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Scuderia Backing Away From \$1.5B Barstow Aluminum Plant Commitment

BARSTOW—Because of escalating electricity costs, it now appears Scuderia Development is abandoning the \$1.5 billion aluminum plant it had earlier contemplated building in Lenwood.

In November, Newport Beach-based Scuderia Development filed a letter of intent with the



Curt Mitchell
city of Barstow to build a 2.95 million-square-foot

facility for China Zhongwang Holdings Limited on 964 acres just south of the defunct Sun & Sky Country Club and Golf Course in Lenwood.

In March, the framework for undertaking the \$1.5 billion aluminum production facility project that would provide as many as 2,000 high-skilled manufacturing

jobs to the Barstow area was set with the signing of an exclusive negotiating agreement between Scuderia and the city.

According to city officials and Scuderia, what was to be one of the largest secondary aluminum production factories in the world would be constructed in multiple phases over sev-

eral years, with the first phase of the project likely to become operational within three years..

Liaoning Province, China-based China Zhongwang Holdings Limited, founded in 1993 and now the world's second largest manufacturer of industrial aluminum profiles, chose Scuderia to handle the **See P 6**

Colton Cashiers Compton



Stephen Compton

COLTON—After more than two months of mystery, uncomfortable and contradictory revelations and further uncertainty, the Colton City Council last night fired city manager Stephen Compton, citing no cause.

After repeatedly meeting in closed sessions in April, May and finally on June 3 to discuss and evaluate Compton's performance, the Colton City Council made no indication of its determination with regard to the city manager's continuing tenure publicly. But toward the close of the business day on June 5, Compton was confronted in his office and told he was being put on administrative leave and was then ignominiously escorted out of City Hall by a plainclothes policeman.

The city council promoted police chief Steve Ward to acting city manager during Compton's absence and initially remained mum on the reason for Compton's suspension. Persistent citizen and press inquiries as to what was behind the move, however, prompted councilman Frank Gonzales to offer a somewhat cryptic explanation that Compton, whose assignment was to convey policy as dictated by the city council to city staff and officially oversee the function of the city's various department heads **See P 7**

Burrtec's Trash Hauling Stranglehold Erodes Further With Loss Of SB Franchise

SAN BERNARDINO—On its road to recovery from bankruptcy, the city of San Bernardino is shedding its two franchised trash haulers.

The city's contractual arrangements with Burrtec Waste Industries and Cal Disposal have now expired per a decision made by the city council several years back.

The city, which declared bankruptcy in 2012, has been seeking new sources of revenue. It is calculated that by doing all of its waste-hauling in-house, it can generate up to \$800,000 per year in revenue.

Despite the elapsing of its franchise contracts with both Burrtec and Cal Disposal, the city has not yet pulled the

plug on Burrtec, which will continue to provide trash hauling service to the city on a month-to-month basis, largely because the city has not expanded its sanitation division to the point where it can take up the burden of the service Burrtec is now providing.

Cal Disposal, which had been a franchised

trash hauler for the city of 211,000 since 1957, exited the city on August 5, the final day of its franchise contract.

Burrtec provides recycling service to the city in conjunction with its trash hauling efforts. Upon the city's acquisition of two more trash trucks, Burrtec's trash hauling days in the county seat will be over.

At present, the city anticipates having those trucks by late winter or early spring 2015.

At present, Burrtec's trash hauling operation in San Bernardino has dwindled to the point where it is collecting less than five percent of that city's refuse. Nevertheless, losing San Bernardino as a client will represent a fur- **See P 2**

County Provides Another \$2M In Gasoline To Welfare Recipients



Linda Haugen

The county board of supervisors this week approved providing another \$2 million in funding to provide county

welfare recipients with gasoline purchasing cards.

What was formerly referred to as the county welfare department has been transformed into several different agencies, including county human services, the transitional assistance department, welfare-to-work services, children and family services and the California Work Opportunity and **See P 8**

CalPERS Board Defies Pension Reform Act By Allowing Members To Spike Benefits

In a move seen as being in conflict with the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act that was pushed through the California Legislature and signed into law in 2012, the board for the California Public Employees Retirement System this week voted to authorize 99 types of special payments as counting toward pension calculations for the state's public employees.

Critics, including governor Jerry Brown and advocates of pension reform immediately assailed the move as one that will reinstitute "pension spiking" and thereby endanger the integrity of the pension fund itself or otherwise require that taxpayers subsidize even further public employee pensions that over the last several years have been viewed by a growing segment of the popu-

lation as overly generous.

The vote authorizes retirees to cite a host of functions incidental to their employment as special categories that give them "temporary upgrade pay" which can then be used to enhance the formula used in calculating their pensions.

Brown and other pension reform advocates had called upon the California **See P 9**

Voter Approved Higher Density Standards About To Be Implemented In Chino

The city of Chino has effectuated zone changes mandated by city voters during the special election the city held on July 8.

That special election was instigated by Lennar Homes and Stratham Homes, which together defrayed the \$197,000 cost of the special election.

The special election was requested by land-

owners on behalf of developmental interests.

Under Chino's municipal code, any changes in the city code or zoning map must be approved by the city's residents if that change entails a transition to residential use or an increase in residential density.

Lennar is seeking to construct 203 single family homes on 38.5 acres north of Eucalypt-

tus Avenue between San Antonio and Euclid avenues on a site that was formerly zoned business park and low density residential with a maximum of two homes per acre.

Voters in July approved allowing the property to be developed to an intensity of up to 12 units per acre.

In January, the Chino Planning Commission voted 5-2 against allow-

ing Lennar's project to proceed. The majority of commissioners were opposed to the concept of altering the low density zoning on the property.

Voters, however, who were subjected to an energetic advertising campaign, which, according to some members of the city council, falsely asserted that the project had full council approval, second-guessed the

planning commission with regard to the Lennar proposal.

Stratham Homes has two projects pending, one a 127-unit development off Euclid Avenue and another 94-unit development off Central Avenue.

The 127-unit project consists entirely of single family homes on 11.6 acres between Euclid and Fern **See P 4**

Burrtec's Once Near Monopoly On County Trash Service Slips Further With Loss of SB Franchise *from front page*

ther erosion of Burrtec's once-vaunted position as the county's preeminent trash hauler.

