehouses could not be torn down and replaced unless they were damaged or destroyed by some form of disaster such as a fire or seismic event. Those rebuilds would not be allowed to exceed the size of the original facility.

While Shaw, Endsley, Gonzales, Mineo-Wells and Elliott were amenable to asking the city council to declare Redlands off-limits to further warehouses, Stanson rejected the concept, saying a prohibition on warehouses or any type of construction or limita-

tions on property rights were an unacceptable application of governmental authority.

“I can’t support taking away the rights of people to be able to do what they want with their property,” Stanson said. “That’s why they bought their property. I don’t understand the need to make it harder for people to do things in this town; it’s already hard enough to deal with the State of California and the City of Redlands as it is.”