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Fiscal Task Force Ends Run Without Driving Stake Into Financial Vampire's Heart

The Upland Fiscal Task Force Committee has completed its analysis of the financial crisis facing the City of Gracious Living without arriving at a definitive strategy for stanching the hemorrhaging of red ink onto the city's ledgers, instead giving the city council a smorgasbord of choices on measures to make incremen-

tal inroads into Upland's future deficits.

Four members of the task force will present the committee's analysis to the city council at the January 27 city council meeting. Those findings will be based upon a written report, now being authored by task force member Anthony Ghosn.

The decision to form

the committee came in October, when Upland City Manager Stephen Dunn told the public and the city council that the city was functioning with a balanced budget but was on a collision course with fiscal reality in coming years. Dunn said the city's financial circumstance is bleak, as is indicated by a 2012 auditor's opinion from

the certified public accounting firm Mayer Hoffman and McCann as well as the financial rating company Standard and Poor's intended downgrading of the city's credit rating. Mayer Hoffman and McCann said there are serious questions with regard to the city's solvency and Standard and Poor's had already downgraded the

city from an AA credit rating to an A+ and was considering downgrading its credit rating even further. A municipality's credit rating directly impacts the interest rate it must pay when borrowing money.

The city's currently balanced \$39 million budget is being held together by means of heavy borrow- **See P 2**

Third Grader's Death Prompts District To Revive Bussing



Ashlynn Gardner

Spurred by the death of an 9-year-old girl and injuries to her 7-year-old brother as they were crossing a street en route home from Etiwanda Colony Elementary School, the Etiwanda School Board last week voted to reverse its decision three years ago to end school bus service.

The board members were confronted with petitions signed by hundreds of parents requesting the return of bussing for the students.

During the 2010-2011 school year, the board terminated district bus service, based on the cost it represented.

An informal survey indicated district voters were overwhelmingly averse to assessments to defray the cost of district bus service. State law does not require districts to provide bus service to pupils other than those who qualify as so-called special needs or special education students. The state partially subsidizes the provision of bus transportation within school districts that offer it, but a significant portion of the cost must be borne by the district.

The death of Ashlynn Gardner, a third-grader who was crossing the street at East Avenue at Banyan Street in Rancho Cucamonga with her younger brother when they were struck by a pickup truck, galvanized the community of Etiwanda, which **See P 10**

Defense Attorney Alleges Misconduct & Cover-Up In Feds' Effort Against Burum

In their zeal to make a federal criminal case against the defendants who were already charged with bribery-related crimes in the state's Colonies Lawsuit Settlement Public Corruption Prosecution, FBI agents and members of the U.S. Attorney's Office violated the constitutional rights of the central figure in the case, his law-

yer has alleged in recent filings in U.S. District Court.

The California Attorney General's Office and the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office obtained an indictment against Jeff Burum, Paul Biane, Mark Kirk and Jim Erwin in May 2011. That indictment alleged Burum, one of the two man-



Jeff Burum

aging principals of the Colonies Partners, first

extorted and then bribed then-supervisors Bill Postmus and Paul Biane to vote to approve conferring a \$102 million payment to the Colonies Partners in 2006. That payment was made to settle a lawsuit brought against the county by the Colonies Partners in 2002 over flood control issues at the Colonies at San Antonio residential

and Colonies Crossroads commercial subdivisions in northeastern Upland.

According to the prosecution, Burum, with the assistance of Erwin, a former president of the San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies union who was working as a consultant to the Colonies partners, in 2006 threatened Biane and Postmus, who **See P 5**

Attorney Briggs Sees Another Payday From Suing Chino



Cory Briggs

Yet another lawsuit brought by attorney Cory Briggs against the city of Chino and one of

the project proponents to which it had given an entitlement to build has been settled on terms Briggs hailed as a victory.

Briggs, representing the Inland Oversight Committee and Citizens for Responsible Equitable Environmental Development, named Chino and Majestic Realty Company as defendants in a lawsuit which cited environmental **See P 5** concerns at the

Granlund And Mann Pull Out Of Race To Replace Emmerson In 23rd Senate District

The field of candidates vying to succeed former 23rd District State Senator Bill Emmerson, who resigned his position in the state legislature on December 1, thinned out in the last fortnight, with Yucaipa Valley Water District Board Member Lonni Granlund and Menifee Mayor Scott Mann pulling the plugs on their candidacies.

Campaign funding, or the lack thereof, appeared to have been

a major factor in both Granlund's and Mann's decisions.

A suppressed note of bitterness crept into Granlund's announcement of her withdrawal, which appeared to be vectored at state Republican Party members who initially promised or at least indicated a fair amount of campaign cash would be provided to make her candidacy viable. So far, the race has been seen as fall-



Lonni Granlund

ing to Assemblyman Mike Morrell, who has used his incumbency and access to the GOP establishment **See P 3**

Boycott Of Venezuelan Actress Supporter Brings Publicity To Donnelly Campaign

Tim Donnelly's Quixotic effort to capture the Republican nomination for California governor achieved an unexpected and equally unorthodox boost when one of his celebrity endorsers came under such heavy protest for her support of Donnelly that she was obliged to resign as the member of the cast of a popular play production.

There was resultant



Tim Donnelly

news coverage and widespread publicity for Donnelly's campaign up and

down the Golden State.

Maria Conchita Alonso, a top model turned recording star from Venezuela who transitioned into starring roles in movies such as "The Running Man," "Moscow on the Hudson," and "Predator 2" had been cast in a leading role in the Spanish-language production of the Vagina Monologues, which was to begin its



Maria Conchita Alonso

run in San Francisco next month.

Last week marked the

debut of one of a series of online videos intended to promote Donnelly's gubernatorial campaign. The tongue-in-cheek video spot featured the Cuban-born Alonso, who was Miss Teenager of the World in 1971 and the representative of Venezuela in 1975 Miss World Pageant at which she was sixth runner-up, appearing with her pet Chihuahua and **See P 9**

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ing from rapidly evaporating reserves, while relying on income from two of the city's enterprise funds which remain in the black, its water and sewer service funds, Dunn said.

Years of deferred maintenance are beginning to catch up with the city, Dunn said, pushing it to a point beyond which it will no longer be able to stave off those problems into the future, as potholes, streets and dilapidating equipment are being neglected, funding for promised post employment benefits is non-existent, and no programs are available for attracting businesses into the city or dealing with the city's burgeoning homeless population.

The city council chartered the fiscal task force committee with finding solutions to the city's financial challenges.