The first major indicator of Burrtec's fall from the pinnacle of the San Bernardino County trash heap came in April of last year when the county of San Bernardino moved to end its \$17 million per year contract with Burrtec to serve as the operator of its landfills, breaking the relationship it had with the Fontana-based company over the previous 12 years in favor of a ten-year arrangement with Arakelian Enterprises, Inc., which does business in San Bernardino County as Athens Services.

While Burrtec and its owner, Cole Burr, had

developed a strong bond with county politicians over the years, becoming the fourth largest provider of political donations to elected officials throughout the county over the last decade, the cost differential on the combination of the bids and revenue the county is realizing from tipping fees on refuse brought in from outside the county substantially favored Arakelian.

Gerry Newcome, the county's director of public works, recommended that the county switch to Arakelian. On April 23, 2013 the board of supervisors voted to enter into a contract with Arakelian running from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2023, at an initial base annual cost of \$16,686,700 to be adjusted pursuant to the contract for additional services.

Three companies – Arakelian, Burrtec and Waste Management, Inc. – made bids on the con-

tract. At issue in those bids was more than the cost those companies would charge to operate, manage and maintain the county's waste disposal system, consisting of five active landfills and nine transfer stations. Also considered under the county's analysis was the amount of revenue each of those companies could generate into the county in the form of tipping fees at the landfills. All three are trash haulers and, as such, have a need to dispose of the refuse they collect.

While Burrtec was the lowest bidder in terms of the price it would charge to actually operate the landfills – it had bid \$15.8 million to do the job, while Arakelian and Waste Management had bid \$16.687 million and \$17.2 million, respectively – the county gave the nod to Arakelian/Athens because that company was able to guarantee that it would import into the county's landfills

800,000 tons of municipal solid waste and processed green material per year during the 10-year term of the contract, which will bring gross revenue to the county in the amount of approximately \$22 million per year. Burrtec was able to guarantee solid waste importation that would provide the county with annual tipping fees at its landfills that were substantially less than that offered by Arakelian/Athens, at \$6.3 million.

Arakelian/Athens is the largest trash hauler in Los Angeles County and has trash hauling franchises in Riverside and Orange counties as well.

Burrtec remains San Bernardino County's largest trash hauler, serving 16 of the county's 24 incorporated cities – Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San

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cerne Valley, Ludlow, Mentone, Mountain Pass, Mt. Baldy, Newberry Springs, Nipton, Oak Glen, Running Springs, San Antonio Heights, Silver Lakes and Yermo.

The number of incorporated county cities Burrtec serves will drop to 15 when it is replaced by the San Bernardino City Sanitation Division next year.



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Glimpse Of SBC's Past

Magda Lawson: SBC's First Woman Supervisor

By Mark Gutglueck

Magda Lawson was the 86th member of the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors and the first woman to be a member of that body.

Born on April 5, 1887 in Swanedorg, Sweden, Magda Elizabeth Lawson was the second of August and Elizabeth Larson's three daughters. Her early education was provided in Sweden. After her father's death, she was invited to accompany several others emigrating to the United States. Her mother secured for her the least costly passage to Boston, where she arrived in 1901, carrying only a small wardrobe, very little money and no knowledge of English. She immediately changed her name from Larson to Lawson.

A week after her arrival, she obtained a job as a maid in a boarding house which provided her with room and board and \$1.50 per week. From 1901 until 1906 she worked as a maid in Boston, finding occasional other jobs, while



Magda Lawson

mastering English, essentially on her own by extensive reading. She then attended business school, learning typing and bookkeeping. She then embarked on a journey across her adopted country, performing odd jobs along the way. Once in Los Angeles, she obtained work as both a salesgirl in a department store and a waitress in a restaurant. She also went on working vacations, working as a maid

or waitress at establishments near the Grand Canyon or Yellowstone Park. She returned to Los Angeles, where she had established a residence.

Toward the end of the First World War in 1918, she moved to Needles, obtaining work there as a typist, bookkeeper and receptionist at the Earl Hodge Automobile Agency. Upon Hodge's death in 1920, she took over the nearly bankrupt operation of what was then a combined Studebaker, Chrysler and Plymouth agency, together with its accompanying financing and insurance components. With the money she earned there, she purchased a cattle ranch in Oregon, which she visited often. In 1926, she sold the ranch and she used the proceeds from that sale to build a home in Needles. In 1926 the automobile agency was sold, providing Hodge's heirs with a windfall and giving her sole proprietorship of the financing and insurance ends of the business.

Lawson obtained U.S. citizenship in 1927 and the same year returned to Sweden for three months. She returned to Needles, greatly expanding the insurance operation while increasing her real estate holdings. In 1936 she became a licensed insurance broker.

With the advent of World War II, she served on the Needles Ration Board for the entirety of the time the United States was engaged in the conflict.

Lawson never married. Throughout this time she made many contacts at both the business and governmental levels and grew to have a degree of influence in public affairs in the desert area uncommon at that time for her gender.

In 1952, she was prevailed upon to challenge the incumbent First District supervisor, H. George Cunningham. Her popular appeal throughout the desert translated into a victory at the polls, making her the first woman to serve as San Bernardino County supervisor. She served in that capacity during a first term, from 1952 to 1956 and was re-elected to a second term that lasted from 1956 to 1960.

As it had been for Cunningham and the First District supervisors before him, representing the vast First District was a challenge. As the largest district in what was the largest county in the country, Lawson was obliged to drive all of the highways covering the 18,000 square mile district. During her tenure in office, she wore out five of her personal vehicles in maintaining contact with her constituents and attending board meetings.

Lawson advocated road improvements in her district and during her eight year tenure, more than 3,000 miles of roads in the Mojave Desert were paved. Roads linking Amboy, Twentynine Palms, Kelso and Baker were created. She pushed through recreational improvements on the Colorado River, including ones near Parker Dam and a marina in Needles.

At one point, she took it upon herself to travel to Washington, D.C. to lobby on behalf of, and

succeed in getting, recognition of the impoverished state of the Indians residing throughout her district, which brought federal aid to their reservations.

