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Grand Jury Report Offers No Mention Of Jail Abuse Allegations

The 2013-14 San Bernardino County Civil Grand Jury, while taking up the subject of conditions inside the detention facilities run by the county sheriff, made no mention of the circumstances or activities relating to the alleged abuse of inmates that led to an FBI investigation of the West Valley Detention Center or the filing of a federal



Rosalio Hinojos

lawsuit alleging abusive and sadistic treatment by

jailors there.

In its final report, the 2013-14 San Bernardino County Grand Jury characterized relations between sheriff's department employees who work the jails and those imprisoned there as "good" and made a finding that the five largest detention facilities run by Sheriff John McMahon and his department

are operated within the parameters of the California Code of Regulations applicable to adult detention facilities.

Between August of last year and March of this year, members of the grand jury paid pre-announced visits to those five facilities - the Central Detention Center in San Bernardino, Glen Helen Rehabilitation

Center in Devore, the Victorville jail, the High Desert Detention Center in Adelanto and West Valley Detention Center in Rancho Cucamonga.

The analysis of the conditions at all five of the jails ran through a gamut of criteria, including staffing, capacity and crowding, meals and nutrition, health of the inmates **See P 8**

Dunn Lands Managerial Job At Cable Airport



Stephen Dunn

Stephen Dunn, who on Monday had his last official day as Upland city manager, immediately landed on his feet, taking on the assignment of manager of Cable Airport.

Cable Airport lies entirely within the city of Upland. Founded in 1945 by Dewey Cable, it is now the world's largest privately owned airport open for public use. Located north of Foothill Boulevard, west of Benson Avenue and east of the city limits with Claremont at the Los Angeles County Line, the airport covers an area of 95 acres and offers one runway measuring 3,864 by 75 feet and two helipads, each measuring 65 by 65 feet. There are 350 aircraft based at the airport.

The Cable family pegs the airport's real estate value at over \$100,000,000 and the aviation facilities are conservatively estimated at \$20 million, having been appraised as worth \$15 million during the depth of the economic recession four years ago. There are in excess of 80,000 aviation operations out of Cable Airport annually. Ownership of the airport has passed to Dewey and Maude Cable's grandchildren, who are now actively involving the fourth Cable generation in operations at **See P 2**

Chino School Board Passes Unaltered Local Control Accountability Plan

The Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees on June 26 adopted the district's so-called Local Control Accountability Plan as it was originally drafted, leaving intact provisions that will entail the hiring of intervention specialists to assist the faculty in refining approaches toward

improving the academic performance of English learners, students from low income households and foster youth.

The plan features the hiring of what are termed "intervention teachers" at all school sites, hiring a bilingual clerk at schools where more than 15 percent of the student population

speaks a language other than English, expanding wireless internet capability at school sites, the construction of new computer labs, and computer acquisitions.

At a public hearing on June 12, a number of teachers and parents lodged complaints to the effect that they had inadequate opportunity

to provide input with regard to the plan. Some called for greater emphasis on the reduction of classroom size as a strategy to improve student test scores.

While board member Andrew Cruz supported calls for the redrafting of the plan and the board delayed a vote on its acceptance on June 12, on

June 26 the Chino Unified School District's Local Control Accountability Plan was ratified as previously presented. Cruz and board member James Na dissented in that vote.

The *Sentinel* had reported in its June 20 edition that the district would alter the plan to accommodate **See P 6**

Sheriff Contracts In 13 Cities Zoom from \$113M to \$119M

Thirteen of the fourteen county cities which contract with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement service will collectively bear a \$5,915,693 increase in what they will pay for that coverage in 2014-15 over what they paid in the last fiscal year that ended on Monday.

The government fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Needles, Twenty-nine Palms, Yucca Valley, Big Bear, Yucaipa, Highland, Loma Linda, Grand Terrace, Apple Valley, Hesperia, Victorville, Adelanto, Rancho Cucamonga and Chino Hills have law enforcement service contracts with the sheriff's department.