With the specter of bankruptcy looming

over the city, the task force went to work. Based upon the tenor of the comments made during the course of the group's meetings on December 5, January 11 and January 18, four of the group's members appeared to be less sanguine about the prospect of the city's ability to fashion workable fixes to the city's gaping financial hole than the other six. Ghosn, who was appointed by councilman Brendan Brandt, attorney Robert Gaudy, who was appointed by Mayor Ray Musser, and certified public accountants Bob Nelson and Steven Spears, both appointed by councilman Glen Bozar, were highly skeptical of proposals to right the city's listing financial ship by means of a taxing proposal, either in the form of a utility tax or sales tax, on the grounds that it would be regressive if passed and would potentially prove counterproductive by prompting businesses to leave town, residents to

shop elsewhere or new businesses to avoid setting up in Upland. They also questioned whether the city's residents would consent to such a tax if an election to impose it were held.

Nor did the quartet readily embrace a proposal for the city to sell off, lease long term or in any other fashion privatize its water division, a move which would generate a considerable amount of cash immediately and would redress much of the city's current deficit spending, but would provide only a one-time infusion of funds and would result in saddling the city's residents with astronomical water and sewer service rates to provide the private company involved in the takeover with a profit for its part of the undertaking.

And collectively, Ghosn, Gaudy, Nelson and Spears appeared to be convinced that the only two viable paths out of interminable fiscal turmoil for the city

consisted of either bankruptcy or radical cuts in the number of municipal employees and commensurate reductions in the salaries and benefits to the employees that would remain after the bloodletting. The main thrust of Ghosn, Gaudy, Nelson and Spears' assertions was that whatever savings and revenue enhancements could be had from the other considered measures, they simply would not be enough to redress the city's financial problems, given that 73.83 percent of the city's operational and existential costs consist of payroll and the provision of benefits and pensions. Nelson, in particular, propounded the argument that the city needed to get a handle on and reduce its pension commitments at once to head off the further deterioration of the city's financial picture in the future, when more and more of its current employees will join the ranks of the retired.

Despite the dire pro-

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jections of what it would cost the city to ignore the hazard of maintaining its current manpower levels and labor cost structure, the committee rejected what Nelson felt was a modest but needed proposal to impose a hiring freeze.

Over its two-month active life, the committee looked at 47 different proposals to help cure Upland's budget ills. Seventeen of those, such as the hiring freeze, imposing labor concessions on city employees

or eliminating benefits for the entire city council and treasurer, were rejected. But thirty of those were deemed to be worth either pursuing or further study. In the end, through a selection process by which the task force members were able to essentially vote on their top ten choices, ten cost cutting or revenue enhancing provisions have been earmarked as recommendations to the city council. Those recommendations are not binding, and the council will be free to consider those options which did not make the top ten cut.

The ten top recommendations are: seeking voter approval of a half-cent sales tax, contracting out or privatizing sewer and water service; reductions in the operation of the fire department, including a brown-out of its least used station and selling its ladder truck; renewing the city's trash contract to generate revenue the city is not currently receiving; selling the city's interest in the Whispering Lakes Golf Course; updating the city's business license tax schedules; reopening labor contracts; "regionalizing" the police department; combining police and fire dispatch; and outsourcing the animal shelter.

Other money-saving ploys accorded a lesser priority were outsourcing library management as well as the planning, building and engineering departments and information technology functions.

While Nelson, Spears,
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Glimpse Of SBC's Past The "Throw-Away Society," "Googie" and our last "Sambo's"

By Ruth Musser-Lopez

The "Atomic Age" architecture following World War II, hit the ground running in San Bernardino County with new roadside attractions, chain restaurants and motels, franchise gas stations, conveyor type car washes, bowling alleys and theaters including the drive up type which vividly flaunted "Googie," "Doo Wop," and "Populuxe" facades and sign designs. You can still find futuristic structures of this type, but beginning in the 1980s they started to "disappear" and suddenly the rate of loss has become alarming.

To some authorities, the bygone Sambo's Pancake Restaurants and in particular, one that was built in the city of San Bernardino, screamed "Googie" and embodied the essence and peak of Googie architectural style—but it is no longer there. In fact, San Bernardino County boasted five Sambo's Restaurants between 1957 and 1982. Of those, only one structure remains and you would hardly recognize this landmark in

Barstow today as it now serves Mexican food.



Tim Putz's photographs are evidence that the Sambo's in the City of San Bernardino screamed "Googie" and may have been the climax of the style in the county

The style names "Googie," "Doo Wop," "Populuxe," "Ultramodern" or "Atomic Age," "Jet Age" and "Space Age" are often used interchangeably or to distinguish subtle nuances of architectural design containing a touch of the "futuristic." These structures possess features evoking rocket ships and atomic bursts, speed, and the wave of the future. Designers were imagining the future--envisioning what life in space would look

like. Their designs conceptualized their dreams of a future space age.

zig-zag or off-set sharp angled sloping roof lines, abstract geometric

shapes with exaggerated details, atomic parabolas or boomerang shapes, flying saucers, tale fins and free-form designs such as "soft" parallelograms characterize the style.

The futuristic mid-century commercial architectural structures are an important part of our history and embody the beginning of a new era in the service industry catering to the "car culture" at a time of the first earth orbits and the space race to put the first man on the moon. An outgrowth of the expanding use of the automobile and the sprawl of suburbia in southern California, they represent the ideas that were popular during the late 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, reflected in animated family television shows like the Jetsons and the Flintstones.

The essence of Populuxe, a term derived

from "popular luxury" was to have things in a way that had never been had before. A promising future of the "atomic" "space" or "jet" age was also represented in new modern conveniences not previously conceived of. Being able to drive up to a window to buy a packaged prepared hot dinner or pulling into clean standardized restaurants guaranteeing quality meal products served by attractive young people was a convenience that could be accessed by car. No fuss, no muss with dishes—a "throw away" society that ate and drank out of paper that could be tossed away.

New modern franchises displayed standardized visual imagery of their "brand" that customers would easily recognize from the road. This modern com-

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to distinguish himself as the best-funded and most viable of the candidates in the race. The 23rd Senatorial District has voter registration levels highly favorable to Republicans.