In 1957, Lawson took up the cause of Iva Powell, who was seeking a municipal court judgeship. Powell's opponents pointed out that the last woman in the county to seek elevation to the bench had been the widow of a mule skinner who was defeated in the 1918 election. That precedent was one reason to keep Powell from advancing, her opponents argued. Moreover, they said, Powell had not joined the local chamber of commerce, another strike against her. Lawson overrode those objections and appointed Powell.

"She will be long remembered for her devotion to duty and to the principles of good government," a county publication printed in 2006, San Bernardino County Supervisors 1855-2006, states. "When historians write about the dedicated and courageous women of the West, they will have to include Magda Lawson; storms, floods, blizzards, bad roads – or no roads at all – never stopped her from her

duty to her people."

While in office, Lawson attended seminars and classes in Los Angeles pertaining to government and business, which she said helped her in her ability to serve her constituents. She also further refined during this period her musicianship on the violin, an instrument with which she was accomplished. She also took up painting, and completed numerous desert landscapes.

In 1959, the County Fair at Victorville was dedicated in her honor.

After leaving office, she remained in Needles, where she was a charter member of the Professional and Business Women's Club. Throughout the 1960s and into the early 1970s, she worked the reception desk at the Needles Chamber of Commerce.

She continued to cultivate a garden at her Needles home. At the age of 89, Lawson suffered an injury to her leg while climbing stairs to her apartment and was forced to leave Needles, where she had lived for 59 years, to spend her final eight years at the Valley Convalescent Hospital in San Bernardino. It was there that she died at the age of 97 on November 13, 1984.

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County Sells Eight Tax Lien-Obtained Parcels To Four Entities At Bargain Prices

The county of San Bernardino this week sold eight parcels of property totaling approximately 19.3 acres it picked up through tax defaults to four governmental entities or foundations for amounts considered well below market value.

According to Larry Walker, San Bernardino County's combined Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector, the land in question is located in Loma Linda, the San Bernardino Mountain community of Arrow Bear, Johnson Val-

ley and Oak Glen.

"Pursuant to Chapter 8 of the California Revenue and

Taxation Code, taxing agencies or eligible non-profit organizations have the ability to request to purchase a parcel once it has become subject to the Tax Collector's power of sale," Walker said.

With regard to the Loma Linda property, Walker stated in a report to the board of supervisors dated August 19, "The sale price of \$2,700, plus the cost of giving notice, will satisfy all taxes, reim-

burse costs, and be apportioned accordingly. The city of Loma Linda has requested a Chapter 8 sale of tax-defaulted parcel No. 0293-341-49-0000. This is an undeveloped parcel, approximately 846 feet x 10 feet, that provides drainage to an adjacent housing development and sale to the city would allow them to maintain the drainage site."

As relates to the property in Arrow Bear, Walker said,

"The San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust has requested a Chapter 8 sale of tax-defaulted parcels, Nos. 0327-104-14-0000, 0327-104-27-0000, and 0327-104-30-0000, for preserving

the scenic, wildlife, watershed, and forest open space values of each parcel. All of the parcels are located in Arrow Bear Park within the San Bernardino National Forest and are each approximately 3,000 square feet in size. The sale price of \$9,800, plus the cost of giving notice, will satisfy all taxes, reimburse costs, and be apportioned accordingly."

Of the Johnson Valley property, Walker said, "The Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency has requested a Chapter 8

sale of tax-defaulted parcels, Nos. 0454-683-01-0000 and 0635-031-01-0000, for the general betterment of the agency facilities as described in

the 2007 Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency Water Master Plan. The intended use is for future capital improvements which could include water system facilities, groundwater production or monitoring wells, water storage tanks, water hauling stations, groundwater recharge facilities, pipelines, buildings, and/or appurtenances. Parcel No. 0454-683-01-0000 is 5.0 acres, located off Old Woman Springs Road in Johnson Valley, and parcel No. 0635-031-01-0000 is 4.5 acres of undeveloped land located off Linn Road in Landers. The sale price of \$12,400, plus the cost of giving notice, will satisfy all taxes, reimburse

costs, and be apportioned accordingly.

In addressing the county's transfer of property in Oak Glen to the city of Yucaipa, Walker said, "The city of Yucaipa has requested a Chapter 8 sale of tax-defaulted parcels, Nos. 0321-141-03-0000 and 0321-141-04-0000, to protect or enhance flood protection corridors, while preserving the open space and enhancing the wildlife habitat value of the real property. These parcels are each 4.7 acres and located within the Oak Glen Creek wash area.

The sale price of \$8,000, plus the cost of giving notice, will satisfy all taxes, reimburse costs, and be apportioned accordingly.

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avenues accessible by Schaefer Avenue. That

property was previously slated for commercial development.

The 94-unit project will involve 92 condominiums and two single family dwelling units on 9.2 acres of previ-

ously commercial zoned property east of Central Avenue and north of Francis Street. The two single family homes will be constructed on the 1.5 acres at the eastern extreme of the property,

abutting a low density residential neighborhood to the east. The new zoning designation of RD 12 will allow 12 units per acre on the remaining 7.7 acres, i.e., 92 condominiums.

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Susan Berk

managing multi-million dollar defense and commercial programs. My industry assignments require analyzing complex situations and meeting budgets and schedules. I can't simply ask my customers for more money, nor should this be an option in local government.

My positions are no on water privatization, no on new taxes, yes on financial accountability, and no on city government secrecy. I will be diligent in representing you. I will answer to the citizens of Upland and not the special interest groups.

We can find a path forward to meet our commitments with existing resources. This mindset is missing in our city government, and it's why I'm running for city council.

I have MBA and BS (mathematics) degrees from Cal Poly. I've written books on management and financial analysis, and I have the experience and skills required for addressing Upland's issues. I will ask the right questions and demand answers.

My family has lived in Upland for 30 years and our daughters graduated from Upland's outstanding public schools.

I am the decisive leader that Upland needs on the city council.

Stephen Dunn

An Upland resident, proud father and expert in municipal government, I have a very personal stake in our city's

success. Though we're truly a "City of Gracious Living," we face serious fiscal realities that threaten our quality of life.

