

## San Bernardino Fills In Charter Reform Committee With Nine Members

Members of the San Bernardino City Council have appointed and confirmed nine members of the city's newly-created charter reform committee.

All those appointed to the panel are men. They have been tasked with studying the city's current charter and recommending possible changes to it so those



**Carey Davis**  
proposed amendments can be placed before city

residents for a citywide vote in November.

San Bernardino is a charter city as opposed to a general law city. Its charter and amendments thereto, per state law, are approved by the city's voters. Provisions put into the charter by means of a citywide vote over a decade ago require that the city's public safety employees – firefighters

and police officers – be paid on a scale equal to the average pay of police officers and firefighters in ten similarly sized California cities.

San Bernardino has been beset with financial difficulties that culminated in the city's filing for Chapter 9 bankruptcy in 2012. Former mayor Patrick Morris has maintained that a major

factor in the city's fiscal deterioration is excessive salaries and benefits provided to city employees and retirees. Carey Davis, an accountant by profession and a political ally to Morris, succeeded Morris last month after defeating Wendy McCammack, a former councilwoman who has long championed generous pay increases. See P 7

## RC Council Registers Opposition To Court Realignment



**Dennis Michael**

The Rancho Cucamonga City Council on April 2 adopted a resolution calling upon the managers of the court system in San Bernardino County to preserve its branch courts unless it can be demonstrated the closures will result in a savings of at least ten percent of the court system's budget.

That resolution calls into question the wisdom of San Bernardino County Superior Court Presiding Judge Marsha Slough's proposed court realignment.

The realignment will entail transferring all civil cases countywide to the new San Bernardino Justice Center, an eleven story edifice with 35 courtrooms now in the final stages of completion. In addition, San Bernardino district criminal cases, now being heard in the San Bernardino Central Courthouse built in 1927, will be tried in the new San Bernardino Justice Center.

West Valley Superior Courthouse in Rancho Cucamonga, which currently is the venue for both civil and criminal cases originating on the west end of the county, will be devoted almost entirely to criminal cases, including those arising on the county's west end and other felony and misdemeanor cases from the county's See P 3

## Grand Terrace Councilwoman Robles Seeks 20th District State Senate Post

Grand Terrace City Councilwoman Sylvia Robles said this week she had moved her personal political timetable forward to enter the race to succeed Norma Torres as state senator in the 20th District.

Robles, who has been on the Grand Terrace City Council just 16 months, said she was interested in higher office

but was prepared to wait until term limits created a logical jumping point into the state legislature further down the road.

Torres, the former Pomona mayor who had gone on to the Assembly and then moved up into California's upper legislative house when Gloria Negrete-McLeod departed the California Senate to claim her cur-



**Sylvia Robles**

rent position in Congress after her 2012 victory

over former Congressman Joe Baca, is now set to depart the state Senate to run for Negrete-McLeod seat.

"Because of the domino effect with Gloria McLeod leaving Congress and Norma running for her spot, that left an opening for me," Robles said. "I felt the East Valley has been underrepresented in the past

and the emergence of this open position and the demographics are favorable for me at this point. I believe I can better represent the community by stepping into the state senate seat. [Assemblywoman] Cheryl Brown did not step up and I think 12 years is too long for me to wait until there is another opening like this. I might See P 2

## In Congressional Bid, Hannosh Assails Cook As Too Liberal



**Paul Hannosh**

Mount Baldy School District Board Member Paul Hannosh is seeking

to unseat his fellow Republican, Paul Cook, as congressman in California's 8th Congressional District.

Hannosh was born in Detroit, Michigan but grew up in the San Gabriel Valley. He attended Pasadena City College and majored in liberal arts at Cal State LA, where he obtained his bachelor's degree.

Cook, who was a colonel in the See P 8

## Retired Sheriff's Department Scientific Division Analyst Challenges Rutherford

Randolph Beasley, a retired sheriff's department scientific analysis division employee, said he is challenging incumbent Second District supervisor Janice Rutherford primarily because he believes Rutherford and her board colleagues have compromised public safety by allowing a plethora of drug rehabilitation facilities to locate within many of the county's residential

neighborhoods.

Beasley, who lives in the San Bernardino Mountains, has seen the tranquility of his neighborhood disturbed by the influx of a multitude of state-licensed halfway houses or treatment centers. Foremost among these has been Above It All Treatment Centers, run by proprietor Kory Avarell. Beginning in 2009, Avarell has opened such residential



**Randolph Beasley**

homes accompanied by treatment clinics located nearby, which cycled what were defined as low-level in- See P 7

## Landslides Close Carbon Canyon Road, SBC's Gateway From Orange County

Conditions on Carbon Canyon Road, which serves as the entrance to San Bernardino County at its extreme southwest corner, remain sketchy.

The road has been closed on and off since the La Habra earthquake on March 28, at which point the road became vulnerable to hillside erosion and landslides.

Caltrans, the California Department of



Transportation, has been engaged in attempting to remove parts of the hillside that glided down

onto the roadway and to install makeshift barriers to prevent further obstructions.

At press time, word was that Caltrans would again close the road commencing today, Fri-

day April 4, at 9 p.m. Road crews will engage in road repairs and hillside amendment over the weekend. It is anticipated the road will reopen on Monday, April 7 at 4 a.m.

Those wishing to remain updated on the condition and possibility of the road can sign up for alerts by visiting <http://www.chinohills.org/list.asp?mode=del>.

**Robles from front page**

not get another chance soon.”

Competing with Robles for the post, which represents Pomona, Ontario, Chino, Fontana, Rialto, Colton, West San Bernardino, Grand Terrace, Muscoy and Bloomington, are Connie Leyva, Matthew Munson, Shannon O’Brien, and Alfonso Sanchez.

Robles said the major issues facing the district are “job creation and retention, looking at pension reform, and budget stabilization at the state level.”

Upon getting into office, Robles said, “My first job would be to make sure all of our finances are in order. In the Inland Empire we are still suffering from a lack of recovery in the housing market. We are still having a difficult time attracting high paying and intensive skill jobs. The only other parts of the economy that

remain healthy here are companies involved in the service industry and warehousing. I would address and make sure our labor is adequately compensated and there is no abuse in those industries. In warehousing in particular there is abuse where employers are giving employees seven full days of half shifts. These are people who are paid an average of \$22,000 per year. They are having their shifts split and that way the employers are making it so the employees are not getting benefits. I believe I have to focus on the work environment and pay equity and other issues as far as having a fair working environment.”

Beyond that, Robles said, there is a need for the legislature to ensure that tax money expended as incentives to corporations is utilized for the purposes intended and outlined in the programs through which the subsidies were granted.

“A more global part of what I would do as state senator is work on tax money being expended as subsidies,” she said. “Right now, there is little or no transparency in subsidizing businesses. I will look at that and see how we can reconfigure subsidies to corporations so there is some kind of contract there. We provided a significant amount of money to Tesla Motors and now they are moving on to another state. This is the same paradigm that existed with redevelopment abuse. Instead of bringing in businesses, we have those businesses shopping states for the best subsidies.”

Robles said the legislature has to be mindful of how the latest windfall the state received is utilized.