"After giving careful consideration about continuing my campaign for the 23rd State Senate District to replace Sen. Bill Emmerson, I have made the decision to terminate my campaign effective immediately," Granlund said. "When I was asked to run for the State Senate I was led to believe that substantial resources would be committed from Sacramento for my campaign. The prevailing sentiment was that the field of candidates was unimpressive and unable to tackle the state's anti-business philosophy. As a businesswoman I was viewed as someone with the skills to make a difference, but that's not enough in Sacramento. My friends,

family and supporters generously stepped up to help reach the goals set for a viable campaign. Unfortunately the funding from Sacramento simply did not materialize."

She continued, "As a long-time member of the community, I faced the challenge of running a severely under-funded campaign, which would ultimately waste my supporters (sic) hard earned money. I value my friendships and integrity too much to waste the hard earned money of my friends and family. I have seen candidates in the past continue to take their friends and supporters (sic) money knowing full well that their success was unlikely. That's not something I am willing to do. As much as I would love to serve the people of the 23rd State Senate District, I cannot in good conscience (sic) continue in an underfunded campaign that has little or no possibility of success. At the very least I owe it to my supporters to have the integrity to admit

the facts and return their generous contributions, and I will."

Despite her withdrawal, Granlund was in no mood to endorse Morrell or any of the other currently declared candidates and she suggested that others should take up the burden of keeping Morrell from advancing to the legislature's upper chamber. "Hopefully this announcement will be timely enough that other candidates might have the opportunity to file for the seat," she said.

Menifee Mayor Scott Mann's exodus from the campaign came hot on the heels of the California Fair Political Practices Commission's leveling of a fine/administrative penalty of \$1,500 against him for his failure to disclose non-monetary contributions during his 2012 campaign for office. According to the FPPC, Mann and the Scott Mann for Mayor campaign received non-monetary contributions totaling \$982.25 on or about June 14-30, 2012, from the Menifee Taxpayers Association.

Mann acknowledged that his mayoral campaign committee was cited for not disclosing receipt of non-monetary Menifee Taxpayers Association expenditures totaling \$982.25 for advertising materials, but he said the FPPC had failed to substantiate any of the original allegations made against him, including reports relating to the use of surplus funds from his original council campaign to run for school board; failure to itemize expenditures by his school board committee; and that the Menifee Taxpayers Association was controlling the Scott Mann for Menifee Mayor 2012 committee. He then withdrew from the race, leaving Morell, Calimesa Councilman Chris Hewitt and San Jacinto Council Member Crystal Ruiz as the only remaining announced candidates in the Republican-leaning district, which spans portions of San Bernardino and Riverside counties.



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munication device was achieved by using bold style architecture and large pylons with elevated signs, bright neon letters and circular pavilions.

Bringing continuity inside a restaurant with the cars parked outside, a common feature was the bold use of glass in large steel frames atop a strong low barrier wall made of natural rock masonry. This "Flintstone" type wall feature was a psychological as well as practical device for purposes of safety, effectively separating seated clientele from the primitive world and the potential disaster of an out-of-control car. The wall was often enhanced with both indoor and outdoor

planters with floral treatments contrasting with and softening the harsh angled lines of the struc-

Except for the original Sambo's in Santa Barbara, there are no more restaurants named Sambo's.

American states (*Time Magazine* 8-17-81). The founder's names were Sam Battistone and F.

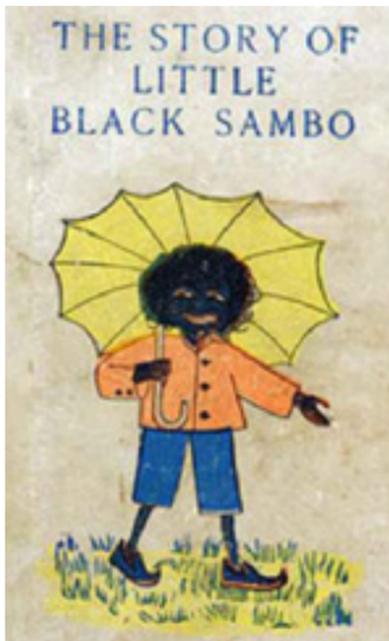
team soon after adapted and illustrated on their interior walls, colorful images with scenes and characters including a dark-skinned boy, tigers, and a pale, magical unicycle-riding man called "Treefriend" from the popular 1899 children's book by Helen Bannerman, "The Story of Little Black Sambo" included in the "The Dumpy Book Series."

The book is about tigers in a jungle in India who take the clothes of a boy named Sambo, each getting a separate piece of Sambo's outfit. Coveting each other's piece of the attire, the tigers chase each other around a palm tree so fast they melt into butter. Sambo then puts the tiger butter on his pancakes and eats. Ahead of their time, the

Sambo's entrepreneurs even had a club for kids called Sambo's Tiger Tamers (later called the Tiger Club), promoting the chain's family image.

The marketing strategy was both brilliantly clever and ignorantly insensitive.

In the midst of the Civil Rights Movement many saw the character "Sambo" as racist. Attention was focused on the "racial slur" evoked by the pejorative use of the name "Sambo" and the "darky iconography" adapted from Bannerman's book. The damage was devastating and even lightening the color of Sambo's skin, adorning him with a jeweled Indian-style turban and changing the name of the restaurant did not save



The controversial Sambo images on the circa 1900 book cover (left) and as later modified on the 1960s-era Sambo's restaurant walls (right).

ture. Roofs were often covered with bold "candy" stripes of white and colored quartz rock.

The chain of restaurants was started in 1957 and by 1979, Sambo's had 1,117 outlets in 47

Newell Bohnett whose names were combined to make "Sambo." To market the restaurant, the

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Gaudy and Ghosn expressed varying levels of disappointment over the task force's lack of willingness to embrace a much tougher program of austerity for city operations, with each hinting a belief that the city would not be able to turn a corner in its footrace with financial disaster and the possibility of being confronted with bankruptcy down the road, all appeared to be willing to stay on the reservation by endorsing the overall committee's final recommendations to the city council. Gaudy, who early on both privately and publicly opined that the city appeared to be on the treadmill to bankruptcy, later in the process considered but ultimately rejected asking the committee to consider a 48th option in the form of considering declaring bankruptcy. Ultimately he elected against that course, not wanting to saddle the council member who had appointed him, Mayor Ray Musser, with the legacy of bankruptcy.

On January 27, the committee's recommendations will be presented to the council by four of the task force members.

Three of those – former Upland Mayor Richard Anderson, former Upland Police Chief Marty Thouvenell and Randall Lewis, Upland's most successful businessman – will represent the more optimistic and numerous members of the task force who believe the city can cure its ills and stave off bankruptcy by means of the nostrums they are recommending. Only one of the pessimistic wing of the committee – Ghosn – will be among those making the presentation.

