

Majestic Mt. Baldy's Treachery Betrayed With Two Deaths In Four Days

By Mark Gutglueck

Icy windswept Mt. Baldy claimed two lives in less than a week early this month, adding to the mountain's reputation as one of the most treacherous recreational areas in Southern California.

On February 2, Daniel Nguyen, 23, was walking along the Devil's Backbone Trail around 7

a.m. with a friend when his companion slipped. Nguyen tried pulling his friend to safety but as he did so, he himself slipped off the trail and down the mountainside, with fatal consequences.

Four days later, Dong Xing Liu, 47 of Temple City, was hiking with his wife at a level much further down the mountain

in the Icehouse Saddle area when both slipped on the icy terrain below their feet. Liu's wife suffered a broken arm but Liu succumbed to his injuries, which included severe head trauma.

The U.S. Forest Service shut down the Icehouse Saddle hiking trail following Liu's death.

Liu and his wife

were not the only ones to have underestimated the risk and unforgiving nature of Mr. San Antonio, which is the official name for the mountain colloquially referred to as Mt. Baldy. On both February 5 and February 6, 23 people were flown out of the mountain area around Mt. Baldy by the sheriff's department's

helicopter, with twelve of those – either injured or stranded hikers – being airlifted from situations in which they faced possible death.

Scaling to the top of 10,064 Mt. Baldy is a rite of passage for dedicated hikers in Southern California. And for two-thirds of the year, doing so presents no spe-

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C of C's Reduction Of Mayor's State Of City Role Sparks Upland Council Row

More than a quarter of a century of tradition in the City of Gracious Living is on the brink of being shattered as the Chamber of Commerce has shifted the format of Upland's annual state of the city forum to one that will not have a speech by the mayor summarizing the economic and social outlook of the community as its centerpiece.

Rather, in what some see as a slap at the incumbent mayor and what others view as a prudent and politically logical move to distance the chamber of commerce from the current ruling majority on the city council, the Upland Chamber of Commerce's board of directors this year invited John Hus-



Ray Musser

mist, to give the keynote speech for the traditional

event, which is slated to be held at Cable Airport on March 22.

In Upland, as in many local cities, the tradition of holding a "State of the City" event, similar to that of the annual State of the Union Address that is one of the few constitutionally mandated duties of a sitting U.S. president, has developed. In most cases, it is the

mayor who is accorded the honor of giving the state of the city speech.

And so it has been in Upland for many years. In Upland, the speech originated as an extension of city governance and community outreach, one that included seeking to bring in as many local institutions to attend or participate as possible. Over See P 6

Transfers Between Needles Utilities & City Violated Law

By Ruth Musser-Lopez

Controversy has broken out in San Bernardino County's wettest city over a proposed significant hike in water rates as of May 1, 2016. For some people, the change in billing arrangements will not result in hefty increases. For other customers, there will be a substantial hike in the price they will pay for water. Further, the wastewater rates will be



Rick Daniels

increased for everyone with the rate change paid by the Needles Unified School District See P 4

For Some, Amnesty Is A Pathway To Social Reintegration & Personal Rehabilitation

By Keith McCarter, B.S., J.D. McCarter University

An esteemed California State Senator, Robert M. Hertzberg from District 18 (Eastern San Fernando Valley), wrote Senate Bill, SB-405 to allow a grant of amnesty for traffic violators in the State of California. This bill was passed on September 11, 2015 and made effective on October 1, 2015. This bill was first introduced

on February 25, 2015. Thus, it took less than eight months to have the bill signed into law by the governor of California since the first introduction of the bill. This is an example of what competent and effective lawmakers do, write effective bills to benefit the majority of the public.

Amnesty defined

Amnesty is the act of an authority (as a gov-



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ernment) by which pardon is granted to a large group of individuals. A good example See P 2

County Enters Into Ten-Year Lease For Welfare Building In San Bernardino

The county this week entered into a ten-year \$13.4 million lease arrangement for more than 44,000 square feet of office space in the city of San Bernardino for use by the county division which distributes assistance to welfare recipients.

That building, which is located at 1895 Del Rosa Drive in San Bernardino and is yet to be

adapted for the county's intended use, is owned by AOP Development, LLC.

Since 2001 the San Bernardino County Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) has had its San Bernardino area office function out of what was originally 21,442 square feet of office space located at 1585 East Highland Avenue in San Bernardino, initially

on a seven-year lease. In the 15 years since the lease was originally approved, the county board of supervisors has approved three amendments to extend the term, increase the square footage to 29,942 square feet of office space and add additional option periods.

On March 17, 2015 the board of supervisors authorized the county's

real estate division to seek bids for the lease of approximately 42,000 square feet of office space for TAD in the San Bernardino/Highland area. The bid request, known as a request for proposal, was disseminated and notifications were sent to prospective proposers on a mailing list the county maintains of building owners. Six proposals were

received. A selection committee composed of county human services and transitional services employees as well as real estate division staff was formed to evaluate the proposals, tour the sites and attend proposer presentations.

The 44,190-square foot facility located at 1895 Del Rosa Drive in San Bernardino, proposed by AKS See P 3

Two Suspects Charged In Fall Double Homicide In Montclair

Montclair Police appear to have gotten their arms around what was the second double homicide that occurred within the 36,664-population in 2015.

Early in the morning of October 4, Montclair police were summoned to a single family residence in the 4300 block of El Morado Street by 911 calls reporting gun shots. At the home they found three men shot and another severely beaten. Emergency medical personnel also responded. One of the wounded men, Joel Arreguin, died at the scene. A second victim, Chris Sotelo, survived being transported to a hospital, but died shortly after arrival there.

Word came this week that the second of two suspects in those killings is now in custody.

On February 2, Joseph Luis Montiel, 22, was arrested in Pomona.

In December, Darnold Alexander Carmona, 20, was arrested.

At his arraignment before Judge Mary Fuller on December 31, Carmona entered a plea of not guilty to murder, Penal Code Section 187, and denied the special circumstances allegation of gang affiliation also lodged against him. On January 5 before Judge Stephan Saleson, Carmona agreed to be represented by attorney Jeff Voll.

On February 5, Montiel was arraigned before Judge Fuller. He entered a plea of not guilty and denied a special circumstances gang affiliation enhancement. He is now being represented by attorney I. Mark Bled-

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Amnesty Is A Potential Alternative For Some *from front page*

is when President Reagan granted amnesty to illegal immigrants who came into the country before 1982. This policy was espoused in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Usually there are terms and conditions to qualify. For instance, in the Immigration Reform and Control Act the immigrant must not have committed any crimes to qualify.

Amnesty for Traffic Violations

Because of SB-405, now everyone with certain traffic violations may be excused or pardoned from the violation. In order to qualify for the amnesty you must: apply in the county where you had the failure to appear or failure to pay violation; have a case that was due on or before January 1, 2013, have

made a last payment on or before September 30, 2015; owe no restitution; and have no outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants within the county where the violation occurred

Of the 58 California Counties benefitting from this bill, 15 include misdemeanor violations within the amnesty parameters. Unfortunately San Bernardino County does not allow amnesty for misdemeanor violations under this bill. SB-405 does not permit any county to pardon felonies, parking tickets, reckless driving or DUI offenses.

The result of being accepted into this amnesty program is a discount of up to 80% on the fees related to the traffic violation. Anyone interested in taking advantage of this opportunity must apply at the Superior Court before March 31, 2017.

Amnesty By State Government

There are essentially two ways a person can apply for Amnesty in the State of California. One is by obtaining a certificate of rehabilitation from the Superior Court. The second is to seek a direct pardon from the governor. Usually when the Superior Court refuses to give a certificate of rehabilitation or when the person in question does not live in the state, they may choose to seek a direct pardon.

An application for a certificate of rehabilitation may be obtained from the Superior Court clerk, probation department or the public defender's office. Once this application is filed, an investigation into your life and previous crimes will ensue. After due consideration has been given, the court will schedule a hearing. If the court grants the certificate of rehabilitation, an application for pardon is immediately forwarded to the governor's office. Even though

a certificate of rehabilitation is given great weight by the governor's office, this does not guarantee the applicant will receive a pardon.

A person may pick up a direct pardon application from the governor's office in Sacramento. The governor may or may not take action on the application. If the governor takes action, he will forward the application to the California Board of Parole. The Board of Parole may then seek further investigations from the district attorney's office in the county where the crime was committed. Only upon recommendation of the Board of Parole will the governor seriously consider granting a parole.

Amnesty By Federal Government

When a person is convicted of a felony they are prevented from engaging in many activities for most of his/her life. These restrictions in-

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clude but are not limited to disbarment and doing business with the government (10 U.S.C. Section 2408), voting rights and jury service (State Law), owning a firearm (18 U.S.C. 921(a)(3)), entering the Armed Forces (10 U.S.C. Section 504), flying (49 U.S.C. 44703, 44101-44103), having a private radio licenses (47 U.S.C. Section 312 (a)), having other federal licenses (19 U.S.C. Section 1641), holding federal office (US Constitu-

tion Article 1), obtaining federal employment (18 U.S.C. Section 201(b)), state license and occupational restrictions, obtaining federal benefits (21 U.S.C. Section 862) and travel restrictions.

When applying for a federal pardon the petitioner (person applying) must have been released from incarceration at least 5 years prior to the filing of the pardon application. Once completed the application may be submitted to the United States Pardon Attorney.

Within the application you must state the reason you are requesting a pardon, show why you think you deserve a pardon, show evidence of credit history, arrest history and submit character references.

Now is the Time

Regardless of whether the public supports the option of amnesty or not, this is a mechanism which currently exist and is very rarely known to many communities. Further, if such mechanism is known, these communities very rarely understand the apparent complexities of the application. As described above, the application process really is not very difficult. You will simply need to compile certain documentation which evidences your successful and continuous integration back into mainstream society.

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Amnesty Can Be Requested At State & Federal Levels
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your life by the conviction of a felony lifted? The best time to ask a governor or president for a pardon is when they are leaving office. This is a big election year. We will be electing a new president and new governors nationwide. Historically this is the period during which pardons are given.

There is no particular period allotted for the consideration of an application. If the governor or president wish to seriously consider giving a pardon, they can do so immediately after the application has been submitted or wait for a long period of time before they even review the documents.