“Another issue is that as of last month, state controller John Chang got almost 1 billion dollars in unanticipated revenue from Proposition 30. So between Proposition 30 and tax

expenditures, we have \$7 billion the legislature needs to look at to stabilize California. Counties and cities are subunits of the state and they should get what is due to them. In San Bernardino employees are being asked to pick up seven percent of the pension costs. I am concerned if we are paying sales tax, that is contributing to the \$1 billion. Perhaps now is the time to help local governments stabilize their budgets and make them whole, unfreeze the money the state has collected in the last several years and rebate it to the cities based on how much they contributed.”

With regard to pension reform, Robles said. “I don’t think we need to do this through a ballot measure. I think we can do it through the collective bargaining process. With our final budgets, we need to rein in compensation statewide. We should not create any new programs until we stabilize local government and pensions.”

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She said she detected a disparity in the ebb and flow of money in the state educational system, particularly at the university level. Administrators were being over-compensated, she said, while “The public with lower pay scales are paying high tuition and fees. We are basically talking about employment pay equity. People are going to college to better themselves and increase their earning potential but the cost is prohibitive. Colleges exist to

rebuild our middle class. The universities have too much administration. We should freeze tuition now.”

Some private schools that are now beyond the regulation of the state should be examined closely, she said.

“We have predatory career colleges that fail to provide meaningful education,” she said. “The state should provide oversight and move to close those that are not providing what they say they will give students. The Inland Empire is constantly being ridiculed as full of poor and unmotivated people. Well, there are young people who work hard and are trying to get out of this economic trap and pull themselves into the middle class. There are trade schools and career colleges which promise a meaningful vocational education and then just walk out on them. They take the tuition and just shut down, leaving them without skills or a certificate. There have been three waves of this. We need an accreditation system for these schools.”

Robles said she believes she is the best choice among those vying for state senator in the 20th District.

“I am 61 years old, with 25 years of work experience in the public sector. I have a graduate degree augmented with consistent study. I have kept current on policy work and research. I am beholden to no special interest group. Connie [Leyva]

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## Glimpse Of SBC's Past Sunkist San Bernardino County

**By Ruth Musser-Lopez**

Earth and time ran in opposite directions this month as a previously hidden, iconic brick wall branded with the Sunkist logo rose out of the dust of bulldozers in Upland like that scene from the Planet of the Apes where



The historic Sunkist lettering is a "Rockwell-like" style of neutral "core" tone outlined with an orange "rind" on a dark blue backdrop. The brand name came into use after 1908. Here an older brick wall of the 1914 citrus packing house structure was revealed during demolition of the outer wooden building used since the 1980s by Weeks Wholesale Roses

the Statue of Liberty rises up out of the ocean 2000+ years into the future. The deep roots of the citrus industry in San Bernardino County were revealed on March

17 with the demolition of the outer wooden walls of the Week's Wholesale Roses building, previously a lemon and orange packing house, unveiling the giant and unmistakably historic visage of Sunkist.

Public records indicate that the Upland Citrus Association built the original structure as a packing house and that the founders then formed the Old Baldy Citrus Association in 1920, making the plant its 19th



The former packing house in 2012, before demolition, courtesy Google maps.

Street headquarters. Cucamonga Mesa Growers took over the operation in 1952. (reference David Allen 3/18/2014 *Daily Bulletin*).

Long time local resident Albert Pattison recalls that during the 1960s trains hauled citrus product on the Upland-Foothill spur line from the plant to the

former Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe (ATSF) mainline. "The spur line ran north and south between 13th Avenue and Alta Avenue, right through the middle of the 'Foothill Knolls' residential development. It crossed Foothill just east of the Upland Memorial Park and continued south across Arrow Highway where it tied into the mainline a little over a mile east of the Upland depot.

"By the 1960s there were rear yards backed

up to both sides of the spur line but the line ended at the packing house and wasn't used much, maybe a couple times a week," Pattison said. "However, in the early 1960s there was a proposal to realign the spur road to disconnect it from the packinghouse and run it further north to pick up and haul gravel from a large quarry which was located to

the north of where the Colonies development is today. The train was to run more frequently.

"By this time many of the citrus groves had been replaced by housing and there was residential development on both sides of the track," he recollected. "The tracks were between the developments. People didn't like the idea of trains running more frequently in a residential area and I was one of them. The project was city council approved and we were told that we had no further say in the matter," Pattison said.

"We hired an attorney and filed a referendum. We were told that because it was an administrative decision, not a legislative decision, we were not allowed to have a referendum. We then filed an appeal challenging the disallowance of our right and ability to have a referendum. The case went to an appellant court around 1961. The issue was: 'Do citizens have a right to have a say on a matter that is administrative rather than legislative?' It took several years to process but when the decision was

rendered by the court, there was a referendum. The tracks were not realigned.

"I was working," Pattison continued. "My wife was working. Even though we were raising two babies at the time, we got involved in the referendum. We had women pushing baby strollers up and down the streets of Upland getting signatures.

"There was also a not so funny story about how the chamber of commerce in trying to promote the track used a map that had the spur road on it but it was flawed and showed the San Antonio Hospital on the wrong side of San Bernardino Road. When the publisher found out the map was being reused by the chamber without permission, there were fireworks...not the kind you have to pay for.

"The night the vote was being counted, I went to bed thinking that we weren't going to win," Pattison said. "But when I got up in the morning, we had won. We might have to do this again when it comes to our elected officials trying to sell off Upland's

water rights."

The spur line was pulled up as the citrus industry in Upland and all over San Bernardino County took a downward turn. Land was rapidly being subdivided in the 1970s and 80s for development. Weeks Wholesale Roses took over the building in the 1980s as a nursery. According to Kathleen Pruitt, a former affiliate owner, the large subterranean portion of the structure exposed during demolition was used to put rootstock into cold storage. The property was sold in 2006 and has sat vacant until March of this year when it was demolished.

The Sunkist sign has survived, however. It apparently went unnoticed during the cultural resource assessment of the property, but since its exposure, the 14-ton, 20 foot wide by 12 foot high sign has been quickly snatched up by a politically connected local private corporation "Upland Heritage, Inc." and whisked away to a hangar at the Cable Airport "for storage" (Lissette Marquez 3-26-14, [www.DailyBulletin.com](http://www.DailyBulletin.com)).

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### RC Council Weighs In Against Court Realignment from front page

central district which are currently routed to the Fontana Courthouse. A small portion of the criminal cases now heard in Fontana will be adjudicated in San Bernardino. At least temporarily, hearings on both civil and domestic violence restraining order matters will be heard at the Rancho Cucamonga Courthouse.

The historic San Bernardino Courthouse will remain as the forum for the family law cases it currently hosts and will soon serve as the venue for the family law cases presently heard in Rancho Cucamonga.

The Fontana Courthouse will become the

stage for all small claims, landlord tenant disputes and traffic/non-traffic infractions from the San Bernardino, Fontana and Rancho Cucamonga districts. The lion's share of criminal cases now being heard in Fontana will transfer to Rancho Cucamonga. A lesser number of the Fontana criminal cases will go to San Bernardino.

The Victorville Courthouse will remain a venue for High Desert family law cases.

These changes are due to go into effect next month, when the San Bernardino Justice Center is given its certificate for occupancy.

Far flung San Bernardino County, which spans more than 20,000 square miles, is the largest county in the lower

48 states, with a land mass greater than the states of Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined. The logistical burden on many of the county's citizens who need to access the courts will be tremendous. Driving distance from Needles to

San Bernardino, which will host the only courtrooms in the county where civil cases will be heard, is 212 miles, with an average one-way traveling time of three hours and nine minutes.