Ghosn's perspective – and that of Gaudy, Nelson and Spears – will thus at some level be insinuated into the information presented to the council. Ghosn, a managing director at Worldbridge LCC where he works on pre-bankruptcy preparations involving multimillion dollar corporations, will make that dissenting perspective available through the written report he is to present. The *Sentinel* has obtained an early tentative draft of Ghosn's report, which features subtle language intended to drive home the point that the city of Upland is not out of the woods yet and cannot hope to simply shake off the fiscal doldrums with measures

that nibble around the edges of a huge problem.

"The city of Upland currently holds a qualified opinion regarding 'its ability to continue as a going concern' as stated in the auditor's letter for the 2013 consolidated annual financial report," Ghosn's draft states. "This is a serious matter in need of comprehensive, thorough and

orderly attention from an operational and financial perspective across all departments, funds and related entities within the city of Upland."

The report then calls for a "remediation plan to correct the city's current financial condition with sustainable and balanced action, revenue enhancement, cost containment policy and as-

set reallocation." Ghosn pulled no punches in declaring "the city of Upland finds itself in this situation for the second time in 12 years and the third time in 20 years. Each time the conditions have worsened, creating the death spiral of an organization and its viability to constituents and others stakeholders. A new workout plan is now

required to avoid bankruptcy and reorganization. Quick fixes will put us back in the same boat."

The only way the city can climb out of its financial abyss, Ghosn suggested, is through "reallocating assets and effectuating a cultural change among municipal staff."

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FBI, U.S. Attorney Overstepped, Lawyer Claims *from front page*

were that year involved in political campaigns, by creating political mailers that dwelled on derogatory information pertaining to both. Prosecutors further allege that those mailers were withheld from distribution and that three weeks after the election Postmus and Biane joined with supervisor Gary Ovitt in approving the \$102 million payment to the Colonies Partners. The prosecution alleges that subsequent to the \$102 million settlement, payoffs were made to Postmus, Biane and Mark Kirk, the latter being supervisor Gary Ovitt's chief of staff. These payoffs were in the form of separate \$100,000 payments over the next seven months to political action committees controlled by Postmus, Biane and Kirk. Kirk was paid, prosecutors allege, for influencing his boss, Ovitt, to support the settlement payment.

Postmus had been named in a previous indictment concerning this alleged activity along with Erwin, in February 2010. Though he had initially pleaded not guilty in response to that indictment, in March 2011 he entered a guilty plea to all charges against him. He then served as the star witness when a second grand jury was impaneled in April 2011, which led to the superseding indictment in May 2011, which renamed Erwin and added Burum, Biane and Kirk.

Four months after the superseding indictment was handed down, the FBI in conjunction with IRS agents served nine search warrants at various locations in Southern California, including the residences and/or the business offices of Burum, Biane, Erwin, and Kirk, unmistakably signaling the federal government's interest in the case.

Burum's legal team immediately went to work, challenging the search warrants, asserting that the wholesale seizure of materials

and data from Burum's home, office, computers and communications devices was overbroad and requesting the immediate return of data critical to the operation of Burum's business operations. A protracted back-and-forth between Burum's legal team and the U.S. Attorney's Office ensued, the upshot of which was that prosecutors were for the time being permitted to retain custody of the seized materials, but a special master was appointed and a protocol was established by which the materials were to be evaluated as to their relevance to any possible prosecution and those deemed as irrelevant to the legal case against Burum or the other defendants were to be destroyed or returned to their owners.

By May 2012, the U.S. Attorney's Office had come to the conclusion that it would not proceed against any of the defendants in federal court, although no public indication of this decision was given. At that time, FBI agents working the case forwarded copies of

data retrieved from both Burum's home and business office computers as well as from his cell phone to investigators with the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office for potential use in the already-filed state case against the four defendants. That data at that time had not been nor was it subsequently subjected to the relevancy examination protocol ordered by the court as the result of the challenges of the search warrants by Burum's legal team.

Last September, when the district attorney's office complied with discovery requirements by which it must turn over to the defense the materials it will rely upon in making its case in court, Burum's team discovered that the district attorney's office had a computer disk containing unredacted data obtained from the search of Burum's home, office and phone.

On September 27, 2013, the lead attorney representing Burum, Stephen Larson, referenced the district attorney's

office's possession of the data during a court appearance in the pending criminal case. The state court ordered the district attorney's office to segregate and not review materials seized during the searches of Burum's residence and office building pending resolution of Larson's objection to the provision of material to the district attorney's office. Larson then contacted the U.S. Attorney's Office and asked whether any additional data subject to the special master order had been provided to the district attorney's office. The U.S. Attorney's Office agreed to look into it. It was subsequently determined that the district attorney's office had another disk containing forensic copies of data seized from Burum's computers and communications devices. One of the district attorney's office's investigators claimed to the U.S. Attorney's Office that the second disk in question had not been reviewed by his office.

On October 9, 2013, Larson met and con-

ferred with the U.S. Attorney's Office by means of a telephone conference regarding how to resolve the situation and on October 11, Larson followed that up with a letter raising various grievances regarding the government's investigation and the FBI's provision of the disks to the district attorney's office.

On October 17, 2013, the U.S. Attorney's Office responded to Larson's letter, saying it intended to ask the district attorney's office to return the disks and to delete the disk data.

On November 20, 2013, Larson filed on Burum's behalf a motion in federal court for the return of Burum's property.

On January 13, the U.S. Attorney's Office filed a motion in response, opposing the return of Burum's property. Without conceding that any errors had been made, Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Widman in the government's motion in opposition asserted that there was some

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Briggs Makes Monkey Of Chino Again *from front*

Chino Gateway Project Majestic intends to develop on unused grounds owned by the state and

recorded on maps as within the footprint of the California Institution for Men. Majestic is leasing the land, totaling 156 acres, from the state and will erect two sepa-

rate 1.44 million square foot warehouses, a smaller 180,000 square foot warehouse and 46,600 square feet of retail and commercial space.

One of the issues

raised in the suit was the manner in which the project had been approved by the city, bypassing a full-blown environmental impact report and substitut-

ing what amounted to a negative declaration of unmitigateable environmental impacts by the city council, which consented to amending its general plan environmental impact report where it was out of synchronicity with the project.