As your city manager, I proposed a comprehensive strategy to avert economic crisis. Three years later, our progress has been stymied, and I realize the best way to move our city forward is to make change happen where the decisions are made: on the Upland City Council.

Our residents deserve a better Upland. My plan



Stephen Dunn

includes smart, sustainable measures that promote economic growth and development, upgrade infrastructure, enhance public safety and preserve our neighborhoods.

I have a proven record of success and the expertise to solve our fiscal crisis while protecting our quality of life.

- Former Upland finance director and city manager

- Saved Upland over \$6,000,000 by averting a costly lawsuit

- Streamlined city operation and increased accessibility

I'm committed to providing city government that is proactive, effective and accountable. I understand the issues and I'm ready to take action for you. Join countless civic leaders and residents and vote to help Upland thrive – Vote Stephen Dunn!

Gino Filippi

Thank you for your continued trust in me. Since first being elected to city council in 2010 as the reform candidate, I have worked diligently on behalf of all residents and businesses making difficult budget and policy decision while

remaining focused on keeping our neighborhoods safe and demanding fiscal responsibility and transparency.

The past several years have been challenging



Gino Filippi

for Upland. The general fund is under pressure to continue providing the level of services residents have grown accustomed to. While reductions have been made, service calls have increased. There is more work ahead to move Upland forward towards long-term financial stability.

We can accomplish our shared goals. Maintaining Upland's quality of life, providing responsible public safety and community services, and enhancing a community future generations will be proud to call home, but we must work smart and do what is in the best interest of residents and businesses.

I am a proud native of Upland and I know the issues. I have and will continue to provide solutions. I am seeking your vote for re-election and will continue to work for a positive future for Upland. Let's get Upland back on track!

Rod McAuliffe

Elect me as councilman, so that together, we can return Upland to the city of gracious living. I am not running to seek power, prestige, or to serve my own self-interest, but rather to serve and be a voice for the community.

My life has always been about public service; from my first job as an emergency medical technician, to serving in the Marine Corps, to my service in law enforcement. I also spent eight years working for a large

corporation where I held a managerial position in loss prevention-shortage control. I received my bachelors and masters is business management from Azusa Pacific University. In 2012, the Upland City council appointed me to the traffic safety committee.

If elected, I will ensure that you would never have to carry the financial burden because of the city's financial mismanagement. Rath-



Rod McAuliffe

er than always raising taxes, I will be part of the culture of city leaders that are responsible with your money, and know how to operate within the means of the city budget. I will always be accessible, transparent, and attentive to your thoughts, concerns, and needs.

I am looking forward to serving you as your next councilman. God Bless!

Bill Schuessler

As a thirty year resident of Upland I have witnessed flourishing budgets vanish, city services depleted and quality of life deteriorating.

Upland deserves more than this. If you elect me, you can trust that as your councilmember, I will make the right decisions in critical times, and work with my fellow peers and city leaders to create a strategy to make our city thrive once again. I will never make a promise for change without a plan to back it up.

As a measure of commitment, I will not seek donations, nor endorsements. I believe keeping money in your pocket and voting for me November 4th is the best investment you can make.

I retired after 31 years of law enforcement, 17 as a supervisor. I also worked as an EMT with a local fire department. I have a Bachelor's De-



William Schuessler

gree in Business as well as other government certifications.

I believe in empowering each city department to make sound decisions, but at the same time hold them accountable for their financial oversight.

As your councilmember and steward, I will ask that all the council join me in "thinking outside the box", and steering away from the status quo.

Promises of revenue, balanced budgets, quality of life issues, and retention of valuable employees aren't just about dreams, they are about vision, experience and a plan.

Remember Bill Schuessler is the right person with the right ideas at the right time.

Debbie Stone

During my service on the city council I have worked hard to ensure that I always work in the best interest of our entire community. Sometimes this means making decisions I don't necessarily like or that might not make me the most popular person in town, but are the right things to do for our community as a whole. I have served without question of my integrity or motives. I have not and will not accept campaign donations from any city employee groups.

Making our city economically stable and sustainable is my highest priority. Maintaining our public safety and other vital public services is critically important. I will work to ensure that

our city remains safe and properly maintained while operating within our means.

I have lived in Upland since 1979, and am a proud member of a family with a long history of public service to Upland. My career has prepared me to deal with difficult situations when emotions run high and opinions differ.

I will always represent the citizens of Upland honestly, and act at all times in the best in-



Debbie Stone

terest of our entire community. I am your voice in city leadership.

Carol Timm

As an Upland planning commissioner I have served as chair and vice chair and have been a 30-year local teacher and longtime president of Upland Heritage. I have dedicated my life to making our community better.

Through Upland Heritage and the historic commission, I helped create nine historic districts and with Upland Heritage awarded homeowners matching grants of over \$100,000, generating over a quarter of a million dollars in improvements to our neighborhoods.

As a planning commissioner, I fought to improve city standards, attract good development and rid our city of illegal businesses.

My main goal is to promote fiscal responsibility and increase revenue to the city to maintain public services, fix streets and infrastructure. We must stay within our budgetary means, promote economic growth and create more local jobs.

Upland residents need

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SB Black Culture Foundation Names 25th Annual Black Rose Banquet Honorees

The San Bernardino Black Culture Foundation is happy to announce the 25th Annual Black Rose, Humanitarian of the Year, and Community Service Awards Banquet. The Black Rose Awards focus is to annually recognize volunteers, organizations, and individuals, regardless of their ethnicity or residency, for their lifetime achievement of doing good things for the local community.

"It is important to pay tribute to our local 'Heroes' and 'Sheroes' who work tirelessly to improve our everyday lives... Each one of our recipients have made a difference in our community and should be acknowledged for their efforts," said Margaret

Hill, Program Co-Chairperson of the Black Culture Foundation.

The Humanitarian of the Year Award winner



Tim Evans

is Tim Evans, founder of the Unforgettables Foundation. Tim has been serving African American children and families in churches and children's hospitals across the United States as a pastor and children's chaplain for over thirty

years.