Thus, if you have a state or federal crime conviction, it is not too late to request a pardon. If you are sincere and thorough you may even be able to compile the documents needed for the application yourself without the use of an attorney. One warning though. If you submit any false information, that is grounds for your

application being immediately be denied. I suppose at least a basic investigation is completed upon the submission of an application. In completing the application it is best to be completely honest and forthright.

I encourage those convicted of crimes to file for a pardon. My reasons for this encouragement is a bit unusual. If a person applies for a pardon he/she will learn two very important points. He/she will learn more of what society expects from him/her. By submitting documentation for each requirement of the application and explaining why the person believes he/she deserves a pardon, he or she realizes what the courts and society consider to be law abiding people. A law abiding

person, in my opinion, does not merely obey the law. There is more to it than that. A law-abiding person obeys the law and complies with social norms even if there is not a law written to enforce the norm.

One simple example is the accumulation of good credit. One will not be charged with a crime solely for having bad credit. However, society desires everyone to have good credit. So even if a person does not have good credit, he or she is considered law abiding through attempting to follow the moral standards set by the society.

The second reason I encourage everyone with a criminal record to apply for a pardon is because they will learn more about themselves.

Soon they will began to think of ways they can be a better person, for instance by joining a social club or volunteering for a local non-profit organization. Learning more about ourselves helps us to facilitate positive changes from within.

I encourage everyone with a criminal past to file an application for a pardon. If your pardon is granted, I congratulate you because now you are entitled to many benefits which were previously denied upon your conviction. If your pardon is not granted I still congratulate you because now you have become more knowledgeable about our legal process and surely have become a better person.



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

By Count Friedrich von Olsen



Readers of this column will probably recall that I have made some observations, from time to time, about how poorly we are being served by The California Public Utilities Commission. The need for reform is at hand and with our state in the clutches of such people as our governor and his cronies, who have an interest in lax application of government regulation with regard to utility and energy oversight, I was beginning to despair that we would see any improvement in our current lot any time soon...

I am pleased, therefore, to report that my pessimism may not have been entirely justified and that someone is minding the store. 33rd District Assemblyman Jay Obernolte has introduced legislation, AB 1651, which would require the California Public Utilities Commission to publish on its website copies of each awarded contract that it enters into. In addition, the California Public Utilities Commission would be required to post on its website copies of all audits conducted by the Department of General Services relating to its contracting practices. These are two giant steps in the right direction...

In August 2015, the Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce convened an informational hearing on the California Public Utilities Commission's contracting practices, including an examination of California Public Utilities Commission competitive solicitation practices and adherence to state contracting rules. The hearing raised questions about the level of oversight and transparency on contracts involving the California Public Utilities Commission and the utilities it regulates...

In particular, what came into focus was the difficulty members of not only the public but the legislature itself and other branches of government were having in accessing contract details and bidder information. As Mr. Obernolte so aptly put it, "Without a legislative mandate for transparency, there is no guarantee that contract publishing practices will be maintained in the future..."

The piece of legislation Assemblyman Obernolte has come up with, AB 1651, seeks to address this by shining light onto all awarded contracts involving the California Public Utilities Commission. The bill would do this by requiring the CPUC to publish on its website copies of each awarded contract that it enters into and make these documents available to the public free of charge. In addition, the California Public Utilities Commission would also be required to post copies of Department of General Services audits relating to the California Public Utilities Commission's contracting practices on the California Public Utilities Commission website...

While these requirements won't do much for old geezers like me who are as hopelessly challenged with regard to computer literacy as I am, these provisions represent a quantum leap in terms of an improvement in public transparency at the California Public Utilities Commission for the current generation of young computer jockeying whippersnappers who will now be able to track these heretofore too secretive dealings between the California Public Utilities Commission and its vendors and contractors. And it will strengthen legislative oversight by helping solons stay abreast of the California Public Utilities Commission's contracting practices...

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County Enters Into Ten Year Contract For SB Welfare Building
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Investments, Inc., contingent on property acquisition, was selected by the committee.

According to a report co-authored by Terry Thompson, the director of the county's real

estate services department. and Nancy Swanson, the director of the county's transitional assistance department, the Del Rosa Drive location was chosen because "it is an existing building that will be totally rehabbed and improvements made to additional square footage; [it offered a] competitive lease rate with turn-key tenant improvements; [had a] location and services available in the local area; [entailed] the removal of the electrical utility expense cap due to the installation of new energy efficient systems and solar system; and [presented the advantage of] the landlord providing a minimum of 287 parking spaces."

In August 2015, AOP Development, LLC was formed by AKS Investments, Inc., and Del Rosa Development, LLC, the then-owner of the 1895 Del Rosa Drive property, and ownership of the

property was transferred to AOP Development, LLC in January 2016. The county's real estate division negotiated a 10-year lease with two five-year options to extend the term, with an initial rental rate of approximately \$1.98 per square foot/full service/turn-key, subject to 2% annual increases. AOP Development, LLC at

its sole expense agreed to install solar panels on the building.

After the award of the request for proposals and during review of the floor plan, the county's human services and transitional assistance divisions determined additional improvements were needed to support the number of staff and clients that will be served at the location. Additional breakrooms, restrooms and security features such as perimeter fencing, an enclosed reception area and additional exterior lighting were added. These added items increased the rental rate to \$2.25 subject to 2.5 percent annual increases. The county is in for the long haul on the arrangement and does not have the right to terminate for convenience during the initial 10-year term, but if the term is extended, the county will have the right to terminate with 180-days' notice.

The annual lease cost for February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 will be \$1,193,136; for February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2019 will be \$1,222,956; for February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020 will be \$ 1,253,532; for February 1, 2020 through

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Needles Violated Law With Rate Increases & Utility Fund Transfers from front page

being one of the most extreme, increasing roughly 300% from about \$3,000 to a projected \$8,617.89 per month.

Needles, with a population of 4,494, is located on the west bank of the Colorado River at San Bernardino County's far east extreme. The City holds perfected Colorado River water rights which means that that this small government corporation is allowed to pump water directly from the water table on the west side of the river, eliminating any need to purchase water from others. The city's cost in securing water is thus only that in securing and operating pumps and the infrastructure required to store and deliver the water.

Nevertheless, the city's water enterprise is now almost \$4 million in the red.

Implying that something has precipitated a need to do so, city officials point to Proposition 218, a law passed in 1996, and Proposition 26, passed in 2010, as the cause for sudden and increased rate increases. Upon questioning, however, city officials reluctantly acknowledged that under Proposition 218, if 50 percent of the rate payers object in writing, the new proposed new rate structure fails.

The failure of the rate passage would in all likelihood result in an investigation into the past collection of unapproved taxes and what appears to be unlawful multi-million dollar transfers and expenditures of electric utility funds into the water and wastewater accounts without the approval of ratepayers. Litigation and demands from its approximately 3,000 customers for rebates and damages could literally bankrupt the city.

Calling the unlawful rates and transfers "unfair subsidies" and "unintentional inequities," Needles City Manager

Rick Daniels downplays their significance and was quoted as stating that the 1996 state constitutional amendment, Proposition 218, was passed after the unfair rates had been voted in place. The accuracy of Daniels' representation is in dispute.

Daniels asserts that the last water and sewer rate increases were in 2002 but that a 2006 study showed both were undercharged. Public dismay with this statement was exhibited at the February 8 public hearing on the matter at the Needles City Council meeting, with several in the audience agreeing that they had checked their bills and their rates had been going up consistently over that period of time.

This discrepancy appears to be due to the fact that the current rate structure, voted in place by the city council in 2002, included incremental annual increases without requiring a new vote of the council each year. New council members never changed the structure. Proposition 218 requires voter approval on any fees charged by a municipality or government enterprise that are used for other purposes than the service provided. However doubtful it seems, water and waste water rates arguably may have been undercharged in 2002, but the fees for electricity were admittedly an overcharge according to Daniels.

The 2015 draft audit report for the city shows that the city has in the past transferred over \$3 million from the electric fund into the water fund and transferred over \$3 million from the electric fund into the sewer fund.

A check of immediately available public records did not turn up record of a vote by the council to make such a transfer of funds and it is yet unknown when this transfer was made and who was responsible for making it. The report also shows a net 2015 year end position of \$5,196,110 in the electric fund.

Daniels stated that the city had received a four page document from its attorneys expressing the need for compliance with Prop 218, and Prop 26, as well. He explained that the Needles Public Utility Authority was created in 1997 when a multimillion dollar bond measure was passed. Since then, financial statements were combining revenue and expenditures of the utilities.

"Propositions 218 and 26 do not allow that. Under those dictums, a municipality cannot combine the rates and charge a fee for each of them. Propositions 218 and 26 both hold that if a city charges a fee that is more than providing a service then it is a tax and needs public approval. Proposition 218 states that property assessment fees are assessments for services to the property—the city cannot charge anything over what it costs to provide water service or else it is considered a tax.

Has there been ongoing hanky panky within the City of Needles' complicated utility departments? Needles, San Bernardino County's smallest city, is also one of only two of San Bernardino County's twenty four municipalities which can boast a full services utility division. Along with Colton, Needles has an electrical utility division, water utility division and sewer utility division. These utilities exist as quasi-enterprises run by the city. Attending such enterprises are provisions of state law including the constitutional amendment authored by Democrats, Henry Mello and Mike Roos in Prop 218 which are intended to keep each utility's operational account separate from other municipal operations. It is often the case, however, that cities, particular ones that are cash strapped, poorly managed, or purposely preyed upon by corrupt public officials, as in the case of Bell, city officials will make raids upon the utility accounts, borrowing from Peter to pay Paul, and using money

intended for one particular operation to cover the expense of other purposes.

What appears to have been happening in Needles is that the electric customers did not realize that they were being overcharged, the unapproved tax dollars were being spent by transfers out of the electric utility enterprise into the waste water and sewer departments, and likely into other departments as well. Had the cost of these fund transfers been tacked on to the charges made from its water and sewer customers at the time, the public would have objected, possibly revolted or would have run a recall against the council at the time. The overcharges were simply tucked away and rolled over on the books year after year.

These transfers are considered to be hidden taxes since the fees were not used for the purpose for which they were collected. Proposition 218 specifically regulates city-related fees and tax-

es on utilities and defines as "taxes" any fee charges made and collected that go beyond covering the cost of expenses and requires voter approval of such fees or hidden taxes.

"Proposition 26 regulates electric rates but the same concept applies," Daniels said. "When we took it apart it was found that the electric enterprise was charging more than it cost and water and sewer was charging less than what it cost. Not that there were errors, but the charges had not reconciled."