Under an arrangement worked out by Briggs and lawyers for Majestic, Majestic has agreed to adjusting the traffic circulation element of the development to reduce nearby impacts. In addition, Majestic is to install, at its own cost, photovoltaic generating equipment at and on the warehouses rated to generate 1.6 million kilowatt hours of power per year, enough to provide 110 percent of the power requirements for operation of the warehouses and the adjoining retail project. Majestic consented to picking up \$18,920 of the legal costs the Inland Oversight Committee and Citizens for Respon-

sible Equitable Environmental Development had accrued with Briggs. Briggs agreed to terminate the suit against all parties, including the city.

Briggs has emerged victorious from two previous suits that named the city of Chino and currently has four further cases pending against it.

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the enterprise. During the late 1970s, American sensitivity with regard to racism grew as did the controversy over the chain's name with lawsuits and crowds of protestors particularly in the Northeastern states.

The companies "Fracture of the Action" franchise expansion plan was also problematic with growth outpacing corporate control. By the end of 1982, 618 of the locations were renamed "Season's Friendly Eating." Others of the over one thousand Sambo's restaurant buildings across the country have now been demolished or destroyed and those that remain have been sold or had a name change. Some were converted to "No Place Like Sam's" or "The Jolly Tiger." A few remain as Denny's Restaurants which used Sambo's Googie style as its proto type for other structures built under the Denny's logo. (Source: references listed at Wikipedia's history of Sambo's).

San Bernardino County boasted five Sambo's, a restaurant chain that standardize its Googie style structure and signage as a brand, recognizable along or near alignments of Route 66. The two structures in the

city of San Bernardino, one at 701 E. Highland and the other at 770 W. 5th Street were razed. The Sambo's in Victorville located at 14678 7th Street, was destroyed by fire three months ago, in October, 2013.

In Barstow you can find Denny's, which has a larger structure, but vaguely similar in architectural design as the

familiar oblique hexagon shaped pole signage are tell tale signs that it was once a Sambo's.

In the 1960s, along the new alignment of Route 66 at 710 W. Broadway in Needles, a splashy, Googie style Sambo's pancake house was built as part of the new Overland Motel complex.

"I remember the Sambo's. I was in high

after his car broke down while crossing the desert with his family. They drug themselves out of the car into the Needles Sambo's. "The waitress saw dehydration on our faces" the traveler said. "She brought two pitchers of water out without us even asking. She was real nice and pretty, too."

Googie became less valued as time passed, and just as the earlier Art Deco and Mission Revival style structures that preceded it were often under-appreciated, now many original Googie buildings are no more. They weren't quite old enough to have historical significance qualifying

they have been viewed as too flashy or gaudy when tastes turned to more recent earthy eco trends. Googie buildings are sometimes not taken seriously because of their bold, playful, fun designs, but they are an important part of mid-century American culture. Many of those that are still around continue to be threatened by deterioration, disrepair, destruction by fire or demolition by proclamation of local government.

To illustrate the fickleness of human taste and art appreciation, about the time Sambo's was constructed in Needles, the exterior of the

Claypool Department store directly across the street was remodeled at considerable expense. It was not unusual at that time for business owners to "modernize" their "old, cold" masonry art deco style buildings of the 1920s and 1930s with a new, hot covering of the sleek "ultramodern."

Then, when the Sambo's Restaurant in Needles was demolished, sometime after 1980, it was not long before the costly modernized facade of the Claypool's building was torn off to reveal once again, the original majestic Art Deco structure underneath.



Former Barstow Sambo's facing Route 66 is the only standing Sambo's structure in San Bernardino County (left). Note the familiar angled quartz rock roof and poled signage, low rock wall masonry supporting prominent glass windows.



Bright colorful tiled floor remains of the Sambo's at 710 Broadway (Route 66) in Needles (below, right). The tell-tale signs of the Sambo's complex: quartz covered angular roof, the three poled sign, the familiar low rock wall facade and the prominent glass windows characteristic of a Sambo's can be seen at the motel office lobby (above).



them to be placed on a historic register to afford them protection. Also,

neighboring "Jenny's Grill" Mexican restaurant at 1251 E. Main Street -- the only Sambo's structure left in San Bernardino County. Large windows, over low rock walls, an angular white quartz roof and the

school and at that time Mary Murray and I were both waitresses there," reported Helen McCaul Cox, who raised her children and now a grandson two blocks away.

A resident of Upland recalls being famished

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This remodel came at considerable expense to the public and after a vote of the people of Needles to embrace the Palo Verde Community College system. For one dollar the Claypool's building was sold to the newly expanded college district for use as an auxillary campus, relieving the Claypools of a tax burden in the form of a white elephant after Walmart displaced their department store chain in the area.

Often Sambo's restaurants were included in a complex along with a motel. In Needles, the original downtown Sambo's was in a complex that included the

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confusion over whether the order by the federal court for a speedy [i.e., 60 day, later extended to 120 day] review of the seized materials pertained to the material seized from Burum and his premises or just that data and items seized from the other targets specified in the search warrants served in September 2011. Those targets included Biane; Erwin; Kirk; former state Senator Jim Brulte, who had served as a consultant to the Colonies Partners during the effort to settle the lawsuit with the county; materials obtained from public relations specialist Patrick O'Reilly, who had prepared the mailers containing the derogatory information relating to Postmus and Biane in 2006; and the phone records of former Superior Court Judge Peter Norell, before whom the Colonies lawsuit against the county had been heard.

Widman in his motion asserted that "the [federal] government's handling of the digital data in question was and continues to be responsible and reasonable" and he pointed out that a federal judge had earlier expressed the opinion that it would be up to the judge hearing the state case against the defendants to determine whether the materials seized by the FBI in its

search could or could not be used in that prosecution.

In his motion, Widman made two revelatory disclosures, the first one coming in the motion's first paragraph, in which he let on that the federal government will not pursue a prosecution against the defendants in the state case. "The federal statute of limitations on the charges the government was investigating has expired without the filing of federal charges," Widman wrote.

The second disclosure hinted at some level of defiance on the part of the district attorney's office with regard to the U.S. Attorney's Office's effort to recover the disks containing the data gleaned from Burum's home and office computers and his communications devices.

"The government asked the district attorney's office to return the disks; the district attorney's office declined to do so," Widman stated in the January 13 motion. "The district attorney's office asked the government to refrain from deleting the disk data, since its status had not been ruled upon in the pending criminal case. On November 1, 2013, the government informed movant [i.e., Larson and Burum] that it intended to abide by the district attorney's office's request and not voluntarily destroy the disk data. To date, the district attorney's office has not returned the disks to the government."