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## Ramirez Dean Cites 38 Years In Education In Superintendent Bid



**Dr. Rita Ramirez Dean**

Dr. Rita Ramirez Dean, a college professor and former board member with the Copper Mountain College Board of Trustees and

previous Democratic candidate for Congress in the 41st Congressional District as well as in the 65th California Assembly District, is now seeking election as San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

Dean touts her 38 years' experience as an educator and her own academic achievements in reciting her qualifications for the post.

She is running against Ted Alejandre, who was

recently promoted to the position of assistant county schools superintendent by current county superintendent Gary Thomas, and another candidate, Frank Garza.

A professor at Copper Mountain College in Yucca Valley from 1972 until 1999 and professor at Copper Mountain and its sister campus College of the Desert in Palm Desert from 1999 until 2004, Ramirez Dean was the chair of the foreign

language department and later the chair of the reading department, which she founded. From 2008 until 2012, she was a member of the Copper Mountain College Board. She holds a doctorate in education from Louisiana State University.

If elected county superintendent, she said, her first emphasis would be on "the dropout rate. San Bernardino County has the worst dropout rate

in the state and nation, particularly among Latino and African American students. Our Latino and African American students in 2010 had a dropout rate of 52 percent. In the county as a whole we have a dropout rate of 26 to 28 percent. That is what began my desire to be county superintendent. Enough is enough. There is no future without education. The only way to do it is do it for yourself. I

bring 38 years in educational experience to my candidacy. I have taught languages, mathematics, history, business administration, and biology. I have broad experience. I taught for four years at the primary school level. I taught at the college level for more than three decades. As soon as I am in the superintendent's office, I would do a diagnostic of curriculum in

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## O'Donnell Seeking Berth In Lower State Legislative Chamber This Time Around

Melissa O'Donnell, who carried the standard for the Democrats in 2012 when she ran against Bill Emmerson in California State Senate District 23, has once again entered the political fray, this time seeking a berth in the State Assembly. This time around O'Donnell has set her sights on the 40th Assembly District, representing Rancho Cucamonga, the foothills

of the San Bernardino Mountains, a portion of the city of San Bernardino, Redlands, Highland, Loma Linda and Grand Terrace. Squaring off against her are Democrats Art Bustamante, Kathleen Marie Henry, and Republican Marc Steinorth.

O'Donnell has worked as a teacher, has sold real estate and she now owns an education company, Time To Learn Fast.



**Melissa O'Donnell**

O'Donnell characterizes the residents of the 40th District as "hard-

working" and says they need and deserve able leadership capable of bridging the partisan divide.

"I think I am ready for the position," she said. "I am qualified. I can bring needed change to the area. I am a business owner. People and politicians talk about creating jobs, but it does not happen. I would concentrate on convincing corporations to take advantage

of our trained and skilled workforce. I would give those corporations incentives to come to the area and with that I think we can bring a lot of progress to the area."

O'Donnell said she is acutely conscious of the range of diversity and different opinion within the sprawling 40th District.

"I have met with different groups," she said. In her search for com-

monality among her would-be constituents, she said, she has learned that they all want the economy to grow. She said that shared goal dovetails with a portion of the Democratic Party's agenda for the state.

"They tell me they see stability over the long term as very important," O'Donnell said. "I am a supporter of Covered California. Everyone de-

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## Democrat Hargrove Defying Odds Against GOPs In 42nd District

Morongo Unified School District Board Member Karalee Hargrove is running for the California Assembly in the 42nd District, the sole Democratic candidate in a race that features Republicans Chad Mayes and Gary Jeandron.

"I saw that no Democrat and no woman was running and I thought, 'Why give the seat away to someone who does not represent me?' I am talking about the issues in the state of California

- vocational education, water, economic opportunity and the need to address how we are going to spend the money that will come available with the budget surplus we are now anticipating. How are we going to backfill the cuts we have made in recent years? I think we need as a leader someone who has been in the shoes of employees who were furloughed or had to take an eight dollar an hour job because that was all they

could get. That is why I thought I would run."

The district includes a number of desert communities in both San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Included in the district are the cities and communities of Banning, Beaumont, Cabazon, Calimesa, Cherry Valley, Hemet, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, San Jacinto, and Whitewater in Riverside County and Joshua Tree,

Landers, Morongo Valley, Pioneertown, Twentynine Palms, Yucaipa and Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County.

A major issue facing the district, Hargrove said, is what development and regulatory standards are going to be applied to solar power projects in the desert.

"There are a lot of solar farms seeking out our valuable desert land," she said. Other issues include "creating infrastructure and jobs where



**Karalee Hargrove**

people can make prevailing wage, ensuring an adequate water supply and educating students for the workplace."

"Why do we have so much grass in the desert," she asked, indicating xeriscaping should be encouraged. "Seventy percent of our water goes to agriculture. We need to devote a larger share of our education to vocationalization. Eighty percent of our high school students do not go to college. How are we preparing those students for real life skills?"

Hargrove said, "The

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## God, Country, The Constitution & Guns Are Laws' Theme In 33rd Bid

75-year-old retired truck driver Jerry Laws is running for the state assembly in the 33rd District.

A Republican competing against eight other Republicans and one Democrat, Laws insisted, "I am going to win in landslide. I only have twenty years left and so now is the time to put me in there. We have an attractive lady, a handsome guy and some oth-

ers running for this office. None of them are as good as me. Vote for me now so you won't have to vote for yourself."

Born in Des Moines, Iowa, Laws came with his family to Southern California as a youngster. He graduated from Redondo High School and spent one year at El Camino College, the most memorable part of which Laws said was his competing as a member

of the water polo team.

In 1957, he joined the Marines. He looked forward to duty overseas and almost shipped out for the Middle East during the Lebanon Crisis, for which his unit was put on standby. He did not actually make it to Lebanon, but got some fulfillment when he did a tour of duty in Panama. He left the Marines but attempted to get back in during the Viet Nam

conflict. By that point he was married with children and the Marines demanded that he first get clearance from his first wife, who refused to give it. At the age of 62, in 2001 after the September 11 attacks on Manhattan and the Pentagon, Laws tried to reenlist. The Marines rejected him on the basis of his age.

Laws carries with him the soldier's commitment to his country,

which informs his ambition toward elective office.

"I certainly believe in God, county, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights," Laws said. "I was a commercial truck driver with all of the qualifications. My last job was with Westwood Building Material in Inglewood and Manhattan Beach. Early on I worked as a county life-guard, including at Will

Rogers Park."

Laws proudly proclaimed that he was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and insisted that he embodied the elements of his faith.