Daniels stated that the electric rate overcharge had already been addressed with reduction to the electric rate for the typical average family home by about \$25.81 / mo. He stated that electric will be reduced even further in the future, but that while electric rates were addressed, water and sewer were not. In total, he said, "water and sewer had run a deficient of \$6 million and that this was unfair." This deficit must be divided

among the 1,300 water customers and the 1,400 sewer customers, he explained.

To sell their rate increase product, Daniels asserts that the average household will net a savings of \$5.44 after all of the adjustments are made in electric, water and sewerage/waste water. "We have found that there were subsidies on the old rate systems," he said. "Some customers were not being charged and others are being charged more.... For example, a mobile home park that was under the current rate structure was not being charged what it cost us to provide the service. The city itself was not being charged for water and sewer service.

"The current water usage charge is \$1.54 per 100 cubic feet of water used, and includes an allowance of 1,000 cubic feet for single family residential customers. The proposed water usage charge would eliminate

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Glimpse Of SBC's Past

Frank Pierce Morrison

By Mark Gutglueck

Frank Pierce Morrison was one of San Bernardino County's earliest municipal officials as well as a principal in the local banking industry as a founder of one of its earliest and most successful banks.

Morrison was a native son of California, and a member of one of the pioneer families of the state, born in Santa Clara County outside San Francisco on August 31, 1859, the son of A. L. and Sarah (Pease) Morrison, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Michigan. A.L. Morrison was in business in Ohio until he came to California in the early days, and once in the Golden State took up the work of pioneering development of the water resources in the northern part of the state.

Of four children, two sons and two daughters, F. P. Morrison was the oldest, and was only a child when his parents died. Despite this setback, he acquired a liberal education, attending school at San Francisco and San Jose and then went East to pursue a technical course in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale University. He left the university in 1878, at the end of his junior year, on account of ill health. To regain health and strength he spent three years in the Hawaiian Islands, and in December 1882, came to Riverside and the following year moved to Redlands, attracted partly by the climate and scenery as well as the possibilities for development in the area.

His energy and efforts forged a strong link in the community's progress. He was actively identified with some of the important early constructive developments, and for many years was a leading banker of Redlands.

His first purchase of land was on Palm Avenue. Practically all of



Frank Pierce Morrison

it was unimproved. On that land he developed a splendid grove of oranges, in the midst of which he erected a handsome home.

Morrison became one of the stockholders in Bear Valley Dam, owning 1,000 shares of the original 3,600. He sold his stock before this substantial pioneer project of irrigation was completed.

He joined other undertakings projected for the general improvement of that section. However, to an increasing degree his financial abilities brought him into prominence, overshadowing his other efforts. As such he was instrumental in the establishment of what would become a leading local financial institution of its day in San Bernardino County.

On March 5, 1887 the Bank of East San Bernardino Valley was established, officially opening for business on the 4th of April of that year. Morrison was the first president, and remained president through subsequent changes, including its eventual transition into the First National Bank of Redlands. The bank started with a stock of \$25,000, and was first opened in the Cook Building at the corner of Colton Avenue and Orange Street. It was soon moved to the Wilson and

Berry Block, across the street, and in 1892 to a location at the southwest corner of Orange and State streets. For its time, this was a thoroughly modern banking house, and served as the First National Bank of Redlands and the Savings Bank of Redlands, which was incorporated June 25, 1891. Mr. Mor-



The stately Morrison residence on Palm Avenue

rison was also the first president of the Savings Bank.

In its November 23, 1892 edition, the Los Angeles Times referred to Morrison as "one of the most popular and accomplished gentlemen of this [i.e., San Bernardino] county."

As a banker noted for his conservative judgment, Morrison proved, nevertheless, according to John Brown and James Boyd in their 1922 book, *The History of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties*, "progressive in every direction where the permanent and true welfare of the city and surrounding district was concerned."

At the first election under the city charter when Redlands was established as a municipality, Morrison was chosen city treasurer, an office he held until 1920. Because of ill health, Morrison left his position as president of the First National Bank of Redlands in 1916.

Morrison married Miss Mabel Stillman, daughter of Dr. J. D. B. Stillman. They had four children, and their progeny made as indelible of a mark on the community and the state and nation as did their father. Morrison, indeed took a high degree of patriotic satisfaction in the war record of his three sons.

The oldest child, Laurence Stillman Morrison, born in Redlands May 28, 1888, graduated from high school, and, like the other sons, was sent East for his higher education. He graduated from the Phillips Andover Academy of

received a commission as second lieutenant, was sent to the School of Fire at Fort Sill, becoming an instructor while there, and as an instructor remained at Fort Sill until the close of the war. He was promoted to first lieutenant.

His outstanding law school record won for him the position of Law Clerk to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. Much of his later interest in Constitutional Law stemmed from this contact with the United States Supreme Court, He practiced law for three years with the San Francisco firm of McCutchen, Olney, Mannon and Greene, and joined the Stanford law faculty in 1924. His major interests were in the fields of Taxation, Constitutional Law, and Admiralty but he also taught courses in Municipal Corporations, Criminal Law, Public Utilities, and International Law. He joined the Stanford faculty as lecturer in law in 1924

received his A. B. degree from Yale University in 1911, and during the First World War was in the Medical Corps with the One Hundred and Sixty-Third Field Hospital, seeing active service overseas in France from December, 1917, to April, 1919. He was mustered out May 24, 1919, and was assistant cashier of the Savings Bank of Redlands. He died in 1974.

Harvard Law School with the LL.B. degree. In August, 1917, he enlisted, was assigned to the One Hundred and Forty-fourth Field Artillery, was trained at Camp Kearney, and while there



Stanley Morrison

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He practiced law for three years with the San Francisco firm of McCutchen, Olney, Mannon and Greene, and joined the Stanford law faculty in 1924. His major interests were in the fields of Taxation, Constitutional Law, and Admiralty but he also taught courses in Municipal Corporations, Criminal Law, Public Utilities, and International Law. He joined the Stanford faculty as lecturer in law in 1924

and became full professor in 1929, a position in which he served from that time forward except for a short interval (1942-1945). A teaching chair at Stanford is named in his honor. He was a member of the Bohemian Club. He died in 1955.

The third child of Franklyn Pierce Morrison was Amy, Mrs. H. O. Philips, of Pasadena.

She died in 1968.

The youngest, William Pease Morrison, born May 7, 1895, at Redlands, attended local schools, graduated from Phillips Andover Academy in 1914, spent one year in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, and two years in the University of California. He left the university to enlist in the ambulance corps, and was assigned to a camp at Allentown, Pennsylvania, subsequently attending the Officers Training School at Camp Meade, Maryland, and was commissioned a second lieutenant.

He was on duty at Camp Upton, Long Island, as acting battalion adjutant in the Depot Brigade, and remained there until after the signing of the armistice, when he was released from service. He later managed one of his father's ranches in Merced. He died in 1962.

F. P. Morrison was a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason.

His wife, Mabel, died in 1941.

He lived in and around Redlands for more than sixty years, and there he passed into eternity on March 30, 1956.

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January 31, 2021 will be \$1,284,876

February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022 will be \$ 1,316,988; for February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023 will be \$1,349,916; February 1, 2023 through

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The total cost will be \$13,367,088

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the years, San Antonio Hospital and the San Antonio Water Company, the Upland School District and the Upland Chamber of Commerce became mainstays of the event. Indeed, the chamber of commerce, with its hosting, promotional, event planning and networking resources and expertise, as well as its ready contact with many of the city's most heavily-vested businesses and entrepreneurs, became a key participant in the annual state of the city forum. The chamber some time ago adopted the forum, featuring the mayor as its centerpiece, as a fundraising opportunity, selling tickets to the event, and using the proceeds as part of its operating capital.

Even in the leanest of times, the city's mayors have sought during the state of the city presentation to offer an upbeat assessment of where the city stands, and enunciated confidence about the city's direction. The forum is essentially one intended to provide positive publicity not only for City Hall but the business community in general and businesses which are members of the chamber in particular.

For five years, Upland Mayor Ray Musser, who succeeded his disgraced

predecessor, John Pomierski, shortly before the latter's 2011 federal indictment, has fulfilled the role of being the main draw of the annual state of the city affair. Whereas Pomierski before him had essentially monopolized the forum, Musser had striven to be somewhat more inclusive, inviting other members of the council to participate by providing an exposition of the operations of city departments or providing their own perspective. In recent years, Musser delivered the main portion of the state of the city address itself but allowed others to formulate it, as when two years ago then-city manager Stephen Dunn actually wrote most of Musser's speech or last year when the city's public relations consultant, Steve Lambert, used input from the city's various department heads to provide an overview of city operations.

Within the last six to seven months there has been some degree of contretemps involving the mayor and the Upland Chamber of Commerce. Somewhat ironically, Musser is a past president of the chamber, of which he has been a longstanding member based upon his ownership of an insurance agency within the city located in an office building just opposite of the civic center. September 2015 would turn out

to be a less-than-comfortable month for Musser. Early on, he suffered a cardiac episode which landed him in the hospital, where doctors then performed a triple bypass on him. Some two-and-a-half weeks later, at the end of the month, he was presiding over a city council meeting at which he was served with recall papers. One of the signatories on that document, technically referred to as a "notice of intent to circulate a recall petition" was Eric Gavin, a chamber of commerce member who shortly before had been chosen by the chamber's governing board to serve as the chamber's primary interface with the city in its leadership academy, a six-month program devoted to the cultivation and application of leadership skills, involving workshops and seminars on a variety of societal, community and civic topics, including education, health care, public safety and municipal government. The academy is oriented specifically with regard to topics with an impact on Upland, and those attending each seminar or workshop brainstorm afterwards with regard to sizing up how that particular issue is impacting Upland and what potential actions the city might take with regard to those issues. After the Musser recall effort was officially initiated on Septem-

ber 28 with the serving of the recall petition on Musser, Gavin gave further indication of his intent to take a leadership role in the Musser recall effort, acting as the master of ceremonies at a recall committee formation meeting at the city's senior citizens center.

Reflexively, Musser visited the chamber office to let chamber officials, including operations manager Terri Galdo and chamber board chairman Terry Jeffers, know that he was less than pleased with one of the chamber's higher profile member's involvement in the on-going attempted political coup. Musser said he felt that Gavin's involvement in the recall effort might be construed as transforming the chamber into a political action committee. Further citing the coordination between the leadership academy's recommendation process and the city council, to whom those recommendations are provided, Musser asked Galdo and Jeffers to either have Gavin rescind his endorsement of the recall effort or have the chamber remove Gavin as the leadership academy's city interface principal.