On January 17, in a reply to the governments

opposition to the motion for the return of Burum's property, Larson took the U.S. Attorney's Office, the FBI and the district attorney's office to task for what he characterized as multiple violations of a court order, along with the filing of false statements and documents with the court, and a cover-up.

Larson, as a former federal judge, speaks with a degree of authority beyond that reserved for other members of the bar.

"The government's opposition makes clear that it violated this court's order when it reviewed the digital data seized pursuant to the search warrants, and that it then submitted false and misleading declarations to cover-up its violations," Larson asserted in the January 17 court filing. "The government also admits that its investigation has been closed for more than a year and a half, and its conduct reveals that it was merely acting as a stalking horse for its state counterparts who are – and have been throughout this investigation – members of a joint federal and state task force."

According to Larson, the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI were boldly disrespecting the court.

"The government concedes that it did not follow this court's order when it failed to determine what data fell within the scope of the warrants, failed to provide that data to Mr. Burum's counsel for a privilege review, and failed to await a final determination by

the special master prior to using the data," Larson told the court. "The government's silence regarding the review of the digital data seized from Mr. Burum's office is deafening. The government failed to provide any declaration that data seized from Mr. Burum's office was reviewed at all, either for privilege or scope."

The U.S. Attorney's Office has used specious and disingenuous reasoning in justifying its action and that of the FBI, Larson asserted.

"The government's argument that the court order did not specifically prohibit it from sharing the data with state prosecutors is a red herring," Larson wrote. "The issue here is the government's blatant violations of the court's order regarding the review of data for privilege and the warrants' protocols for examining the seized data. At no time did the court countenance the wholesale production of unfiltered digital data to state prosecutors. Rather, the court noted that it was not considering the issue at that time because such sharing had not occurred. Certainly there is no evidence that the court even considered whether it would be appropriate for the government to share the data without first subjecting the data to the court's privilege review procedures and well-established scope protocols. Moreover, the government's current position on this issue is belied by its initial request to state prosecutors to return the materials."

Larson continued, "The government was required to search the digital data within 120 days to determine what data fell within the scope of the warrants, and to then delete or destroy any data falling outside the scope of the warrants. The government now admits that it failed to search the digital data within this time limitation. In an attempt to justify this failure, the government argues that the search of the digital data from Mr. Burum's

home and office were not subject to the 120 day deadline. The government also contends that the order did not set any deadlines or time periods within which the government must send movant [i.e., Burum and his legal team] a copy of the materials deemed subject to seizure."

By failing to return the seized data to Burum and instead keeping it, the U.S. Attorney's Office has openly defied the court, abused Burum's constitutional rights and set the table for what is tantamount to a conspiracy involving the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, Larson said.

"The government also admits that it did not timely delete the digital data," Larson wrote. "The government began deleting certain secondary archives on January 13, 2014 – but only after Mr. Burum filed his recent motion, after it requested an extension of time to file its opposition, over 18 months after the investigation was closed, and almost two years after the data should have been deleted. The government's misleading characterization of the status of the data and its adherence to search protocols is further evidence of its callous disregard for Mr. Burum's constitutional rights. In another glaring admission, the government failed to provide a clear accounting of what is being deleted and when such deletions will be completed. The government concedes that data falling outside the scope of the warrants should have been and must be deleted. The government nonetheless admits to retaining copies of all the digital data seized from Mr. Burum's home and business."

Larson's petition was to the federal court. It presages, reliable sources have told the *Sentinel*, motions that will be forthcoming in state court alleging prosecutorial misconduct against the DA's office and the California Attorney General's Office, who are jointly prosecuting Burum, Biane, Erwin and Kirk.

right to unwarranted search and seizure. He is irreparably harmed by the unprotected data remaining with the government and state prosecutors in violation of the court's order and the specific protocols governing the search and destruction of the digital data. The government also acknowledges that Mr. Burum 'appears to lack a remedy at law,' but suggest that he take it up with the state court. A federal court order requiring the return of the data by the state prosecutors and destruction of all seized data is the appropriate remedy here: This matter involves a federal search warrant, obtained and executed by federal agencies working as part of a joint task force and under the supervision of federal prosecutors, and is subject to protocols ordered by this federal court. Finally, the government has acknowledged that the federal investigation is closed, and thus it has no basis to retain any of the seized data or to deliver the data to its joint task force members. In short, the federal agencies have acted as part of a joint task force with state law enforcement agencies, executed search warrants after the state prosecutors initially lost most of their case on demurrer, and then provided wholesale digital data to the state prosecutors in violation of the plain language of the court's orders, the search warrants, and Mr. Burum's constitutional rights. The appropriate remedy, based on the government's conduct, is to order the return and destruction of the digital data seized from Mr. Burum's home and business."

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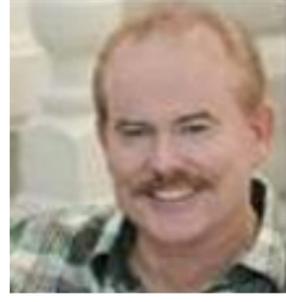


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and direct the selected actors and actresses. Born in 1934, Cobbs was



The Hudsucker Proxy and as a jazz pianist in Tom Hanks' That Thing You Do.

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The story is inspired by actual events involving a mixed race couple living in England who during the 1950s comes to the south, Virginia, to collect inheritance at the passing of her father. That's when things heat up for them. Enter Tom Montgomery—a WWII Veteran, a husband, a father and a business owner. He is also a well-known local politician serving on the local town council. What is more, he is the Grand Wizard

himself torn between his strong racial beliefs, and the only thing that can stop his world from falling apart.

Author, Peter Ellis Cole describes "Tom Montgomery" as "a work in progress." As written, it was good enough to capture the attention of American film and television actor and director, Wilbert "Bill" Cobbs, who will be commuting to Upland from the L. A. coast throughout the next month to develop

a young man during the post war civil rights era and began his acting and directing career in 1970 and has appeared at numerous small and large theatres including the Eugene O'Neill Theatre. He has performed in over 120 television and film roles, as a regular on The Outer Limits, The Sopranos, One Tree Hill and many more. Among the numerous films he has had roles in: Night at the Museum, Ghosts of Mississippi,

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Letter To The Editor

The story you recently [January 17] published on the Cadiz issue contained several inaccuracies. To set the record straight:

The story makes multiple references to the "county's legal costs." The county has no legal costs. All costs have been borne by Cadiz. The county has paid

and will pay nothing.

The story states legal costs have now exceeded \$1.8 million. Costs have actually reached about \$1.4 million. \$1.8 million is what's currently authorized.