The Unforgettables Foundation was created to assist all families, many of them African Americans, who experienced hardships and lack of funeral funding. A sickle cell patient and a member of Temple Missionary Baptist Church was the first family that Tim assisted in the Inland Empire.

The Community Service Award winner is Dwaine Radden, Sr., newly appointed CEO of The PAL Center and PAL Academy High School. He revived a defunct Pop Warner football program and established the California Raiders, a minor league football team in San Bernardino. He has been a community mentor for athletes for over

22 years. This program provided an opportunity for young men ages 18-30 from different backgrounds to continue



Dwaine Radden

their football aspirations while giving back to a community in need of hope.

This year, the organization is presenting a Founder's Award and the recipient is The California Gas Company. They paid for the first

Miss Black San Bernardino crown and sash, provided a fundraising calendar for the organization, and paid for all the after parade volunteer luncheons for more than fifteen years, and has been a sponsor since the mid-1980's. The Gas Company continues to provide scholarships to students in the San Bernardino area.

Other long time sponsors being recognized on this silver anniversary are: The city of San Bernardino, Edison International, Arrowhead Credit Union, San Bernardino City Unified School District, Dameron Communications, Derrick Vasquez, Community Hospital of San Bernardino, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

and Adeola Davies-Aiyeloja.

The Black Rose winners are as follows: Arthur & Fredda Davis Foundation, Angela Brantley, Keynasia Buffong, C.O.P.E., Walter Hawkins, Patricia Nelson, and Dr. Gary Thomas.

The Awards Banquet will be Friday, September 12, 2014, at the National Orange Show, Valencia Room, 689 South E Street (entrance on Arrowhead Avenue). Social hour is 6 p.m. with dinner and program beginning at 7 p.m. The cost for this event is \$60 per person or \$600 for a table of ten.

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Barstow Aluminum Plant A Non-Start-er from front page

project because Scuderia already owns more than 258 acres of land at the proposed facility site.

Based upon the prospect of the plant locating in Lenwood, Barstow Community College Superintendent/Presi-

dent Dr. Debbie DiThomas was endeavoring to adapt her institution's curriculum and career technical education program to train local residents to make a seamless transition in their skill set to qualify for jobs at the plant, which were expected to pay in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year range.

Barstow obtained pur-

chase options on more than 500 acres surrounding the 258 acres already owned by Scuderia in Lenwood to facilitate the progression of the project. The city further was prepared to utilize up to \$1.5 million of its own reserves toward securing entitlements for the project, pursuant to arrangements that would see the city reimbursed once the

project was completed. City officials had also made arrangements to sojourn to China to tour aluminum plants and obtain further information relating to the project. That trip did not come off, however and since May there was little information forthcoming relating to the project.

The production of aluminum is an elec-

tricity-intensive process. As China Zhongwang examined the situation more closely, the relatively high cost of electricity in California made locating what was to be one of the largest secondary aluminum production factories in the world prohibitively expensive.

The electricity to be utilized at the plant

would be provided by the state power grid. Any electricity conveyed over the state power grid is automatically subject to the imposition of a ten percent "wheeling" fee. Other surcharges apply to electricity delivered in that manner as well.

This week, on Monday August 18, Barstow City Manager Curt Mitchell was the bearer of bad tidings when he publicly announced at the regularly scheduled city council meeting that Scuderia has informed the city it is unlikely to pursue the project.

The reason for the change in enthusiasm toward locating in Barstow, Mitchell said, was directly tied to the high cost of electricity in California.

Mitchell said he held out hope that Scuderia may yet have energetic designs for the 258 acres it owns in Lenwood, though that project will be far less grand than that one which was contemplated by China Zhongwang. Mitchell indicated China Zhongwang quite likely will not be involved in the eventual utilization of the property.

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Compton Given His Walking Papers from front page

of ensure that policy is being carried out, had overstepped his authority and was “micromanaging” the public works department.

Obliquely, the city council indicated that Compton had gone beyond authority as city manager to spend up to \$25,000 without prior council. The city hired Kathy M. Gandara, an Ontario-based labor law attorney, to look into the matter.

While Compton continued to twist in the



Kathy Gandara

wind, revelations about mismanagement in the public works department began to surface when residents, puzzled by exactly what was going on behind the scenes at City Hall, used the California Public Records Act and other means to unearth documents and materials that showed \$2.8 million had been diverted from the city’s general fund to pay for capital projects without the funding shift having been voted upon by the city council, that the city had neglected to collect \$2.8 million in water service charges,

also known as fireflow charges, from commercial businesses in the city between 2009 and 2012, that the city had overspent as much as \$4.8 million on capital improvements projects and had squandered some-



Amer Jakher

where in the neighborhood of \$265,000 over a period of fourteen years because of a failure to replace, repair or update its information processing systems. It also became known that Compton had been focusing on off-the-book projects carried out by the public works department at the behest of public works director Amer Jakher, some of which appeared to be what critics referred to as “gifts of public funds,” involving unauthorized work done that personally benefited members of the city council, including documented examples that benefited councilman Gonzales and councilwoman Susan Oliva.

As this scandal brewed, the filing period for the upcoming November city council race opened and then closed. Oliva decided against running for reelection. Gonzales, however, doubled down, throwing his hat in the ring

for the mayoralty, which was left open by Sarah Zamora’s decision to not run.

With this highly charged political backdrop, the sharp differences on the city council were thrown into stark relief. Gonzales, Zamora and Oliva appeared intent on seeing Compton, who was hired as interim city manager in March 2013 and elevated to full city manager in October, sent packing. They had initially been joined by councilman Isaac Suchil, who publicly questioned many of Compton’s expenditures relating to the audit and investigation of the pub-



Frank Gonzales

lic works department. That faction gained some traction when on August 4 Gandara gave the city council an oral briefing of her findings, which showed that Compton had expended some \$23,000 more than his \$25,000 independent expenditure limit, and that he had made temporary employee hirings that were outside the city’s protocol

The council’s three other members, Frank Navarro, David Toro and Deirdre Bennett appeared to be unconvinced or at best skepti-

cal about the reason and justification their colleagues’ rationale for jettisoning Compton.