Gavin protested that Musser had overstepped his authority as mayor in making the request of the chamber.

"I was shocked – shocked – to learn that

the mayor had visited the chamber and told them that he would not support this program if I remained its project manager, simply because he saw my name on the recall petition," Gavin said in October.

Despite Gavin's protests that his rights of free speech and political participation were being suppressed, the chamber board's majority chose to divert itself from what looked to be an untoward political Donneybrook. Forthwith, Gavin was informed by the chamber of commerce he would no longer serve as the project manager of the organization's leadership academy.

On September 29, Gavin dashed off a missive to the chamber board in which he asserted "the chamber is a political organization," despite the chamber's own resistance to being so defined. He further stated that "because my name, being potentially associated with an effort to recall Mayor Musser could be a detriment to the success of the vital leadership program, I willingly defer to the chamber's preference for handling this situation."

The chamber board did not spare any time at all in making its decision to cashier Gavin as the program manager.

Stating "There were several factors that went into this decision, some of which were totally unrelated to Mayor Musser," Jeffers publicly explicated the reason the chamber was distancing itself from the individual it had until that point considered an exemplary community leader: "It is crucial that the person who holds this position interface closely with city council members, including the mayor," said Jeffers.

On October 9, Gavin received an email from the chamber's executive board of directors informing him it had been "decided that you can no longer act effectively as project manager for the Upland Leadership Academy, a strictly non-political organization.

As a result, the board has passed a motion to remove you from that position as of this date." The email further stated, "The success of the leadership academy is significantly dependent on the active support of Upland's current leadership, and cannot tolerate any hint of political discord in implementing its program."

In the intervening months, the recall effort against Musser has languished, even as recall efforts against three of his colleagues have been launched.

During the same timeframe, Gavin has regrouped and reestablished his ties with some members of the chamber, in particular those who hold Musser in low esteem and were passively in favor of Musser's recall or in some measure actively in support of it. Moreover, the chamber leadership appears to be shifting toward acknowledging rather than downplaying its political leanings. For example, Eric Hanson, who runs a cybernetic services company in Upland and is also in a long term relationship with council member Debbie Stone, is the chamber of commerce's president elect, who is on schedule to assume that top leadership role later this year. It is an open secret that Stone is a very likely candidate for mayor in the upcoming November election, though she has not officially declared her candidacy. Previously, there were strong indicators that Musser, who was first elected to the city council in 1998 and is now 80 years old, would not seek reelection this year. The failed recall effort, led by former city manager Stephen Dunn, seems to have offended his sense of legacy and emboldened him. There now appears a possibility, moving toward likelihood, that he will run once more.

Within the last fortnight, an indication of the chamber's newfound status as a bulwark against the power of

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LSS PRIVATE SAFETY 333 E. ARROW HWY UPLAND, CA 91785 MARIO R CONTRERAS 9850 19TH ST# 94 ALTA LOMA, CA 91737
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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 9/20/2011.
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
s/ Mario R Contreras
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UMPIRES 4 U 7599 BEAR CREEK DR FONTANA, CA 92336 THERESA-TC M CASTRO 7599 BEAR CREEK DR FONTANA, CA 92336
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1/01/2005.
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s/ THERESA TC M. CASTRO
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The following entity is doing business as:
NAOMI'S PET CARE SERVICES 1320 SAN BERNARDINO ROAD #12 UPLAND, CA 91786 NAOMI ADELMAN 1320 SAN BERNARDINO ROAD #12 UPLAND, CA 91786
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
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ABANDONMENT OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
FBN 20160001403
The following entity was doing business as:
X-RAY PRODUCTIONS 559 S. MARVIN DR. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410 RAMON V GUTIERREZ 559 S. MARVIN DR. SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410
RELATED FBN NUMBER: 20150008469 FILED ON 7/30/2015
This business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 7/26/2015.
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s/ Ramon V Gutierrez
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE # CIVDS CIVDS1601805
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ZIAD BOUSLAIBY filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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[and]
KELLY BOU-SLAIBY to KELLY BOUSLAIBY
[and]
ANTHONY BOU-SLAIBY to ANTHONY BOUSLAIBY
[and]
ANGELA BOU-SLAIBY to ANGELA BOUSLAIBY
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

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court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: 3/21/2016
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
Department: S-35
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT-CIVIL DIVISION 247 WEST THIRD STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0210.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition
Date: February 5, 2016
S/ MICHAEL SACHS, Judge of the Superior Court
Run dates: 2/5, 2/12, 2/19 & 2/26, 2016.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FIGTREE PACE
Water Efficiency and Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) and Job Creation Program
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the California Enterprise Development Authority (CEDA) will hold a public hearing on:
Date: February 25, 2016
Time: 10:30 AM
Main Location: 550 Bercut Drive, Suite G, Sacramento, CA 95811
**VIA TELECONFERENCE (712) 775-7031
CONFERENCE CODE: 895081223
LIST OF MEETING TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS
California Association for Local Economic Development
550 Bercut Drive, Suite G, Sacramento, CA 95811
City of Vista
200 Civic Center Dr. Vista, CA 92084
Economic Development Collaborative-Ventura County
1601 Carmen Drive, #215 Camarillo, CA 93010
City of Santa Clarita
23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite 100, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
Fresno State
550 East Shaw Ave., Suite 230, Fresno, CA 93710
Los Angeles EDC
444 S. Flower St., 37th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071
Southern California Edison, Economic Development Services
6040-B N. Irwindale Ave., Irwindale, CA 91702
or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. Said public hearing will be held to consider the formation of an assessment district (the "Assessment District") and adoption of the Water Efficiency and Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) and Job Creation Program (FIGTREE PACE) pursuant to Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division 7 of the California Streets and Highways Code (commencing with Section 5898.12). The Assessment District will be a voluntary contractual assessment district to assist property owners with the cost of installing distributed generation renewable energy sources and making permanently affixed energy efficient, seismic, and water efficient improvements to their property. The geographical boundaries of the Assessment District will now include the geographical boundaries of the cities of Loma Linda and Fontana.
At the hearing, any person may present oral or written testimony. The Board of Directors will consider all objections or protests, if any, to the proposed (i) improvements, (ii) Assessment District boundaries, and (iii) Assessment District contractual assessment.
Dated: February 5, 2016
By: Gurbax Sahota
California Enterprise Development Authority
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JEROME D. GRETTA PROPS 1600063 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JEROME "JERRY" D. GRETTA A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LEANNE HALL in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO. The Petition for Probate requests that: LEANNE HALL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent
FBN 20160001505
The following entity is doing business as:
SECOND CHANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION 2026 N. RIVERSIDE AVE SUITE C 186 RIALTO, CA 92377 SECOND CHANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION 557 E KING ST RIALTO, CA 92376
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.
By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.
s/ Michelle A. Salazar
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The petition requests the authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: MARCH 09, 2016 Time: 8:30 A.M. Dept: S37 Address of court: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT - PROBATE DIVISION 247 W. 3rd STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0212
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.
Petitioner: LEANNE HALL 3464 NOVAK STREET, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92509 Telephone: (951) 961-0284
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The following entity is doing business as:
HOMESTAR SECURITY 10737 LAUREL ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS OF WASHINGTON, INC. 19009 33RD AVE W STE 330 LYNNWOOD, WA 98036
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s/ Brian Piccolo
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COTTONHOOD 2050 S. BAKER AVENUE ONTARIO, CA 91761 BEIMAR, INC. 4219 CORTE DEL LA SIENA SAN DIEGO, CA 92131
This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 1/03/2016.
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s/ Adrian J. Rolfe
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FBN 20160001431
The following entity is doing business as:
AMJ REAL ESTATE INVESTING 2608 REDPINE PLACE ONTARIO, CA 91761 ADRIAN J ROLFE 2608 REDPINE PLACE ONTARIO, CA 91761
This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
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Petitioner: LEANNE HALL 3464 NOVAK STREET, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA 92509 Telephone: (951) 961-0284
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FBN 20160001234
The following entity is doing business as:
HOMESTAR SECURITY 10737 LAUREL ST RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739 PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS OF WASHINGTON, INC. 19009 33RD AVE W STE 330 LYNNWOOD, WA 98036
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s/ Brian Piccolo
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FBN 20160001282
The following person is doing business as: ROUTE 66 TRAVEL, 10325 RING AVE RANCHO CAMONGA, CA 91737, YONG LIN, 10325 RING AVE RANCHO CAMONGA, CA 91737

This business is conducted by an: INDIVIDUAL.
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s/ YONG LIN
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FBN 20160001290
The following person is doing business as: FEVISA AUTO REPAIR, 684 S ASPEN AVE BLOOMINGTON, CA 92316, FERNANDO V SOTELO, 684 S ASPEN AVE BLOOMINGTON, CA 92316

This business is conducted by an: INDIVIDUAL.

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FBN 20160001292
The following person is doing business as: I LUX AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, 517 N MOUNTAIN AVE STE. #206 UPLAND, CA 91786, TD DESIGNS, INC, 15 WHITWORTH ST LADERA RANCH, CA 92694

This business is conducted by an: CORPORATION.

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s/ THOMAS DIAZ
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FBN 20160001301
The following person is doing business as: PANICPARTS.COM, 1760 PINNACLE WAY UPLAND, CA 91784, KYLE WARDEN, 1760 PINNACLE WAY UPLAND, CA

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91784
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s/ KYLE WARDEN
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FBN 20160001302
The following person is doing business as: ANZORA HOMES, 1003 E. COOLEY DR. SUITE 212 COLTON, CA 92324, JOSE L ANZORA, 1003 E. COOLEY DR. SUITE 212 COLTON, CA 92324

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s/ JOSE L ANZORA
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FBN 20160001321
The following person is doing business as: MONTCLAIR SMOG, TEST ONLY STATION, 5053 MISSION BLVD. MONTCLAIR, CA 91763, MOHSEN N FANOUS, 15127 EDELWEISS LN FONTANA, CA 92336

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s/ MOHSEN FANOUS
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FBN 20160001352
The following person is doing business as: CANTU CLEANING SERVICE, 1037 CALAVERAS AVE ONTARIO, CA 91764, MIGUEL A CANTU JIMENEZ, 1037 CALAVERAS AVE ONTARIO, CA 91764

This business is conducted by an: INDIVIDUAL.