The story states there were 11 original cases, but it was actually only 9: Tetra Technologies (4), the Center for

Biological Diversity (2), Santa Margarita Citizens and Ratepayers Opposing Water Nonsense (1), Rodrigo Briones (1), and the Colorado River Branch of the Archaeological Heritage Association (1).

Briones and the Archaeological Heritage Association the Ratepayers have each dismissed

their cases.

Downey Brand is based in Sacramento, not San Francisco, and was actually retained as early as 2010 to help with the environmental impact report and groundwater monitoring, management and mitigation plan.

The county never relinquished oversight.

The county maintains oversight through the groundwater management plan. Santa Margarita claimed lead agency status before the county was notified there was a project. But lead agency status does not equate to oversight.

The story states two cases have been litigated to completion or

dropped, and that 9 remain. In fact, three cases have been dismissed, two have been litigated and are awaiting a ruling, and 4 cases remain outstanding (and are in trial this week).

David Wert

Wert is San Bernardino County's official spokesman.

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historic Overland Motel with its Googie style office. The motel is now abandoned, and the Needles City Council

is threatening to take over "receivership" and then demolish the historic 44-room Overland Motel, provided nobody else buys it at the minimal price of back taxes and city legal cost liens.

Every situation is different, but in a community where the economic base relies on highway traffic and where Europeans and Asians are driving Route 66 to get a view of history, one would think

that a colorful sixties motel, perhaps with a brand new Retro-Googie restaurant, would be better than a barren dirt lot.

Ironically, the standard of the ultra-modern era on Route 66

with its atomic Googie style abstract architecture, the landmark site of Sambo's along with the Overland is slated to become an example of "convenience" and the "throw away" ideology

of the society that built it.



Threatened Alonzo Boycott Boosts Donnelly from front page

standing next to cowboy hat-wearing Donnelly, translating Donnelly's remarks with regard to politics into Spanish, sometimes accurately, sometimes by means of humorous paraphrase.

Throughout most of

the three minute and 13 second-long video, Alonzo registers approval of Donnelly's message, although at one point in the presentation she begs to differ with him. When Donnelly expresses the view that the state's ban on lead ammunition is a "cowardly" ploy to outlaw hunting, Alonzo asserts that she disagrees with Donnelly on that point."No, I do

not like hunting," she says in Spanish. "I hate that animals suffer. I am their voice. I love them. I protect them. I would give my life for them. No. Uh-Uh. We have to talk afterword about this."

For the most part Alonzo reinforces Donnelly's assertions with body language and approving facial expressions and nods, or puts

a comic emphasis on his presentation, as when he intones "Politicians and big government are killing our prosperity. They're driving business out of our state, pushing welfare costs through the roof and driving our schools into the ground."

Alonso, solemnly translates these remarks by saying in Spanish "We're screwed."

The video draws to a

close with Alonzo accurately interpreting Donnelly's exclamation that "We live in the greatest state in the union and we the people will never be divided. If you honor me with your support, I will lead California back to prosperity, so help me God."

Alonso's support of Donnelly, who touts himself as a conservative Republican as well

as Tea Party member and anti-illegal immigration activist who is the chairman of a chapter of the so-called Minuteman border-patrol movement, in short order triggered a round of protest from a number of groups, resulted in a backlash aimed at her. Some vocal opponents of Donnelly, the Tea Party and

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Coroner Case #701400605 – On 01/20/2014 at 6:30 AM, Wilson Iraheta, age: 55, from La Puente parked his semi truck in the median of Euclid Avenue in Chino he attempted to cross the street on foot when he was struck by a southbound vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 6:42 AM. The Chino Police Department is investigating the collision. [01202014 1700 JK]

Coroner Case #701400513 – On 01/16/2014, at 10:25 P.M., Gerald Keith Bunn, a 41 year old resident of Casa Grande, Az., was southbound on Highway 18 at Upper Waterman Canyon Rd. in San Bernardino on a 2013 Harley Davidson, when the motorcycle struck the guardrail. Bunn was pronounced dead at the scene on 01/16/2014. The California Highway Patrol is investigating. [011714 0717 SY]

Coroner case# 701309002 – REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: The San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner requests assistance in locating next of kin for William Charles Kingsley, a 65 year old resident of Highland. Mr. Kinglsey died on 12/8/2013. Anyone who knows of any family for the decedent is asked to contact the Coroner Division at (909) 387-2978. [011614 0926 SY]

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Alonzo Boycott Gives protest the play when it opens next month. Donnelly Shot In Arm from page 9
Alonso is now a naturalized American citizen and has made a series of public statements con-

demning what she derides as a left-leaning trend in American politics. She is an outspoken critic of Fidel Castro and the government in

Cuba and was equally deprecating of the late Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez. In 2008, she endorsed the presidential cam-

paign of John McCain, She suggested Barack Obama is a “socialist” who is engaged in “spread the wealth economic policies.”

During the 2012 presidential campaign season, Alonso reiterated her opposition to Obama, sug- *Continued on Page 11*

Bussing Resumed from front page
was one of the three former wine-producing districts including Alta Loma and Cucamonga

that combined in 1977 to form the city of Rancho Cucamonga. Calculating that the cost of bussing a single student to school each year ran to more than \$700, board members

gambled three years ago that they could eliminate the district’s bus service without dire or fatal consequences. They lost that bet. On January 17 they collectively consented to

reestablishing bus service for Etiwanda Colony Elementary, Summit Intermediate, Heritage Intermediate, Day Creek Intermediate and Etiwanda Intermediate schools, utilizing seven

busses, effective at the return of students from Spring Break in April for the two remaining months in the school year. Board members referred to the change as a

“pilot program,” saying they would determine at the end of the school year whether to continue with the transportation program when school starts again in August.

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Liberal Reaction To Alonzo Ad Gets Donnelly Attention from page 10

gesting he was ushering the United States onto a track emulating Venezuela under the Chávez regime.

"I don't want the government to be involved in my life," she said, sounding much of the same libertarian theme that Donnelly has embraced.

Donnelly, who has unabashedly espoused right wing causes, has developed a reputation as an extremist in some political and social circles. He cemented this reputation with his outspokenness with regard to Second Amendment issues and then lived into the persona he had constructed for himself by being arrested on January 4, 2012, for attempting to carry a loaded Colt handgun while boarding an airplane. Transportation Safety Agency security screeners discovered the gun in his carry-on luggage.