In 2013-14, Twenty-nine Palms, Yucca Valley, Big Bear, Yucaipa, Highland, Loma **See P 4**

County Shelling Out \$13.88 Million To Two Companies For Administering Methadone

The county board of supervisors last week approved contracts with two companies for a combined total of \$13.88 million for the provision of drug addiction treatment services to individuals identified by the county's behavioral health department as mentally disordered narcotics users.

According to Casonya Thomas, the director of the department of

behavioral health, two companies, Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC and WCHS, Inc. doing business as Colton Clinical Services, will be given the contracts.

Thomas said Aegis Treatment Centers, LLC's contract will be in the amount of \$8,282,679 and WCHS, Inc.'s contract will be for \$5,598,948.

The department of behavioral health,

through the alcohol and drug services program, maintains a provider network comprised of contracted community-based agencies licensed by the California Department of Health Care Services to provide substance use disorder treatment services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries through the Drug Medi-Cal Narcotic Treatment Program. Aegis Treatment Centers, **See P 2**

Brady Calls Wagner Right Candidate To Meet Challenges At VVCC

VICTORVILLE—Victor Valley College Board Member Joe Brady this week expressed absolute confidence in the future prospects of the college as the result of the appointment of former Copper Mountain College president Roger Wagner to serve as the permanent replacement of departed Victor Valley College superintendent/president Christo-



Roger Wagner

pher O'Hearn. The college, which had faced challenges relating to its accreditation

since 2011, saw those issues finally redressed in February while the college was under the interim guidance of Peter Allan. Allan had been acting as college superintendent since shortly after the board last year declined to renew O'Hearn's contract.

There had been dissension on the board relating to perceptions about the alacrity and ef-

fectiveness of O'Hearn's response to a series of moves by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges which placed the college's accreditation into a state of warning or probation. In February the accrediting commission signaled the college's status in academic limbo was ended. Shortly thereafter, however, the college lurched

into yet another crisis as it was learned that the college is burdened with a \$6.3 million deficit in its budget.

Allan, who had come out of retirement to oversee the college over the last 12 months, retreated into retirement at the close of the fiscal year on Monday.

Wagner, who served in the Air Force prior to obtaining **See P 4**

County Renews Remote Burrtec & Allied Contracts

The board of supervisors last week renewed the "Class A" permits Burrtec Waste Industries and Allied Waste Services have to provide trash disposal service in Fort Irwin, Wonder Valley, the unincorporated area around Twentynine Palms, Needles, Lake Havasu, Amboy, Ludlow, and Goffs.

The county's solid waste management division of the department of public works provides for refuse collection services within the unincorporated area of the county by private refuse haulers under the authority of a franchise agree-



Jerry Newcombe

ment or "Class A" operating permit granted by the county pursuant to Section 33.0840 et seq. of the San Bernardino County Code.

Currently the only refuse collection areas that have not been franchised

are Fort Irwin, Wonder Valley, the unincorporated area around Twentynine Palms, Needles, Lake Havasu, Amboy, Ludlow, and Goffs.

Fort Irwin, Wonder Valley, and the sphere of 29 Palms are serviced by Burrtec. Needles, Lake Havasu, Amboy, Ludlow, and Goffs are serviced by both Burrtec and Allied Waste.

According to Gerry Newcombe, the county director of public works, "Due to low population density in these remaining permit areas, the solid waste management division has not recommended franchising

these areas."

Newcombe said renewing the Burrtec and Allied Waste permits at this time will contribute toward "maintaining public safety by meeting the county's responsibility of providing for solid waste handling services and assures residents are afforded safe refuse service. This action also allows for monitoring the specific haulers' qualifications to render refuse collection, meet insurance requirements, and ensure the hauler information is current. Each hauler is required to submit a permit renewal application annu-

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ally to the solid waste management division. The applications are reviewed by staff for proof of insurance, vehicles in-

formation, number of accounts and company information prior to being recommended for board of supervisors approval."