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FBN 20160001360
The following person is doing business as: C.B.A MAINTENANCE SERVICE, 10421 FREMONTIA AVE FONTANA, CA 92337, CAYETANO B ALAMILLA, 10421 FREMONTIA AVE FONTANA, CA 92337

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FBN 20160000931
The following person is doing business as: ZINUM SOLUTIONS, 3178 ACACIA AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405, YUSIMY J MUNIZ, 3178 ACACIA AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405

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s/ YUSIMY J MUNIZ
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FBN 20160001408
The following person is doing business as: MARCH PREMIER INSURANCE SERVICES, 1601 BARTON RD #2201 REDLANDS, CA 92373, SALENA R ESTALA, 1601 BARTON RD #2201 REDLANDS, CA 92373

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s/ SALENA R ESTALA
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Upland Mayor Will Give Own State Of City Speech Rather Than Participate In Chamber Forum
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City Hall, particularly as is represented by what is, to all appearances, a tenuous ruling coalition consisting of Musser and council members Glenn Bozar and Carol Timm, has manifested

In fulfilling that newfound role of dissent, the chamber moved to re-define the forum of the state of the city event as one that does not pivot around Musser as it centerpiece. This led, Monday night, to what turned out to be the biggest catfight on the Upland City Council dais in memory.

Scheduled for discussion as the last item on the February 8 council meeting agenda was an item that stated simply, "Provide direction to [city] staff regarding the date and format for the 2015 state of the city event." There was no accompanying staff report included as backup material with the agenda item.

"I'm very, very hurt," Musser told the crowd at the council meeting. "Someone said [I am] 'miffed.' I'm not miffed - I have plenty to do. I'm a past president of the chamber twice and a member for 43 years.

That's a long time, it's one of the longest small business [memberships in the chamber]." He then



Rod Butler

chronicled his participation in the state of the city event over the five-year period he has been mayor. In 2011, he said, "The city did the whole thing from beginning to end. The chamber helped with the sound system." In 2012, the event, he said, was "hosted" by Western Christian High School. "The city designed the video and the high school put it together," he recalled. "I'm trying to say this is the state of the city, not the state of the chamber." In 2013 it was held at the YMCA, Musser said, but conceded, "The funds were all going to the chamber," though he said a dispute with the caterer of the event resulted in nearly all of the profits being eaten up. In 2014, he said the event took place at San Antonio Community Hospital, with what he said was a turnout of "about 160. Again, the city put the

program together. The staff and I worked on picking the date." And last year, Musser said, the event was also held at San Antonio Hospital, where hopes that an even larger turnout than the previous year were not met.

"Now this year it is going a different direction," Musser lamented. "For four years we worked together nicely. The city was in charge of the program and also picked the time, picked the date and the program. Now, this year, I didn't hear much and I kept asking, and I think the city manager will back me up on this, every two weeks or so. Finally on December First, I asked for a meeting with the chamber. I had not been given an invitation. I asked for a meeting with the executive director and the chairman of the board and we put into writing our plans. We said we're going in a different direction."

Musser noted that the chamber decision to cut him out of their version of the state of the city event was not one universally supported by the chamber membership. He read from a letter sent by Bill Huff, the longest participating member of the chamber, to the chamber's executive director, Terry Galdo, and its board of directors. "What is this?" Musser read out loud,

quoting Huff's missive. "I thought the state of the city was presented by the mayor. Your speaker is a well-known economist for this region that presented a very informative program to the San Antonio Regional Hospital on January the 12th. However, it is wrong for you to approve this as a city event, logo included, without council approval. As a former board member for 16 years and member for 50 years, please consider my thoughts and concerns. I am sure I am not alone."

Musser then offered what he called "an alternative," which consisted of putting on a city-sponsored state of the city address on April 19th at the Brethren In Christ Church. He said the school district and San Antonio Hospital had already agreed to participate. He said tickets to the event could be had for \$20 per person or \$15 for seniors and for those under 21. This is contrasted with the \$60 that the chamber is charging for the event it will hold at Cable Airport.

"The Upland Community Foundation will market the event and all proceeds above the cost will help our homeless in Upland," Musser said.

Musser said he wanted the city to write a letter to the chamber to tell it "to stop using the term state of the city and city

logo and approaching the city's vendors. I just feel strongly about this. As the top person of the organization, you have to



Debbie Stone

be in charge of what you are in charge of and not have somebody else do it for you."

City manager Rod Butler said what he hoped to get from the city council was a consensus as to whether the city would "go forward with a separate city event." Butler said he further hoped to allay concern that he and staff were "taking direction from one member of the council," meaning Musser. In addition, Butler said, he wanted to learn from the council whether the city was authorized to "participate in that event (i.e., the March 22 chamber of commerce affair) and the level of city participation. I would just say, as we look toward 2017, I would suggest we work together with the chamber to get some clarification on the roles and relationships of the chamber and the city on this event. Part of the problem was I was oper-

ating on what I have seen in [the] past [in] cities [in which he was previously employed] where normally, even if there is a chamber sponsoring the event, the city has a major role in developing the agenda and providing the speaker or the program, and so it was a little bit of a different approach to me to see the chamber making some pretty major changes to the format, the location and the content. That doesn't mean it's bad. And if the council is comfortable with that, that's fine. It's just different from what I have seen in the past. I think we might prevent confusion in the future by... looking forward to next year's event [and] having those roles clarified a bit."

The discussion began to devolve when Councilwoman Debbie Stone bore in on Butler, seeking to wring from him an explanation as to why he had previously given indication to the chamber that the city was on board to participate in the forum as proposed, with Husing as the keynote speaker, but had then reneged. "Rod, I have a question," Stone began. "How can you meet with the chamber two weeks ago and agree to do all of this with them on the 22nd and then jerk the rug out from underneath them? Is that because the mayor came to you

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Needles Utility Fund Transfers & Rate Increases Violated Law

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the 1,000 cubic feet allowance and charge all customers the rate of \$1.85 per 100 cubic feet. Now, everyone will pay the same \$1.85 per 100 cubic feet regardless who you are. There will be no special deals for individuals or classes of people. No one subsidizes the other class. There will be a strict reading of the law. The utility board feels that that is the honorable, equitable thing to do. It gives people the ability to, if they want to, pay lower bills. They can reduce consumption of water."

The rate is based upon a calculation as to what would need to be charged in order for the city to cover the cost of its operations, which is currently roughly two million dollars for the water department.

Per residential household, currently the city charges a "basic service charge" of \$38.91 on top of a metered water charge of \$1.54 per 100 cubic feet of water for the first 1,000 cubic feet by a single family residential customer.

In a draft 2015 audit report secured by the *Sentinel*, the total charges to customers for water services is reported to be \$1,428,959 while total operating expenses is reported to be \$1,416,691 for a total operating income of \$12,268. Not counted into this equation however, is the interest expense of \$460,895 and the \$187,754 which was transferred to the city's general fund from this enterprise, thus bringing the next position of the enterprise at year's end to a deficit of \$3,681,333...almost \$4 million in the red even though the city owns its own water and pays nothing beyond pumping costs to obtain it.

So what are the city's operating expenses that make up the roughly 2 million spent every year in a water department that pays nothing for

the actual water itself? For one, a city franchise fee of \$66,463 on top of \$187,754 that was reported to have been transferred to the "city" as an "operating transfer."

Arguably, the administrative costs in managing the electric, water and sewer enterprises are disproportionately high compared to that allocated to the boots on the ground, maintenance/utility workers, especially considering that the same administration manages all three utilities.

Only four out of the 12 employees paid out of the water department fund are actually water plant operators. According to the city's 2016 budget, the administrative management expenses for the water department is \$196,890 and accounts for nearly 14 percent of the department's operating expenses while salaries and benefits are 30 percent of the operating expenses, or \$434,823. Employees (and the percentage of their salary paid out of the water department funds) include: city manager (9% of \$265,000) assistant city manager (13% of \$147,407), secretary to the city manager (15% of 88,542), building and safety/utility department assistant (10% of \$67,700), community development department assistant (8% of \$61,875), engineering tech II (19% of \$76,053), director of finance (2% of \$117,500), finance assistant (19% of \$127,894), human resource specialist (5% of \$70,600), account clerk III (13% of \$68,000), city clerk (3% of \$75,000), materials coordinator/service-man (15% of \$65,766), chief water plant operator (100% - \$104,400), water foreperson (100% \$90,900), and two water operators in training (100% - \$44,300 each). On top of that, \$37,700 is budgeted for department overtime and \$34,800 is budgeted for department on call expenses.

The waste water division will be charging the school district \$8,617.89 per month, the hotels each \$1,395.74 per

month, campgrounds \$4,710.64 per month, the hospital(\$778.88 per month, residences \$41.54/each and the Mojave reservation \$4,527.86 per month.

According to the 2015 audit report, the breakdown for the wastewater/sewer department shows administrative management expenses are \$115,347 and salaries/benefits at \$206,348. Authorized positions for the waste water treatment plan includes a chief plant operator and three technicians, however the 2016 budget provides for absolutely no treatment plant employees. City employee funding is going to administrative positions or other positions in a breakdown similar to the water plant operation (minus the operators) but with slightly smaller percentages of the total salary/benefit package coming from waste water revenues. In large portion, operating expenditures goes toward contractual services apparently to run the treatment plant to the tune of \$366,045.

The situation is even more pronounced in the electric department where two linemen positions were recently cut. The authorized positions in the electric department are now one line supervisor and two power line technicians. According to the 2016 budget report, the breakdown for the electric enterprise is \$920,553 for salaries and benefits plus \$395,073 for administration and management. The budget report states that the electric department pays salary/benefit to the city manager of \$49,900 or 19 percent of his total salary, assistant city manager \$39,800 or 27 percent, secretary to the manager \$28,800 or 33 percent, building and safety/utility department \$10,250 or 15 percent, community development assistant \$9,625 or 16 percent, engineering tech I \$29,400 or 41 percent, director of finance \$4,700 or 4 percent, finance assistant \$47,900 or 41 percent, human resources \$7,900 or 11

percent, city clerk \$3,750 or 5 percent and account clerk III \$18,400 or 27 percent. Budgeted for department overtime is \$80,800 and for on call duty is \$41,800

Management is typically paid from multiple funds with duties overlapping all utility departments. But these percentages of the total expenses in a department change if an expense called "depreciation and amortization" of \$313,767 in electric, \$307,833 in water and \$344,378 in waste water for a total of \$985,978 are taken out of the equation. It is unknown at this writing if this total is an expense deduction for this year's purchases or if these purchases were made in prior years. If made in prior years, amortization may not actually involve a transfer of money in the current year...and instead may be a hidden unknown transfer of about 1 million dollars.