"For me, the promised land is the top of Canada to the bottom of South America," he said. "I'm here and I am committed to defend my country my way. I'd

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like to see a flat tax rate in California. We can't get the feds to do it. I want the federal land in California turned back to the state. Right now the federal government will not let states drill or put pipelines in or anything along that line. The states made the government. The government did not make the states. There is a mine up in Calico. I asked our county supervisor a while back why we could not use that mine for silver or borax. I said we could use it to pay our bills and we could do it without messing with

the ghost town around it, which is a historic site. Inyo County was using its gold mines to pay their bills. The federal government should return most of what it took over back to the states. To join the United States the states, which were territories at the time, gave up a lot of land. My main goals are to protect the Constitution and the Second Amendment and the right to bear arms. It is very simple. The Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights says the right to bear arms shall not be infringed. Get a dictionary and read what infringed means. Look at U.S. Code Title Ten Section 311. I don't care who you are, the presi-

dent of the United States or the governor or the legislature or the county sheriff or the mayor, you are to pass no laws to restrict guns. I figure I've got 20 years left and let's see if we can't defend our states' rights and the Second Amendment. I don't have a lot of money behind me but I have the support of five or six gun clubs. They'll help me out. I'm making this run in the largest county and in my first tour of duty I want to make it the most God fearing county in the country. This country is great and free because of the Constitution and the Second Amendment. No one has ever invaded this country. They attacked Hawaii but they

didn't come ashore because our citizens have weapons. We have good families and good people of all backgrounds living here. We have fought wars. Those soldiers did not fight for all this nonsense we have going on now. The federal government is too large. The size of our governments is opposite of what it should be. We need to get the federal government out of our pockets and out of our lives. The local government should be the largest. The next largest should be the county government. The next largest should be the state government. The federal government should be real small."

Laws took a deep

breath and continued, "This is the Promised Land. I don't think we need to bring people into our state. They can stay in their own country. We need to get people working again. We can get people working again. We have plenty of land, plenty of resources. We need to get back to the basics. I am not going to make promises I can't keep. Take the delta smelt. We are going to have a food shortage. We are short of water because of some little smelt. The Lord gave us authority over the all of the creatures and animals of the earth. We are to use the land and water for ourselves. We own the land. We own the mines.

We own the oil. The Constitution and Bill of Rights gives us the right to do what is best for ourselves. Enough is enough!"

Married twice, Laws has nine adult children, 27 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren "I want to leave them a legacy," he said. "They think I am crazy for running. I tell them, 'It takes a few years to make a good prophet. It took a few years to make a good Constitution. It'll take me a few years to become a politician but you will be proud of my service.' I tell them, 'If the Savior doesn't come back by the time I'm elected, you may want to study history.'"

**Rita Ramirez Dean from page 4**

the areas of English and science and math, so if a student is in a failing situation we can put him or her into a lab so they can get back to where they should be and not fail. I want to create alternative education for those who do not want to go on to college, vocation academies. Parents want to have for their children the best education and best job skills. I think we need to provide

them more than just preparing for higher education. I think we should hire professionals in law enforcement, music, and auto technology and put them into place so students who wish can learn work skills in their respective fields."

Ramirez Dean said schools should not give up on students after they have failed.

"Dropouts find themselves without job skills," she said. "We need to establish education centers to bring them back to school to get diplomas.

We also need to establish English as a second language classes for parents and those who want to become citizens. I believe that if people are here and they are speaking Spanish that is wonderful. I do not believe people should forsake their native language. But the only way to survive in our world is to learn English. I think we need to look after everyone from young to old."

Ramirez Dean said adequate teaching manpower is available. "We have good teachers,

parents and schools, but things need to be done to get those teachers who have been furloughed back into the classroom. We need to enhance safety and security so children do not get hurt."

She said an effort to end truancy is needed.

"As for those students who are not at school, we need to get them back into the classrooms if they are not ill," she said.

Ramirez Dean said she is cut out to be the county superintendent of schools.

"I not only have ex-

perience and knowledge, I have the heart and I speak both languages - English and Spanish - and can communicate with students, teachers and parents in both English and Spanish. I know what teachers feel. I am not only a teacher but the mother of two sons, both of whom are teachers. I am not limited to just being an education administrator, or just being a teacher or just a professor or just being a parent. I have and will continue to have an open door policy. Those with a stake in our schools and educational system can talk to me in either language. I am here for everyone. I know we must defend our students and do everything possible for their future. I spent six years teaching elementary school and junior high and have been teaching at the community college level for 32 years. It is my love of education that has inspired me to run. In my own life, I have had to suffer and sacrifice. I was ten years old when my father died. I was the youngest of four daughters. My mother knew that if we did not get an education we would not survive. All three of my sisters and I have college educations. My mother held our family together and education was central to that. Parents will do anything for their children and make sure they re-

ceive the best education. They are entitled to the American Dream, even those who are not yet but want to become American citizens. With education comes jobs and prosperity and everyone is better off. I suffer when I see children not receiving a proper education. I suffer when I see parents trying to do the right thing and education is not available for their children because of the elimination of resources and teachers being put on furlough. I would be the first Hispanic women to run and serve and the second woman to become superintendent in this county. The first was elected in 1926. I love children and respect parents."

Ramirez Dean grew up in Orange County.



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**Hargrove**  
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overall state issues I am concerned with are prison overcrowding, housing, water, vocationalizing education. We invest a tremendous amount of money in educating students and when they hit the age of 18 and get their diploma we cut them loose. We need to focus on job training and not just college readiness. I also believe every child four years old should be put into a preschool setting.”

Hargrove said she understood that she was a Democrat in a district that is predominantly Republican. But she

pointed out that sending a Republican to the statehouse to represent the 42nd District will not be beneficial politically, given the heavy majority of Democrats in the legislature. She said she is capable of voicing the concerns of her Republican constituents.

“I’m ready to listen and learn about the issue and take action that the people I will represent feel is important,” she said. “I think it is easier for fellow Democrats to engage with each other than with Republicans. If you send Republicans to Sacramento without bipartisan support you will end up with what

we have had for the last several years, which is ineffective representation. We have not had a visible assemblyperson. If I am elected I will put an office into the Morongo Valley. We have had representatives who are very loyal to just those financing their campaign. The only people I have to answer to are the people of the 42nd District. With me, you don’t have to worry about that. I’m not taking money from big money donors. Once in office I will pursue campaign finance reform. We need to stop allowing special interests from buying our representatives’ seats. When

we do that we will have fair representation at the state and national level and have people elected on what they can do for and bring to the district and not on how much money they have raised.”

Hargrove contrasted herself with Mayes, an avowed foe of legalized abortion. “When it comes to reproductive rights, women must be able to make decisions for themselves,” she said.

With regard to economic opportunity, she said, “A strong economy is not built completely at the local level. Big things require big involvement. When California borrows money it should

not be squandered. Borrowing and tax revenues fluctuate with the highs and lows of economic cycles. When the economy is strong we should be planning to weather the next downturn. Long term planning is more effective than responding to repetitious crises. Government regulation should serve to establish ground rules for fair competition, health, and safety. Legislating preferences for one group over another abuses the role of government.”

She has been endorsed by the State Democratic Party and the National Women’s Political Caucus of California

Hargrove grew up in Wilmington and obtained her high school diploma at Fayetteville Technical College in North Carolina. She obtained her bachelor’s degree from American University and has a minor in political science and a major in childhood and family development. She is married with five children between the ages of two and 12. She has lived in Twentynine Palms off and on since 2000. Her husband is employed by the Department of Defense and he works at the Twentynine Palms Naval Hospital on the Marine Base.



**O’Donnell** *from page 4*

serves health insurance. It will reduce costs long term. People will not need to go to emergency rooms for non-emergency care if everyone signs up for insurance.”

She said she embraced her party’s stand with regard to environmental protection.