\$13M For Narcotics Treatment Program from front page

LLC and WCHS, Inc. are licensed by the California Department of Health Care Services to

provide substance use disorder treatment services and are the only two entities within San Bernardino County that provide the required narcotic treatment program services to county resi-

dents. The department of behavioral health anticipates that the two companies will provide narcotic treatment services countywide to approximately 1,739 clients annually at an estimated

cost of \$2,661 per client.

The department of behavioral health serves as a pass-through agency billing and receiving reimbursement from

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Dunn Now Cable Airport Manager from front page

the facility.

Bob Cable, the president of Cable Airport,

told the *Sentinel* "I got a heck of a deal" in hiring Dunn. "An airport is like a little city," he said. "You have to deal with governmental and FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] rules and regulations just like a city normally would and on top of that you have regulations from the private sector. Stephen is currently a pilot who owns and flies his own airplane. He has knowledge of the inner workings of the city we have to deal with. He knows grant writing, finance and has human resources skills. We have always had qualified people in the position he now holds but he has the best qualifications of anyone who has been at the helm of the airport. I am excited about where we will be going future-wise with him here."

Cable added, "I think this is going to be a very rewarding job for him in that it will allow him to see how the private sector can get things done in a hurry as opposed to the public sector."

Dunn told the *Sentinel*, "I am excited about going to work for the Cable Family. Being able to work in the aviation field, which is an area I have an interest in, is something I am looking forward to."

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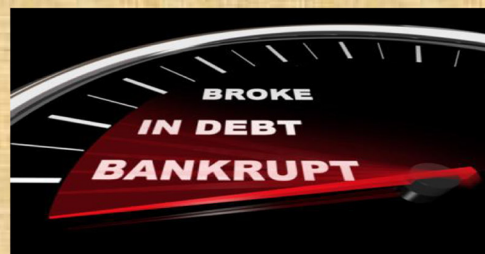


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Glimpse Of SBC's Past SBC's First Independence Day Celebration

By Ruth Musser-Lopez

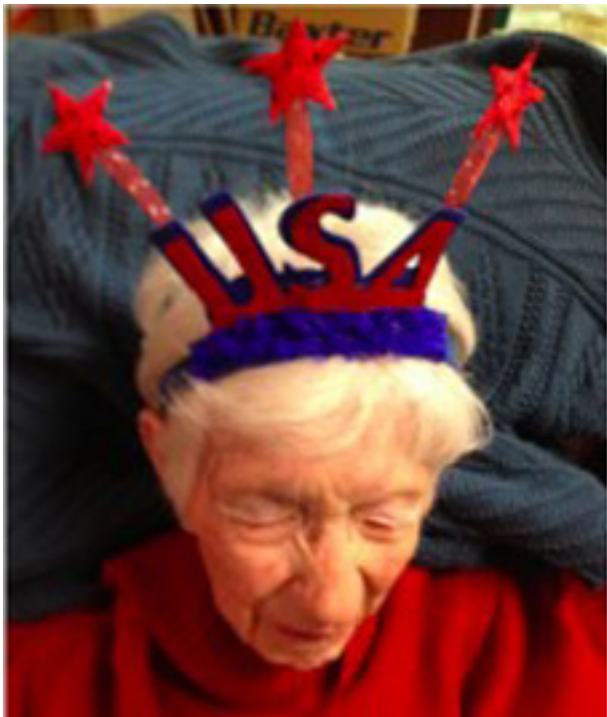
One year ago, on Independence Day, I was writing the article for the *Sentinel's* very first "Glimpse of San Bernardino's Past" column and snapped a couple of shots of my mother, Hope Musser, all dressed up for the occasion and praying hardily for the state of the Union in 2013. She was also praying for me and the new Glimpse column—blessing it, that it might be used to bring understanding of our past to work for the good of the future.