In attempting to justify a rate increase, the city has downplayed the admission to commingling utility funds in the past to the tune of over 6 million dollars. Daniels spends a great deal of time bringing attention to the state-mandated conservation goal of 25% less use of water and the new reporting requirement. He asserts that a water rate increase is an economic incentive to reduce water usage.

Other tactics for gaining public support for increasing the city's own taxes are also used. Standing before the audience of concerned citizens and ratepayers at a series of public hearings required under Proposition 218, Jerry Porter, chief water plant operator, held a scrap of deteriorated rusty pipe connector, representing that this is the current state of disrepair of much of the city's infrastructure. The new increased charges, he claims, are in part to address maintenance and replacement needs and costs.

Porter and Daniels spent much of their public address outlining a litany of maintenance

concerns which include the replacement and repair of pumps, pipes and tanks. Examples are a well that collapsed and failed and the cost of a new well, with an output of 2,200 gallons per minute using a 300 horse power motor and 24 inch stainless steel casing, being \$600,000. Daniels reported \$784,000 to refinish tank reservoirs and install additional steel plating in four of them.

While these expenses would appear to benefit all residents equally, it is known that at least one well appears to service the golf course only. And there are some expenses that seem to benefit only certain classes such as the people of a well-to-do subdivision known as "Gates."

Daniels boasted of the city's investment in a large decommissioned tank reservoir that was purchased from San Louis Obispo for \$150,000. He said that there was nothing wrong with it, it had been used as a temporary storage tank while that city finished building its larger reservoirs. The intent is to install that tank, now sitting on pallets, in the Gates subdivision of Needles where there is currently a low water pressure problem.

Another upscale subdivision adjacent to the golf course known as "Chesney's Subdivision" where Councilman Tony Frazier resides, boasts a large private pond and fountain. In one unverified statement to the *Sentinel*, the water is supplied through a city pipe but the meter is never read. In another statement, the water is being diverted into the pond illegally from the Colorado River, but it has been stated that no one is supposed to know this. Mr. Robert Chesney, who built the subdivision, formerly worked for the Bureau of Reclamation and it is widely reported that he had inside information and figured out how to acquire the property on which he built the subdivision next to the river and "Bureau Bay" that the Bureau of

Reclamation manages. Chesney sat on the city's utility board for many years.

The outrage on the part of some longtime residents, those who were around in the 1990s, is that the 1997 bond measure for in excess of 25 million dollars was supposed to address the kind of problems that city officials, including the utility board members, are again requesting funds for. Old timers claim that they were promised that the rate structure established at the time the bond instrument was passed would keep the city in good standing for 30 years to come...or 2027 when the bond is paid off.

Daniels admits that "the cost of utilities has not changed that much in the last five years despite the fact that internal costs have increased. Liability, property, materials prices have increased" he said. "Anything that comes into contact with water should be lead free. Costs have been going up but we have been able to hold down the cost."

Meanwhile, during the presentation and in written notices to the water and sewer ratepayers, Daniels asserts that Propositions 218 and 26 have caused the need to increase rates, saying that the rates are not fair, are unjustly applied and are not sufficient to pay for the cost of providing the service. Daniels injects just enough verbiage into the record to assert that the city is now doing the right thing to reconcile the unlawful practice of commingling the funds.

The hidden taxes imposed upon the Needles ratepayers in the past were approved by the city council and utility board. Anthony Frazier has been on the city council since 1994, and is the panel's longest serving member. He was there when the bonds were issued in 1997. Terry Campbell, a former city councilman, was not re-elected in 2014, but the remaining council quickly installed

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Mayor To Hold State Of The City Event Independent Of The Chamber

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and said, "I'm not going to do it anymore? The mayor doesn't make the decisions for this whole council. I'm really frustrated that you would tell – whether it is the chamber or the hospital or whoever – 'Oh yeah we're all in. We're going to do this, rah, rah, rah. Let's move forward' and then say, just two weeks later, 'Oh no, we're not going to do it.'"

Butler sought to assuage Stone by explaining, "At that time, at that meeting, it was my belief we could have both events and city staff could participate in the March 22 event. The mayor did express some concerns about staff's involvement in both events and it was based on that concern – again I'm operating on what I know from the past, from cities I've worked for in the past and last year I was here for the 2015 event –

it seemed like we pretty much controlled at least the content of the agenda and the mayor's speech at that event. So, the one mistake that I will take a public flogging on on Euclid Avenue for tonight later on if you want to, is I should not have



Gino Filippi

sent the memo to the chamber until we had this discussion with the whole council. So..."

Stone then turned to Musser, letting him have it with both barrels. "The other thing and mayor, I guess this question is for you, is you want to go and do your own thing. Who is going to pay for it? [Are] the residents of Upland going to pay for it? Right now we have an opportunity to partner with the chamber

and it not cost the city a dime. So I want to know how you are going to pay for all of this."

Musser asserted, "We have sponsors to pay for it."

Councilman Gino Filippi said that he shared some of Stone's concerns. He disputed Musser's assertion that the state of the city event was a creature of City Hall.

"The chamber has always had this as an important event and they worked with the city," he said.

Filippi charged Musser with overreaching his authority and, essentially, violating the city code by directing Butler to act without first getting authorization from the city council on that policy decision. "You come in and you are under the impression that you are going to make these decisions but if you look at the actual municipal code, it doesn't reflect that," Filippi said. "You provided direction to the city manager to basically tell the chamber that we don't have a deal. I have a

problem with that."

Filippi then quoted passages from the city code which stipulate that the council as a whole is to act through giving collective direction to the city manager and that "neither the city council nor any member thereof shall give orders or instruction to any subordinate of the city manager. The manager shall take his instructions from the city council."

Filippi said, "The instruction you imposed on our city manager without the consultation of this council ordered the city manager to tell the chamber 'you don't have a deal, guys, basically, and you are not going to have access to staff.' And I think that's a great disservice and I don't support anything you are going to go do on your own."

At two further points, the discussion grew heated and took on political overtones.

Stone suggested that Musser, and by extension Bozar, harbored some animus toward the chamber of commerce because former city manager Stephen Dunn, who left that position in June 2014 after a series of confrontations with Musser and Bozar in the spring of 2014, has become active in chamber affairs.

"This has always been a chamber event," Stone asserted, "Is it because it is at Cable airport? Is it because Stephen Dunn is involved? I want to know what the real issue is because the issue is not the chamber. I'd like to know what it is."

Councilman Glenn Bozar offered his view that there was a "lot of politics playing out" in the situation. He noted that it was the chamber that took it upon itself to deviate radically from the traditional format of the state of the city forum. "The mayor sent an email a couple of weeks ago to say please discontinue referencing this as a state of the city address," Bozar said. "I think the board made a strategic error by not taking a pause and [seeking to] dialogue

as a good partner." Bozar then referenced the chamber's intent to use Husing as the event's keynote speaker. "He is a regional economic guy," Bozar asserted. "I don't believe this city or any city brings in a re-



Glenn Bozar

gional speaker to talk at a city event. I don't think anybody in past state of the city [events] brought in outside speakers. It's a city function, the state of the city. I think the chamber board created this problem. If the chamber wants to call this an economic outlook meeting, go ahead. You can call it a rodeo. It doesn't matter. This is not a state of the city thing. Then we hear 'Oh, by the way, we'll let you have some time for some city speakers. We'll let you be in the program. We'll allot some time.'" Bozar implied this was insulting to both the city and the mayor.

Bozar criticized the chamber for forcing the issue by sending out a notice of the event before the format for the event was clarified and before it was "aired out" as to whether there was to be the inclusion of the mayor's speech in the event program as has historically been the case.

"So you have to have a separate state of the city meeting not involving a regional economist," Bozar opined. "It doesn't belong there. If you want to have this event, go ahead and have the event, but don't call it a state of the city thing. You are usurping the authority of the city to use their logo. I believe, based on the past with the speakers involved, it was totally a city event. It was not a regional forecast by John Husing. Let the city do its thing and let the chamber do their thing."

Councilwoman Carol

Timm found herself occupying the political no-man's land that separated the two warring factions. She said as much.

"I just feel stuck in the middle because I like both entities and I believe in our city," Timm said. "I know the chamber loves their city and the mayor loves our city. I think every council person here cares about our city. To have a controversy like this is embarrassing."

She said that the chamber's decision to remove the mayor's state of the city presentation from the event this year when historically the mayor has been a centerpiece of the event was perplexing to her.

"I was confused," she said.

Timm said she wanted to head off similar problems from manifesting again. "I do agree with Mr. Butler that it's a really good idea that in the future we have a person on the [chamber] committee so the city is constantly getting communication about what is going on and how is this working," she said.

The growing hostility between the chamber and the mayor appeared to be genuinely painful to her, as did the tension between, on one side, Filippi and Stone, and on the other Musser and Bozar.

She sought in vain to mend the bridge between the two factions.

"I believe there has been a great miscommunication," she said. "I think in this case both the mayor and the chamber have good intentions. I truly believe that but there has been miscommunication."

With regard to the chamber's March 22 event, she said, "It sounds like a great program but I can see how the mayor feels as he does, that he wasn't included. But I think it is going to be a great event. I believe the chamber is doing an economic development [event]. I believe it would be great to have staff there. I'm also in support of the mayor, if he wants

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Mountain Claims Two More

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cial problems to those in shape to make the trek. But during the winter and the first month of spring, conditions on the mountain become extremely trying. When snow falls it will lay on the ground and harden or crunchify at night when the temperatures typically drop to 14 degrees or so. But as is common with most Southern California Mountains, during sunny days, the temperature will zoom to somewhere around 66 degrees, causing the surface snow and ice to melt, only to freeze again at night. This makes for extremely slippery footing in many areas of the mountain.

Mt. Baldy's terrain, or portions thereof, presents further complications. During warmer months this lay of the land makes for an inherently engaging trek. In the winter months, the icy conditions, the unsure footing, the dramatic drop-offs along the trail and atmospheric conditions can prove a deadly combination.