“I am interested in keeping the environment safe and clean as possible,” she said. “I want to

prevent water pollution and air pollution.”

At the same time, she said, she is sympathetic to issues Republican hold dear.

“I have been going around and hearing a lot of different viewpoints,” she said. “I am a good listener,” she said. “I am serious about hearing whatever everyone has to say. I think I have a lot of experience. When it comes to holding public office, I can work across the aisle. I have friends in the Assembly and

Senate. There are a lot of different viewpoints.”

As for her opponents, O’Donnell opined, “I don’t think they have what it takes. I ran for State Senate in 2012 and received 45 percent of the vote in San Bernardino County. I am meeting with members of As-

sembly now. I will know what to do when I step into the job. I will begin by working to meet expectations early. There are a lot of Republicans and Democrats in the district. I will try to be the leader for everyone. The majority in Sacramento are Democrats.

They will be more willing to hear what I have to say. I will support and represent both Republicans and Democrats. I would not be a one-sided leader. I want everyone to know I support views of the Republican and Democrats.”

Born and raised in

Orange County, she attended Los Angeles High School ForThe Arts and Chapman College, where she received her bachelor’s degree in education. Unmarried, she is a resident of Highland.



**Robles** *from page 2*

can offer the community nothing without going to her union for guidance. Shannon O’Brien

is someone who has been on a school board for a short while. Alfonzo Sanchez is new and just not as time tested in the workplace or the policy world. He is an emerg-

ing but unproven person in that arena. I am ready. This is something I am prepared for. I have been involved in the community and government for a long time. Because of

my maturity and work experience and education, I will not need to depend on staff and lobbyists to get to work. I do not need to be tutored to hit the ground running. I am more grounded in the policy arena than any of my opponents.”

Born and raised in San Bernardino, Robles attended San Gorgonio High School and San Bernardino Valley College before going to the University of Redlands, where she received a bachelor’s degree in business management. She subsequently obtained a master’s degree in public administration from San Bernardino State University. She retired from the county of San Bernardino where she had been a social worker, field representative for former Third District Supervisor Barbara Cram Riordan and later a special districts budget analyst. She is married with three children.



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**SB Fills In Charter Committee Solar Project from front page**

es for municipal safety employees.

As one of his first acts in office, Davis called for the creation of a municipal commission to consider charter changes, suggesting that the requirement that police and fire officers be provided with raises based on salaries given

to their counterparts in cities free of the financial challenges San Bernardino faces should be done away with. That move failed when it was pointed out that a municipal commission cannot be formed without prior voter approval. The proposal was adjusted to allow the creation of a citizens committee to review the city charter.

While the committee's recommendations are by no means pre-ordained, it is anticipated

that the members will at the very least consider the Morris/Davis suggestions with regard to undoing the mandate that the city's safety employees remain well abreast of their municipal counterparts elsewhere with regard to compensation.

The resolution that called for the creation of the committee that was passed by the city council on March 17 delineated that each of the council's seven members would choose one regis-

tered voter from their respective wards to serve on the committee and Davis would get two appointments to the panel, including one culled from the city's business community.

This week it was revealed that Ward 1 Councilwoman Virginia Marquez had selected Casey Daily for the committee, Ward 2 Councilman Benito Barrios chose Dennis Baxter, Ward 3 Councilman John Valdivia appointed

Gary Walbourne, Ward 4 Councilman Fred Shorett selected Hillel Cohn, Ward 5 Councilman Henry Nickel chose Michael Craft, Ward 6 Councilman Rikke Van Johnson brought in Hardy Brown and Ward 7 Councilman James Mulvill tapped Philip Savage. Davis selected Thomas Pierce and Dan Carlone.

The next order of business is for the city to find and retain a consultant highly conversant

with city charters who can advise the committee and the city council with regard to how the charter can be changed.

The committee must meet a May 19 deadline to deliver their recommendations so language in any proposed amendments can be delivered to the registrar of voters office in time to include the charter amendments on the November ballot.



**Beasley from front page**

mates out of state prisons and back into the general population. The rise of Avarell's operations coincided with legislation and governmental policy shifts which had the secondary effect of prompting the release of drug offenders into the community, in many cases into state-licensed halfway houses or treatment centers. Avarell opened nine six bed residential facilities for recovering drug addicts and alcoholics in the San Bernardino Mountains. Six of those were in Lake Arrowhead, two in Crestline and one in Twin Peaks.

In making his application for the facilities, Avarell adroitly did not refer to them as "treatment centers, treatment homes or treatment fa-

cilities," but rather as "sober living homes." Whereas a treatment facility requires a state license, a sober living home with fewer than seven residents does not need a license.

Avarell began advertising the residential services he offered, including a drug and alcohol rehabilitation strategy in a sober living environment, at a national level. The spaces he offered were quickly filled with patients who pay between \$8,000 and \$16,000 per week to dry out at his facilities.

In relatively short order, nearby residents became alarmed at the activity and behavior of some of those living in the sober living homes. In time, complaints manifested. Inquiries were made, but county officials claimed they had no rubric under which

to take action against the homes and proceeded with action and policies that essentially locked in the ability of Avarell and other entrepreneurs running such facilities to do so without any application of county regulation or control.

"There are a couple of reasons why I am running," Beasley said. "The initial reason was the board of supervisors voted to allow multiple drug rehab sober living facilities to go into the county, especially up in the mountains in Lake Arrowhead, where I live.

As a deputy district attorney friend of mine told me, 'This is a recipe for disaster.' That is the initial reason I decided to run. The bigger picture is to help the board of supervisors make better common sense decisions. That is the reason I am in this race, in a

nutshell."

Given the impetus for his candidacy, the issue Beasley identified as the major one facing the Second District was not surprising: "I would say multiple residential rehab facilities going into residential neighborhoods is the critical issue at this time," he said.

Beasley's law enforcement background was similarly apparent in his size up of why he felt he represented a superior alternative to four more years of Rutherford's ascendancy over the district.

"I think I have a better vision on how to prevent crime," Beasley said. He said he would concentrate on resolving "unemployment. Because of the economy and early release of inmates, we have the perfect storm happening," he said. "And that is an issue for the whole county. Unemployment is too high and the combination of that with the early release of prisoners is going to put unemployed criminals back in the area. If you do not keep them employed and if you continue to expand these so-called halfway houses and sober living homes into more and more neighborhoods, you are going to have problems."

Beasley said the county is in need of political reform.

"The county government needs to make changes with regard to how they do business to avoid conflicts of interest," he said. "We have huge issues with quality of life in District 2 and

other areas of the county. We have seen the city of San Bernardino go downhill. I was born and raised in San Bernardino. When you see what it is like today versus when I was a kid it is unbelievable. It breaks my heart. There are far too many areas that have just gone to seed and if something is not changed, Rancho Cucamonga will end up just like San Bernardino. It is not a good thing."

Beasley said the engine of progress and positive change has been stifled at the county level. He cited the county's land use services division as a primary example.

"We have to fix the planning department," he said. "They are not conducting business over there in a common sense fashion. You hear over and over about how licensed contractors have to deal with unreasonable hurdles and have to get over roadblocks that are unneeded and counterproductive. County supervisor is a nonpartisan position, I know. But I have reached out to the Republican Central Committee and many of those there feel the same way. Some have expressed to me that they feel an honest investigator to look into the waste of our tax dollars is what is needed so that money can be better spent. Much of this has to do with the woman who is supervisor now. I have heard about what she has done and even more about what she hasn't done. There is a conflict of interest situa-

tion if you gave money to supervisors and you end up on the right end of a contract and if you didn't give them money you didn't get the contract. It is absurd that the county would still do business that way."