With the progression of revelations about the questionable operation of the public works department and the grow-



Susan Oliva

ing perception in the community that Compton may indeed have had good reason for looking into Jakher’s management thereof, Suchil gave indication that he was wavering with regard to the resolve to fire Compton. A law enforcement professional employed by the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department, Suchil displayed a reluctance to hammer Compton for carrying out what might, in the end, be revealed as due diligence in getting to the bottom of profligate and perhaps even illegal spending of taxpayer money.

Indeed, from late July until earlier this month, it seemed possible that Compton might be vindicated and returned to his post as city manager after Ward, in one of his last acts as acting city manager, tasked the city attorney to undertake an investigation of the public works department based upon citizen

complaints about off-the-books projects and overspending and other questionable activity therein that paralleled the ground Compton was covering in the audits and investigation he had initiated. In his letter of resignation dated July 21 in which he informed the city council that he was anxious to get back to running the police department, Ward pointedly told the council, “there are directors, managers and council members that do not belong in our organization. I am not used to the childish, selfish, lie



Isaac Suchil

to my face drama and games I’ve witnessed... and it never stops!”

This week, however, the pendulum that had seemed to be swinging in Compton’s favor abruptly changed directions when the council on Tuesday voted unanimously to terminate him without citing cause. What was not publicly disclosed was what level of confidential discussion had taken place between Compton and/or his representatives and the council and/or its representatives. It is known that Compton had retained legal counsel.

Under the terms of his contract, had city council cited cause in firing him, it would have needed to provide Compton with any severance pay or consideration. However the contract did cover a circumstance in which he was terminated without cause, in which case he was to be due four month’s salary. Unknown is whether a separation agreement going beyond those terms was worked out. It appeared, because the vote was unanimous, that the council had been allayed over any concern that Compton might take le-

gal action contesting his firing. Nevertheless, that issue was not specifically dealt with by the council. Yesterday, Thursday August 21, the council met in a special session to finalize its action in terminating Compton and ap-



Steve Ward

proving the terms of his exodus. “The city council has concluded that it is in the city’s best interest to pursue a different direction with a new city manager,” Mayor Sarah Zamora said in reading from a prepared statement.

At press time, those terms were not available.

The council, by its August 21 action, has put the ball in Compton’s court. He appears to have three options. He can accept the terms of severance offered by the city council, which is very likely to adhere to its contractual obligation to provide him with four month’s severance pay. His second option would be to attempt to negotiate a more generous severance package. His third option would be to initiate legal action against the city.

Repeated efforts by the *Sentinel* to reach Compton were unsuccessful.



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\$2 Million More For Gas Cards
from front page

Responsibility to Kids program. The transitional assistance department and the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) divisions provide eligible clients with transportation assistance by means of gas debit cards, which are intended to enable recipients to attend school, obtain therapeutic counseling and medical care, seek employment or travel to work.

Since July 2002, child and family services and the transitional services department have been providing transportation assistance to eligible clients. Because the transitional assistance and child and family service departments receive federal funding, they are mandated to provide supportive service, including transportation assistance, that allow clients to participate in

employment activities. The state and federal government also have accounting and auditing requirements relating to the use of such funding. As a consequence, the county in 2011 as part of a formal procurement process entered into a \$7.5 million arrangement with SVM, LP for the provision of gas debit cards to qualified recipients for the period of December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2014. On November 5, 2013, the board of supervisors approved a first amendment to the contract with SVM, LP, increasing the total contract amount by \$1,000,000 from \$7,500,000 to \$8,500,000.

On April 22, 2014, the board approved a second amendment to the contract, increasing the total contract amount by \$1,500,000, from \$8,500,000 to \$10,000,000.

Of the 269,027 cards issued during fiscal year 2013-14, approximately 90 percent were issued

by the transitional assistance department.

According to Linda Haugen, the assistant executive officer of county human services, "To maintain required internal controls, the transitional assistance and child and family services departments strictly follow established procedures, including, but not limited to, receipt and inventory control of gas debit cards, as mandated by the auditor controller and both departments are monitor human services auditing."

Haugen said that "As a result of regulatory changes, the total amount of the contract has been increased twice since November 2013. Effective January 1, 2013, 4,500 transitional assistance department clients were required to become re-engaged in work activity agreements, thereby increasing program participation and increasing the demand for transportation assistance. At

the time the first two amendments were presented, the recommended increases were based on growth projections relating to an estimated 15 percent increase in the caseload eligible for gas debit cards through the welfare-to-work program."

Moreover, Haugen said, "Since April 2014, however, caseload and participant usage continues to increase beyond these projections. During this last quarter of fiscal year 2013-14, for example, the active welfare-to-work caseload increased approximately 8 percent while the num-

ber of cases receiving gas debit card assistance grew approximately 14 percent. In addition, gasoline prices climbed approximately 10 percent during the same period."

This week, On August 19, the board of supervisors approved a third amendment to the SVM, LP contract, effective August 20, 2014, increasing the total contract amount by \$2,000,000, from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000, for the total contract period of December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2014.

Cards are issued in \$15 or \$25 increments to eligible clients and can

be used only for the purchase of gasoline. The cards register declining value with each use and are tracked to register specific card usage. Issuances are specialized to a client's supportive services needs in order to attend school, obtain required therapeutic counseling and medical care, seek employment and/or report to work. The average number of cards issued to transitional assistance department clients is five per month, and eligible child and family services clients is three per month.



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**CalPERS Board
In Pension Spiking Ploy from front page**

Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) Board to reject the proposal from CalPERS staff calling for certifying 99 types of special payments as counting toward pension calculations for employees enrolled in the CalPER System since January 1, 2013.

The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act requires pension calculations for employees who became retirement system members on January 1, 2013 and later be based on "the normal monthly rate of pay or base pay" those employees received. The act further disallowed "ad hoc" payments included in retirement benefit calculations.

These reforms followed lingering controversy over the escalating expense of debt servicing public employee pensions in recent years and projected increase in future years that threaten

to eat up funds available for normal governmental operating expenses. Putting in place limitations that disallow employees from citing temporary pay increases as the basis for calculating their pension amounts was intended to prevent current and future pension spiking, although the act's provisions did not apply to employees in the system before the act took effect.