The crown of Mt. San Antonio – its peak – is pyramid shaped, with a steep south face known as the Baldy Bowl and a shallower north face. The summit is accessible via a number of connecting ridges along hiking trails from the north, east, south and southwest.

Some more spirited sorts don't utilize man-made trails but rather storm up the south-facing side of the mountain by blazing a path of their own or climbing along the trails of the indigenous big horn sheep that inhabit the area. Others with less sheer climbing and staying power opt to take a more circuitous or longer route up either the Ice House Trail or along the fire service road that will eventually lead to the Notch, where the ski lodge is located. Others less energetic still will take the ski lift from the parking lot right up to the lodge and begin their hike from that point.



The Devil's Backbone In Late Spring

The route from the notch to the peak includes taking a trail that at first parallels some of the ski runs and which, after the farthest extremes of the ski runs are exceeded, includes crossing what is referred to as the Devil's Backbone or the Devil's Backbone Ridge, which begins some 1.3 miles from the Mt Baldy Notch.

Easily the most remarkable element of the Mt. Baldy trail, the Devil's Backbone consists of a rocky ridge that runs seven-tenths of a mile in a westerly direction from the Notch. A portion of that ridge lies atop a gradually descending slope on one or both sides. Along one stretch of Devil's Backbone, the drop-off on one or both sides is very precipitous. Under dry conditions in the late spring, summer and fall, a hiker who fell from that portion of the trail would most likely be able arrest his descent after a few yards and, with some effort, climb back up. In the winter, however, with both the top of the ridge and its sides coated with ice, even the strongest or the most skilled of climbers would be hard pressed stop his downward slide and, having done so, climb the steep icy grade back to the top of the ridge. It was at one of these spots where last week Nguyen lost his life.

To make matters worse, the winds are

very strong in that area, gusting at times to 100 miles per hour. Indeed, the life expectancy of a hiker traversing the devil's backbone in the winter, with the ground below his feet iced over and the howling wind buffeting him from unpredictable angles, is a fraction – and a minute fraction at that – of the life expectancy of the general population.

Modern day, serious, experienced and seasoned hikers who brave the climb to the peak of Mt. Baldy in the winter come outfitted properly with warm – i.e., woolen – clothes; broken-in hiking boots onto the bottoms of which are affixed crampons, traction devices with metal teeth that dig into the iced surface to prevent slippage; and an ice pick; not to mention communication devices such as a cell phone that can be used to summon help in an emergency. Nevertheless, no laws prohibit inexperienced individuals from foolishly braving the mountain in an unequipped state.

The mountain can be unforgiving to even the most experienced of adventurers.

In early December 2010, two weeks before the onset of winter, Michelle Yu, 49 of Venice, described by those who knew her as an experienced mountaineer who trained and hiked regularly on Mt. Baldy, perished when she fell dur-

ing a hike and tumbled down a steep precipice into the rugged, ice-covered area known as the Fish Fork drainage northwest of Mt. Baldy summit. Her exposure to the elements over the course of the night, when temperatures dropped to below 20 degrees, contributed to her death.

Other hikers met their fate on Mt. Baldy as well. 60-year-old Dominic Belletti of Long Beach was hiking alone in the Mt. Baldy Bowl area in January 2013 when he fell to his death.

The mountain has proven fatal to dozens of hikers over the years. It is no kinder to skiers and snowboarders. Mt. Baldy is known as a challenging ski resort. Though it does have one "baby run," novices are discouraged from skiing there.

And it is no typical skiing venue, but is rather considered a backcountry locale. Wildsnow.com, which bills itself as a backcountry skiing blog, provides a ski descent rating system for the world's most challenging skiing settings, rating the runs they have for both difficulty and risk.

Three of Mt. Baldy's runs are listed high up on those rating schemes.

Zeke's Chute at Mt. Baldy rates a D9 on the rating card, with this notation: "Slopes probably around 45 degrees. Crux sections are short."

Dostie's Dare at Mt.

Baldy is pegged at D11 on the difficulty scale. "Slopes probably around 45 degrees, moderate amount of complicating terrain features," the website states.

The site also references the ironically-named "Girly Man Chute at Mt. Baldy with this notation: "Steepest section probably around 50 degrees, moderate or no terrain obstacles."

While those are difficulty ratings which are ostensibly unrelated to risk ratings, Mt. Baldy ski runs are notoriously risky. The proximity of the runs to trees, rocks and boulders along with the steepness of their grades give skiers little margin for error. Additionally, because there is oftentimes sparse snowfall at Mt. Baldy and Mt. Baldy does not have a water reserve for snowmaking, skiers are from time to time presented with a rock patch they must jump. Any miscalculations or failures to execute can result in very untoward consequences.

Precise numbers are not available but anecdotal accounts are that there have been more than 20 deaths of skiers on and off the slopes at Mt. Baldy since 1975.

Upland resident Todd McDonagh is a long time snowboarder who is intimately familiar with Mt. Baldy, having practically lived there when he was a very young man. "I

worked in the rental shop there in the 1980s, so that was like home base to us," he said.

McDonagh acknowledged there is danger up on the mountain.

"The road you take to get there is itself dangerous," McDonagh said. "There are switchbacks in the area leading up to what they call Pinball Alley, the last part of the road before you get to the parking lot. It snows and the road gets icy. It's a steep road. The lifts are old. When you get to the notch, it's usually windy. When the winds kick in, it will blow the loose snow right off the side of the mountain. That right there will ruffle your feathers if you don't have thick skin and aren't use to it. You have pretty steep runs there and that is obviously dangerous."

McDonagh continued, "Chair Four is primarily known as a run for snow boarders. There is a natural half pipe on that run. Usually, it is open only on the weekends. Chair Three is the main run. I can tell you it is a wonderful run. Every run on Baldy is excellent."

McDonagh called the atmospheric conditions that created the fatal danger for the hikers on February 2 and February 6 "magical." He said the snow that was in place following the weather system that came into the local area at the tail

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San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

Coroner Case # 701601029 On 02/02/2016, at approximately 10:45 PM, Germaine Whitney Burley, a 38 year old male, a resident of Victorville, was walking in the westbound lanes of State Route 18 west of Willow Wells Avenue in Lucerne Valley and was struck by a vehicle. Paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced him dead at the scene. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incident. [02042016 1000 EM]

Coroner Case 701601021 On 02/02/2016 at 7:41 am the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Communication Division received a 911 call from a hiker who reported his friend missing. Daniel Nguyen had slipped and fallen down the mountainside while hiking. They were hiking in the Devil's Backbone area of Mt. Baldy. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Aviation Division responded to the area and was able to locate Nguyen at 9:05 am. He was found approximately 1500 feet down the mountainside. Nguyen was pronounced dead on scene at 5:16 pm. The incident is being investigated by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. [02032016 0530 JK]

Coroner Case 701600998 On Monday, February 1, 2016, at 11:09 pm, California Highway Patrol officers responded to a 911 call for a single vehicle roll over on State Highway 2 and Lone Pine Canyon Rd. in Wrightwood. Officers arrived on scene and found four occupants in the vehicle. Paramedics confirmed one person dead at the scene at 11:11 pm. The driver of the vehicle and two other passengers were flown by air ambulance to an area hospital. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [02032016 0530 JK] UPDATE: Name released. Carlos Garcia, a 24year-old resident of El Monte. [02032016 1005 SC]

Coroner Case #701601029 On 02/02/2016, at approximately 10:45 PM, an unidentified male was walking on the westbound lanes of State Route 18 near High Rd. in Lucerne Valley and was struck by an oncoming vehicle. Paramedics responded to the scene and pronounced the male dead due to injuries he sustained. His name will be released once identification and notification to his family is complete. [02032016 0530 JK]

Coroner Case #701600970 On Monday, February 2, 2016 at 4:05 AM, a 41 year old Hispanic male pedestrian was crossing the Interstate 15 near Ranchero Rd. in Hesperia when he was struck by a vehicle. Paramedics responded and pronounced him dead at the scene. The California Highway Patrol in Victorville is investigating the incident. The decedent's name will be released when his next of kin is notified. [02012016 1825 SC]

Coroner Case 701600926 On Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 8:30 pm, California Highway Patrol officers responded to a 911 call for an off road vehicle roll over. Officers arrived on scene and found Grace Isabel Trypucko, a 40 year old resident of Pinon Hills, with trauma to the head. Trypucko was a passenger. Paramedics confirmed Trypucko dead at the scene at 9:07 pm. The driver of the vehicle was flown by air ambulance to an area hospital. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [013116 0040 TC]

Coroner Case #701600894 On Friday, January 29, 2016, at 7:26 pm, Jay Edward Serles, a 62 year old resident of San Bernardino, was driving a Toyota Camry and as he turned onto Baseline Road from Genevieve Street in San Bernardino, he was struck by a westbound Chrysler 300. Paramedics responded and transported him Loma Linda University Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 8:53 pm. The San Bernardino Police Department is investigating the collision.

Coroner Case #701600898 The San Bernardino Police Department received a 911 call of shots fired in the 1600 block of N. E St., on 01/29/2016, at 7:48 PM. When officers arrived they found Miteshkumar Patel, a 36 year old resident of San Bernardino. Paramedics responded and pronounced him dead at the scene. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death. The San Bernardino Police Department Homicide Unit is investigating.

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Mayor & Chamber Part & Will Make Separate Presentations

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to have a separate state of the city and it doesn't cost any money, if there is no net cost to the city and it is self-supporting, I would be in favor of going ahead with that. Let's do the best we can for our city. Let's show the eco-

nomics of it with John Husing. Let's show what the mayor has to say or Debbie, or have all of the council people speaking. The city should have a part of the state of the city. I just think it was a miscommunication. Let's get together. Let's think of an alternative."

That effort at fence mending did not work, however. Filippi insisted on forcing to a vote his

motion, which was seconded by Stone, to resume communication



Carol Timm

with the chamber and honor what he said was Butler's agreement to have the city participate in the chamber function along the lines that the chamber had outlined.

Before the vote was taken, however, Filippi stated that the chamber had extended some level of an invitation to Musser to participate in its forum, which Musser denied, and Stone grew argumentative, questioning whether Musser had the right to insist that the chamber not use the city logo or desist from refer-

ring to its event as a one that used the term "state of the city."