Though Donnelly agreed to a plea bargain in which he accepted conviction on a single count of carrying a loaded firearm into a city without a concealed weapons permit and another count of possessing a prohibited item in a sterile area, both misdemeanors, he was not forced to leave the Assembly and he remained unapologetic, continuing to bring a concealed weapon into the Capitol and onto the Assembly Floor, action which even some of his political associates and supporters found alarming.

Last year he surprised many when he gave indication that he would

not seek reelection to the Assembly in 2014 and would instead seek the Republican nomination to challenge Governor Jerry Brown. Even the prospect of achieving the GOP nomination appeared to be questionable, as Abel Maldonado, the state's former lieutenant governor, described as a political moderate, was also vying for the nomination. Maldonado withdrew last week, but Neel Kashkari, a Goldman Sachs executive who as the former deputy U.S. Treasurer overseeing the Troubled Asset Relief Program during the final year of George Bush's presidency in 2008 and 2009, has now declared his candidacy for governor. As the architect of the nation's bank bailout during the most critical phase of the recession that began in 2007, Kashkari believes he can weather charges that he headed a program that bailed out the wealthy at the expense of taxpayers and focus attention on his fiscal management talent, which he said gives him a leg up on Brown when it comes to rejuvenating California's sluggish economy. Brown, a Democrat, enjoys a tremendous political advantage over Republicans, as nearly half of the state's voters are registered Democrats and only 31 percent align themselves with the GOP. That advantage is reflected in the state legislature, where the number of Democrats in both the Assembly and State Senate have rendered Republican parliamentarily irrelevant.

Donnelly is not only the longest of longshots with regard to ousting

The Mojave fringe-toed lizard (*Uma scoparia*) is a species of medium-sized, white or grayish, black-spotted diurnal lizard in the family Phrynosomatidae. It



is adapted to living in sand dunes in the Mojave Desert. It ranges from Los Angeles County, Riverside County, and San Bernardino County to extreme western Arizona in La Paz County. The Mojave fringe-toed lizard is omnivorous.

Mojave fringe-toed lizards range in length from roughly 2.75 to 4.5 inches from snout to vent. The tail is about the same length as the body. It is a flat-bodied, smooth-skinned lizard that inhabits areas of loose sand. Its color is white or grayish, with a contrasting pattern of black blotches and eye-like spots.

Black blotches on its back do not form broken lengthwise lines, unlike on other species of fringe-toed lizards in California. The color and pattern create a successful camouflage which allows a lizard to blend into its sandy habitat.

The underside is pale with black bars on the underside of the tail and a black mark on the lower sides.

Males have two en-

Brown from the Governor's Mansion, he faces an uphill battle in getting past Kashkari, who, though he has never held elective office, will be able to call upon Republican donors from around the country and tap into the generosity of major players in the banking industry whom he assisted when he was assistant deputy U.S. Treasurer.

Nevertheless, with

larged postanal scales, distinct femoral pores, a hemipenal bulge at the base of the tail, and a greenish wash on the belly with pink on the

sides of the body during the breeding season.

Females have a more pronounced pink coloring on the sides during the breeding season.

These lizards are diurnal and have adapted to living in areas with fine windblown sand. A fringe of scales on the sides of the toes help this lizard run quickly over fine sand, preventing it from sinking, similar



to the effect of wearing snowshoes. Scales are granular and very small, which helps a lizard bury itself quickly in fine sand. A countersunk lower jaw, eyelids that overlap, flaps over the ears, and nostrils and nasal passages which work like valves, all prevent sand from getting into a lizard's orifices and lungs.

This lizard takes cover in the sand to avoid extreme temperatures. It

the flap over Alonzo's endorsement coinciding with Kashkari's announcement, Donnelly appears to have serendipitously tapped into publicity that will promote his candidacy with the most conservative element of the Republican Party at a crucial juncture.

Alonzo, who is a veteran guest star on many television shows including Chicago Hope, the

commonly sleeps in the sand under a bush at night. The parietal eye, an eye-like structure on top of the head, is thought to help this lizard monitor the amount of solar radiation it receives to help it avoid too much or too little heat. On waking in the morning, a lizard often basks with just the head above the sand until its body temperature warms sufficiently to allow it to unbury the entire body



and continue basking or begin activity.

The fringe-toed lizard goes underground in the sand or in a burrow in the fall, and emerges in late winter. Young lizards may go under later and emerge earlier or even remain active all year.

When scared, this lizard



will run very quickly on its hind legs to the opposite side of a bush or a small sand hill, and run into a burrow or dive into the sand. Sometimes

they will stop and freeze underneath a bush.

They primarily eat



small invertebrates such as ants, beetles, and grasshoppers, along with occasional blossoms, leaves, and seeds. Adults will also eat lizard hatchlings.

Females produce clutches of 1 - 5 eggs are laid from May to July.

They inhabit areas of fine windblown sand in the Mojave Desert from the southern end of Death Valley south to the



Colorado River around Blythe, and into extreme western Arizona.

The lizards dwell at elevations ranging from about 300 ft. to 3,000

feet.

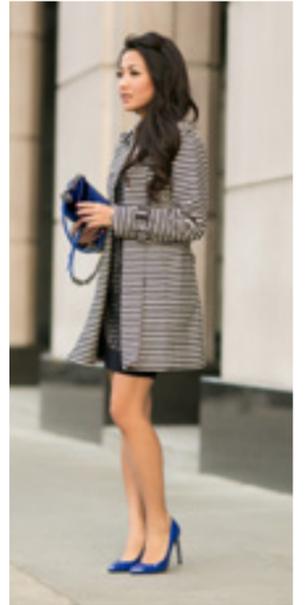


hoover.

Incidental to her threatened-boycott-induced withdrawal is the attention being brought to Donnelly and his campaign. While he is a moderately well recognized figure in San Bernardino County, Donnelly's has a relatively low profile for a politician with gubernatorial ambitions, his only claim to notoriety stemming from his fire-arm arrest.

California Style Houndstooth Heaven

By Grace Bernal



So, the winter season has officially let us down! There is a small group of people interested in winter fashion though. They're wearing color in the middle of winter too. Single coats seem to be in style and are still being worn. They're being worn in different fabrics



Houndstooth and leather seem to be the mixture of the moment. Something

about this dress code! Men seem to be doing the same thing. The new

dress code comes in all the shades of gray and it seems to be the black of the moment. It's all good in old San Bernardino County in 2014.



too. People are putting together different pieces with different patterns as they attempt to cover up.



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

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