Some members of the board took to heart the opposition to the move expressed by the governor and others, such that approval of the certifications was divided. The board's vote was 7-5 to allow the "temporary upgrade pay."

Some, including the governor, suggested the vote was in outright defiance of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act, constituting an outright illegal act.

"CalPERS got it wrong," Brown said in a prepared statement following the board's vote. "This vote undermines the pension reforms enacted just two years ago. I've asked my staff to

determine what actions can be taken to protect the integrity of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act."

The pay enhancements authorized by the board apply to a host of actions, work, conditions, requirements or positions that appear to be routine descriptions of duties or classifications associated with typical job descriptions such as dictation, shorthand, typing, pesticide application, notary, accountant, circulation librarian, asphalt work, aircraft/helicopter pilot, reading specialist, fire safety certificate, certified public accountant, polygraph, refugee arrival, refuse collection sandblasting, sewer crew, working with the severely disabled, crime scene investigation, detective division, DUI traffic officer, fire inspector, flight time, fire prevention fugitive pursuit, gang detail, juvenile officer, lead/supervisor, library reference, police training, streetlight changing, professional licensing, tire technician, cement finisher,

school yard supervision, and police administration.

A 1937 law prohibits public employee pension spiking but has never been consistently enforced.

A leading advocate of pension reform is San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed who has consistently argued that the ever increasing payments to CalPERS represent an unsustainable liability to both local and state government and that the most sensible place to start pension reform is adhering to restrictions, such as those contained in the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act that prevent CalPERS from broadly, liberally and generously defining pension plan definitions to provide members with maximum payouts.

Reed said the vote in favor of the special payment enhancements and their applicability to pension calculations further demonstrates the degree to which the CalPERS board is dominated by public employee unions who are intent on "expanding benefits

and resisting reforms. This undermines the pension reforms enacted two years ago. Counting temporary and special pay will only increase pension spiking in California and add to the skyrocketing costs for public employee pensions," Reed told the

Sentinel.

Two of the board members voting in favor to the special pay enhancements said public employers can push for lower pension payouts through the bargaining process.

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San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

Coroner case #701406212 --- On 08/18/2014 at 7:55 PM, San Bernardino Police Department officers responded to possible deceased person located in the area of 1100 block of E. 3rd in San Bernardino. Officers found Rayshawn Gardner, a 38 year old resident of San Bernardino, with trauma to the upper body. Gardner was confirmed dead of his injuries by paramedics. San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Detectives are investigating the incident. [081914 0845 SY]

Coroner case #701406152 --- On 08/16/2014, at 8:50 AM, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department responded to the 14000 block of Valley Center Drive, Victorville, for a motorcycle versus auto collision. Roger Wayne Woods, a 62 year old resident of Apple Valley, had been riding his motorcycle northbound Valley Center Drive when the driver of a southbound 2007 Saturn made an abrupt left turn and struck Woods. Woods was transported to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead at 9:36 AM. The San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating the incident. [081614 1500 TC]

Coroner case #701406125 --- On 08/14/2014 at 8:47 PM, San Bernardino County Sheriff Department deputies responded to the intersection of Main Street and Third Ave, in Hesperia for a vehicle versus a bicyclist. Deputies arrived on scene and found Arnold Covarrubias, age: 10 years, from Hesperia, with trauma to the upper and lower body. Paramedics transported him to an area hospital where he was pronounced dead of his injuries at 9:35 PM. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death. The San Bernardino County Sheriff Department is investigating the incident. [08152014 0315 EM]

Coroner case #701406126 --- On 8/14/2014 at about 9:00 PM, a 62 year old male, possibly from Victorville, was in a wheelchair on Cajon Boulevard south of Western in San Bernardino and was struck by a light colored work utility truck with a roof rack which fled the scene. Paramedics responded and pronounced him dead at the scene. When the decedent's identity has been determined by fingerprints and next of kin located and notified, his name will be released. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death. The San Bernardino Police Department is investigating the incident. [08152014 0315 EM] Name Released: William Earl Swisher III, a sixty-two year old resident of Victorville [081514 0941 SY]

Coroner case #701406105 --- On 08/13/2014 at about 5:00 AM, the California Highway Patrol received a call of a vehicle collision on eastbound Gillman Springs Road and Sublette Road in Riverside. Denyse Rachele Tully, a 53 year-old resident of Encino, was transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center and admitted with multiple injuries. On 8-13-2014 at 3:50 PM, she was pronounced dead. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [08132014 2100 EM]

Coroner case #701406083--- On 08/12/2014 at 9:19 PM, Riverside County Sheriff Deputies responded to a 911 call for a drowning in the 7200 block of Canopy Lane, in the city of Eastvale. James Pan, a 7 year- old resident of Eastvale, was transported to Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Ontario hospital where he died on 08/13/2014. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death. The Riverside County Sheriff Department is investigating the incident.[081314 0717 SY]

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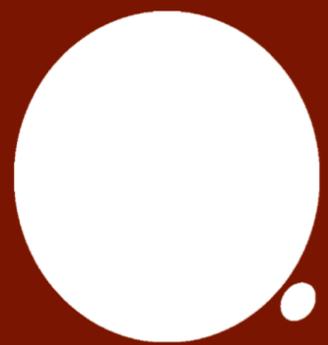
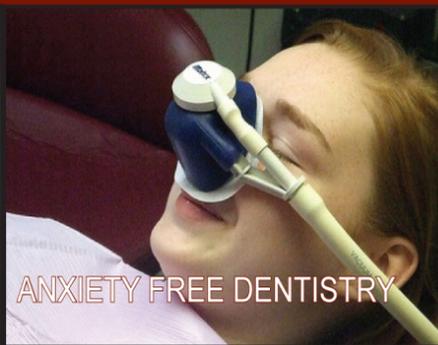
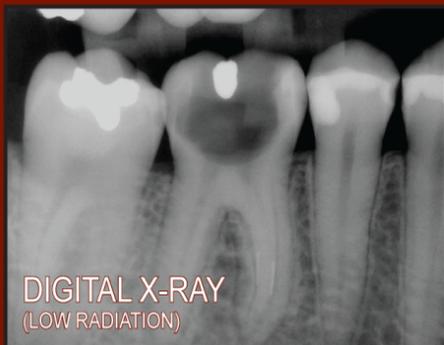


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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AND ESTABLISH STANDING OF NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION
CASE NO. CIVRS1402833

To all who may be interested in the following:

A PETITION TO ESTABLISH STANDING has been filed by MARK RICHARD GUTGLUECK in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino.