Beasley said he will seek to end the pay-to-play ethos dogging the county.

"I'm not going to sell out to someone who on what is right for the people of San Bernardino County based on who is going to endorse me and contribute to my campaign," he said. "Too many politicians are just looking to what they can get for their future campaigns. I think far too many decisions are made on the basis of who provides the person making the decision with money. Someone needed to run against her [Rutherford]. I got into this at the last minute. I was at the registrar of voters office March 7 finishing filling out the paperwork at 7:30 at night. I am playing catch-up. If we do not hold our leaders accountable we are going to have the same problems forever. We need to send them a message that the typical political way of doing business, where if you endorse me and support my campaign I'll endorse you and support your campaign is over. The way things are done now is classic special interest politics. We need an ordinance to change it so that if you receive campaign contributions from a company you can't vote on anything related to that company."



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## Hannosh from front page

Marine Corps prior to beginning his political career as a member of the Yucca Valley Town Council before going on to the California Legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives, faces in Hannosh another veteran. Hannosh served in the U.S. Army.

Nevertheless, Hannosh sees military action as a last resort and while at Cal State LA he formed a coalition for peace in the Middle East.

Hannosh has worked in real estate and is now a biology and history teacher in a different school district from where he is a board member.

Now married with a daughter, Hannosh characterized himself as a political conservative

who considers Cook too liberal for the constituency he represents.

"I believe like 90 percent of Americans that Congress is not working in our interest," Hannosh said. "There is too much money corrupting our system. Our politicians and our political system should put Americans first, not the lobbyists."

He tore into President Barack Obama, saying he was pursuing counterproductive policies.

"One of them is the Affordable Health Care Act, which cost me personally over \$4,000 per year in increased premiums," he said. "From this there is a loss of jobs. Employers are letting people go so they can avoid the mandate. Job creation is hugely important to the citizens of this district. We have too many unemployed

and underemployed. I want to reform our tax system that is hurting our employment situation by embedding a 22 percent hidden tax on all domestically produced goods, which makes imports cheap and inflates the cost of American-produced products. I advocate a fair tax - HR25 - which would grow the economy and simplify our tax system by creating a national consumption tax in place of the income tax. I also oppose amnesty because of our current economic system cannot afford to import poverty and take jobs away from American citizens.

I also believe it is important for us to end foreign intervention and bring our troops home so we are not subsidizing foreign economies. I believe we should speak

out on behalf of the world's most persecuted group, the Christian minorities in the Middle East, by ending all foreign aid to the countries that persecute Christian minorities. I support the second amendment very strongly and I believe our current congressman has not been representing one of the more conservative districts in the county adequately. My opponent Paul Cook is out of touch with what the Eagle Forum says is the 87th most conservative district in the country. His congressional voting record scorecard according to the Eagle Forum is 33 percent. He votes with the Democrats more than the Republicans I also oppose government snooping and spying on Americans and the collection of their electronic data

without a warrant."

Hannosh continued, "I believe we need to reform our banking system by auditing the Federal Reserve as the Federal Reserve has been a failure at its two main goals of fighting inflation and preventing recessions."

Though he espoused conservatism, Hannosh said he was not going to tap into political action committee money available from conservative coalitions.

"My campaign motto is to put Americans first I am willing to take on the establishment in order to restore power back to the people," he said. "Because I'm not taking money from the large PACs my support is coming from average citizens and I want to be a humble servant and listen to the people by creating an electronic town

hall where my constituents can give me feedback and help me understand what the important issues to them are. Paul Cook supported the bank bailouts of 2008 and I pledge to reform our banking system. I served my country in the Army and I serve my community as a teacher and we need someone who will put Americans first, not special interests. We've had enough of the insiders who control Washington. We need an outsider who can't be bought. I am not a career politician."

Hannosh has received an endorsement from the Federation of Republican Women, the National Republican Liberty Caucus and Paul Schrader, who is running for San Bernardino County sheriff.



## Glimpse from page 3

com) while Meritage Homes moves forward on construction of 42 single-family homes in a 10 acre area-- the "lowest density" plan required to be submitted to the City

of Upland. Heritage meets Meritage.

Some wonder what is up with the Sunkist brand? Why is the "Sunkist" logo on the wall of this packing house? That wasn't the

name of the packing house was it?

Sunkist, the oldest operating citrus cooperative, got its start on August 29, 1893 in Southern California when independent citrus growers

including those in San Bernardino County decided to band together to form the Southern California Fruit Exchange, which in 1908 was renamed "Sunkist. This exchange amounts to a

farmers union.

Before the exchange was formed, between 1880-1893, cultivation of land for citrus grew from 3,000 to 40,000 acres in just few years during a short period of time. The nation had

got a taste of California citrus and wanted more. In 1883 the 35th parallel route transcontinental railroad, the "Santa Fe" between Chicago and Los Angeles was in op-

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**Glimpse from page 8**

eration. California citrus and trains were supplying the east coast at a good price. Lucky is the

However, tough times befell the growers. Profits were being consumed by the wholesale agents who decided to pay growers only after the

To reflect its growing statewide presence, the name was changed to "The California Fruit Growers Exchange." In 1908, the exchange was equipped with its own advertising agency, Lord & Thomas, who coined the name "Sunkist" to be used to identify the highest quality oranges sold.

Quality oranges were sized, washed, waxed and separated by grade using high efficiency conveyer belt technology realized by electrical power hook ups at the

and James Lancaster (2009 [http://scph001.home.netcom.com/scph\\_sb\\_upland.html](http://scph001.home.netcom.com/scph_sb_upland.html)) used Sanborn maps to trace the development of packinghouses in Upland. They noted "a group of wooden packing houses built right around the turn of the century that disappeared by the 1920s and 30s. They were Independent Association, later the Growers Fruit Co. on First and A Street; Stewart Citrus Association (apparently absorbed along with

enue and Stowell and Third; Strachan Fruit Company, later called Hanson & Searles and G A Hanson on Stowell be-

er's research.

The Upland Citrus Association/Old Baldy Citrus Association building on 19th Street



**Orange crate labels romanticized California--this one called "Gold Rush" depicts golden oranges "rushing by" on a conveyer belt. Photo courtesy Sunkist.com.**

collector who has one of the brightly colored antique crates depicting romantic icons of the west from this era. Those crates and images helped to promote both citrus and California. Citrus became an important economic base for the "Golden State" and it remained one of the state's few exports for years, according to Sunkist.com.

citrus was sold. Growers assumed all of the risk and for a few years expenses were greater than earnings.

To correct this, growers banded together and began to merchandize their own product as a cooperative. By 1905 the exchange had 5,000 grower members who represented 45% of California's citrus industry.



**A modernized Sunkist packing house with conveyor belts. Photo courtesy Sunkist.com.**

packing houses.