City Attorney Richard Adams opined that such a direction would have to come from the city council. Stone then asserted that Musser had in fact written such a letter without council authorization.

Stone then angled questions at Butler, asking if the chamber had offered to allow Musser to participate in its program.

When Butler responded, "At both of the meetings I had with the planning committee, they talked about having a significant segment of the program for the city..." Stone interrupted him to state, "That is not what I asked you. Was he asked..." Butler then cut off the rest of her question to state, "Part of that could be the mayor..." Stone then cut him off. "Thank you," she said. "There you go, Mr. May-

or."

This pointed dig at Musser provoked Bozar, who stated, "I think we need a little public disclosure here. Is one of the council member's significant other a board member?" Bozar's reference was to Eric Hanson.

This, in turn, provoked Stone. "Glenn, don't even go down that way," she said. "It has nothing to do with that." When Musser gestured

in such a way as to try to diffuse the burgeoning argument between Bozar and Stone, Stone snapped at the mayor, "Ray, don't put your hand up at me. You and that whole other group want to blame Eric for my decisions. I'm a big girl. I can make my own decisions. You can say whatever you want, but whose wife is on the Upland Community Foun-

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Mountain Is Magnificent, Steep & Treacherous

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end of January created ideal conditions at the Gold Ridge, Twilight, Big Butch and Robbins runs. "The thing about Mt. Baldy is it is a little more backwoods than other places," McDonagh said. "If you want to ride a mountain that is mostly flat with a lot more people on the lifts, then go to Mt.

High. The bottom line is Mt. Baldy is the steepest mountain in Southern California."

McDonagh said he is personally aware of people having died there "going back all the way to 1986, but I'm sure that happens on every mountain. There is no mountain better than Mt. Baldy. The terrain gives you an opportunity for it to be more dangerous, but you don't have to go down a run if you don't want to."



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dation Board? Yours, so don't sit here and blame Eric."

When the vote was taken, the council deadlocked 2 to 2 on Filippi's motion to turn the state of the city event over entirely to the chamber. Timm, yet seeking some middle ground, abstained.

Ultimately, Bozar then made a motion to "let the chamber have their regional forecast meeting," and the city have its own state of the city event. Musser seconded it. After Musser and Bozar assured Timm that support of the motion would not preclude city council members or city staff from participating in the chamber forum, she supported the motion and it passed 3-2.

Chamber president elect Eric Hanson disputed the notion that the Annual Upland State of the City event has traditionally been held under the purview of the city and that the chamber was simply a participant.

"The chamber was not a participant, but

the complete organizer for the last 11 years," he said. "The chamber has always chosen the date."

Nor was it accurate that the city or the mayor had been slighted in the chamber's designing of the format for this year's event, Hanson said.

"He was never cut out," Hanson said of Musser. Hanson said that Butler, the city manager, acknowledged that Musser knew an invitation to participate in the forum had been extended to him.

"The city manager actually stated that Mayor Musser knew," Hanson said.

Hanson suggested that it was Musser's animus at former city manager Stephen Dunn that led to the mayor's decision not to participate in the chamber forum, which is to be held at Cable Airport, where Dunn is now the operations manager.

"He was angry and thought the location was a move by Dunn to slap him in the face when it was actually offered by Bob Cable [the owner of the airport]," Hanson said.

Hanson acknowledged that the chamber had marketed the event as one that would not

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., February 10, 2016 - The bald eagle count on the San Bernardino National For-



est for this month will be held on February 13. No experience needed. Signing up ahead of time is not required - just show up at the designated time and location, dress warmly, bring binoculars and a watch.

Big Bear Lake area volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Forest Service's Big Bear Discovery Center on North Shore Drive for orientation. Contact Robin Eliason (reliason@fs.fed.

us or 909-382-2832) for more information. Please call 909-382-2832 for cancellation due to winter weather conditions - an outgoing message will be left by 6:30 am on the morning of the count if it has to be cancelled. Contact the Discovery Center (909-382-2790) for information about Eagle Celebrations. There will also be a free slideshow about bald eagles at 11:00 after the counts.

Lake Arrowhead/Lake Gregory volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Skyforest Ranger Station for orientation. Contact Robin Eliason (reliason@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2832) for more information. Please call 909-382-2832 for cancellation due to winter weather conditions - an

outgoing message will be left by 6:30 am on the morning of the count if it has to be cancelled.

Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area volunteers should plan to meet at the Visitor Center at 8:00 a.m. for orientation. Contact Mark Wright for more information about volunteering or taking an eagle tour (760-389-2303



between 8:00 and 4:00; or email: mark.wright@parks.ca.gov).

Lake Hemet volunteers should plan on meeting at the Lake

Hemet Grocery Store at 8:30 a.m. for orientation. Contact Ann Bowers (annbowers@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2935) for more information.

Lake Perris State Recreation Area volunteers should plan to meet at the Lake Perris Regional Indian Museum at 8:00 for orientation. Contact Ken Kietzer

(kkietzer@parks.ca.gov or 951-453-4250) for more information.

feature the mayor or the city as participants in the program, but had done so only after Musser had signaled the city was not going to participate.

"The only reason that the city was not on the initial state of the city marketing was that we did not know if the mayor was participating and to what extent, per the city manager. The chamber has always coordinated the event with city staff and occasionally clarified things with whoever was speaking. The chamber met with the city manager and assistant city manager regarding the format. They were asked if 40 minutes of the presentation would

suffice, including any remarks the mayor would like to make if he did participate, and if they needed more time, it would be given. John Husing is a key speaker to tie the regional outlook to how it affects the city. This is no different than what Ontario is doing this year. Musser only became upset and questioned the location as soon as he found out about it."

Hanson said that Musser had made "a unilateral decision not supported by the council as a whole" to "direct the city manager to send a message to the chamber stating the city was not supporting the event."

For his part, Musser

said he had made repeated inquiries with the chamber last year to ascertain what plans the chamber had for the event's format but was

repeatedly rebuffed. He insisted that the state of the city address in Upland has always been a function of the mayor's office.

Montclair Homicide Arrests

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stein. Both Montiel and Carmona are being prosecuted by deputy district attorney Reza Daghdandan.

The Arreguin and Sotelo killings followed by some eight months another double homicide that occurred in Montclair, which took place on February 8, 2015 in

the 11000 block of Monte Vista Avenue when Livied Arturo Sanchez, 33, of West Covina, and Mario Padilla, 34, of Pomona, both of whom had been bound with duct tape, were killed "execution-style" according to Montclair police.

The two men Montclair police say killed Sanchez and Padilla, Richard Corry Roach, 37, and David Nash McKell, 35, have been behind bars since August and April, respectively.

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him as a utility board member. He claimed that a year and a half ago the board commissioned a company called EES Consulting and began a move toward an "equivalent dwelling unit sys-

tem" as a means of billing. The waste water rate increase and the history of mismanagement of the sewer plant in the past will be addressed in Part II of this article to be published in next week's *Sentinel*.

The present council voted to extend Rick Daniels' term as city manager and present pay, with planned increases to his six figure salary/

benefits of \$265,000, for another 5 years, well beyond the elected term of all the council members presently sitting on the council.

Daniels admitted publicly that the electric ratepayers may be due a rebate.

Following the meeting, Councilman Frazier, however, expressed his belief that there would likely never in

his lifetime be sufficient funds for the electric department to repay those who had originally paid the over six million dollars in overcharges and that the more than \$3 million deficit in both the water department and the wastewater department would likely be sitting on the books and rolled over for many

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California Style Manning Up

By Grace Bernal



The temperature turned a new leaf in San Bernardino County



making the chill factor no more. Never know where the weather is go-



ing to take you but we all dress according to weather. This change



of weather didn't stop the men's fashion week in NYC. With that said, men's fashion is headed to the fedora and brim



hats, when we are talking about men's accessories. But aside from the extreme weather, the interpretation of what men are wearing has included sweaters, which are overriding the coat or jacket, and it looks really nice and clean. I also learned the show was short this year, which proves that a good and simple idea can create a season. The young men of today are very experimental. Included with the sweater are high collared dress shirts. Some women experimented and looked great in men's style clothing.

Reminding us of the eras like when a girl wore her boyfriend's suit, or Annie Hall, and Dietrich. Fashion is about expressing your soul. Men have a lot to do when it comes to fashion and I can't say it enough: They are leading the pack because they're not afraid to ex-

press who they are and what they want to wear. Until next week, enjoy the weather.



"Style is the perfection of a point of view."
- Richard Eberhart

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years to come. Public comments at last Tuesdays council meeting evidenced ire and a growing discontent among the residents. One claimed to be representing the attitude of many and threatened to leave Needles and move across the river to nearby

Lake Havasu, Arizona where the water service charge is only \$5.00 per month compared to Needles' current \$38.91 current basic service charge that will only be lowered by 42 cents under the new rules. A mass exodus was forecast by this resident, who pointed out that in Lake Havasu ratepayers are able to have access to multiple services and grocery stores plus a large trendy shopping mall whereas,

he said, at the present time, Needles does not even have one grocery store. Locally, it is current theory that a mass exodus is exactly what the city council and utility board desire, hoping to privatize all of the city's assets including its water and electric company. The city council recently sold its hospital for pennies on the dollar, a facility which had originally been built and paid for

by the taxpayers in the community's hospital district. The council in recent years has also considered selling its golf course. The ongoing gradual exodus of the population from Needles has been attributed as one of the official reasons for the cost of both the water and sewer services rising. City officials claim that they have cut costs all that they can but that cost must be spread over fewer and fewer customers so each customer must pay more.

Some residents disagree and blame the city council for excessively high administrative costs, observing that a nearby city, Kingman, Arizona, which is much larger than Needles, hired its city manager for \$128,000 while the Needles City Council pays its newly hired manager, Rick Daniels, over twice that figure—\$265,000 for salary/benefits. Blam-

ing either poor negotiating skills on the city council or purposeful intent to break the city, they claim that Daniels was being booted out of Desert Hot Springs at the time Needles picked him up and he probably would have settled for a much lower salary. It is anticipated that the turnout at these public hearings will continue to climb. Before the meeting adjourned one resident spoke from his seat,

saying that more people need to attend, especially in light of the fact that sufficient timely written objection could kill the rate increase. The next hearings are to be held at the Needles City Council Chambers on Friday—February 19 at 5 p.m., Saturday—February 20, at 10 a.m., Wednesday—February 24, at 5 p.m. and Thursday—February 25 at 5 p.m.



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