THE PETITION TO ESTABLISH STANDING requests that the SAN BERNARDINO SENTINEL be adjudicated and established as a "newspaper of general circulation" pursuant to Government Code Section 6008.

THE PETITION TO ESTABLISH is as follows:

1. Petitioner is the publisher of the newspaper known as the San Bernardino County Sentinel, referenced herein as "the Sentinel."

2. Petitioner seeks adjudication of the Sentinel under Government Code Section 6008 as a "newspaper of general circulation" in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California, located in the County of San Bernardino.

3. The Sentinel is currently a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Rancho Cucamonga (and other places) published and distributed for the dissemination of local news and intelligence of a general character. The Sentinel's business address is 10788 Civic Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730.

4. The Sentinel has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers numbering approximately 2,458 in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, and 7,208 additional subscribers throughout the County of San Bernardino.

5. During each year of the five-year period preceding the filing of this Petition, the Sentinel has been established, printed, and published under the name of San Bernardino County Sentinel. The mechanical work of producing; that is, the work of composing and printing the Sentinel, takes place regularly in the Cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Colton, Chino, and Ontario. The Sentinel is distributed on Friday of each calendar week.

6. During each year of the five-year period preceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper has maintained coverage of local news and intelligence of a general character.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing the San Bernardino County Sentinel as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in Section 6000 of the Government Code, for the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

A HEARING ON THE PETITION WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

Date: September 5, 2014

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County Wildlife Corner

Horned Lark *Eremophila alpestris*

The migratory horned lark is present in San



Bernardino County during certain parts of the year.

Its distinctive appearance includes mainly brown-grey plumage above and pale below, with a striking black and yellow face pattern. The tail of a horned lark is mostly black with the exception of its central feathers. The black tail contrasts with its paler body, a contrast that is noticeable when the bird is in flight.

On close inspection you may see a black bib and cheek patch and a soft yellow throat.

In the summer males sport black "horns", which give this species its American name.

The two small "horns" that stick up on the top of the head aren't real horns, but actually two tufts of black feathers on each side of the head. The "horns" on the horned lark are an important characteristic to look for when making an identification.

These birds' vocalizations are high-pitched, lisping or tinkling, and weak. Their flight songs consist of a few chips followed by a warbling, ascending trill. Flight songs are used to delineate territories and attract mates.

The horned lark

breeds across much of North America, commonly in the Alaska and Canada area, but range as far as the high Arctic south to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. They move south in winter.

Horned larks are monogamous and nest on the ground at a spot chosen by the female. The



nests normally feature two to five laid eggs. The nests are cup-shaped, frequently surrounded with pebbles. Female Horned Larks often collect pebbles, clods, corn cobs, dung, which



is placed place beside their nests, covering soil excavated from the nest cavity. The "paved" area resembles a sort of walkway. The function of the pavings is not fully understood but they may help prevent collected nesting material from blowing away while the nest is under construction.

Upon being ready to mate, a female horned lark performs a courting display that looks very much as if she is taking a dust bath. In fact, potential mates seem prone

to confusion on this score: a male catching a glimpse of a dust-bathing female may attempt to mate with her.

The longest-lived Horned Lark on record in North America was at least 7 years, 11 months old when it was recaptured and rereleased during banding operations.

Horned Larks at higher latitudes usually have only one brood per season, although most others have 2 or more.

The diet of horned larks consists mainly of seeds supplemented with insects in the breeding season. They feed their nestlings mostly insects, which provide the protein the young birds need to grow. Insect prey are mainly grasshoppers, beetles, and caterpillars.



Chicks may also be fed invertebrates such as sowbugs and earthworms. Horned Larks collect most of their food from the ground, but they sometimes perch on plants to harvest seeds from seed heads. In agricultural fields they may pluck and eat sprouting lettuce, wheat, and other crop seedlings.

In the open areas of western North America,



horned larks are among the bird species most often killed by wind turbines. In 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the subspecies streaked horned lark (*Eremophila alpestris strigata*) as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

These birds are seven to eight inches long at maturity and walk or run rather than hop. They move in an erratic pattern while feeding. If disturbed, the flock circles in swift, twisting flight, making soft lisping call notes.

Horned larks are philopatric, or faithful to their birthplace, where they returns after every migration. Consequently, each local population adapts to the color of its habitat such that 15 distinct subspe-



cies have been described in the West. The Horned Lark starts returning to its breeding grounds in early March

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California Style Classic Over Color

By Grace Bernal

Whoa, this week it was all about bright and

too much of it, too. Vintage black is the classic of class. When surrounded by brightness, go classic! This is sound advice because, you can always stand out in it if you wear it well.



Much too much excitement was happening the

to partake in celebrations. Because it was all



about color, I needed to tone it down. The town was full of green grassy mountains and the people of the town were

past week and I couldn't help but focus on what was going to be worn

ready to show off their colors in the fiestas that



shoe, on the other hand, was a pointy silvery pump which topped off



were occurring. I decided on a black classic sheath open back detail dress. The dress was simple but at the same time stunning, and com-



fortable. It complemented the silhouette with elegant style, too. The



the dress. All in all, the occasion was wonderful and the black didn't ask for color. The people of the town had no choice



but to understand that a simple California female

a class by itself. It was somewhat premeditated of me to go black but it

looked lovely surrounded by color. With that said, never underestimate the power of color or black for that matter. One will always

and be classic, whatever your choice is. Remember



likes classic comfort and it will always win over the bright color when in doubt. Color is amazing but the color black is in

complement the other. Be cautious, be colorful,



ber you're the author of your style. Have fun!



"I dress for the image. Not for myself, not for the public, not for fashion, not for men."
~Marlene Dietrich

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