A change in the distribution of packinghouses in Upland seems to reflect the switch to Sunkist. William Messecar

Growers Fruit Company into American Fruit Growers) on A St. between 1st and 2nd Street; California Citrus Union on A Street and 2nd Av-

**The northwest corner of the Mountain View Fruit Association packinghouse at Third and Stowell. Photo taken sometime in or after the 1920s. The Sunkist brand indicates that the association had become a part of the larger statewide cooperative. Both the Santa Fe and Pacific Electric rail lines served reefer cars on the rail loading side.**

tween 2nd & 3rd Street; and Fay Fruit Company on Stowell between 1st and 2nd Avenue.

The team noted that a second group of packing houses were built shortly after 1900 but remained in use until closed in the 1960s to 1980's. At least three of these can be shown to have carried the Sunkist brand. The details that follow regarding these packinghouses in Upland are largely based upon Messecar and Lancast-

was considered part of this second group. A 1937 photograph shows the former packinghouse sporting the Sunkist brand (Allen 2014 Ibid); the branded wall exposed this month further supports the alliance.

Another was the Mountain View Warehouse built in the early 1900s on the SW corner of 3rd and Stowell across the tracks from the Santa Fe depot. Renamed the

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Coroner Case# 701402545-549: On 03/30/2014 at 4:45 PM, a 911 call was received reporting a single vehicle rollover westbound on Interstate 40 at mile marker 104, west of the Fenner Rest Stop in Rural Essex. When CHP arrived, they found that there were nine people in the 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe of which seven occupants were ejected from the vehicle. Four Hispanic males, ages 18-25, were pronounced dead at the scene while three others were flown to Las Vegas area hospitals. The driver of the vehicle fled the scene prior to the California Highway Patrol's arrival. When the identity of the deceased has been determined and next of kin notified, their names will be released. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the incident. [03302014 2315 EM]

Coroner case #7014022449 – On 03/26/2014 at 11:03 pm the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Communication Division received a call reference a man down on Hesperia Road just north of Jasmine Street in Victorville. Deputies arrived on scene to find a pedestrian had been struck by an unknown vehicle. The pedestrian, a black female adult, was pronounced dead on scene as a result of her injuries. The name of the female will be released once identification and notification of death to next of kin is completed. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department MAIT Division is also investigating the incident. [032714 0800 JK]

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### Glimpse from page 9

Mountain View Orange and Lemon Growers Association by World War I and later the Mountain View Fruit Association in the 1920s, the packinghouse is still standing although in other use. A

photograph taken during or after the 1920s shows a Sunkist brand painted on its building.

On the west of Euclid on the north side of the mainline tracks was Upland Heights packing house, which served as a lumber yard from

about the 1970s or 80s until recently when it was adapted for use as Western Christian High School. On the south side was the Orange Association packinghouse, which continued to be used as a packinghouse until about 10 years ago when it was turned into a storage facility.

The building that now houses the Cooper Regional History Museum on A Street directly across from the Upland depot was built in 1937 for the Upland-Cucamonga Citrus Exchange marketing office for the regional citrus producers. Someone may recall if it doubled as the Sunkist headquar-

ters for the area.

By the 1940s in Upland, the Santa Fe Railroad served six packing houses. Two of these were served jointly with the Pacific Electric which spur line split off at Euclid, heading east past Second Avenue and the Upland depot, down the middle of Stowell toward the vicinity located south of the Grove Theatre. The spur serviced the Sunkist branded packinghouses—Mountain View (still there) and Upland Lemon Growers (gone prior to 2000).

Citrus shipped out of Upland was 1,684 cars in 1943 and 2,403 cars in 1944. Upland was considered the busiest cit-

rus location on the Santa Fe Second District. In 1945, both the Santa Fe and Pacific Electric still served Upland. (Reference: Messecar and Lancaster 2009, Mhttp://scph001.home.netcom.com/scph\_sb\_upland.html).

The Sunkist cooperative was formed over 100 years ago, but the fruit of the Rutaceae family of plants, citrus, already had a 125 year history in southern California before the cooperative formed.

Recent research indicates that citrus likely originated in Australia, New Caledonia and New Guinea but prehistoric evidence shows that the

fruit existed 6,000 years ago in southeast Asia around northeast India, Burma (Myanmar) and the Yunnan province of China. Commercial species, such as oranges,



**The rare red delicacy, "Finger Lime" from Australia, believed to be the origin place of all citrus.**

mandarins, and lemons, came to Europe in ancient times from southeast Asia likely as seeds via the "Silk Road," the ancient trade route between Asia and Europe.

We know the tart fruit was in America by 1493 when on his second voyage, Columbus transported orange, lemon and citron seeds for planting in the Caribbean. Though the curative effect of citrus to fend off scurvy was known by the time of the 1497 expedition of Vasco de Gama, 116 of the 170 in his crew died of the scourge (see Ceglowski, 2010). Citrus keeps well without refrigeration unlike other fresh fruit, making it desirable for long voyages though not plentiful in Europe. It has been estimated that scurvy killed at least two million sailors between 1500 and 1800 during this period of exploration when long voyages were being made around



**1960s First American Title Insurance photo of Upland Lemon Growers Association southeast corner of Stowell and Sultana, also shows the Sunkist brand. Built in early 1900s. Tore down prior to the year 2000.**

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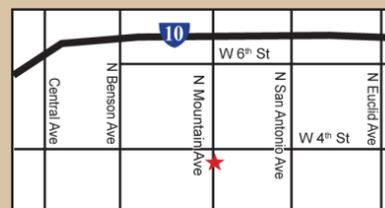
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### Glimpse from page 10

the world.

The Spanish missions were being developed in California by 1769 when Father Junipero Serra and other Spanish friars planted citrus seeds along with other fruit and vegetables as they attempted to colonize the native Americans. Father Cruzado planted a citrus orchard at Mission San Gabriel in 1804 with the help of the Gabrielenos, also known as Tongva or Kizh.

However the actual "birth" of the California citrus industry is credited to William Wolfskill, a famous wild west frontiersman and fur trapper. He planted hundreds of lemon and orange seedlings on two acres in the area of what would eventually be downtown Los Angeles. By 1848, just in time for the "49ers"



**William Wolfskill, frontiersman, fur trapper and "Father of the California Citrus Industry."**

flocking to the California gold fields during the gold rush, Wolfskill was ready selling lemons for \$1.00 each to scurvy suffering immigrants.

Between 1850-1866 Wolfskill added 70 more acres of oranges before his death. His son Joseph Wolfskill took over the business, but by 1870 he had competition. That was the year State Agricultural Commissioner William Saunders sent

Eliza and Luther Tibbets in Riverside, California, three navel orange trees from Brazil. After five years, the Tibbets harvested their first crop and word spread about their sweet seedless oranges. The Tibbets began to sell bud stock from the highly desirable trees for \$5 a bud. California's citrus industry took off as a result of the taste of the delicious fruit and also because of another important historic event. In 1877, after refinements to the transcontinental railroad were completed, Joseph Wolfskill shipped the first load of oranges to St. Louis, Missouri. The fruit survived the month-long trip and the delighted easterners just couldn't get enough of it. According to the Sunkist corporation, wholesale marketing of California citrus began at that time and it was not long after, at the turn of the century, that growers saw a need to organize—Sunkist.

Here we are 100 years later and the sign of Sunkist rises again. Will Upland homeowners rise to the occasion and organize to protect their publicly held water shares or will they sit idly by and watch extravagant spending by officials, dwindling of resources, sell off of assets, privatization of water stock all in the name of supporting profit making pensioners? These pensioners appear to be the "wholesale agents" of the current new century--not unlike the citrus wholesale agents who forced growers to assume all the risks while they took all the profits.