The first column was to be published the day after the Fourth of July. So I saved for this year a history I found about the 4th of July in San Bernardino County. The following excerpt from the History of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties by Brown and Boyd, 1922, was published by the Western Historical Association:

"The honor of first raising the American flag over the soil of San Bernardino is claimed by Daniel Sexton, who states that while cutting

timber in the San Gorgonio Pass for Colonel Williams, in 1842, in answer

with a large bunting emblem by L. A. Bishop. On his return this was



A little good ol' fashion prayer never hurts anyone. Hope Musser (Upland) prays for the US and that her daughter Ruth's history stories will bring about goodness and understanding.

to a query by Native Americans regarding Americans' feast days, he made an American flag and celebrated the Fourth of July, 1842.

"The first authentic celebration of Independence Day in the County occurred in 1853 when John Brown, Sr., went to Fort Tejon to secure a flag and was presented

secured to a liberty pole brought from the mountains, speeches were made from a raised platform, and a twelve-pounder, brought from Los Angeles, was fired."

July 4, 2013 is the birthday of this column, Glimpse of San Bernardino's Past. The first story was published on July 5—with all the global warming, it was hotter than fireworks and so I kept thinking about going swimming. Instead, I wrote about historic swim plunges.

The "Glimpse" was not initially intended to be "political" or as a current event story. It was supposed to be an apolitical feature article, something fun to break from Mark Gutglueck's depressing county corruption news. But, as it turned out, that first story did report news just as a consequence of me going down to Chaffey High's swim plunge to snap some photos of that wonderful place I swam in as a child. It got hot back then too, but apparently still a couple of degrees cooler on the average than it was last summer. When I got to the plunge last year, it was being rehabilitated with public funds, a good thing, and news worthy.

Alas, the program which was such a wonderful one for which I have tremendous nostalgic sentiment, has yet to be revived.

It has now been one year since I began writing the historic places column for the *Sentinel* and it has become more and more obvious to me that history and politics pretty much go hand in hand. With few exceptions, there is typically something political associated with important historic places. Perhaps it's a consequence of physical "place" being limited and through time the demands and pressure on "important physical places" like watering holes in the desert,

by the State of California's legislature, is one of the new approaches to the Glimpse column that I will be taking.

One of the stories that I am currently attempting to obtain information about is historic school district taxation and appropriation. So, if any readers can direct me to unconventional sources of information on that topic, I would appreciate it. I recall "old timers" here in Needles complaining that our own school district was very well to do at one point prior to the 1980s because the tax on railroad land went to the school district that the railroad land was in. Since there is a lot of railroad land

is one archaeologist who wants Sacramento to throw the Desert more than just an old bone.

In retrospect, writing a story every week (with one or two exceptions) has been intense, thought provoking and challenging. It requires discipline, particularly keeping up with the "filing" end on my computer with all of the downloads of history research and uploads of new photographs of old things.

This week, I need to get organized...so, I am going to give myself an independence day break from research and simply list all of the stories that I wrote during the past year: You will note that I delivered a column in 47 out of 52 straight weeks, missing only the July 26, August 23, November 1, and April 11 issues.

A Compendium of the "Glimpse"

1) July 5, 2013. Historic Swim Plunges of San Bernardino County.

2) July 12, 2013. Historic SBC Swimming Pools: Mansker's Prohibition Era Plunge.

3) July 19, 2013. Needles' Mystic Maze: Questions Over Validity Now Complicated by Contamination.

4) August 2, 2013. Mystic Maze: Part II. A continuation of the July 19, 2013 story.

5) August 9, 2013. The Historic Arizona & California Railroad

6) August 16, 2013. Part II Arizona & California Railroad Sidings: Chubbuck—A Lesson in Desert Survival. A look at the historic railroad sidings straddling the AZ&CA Railroad right-of-way on public land which would be impacted by the Cadiz desert water drainage project... these sites should be subject to federal review but the Department of the Interior is staying mum.