Perhaps it is time to take a lesson from "Planet of the Apes" and once again resurrect our individual rights as Mr. Albert Pattison so forth-

By Diane Dragotto Williams, Wildhaven Ranch

Approaching spring,



we have the privilege of watching many wild birds giving birth, and raising their young. But there are common problems that arise for our feathered friends during this delicate time. If you find a nestling on the ground, do you try to save it, or leave it? There is an "old wives tale" that says: if you handle a baby bird, the parents will detect human touch, and abandon the nestling. No so! Most avians, except for vultures and condors, have a poor sense of smell. By all



means, carefully pick up that little creature, and place it back in the nest, if possible. If the nest is out of reach, another plan is to construct a second nest out of a box, or basket, and line it with soft tissues and cloths, and affix it as high as possible to the tree the nestling fell out of (away from crows, ravens, or cats), and the parents will feed the baby regularly. Be sure it is on a branch



**Reminiscent of the "Sign of Sunkist" rising out of the bulldozer dust in Upland, in the 1968 movie "Planet of the Apes" the Statue of Liberty rises up out of the ocean 2000+ years into the future as a symbol of lost rights regained.**

## County Wildlife Corner Don't Be A Birdnapper!

that shades it from the sun. Parent birds will search for their babies even after 24 to 48 hours of absence. Even if the nest or babies are gone by some accident, or attack, the parents remain in the home territory, searching for their family. Most avians make great foster parents for an abandoned baby of



the same species and age of their own. So that is another answer for an orphaned bird. However, clean your hands well, after touching them, remembering that they can have bacteria, or parasites you don't want to spread.

If the baby bird is injured, or you can't return it to a nest, place it in a small box with cloths, keep it warm, without feeding it, or giving it water, and immediately call a Wildlife Rehabilitator in your area. Don't be tempted to let your children play with it, or allow any pets around it. Stress kills wildlife. And if you are not experienced in wildlife care, you can accidentally aspirate (drown) the bird by trying to feed it or give it water incorrectly.

There is nothing worse in rescuing an animal, except, for it to die before it has a chance to be healed, or be returned to the wild.

What if the bird is a fledgling, or brancher, and is found on the ground? Fledglings are fully feathered and have short tails and wings,



are momentarily away, perch the bird on your finger, and place it in a nearby "safe" bush to await the parents call. Parents communicate with their young, and will locate the bird, and may move it to another protected bush. If possible, watch the area, just in case the baby is an actual orphan, and needs to be rescued. And, obviously, keep all pets away from the area.

In California, it is against the law to raise and release wildlife, unless you have a permit. There are zoonotic



them to take a tumble, and fall in the process. The parents will guide the fledgling to a bush, and hide it away from predators, and continue to feed it. If the parents

rightfully and bravely is advocating.

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diseases that can be spread, and regulations regarding certain non-native animals. Raising orphaned birds is a long process, and takes patience and expertise. This cannot be a science project for the family. Give the animal the chance it deserves, and leave it to the specialists. You will be a hero for saving that precious life, and for helping our ecosystem, as a whole!

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# California Style Longer!

By Grace Bernal

Proportions is where it's at and this week it's at mid length. Super fun way to begin springing



forward and in style. Medium lengths are a fun discovery! Let fabric

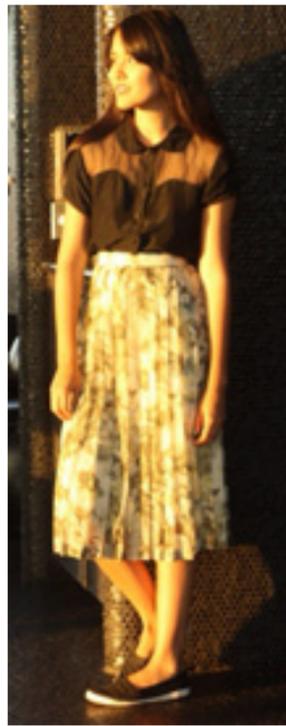


graze your calves as you walk. The mid length skirt is classic fun , it



is elegant and it has sex appeal. It's the season's sensation, so get it and

flaunt it. Keep spring fresh with the mid skirts strong arrival. Elegance and grace give feminist



emotion. Wear your longer skirts and bring the mystique into this sea-

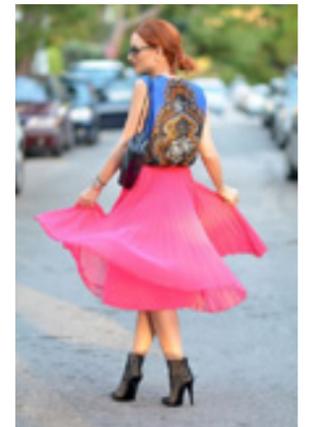


sons fashion. Until next week keep the length longer.



"The worst was when my skirt fell down to my ankles, but I had on thick tights underneath."

~Naomi Campbell



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## RC Council Resolution Opposes Court Realignment from page 3

was the first city in the county to take an official stand in opposition to the proposed realignment.

The city council unanimously endorsed the resolution and gave direction to city staff to carry the resolution to local members of the state legislature and insist on a response from them. The council further directed Mayor Dennis Michael to take

up the court realignment issue with the San Bernardino Association of Governments, the county's transportation agency and regional planning board which has as its voting directors mayors or council members from each of the county's 24 cities as well as all five members of the board of supervisors.

Among those who spoke at the meeting about the importance of access to justice and preserving local courts were several attorneys,

including Liz Courtney; Richard Anderson, who was formerly Upland's mayor; and former president of the Western San Bernardino County Bar Association Jim Banks. Also addressing the council was Marsha Meek Banks, a certified public accountant. Courtney, a family law attorney, said the realignment would place undue hardships upon and potentially legally disenfranchise individuals with family law cases. Anderson decried the change which he said

would inhibit court access to residents of the West End communities. Jim Banks asserted that the realignment will produce little in cost savings and achieve only limited administrative and managerial efficiency at much greater expense in terms of logistical challenges and inconvenience to tens of thousands of county residents. Marsha Meek Banks spoke of the dangers lawyers and litigants will experience in San Bernardino, where the lack of parking at or near the newly constructed courthouse will require that those using the courthouse park in and then traverse by foot a crime-infested neighborhood.

The day before the council meeting, Dennis Stout, who was formerly both the mayor of Rancho Cucamonga and the district attorney of San Bernardino County; John Mannerino, another former president of the Western San Ber-

nardino County Bar Association who was on the Rancho Cucamonga Planning Commission for 5 years.; and Jim Banks met with Mayor Dennis Michael and his council colleague Sam Spagnolo. During that meeting, the *Sentinel* has learned, Stout and Mannerino spoke forcefully and frankly about the realignment as one that was ill-advised and being unilaterally imposed without adequate input from those it will impact. That presentation had

an apparent deep impact on Michael and Spagnolo. At the following night's council meeting, council members repeatedly emphasized the need for all of the affected cities in the county to coalesce in opposition to the realignment.

Efforts are now under way, the *Sentinel* has learned, to encourage other city councils to pass similar resolutions to the one ratified by the Rancho Cucamonga City Council Wednesday evening.

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