7) August 30, 2013. Flood Fatalities A Reality in SBC's Past and



WPA photo of the Chaffey Plunge, October 1940 (courtesy of www.livingnewdeal.berkeley.edu).

makes some places by their very nature, political hot spots.

Or maybe it's just me - or the "universe" that just naturally calls or gravitates me toward politically charged cultural hot spots.

Whatever the case may be, its obvious that the direction of the Glimpse is going to change with my new perspective and role as "candidate" for the new California Senate District 16 that extends roughly speaking, from Bakersfield to the Colorado River, crossing the northern half of San Bernardino County including most of its Mojave Desert area.

Beefing up my knowledge of historic legislation would be a plus for my campaign...so looking at the impact upon San Bernardino from a current perspective of the historic decisions made

in the Needles School District, the district was apparently well-heeled attracting the best teachers at that time.

Recalling how good it was in the past, these seniors complained that the law had been wrongly changed. There has since been a redistribution of tax funds on railroad property and the school district coming out on the short end. If elected, I'd like to direct attention to research on what we can do legislatively to turn around our loss and get funding back to our poorly equipped desert schools and our now lost desert courts.

A staff could help to turn legislative history around to our favor and this column could potentially be used to report back home what is transpiring in our state capital with regard to historic legislation and how it could be improved. This

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Sheriff Contracts Reach \$119 Million For 13 Cities from front page

Linda, Grand Terrace, Apple Valley, Hesperia, Victorville, Adelanto, Rancho Cucamonga and Chino Hills shelled out a total of \$113,268,794 for that service. This year, those 13 cities will pay \$119,184,487, a difference of \$5,915,693.

According to sheriff's captain Steve Higgins, the \$5,915,693 increase over the "prior year [is] primarily due to changes in workers' compensation, retirement, and liability costs. The county

will be reimbursed for all direct costs of providing these contract services and for various contract administration and overhead costs. The sheriff/coroner/public administrator provides law enforcement services to 14 cities throughout the county. The contracts with the cities are amended annually to update the costs and service levels, as needed. This item requests approval of the contract amendments with 13 of the contract cities. The contract amendment with the city of Needles is not included in this action as it is still pending

approval by the Needles City Council and when approved will be presented to the board for approval as a separate action. The cities did not request any changes to their levels of service for 2014-15. The proposed amendments reflect the new salary and benefit rates for safety and general employee classifications, as well as updated supplies and equipment costs for 2014-15."

The city of Adelanto, which paid \$4,417,517 last year, will pay \$4,618,497 in 2014-15, an increase of \$200,980.

The town of Apple Valley, which paid

\$10,922,363 in 2013-14, will pay \$11,451,673 this year, an increase of \$529,310.

The city of Big Bear Lake, which paid \$2,590,475 last year, will pay \$2,712,250 this year, an increase of \$121,775.

The city of Chino Hills, which paid \$11,232,815 last year, will pay \$11,815,518 in 2014-15, an increase of \$582,703.

The city of Grand Terrace, which paid \$1,531,757 in 2013-14, will pay \$1,607,464 this year, an increase of \$75,707.

The city of Hesperia, which paid \$12,210,462

last year, will pay \$12,797,216 this year, an increase of \$586,754.

The city of Highland, which paid \$7,020,652 last year, will pay \$7,368,394 in 2014-15, an increase of \$347,742.

The city of Loma Linda, which paid \$2,680,472 in 2013-14, will pay \$2,812,834 this year, an increase of \$132,362.

The city of Rancho Cucamonga, which paid \$28,669,083 in 2013-14, will pay \$30,120,235 in 2014-15, an increase of \$1,451,152.

The city of Twenty-nine Palms, which paid \$2,932,205 last year,

will pay \$3,077,824 in 2014-15, an increase of \$145,619.

The city of Victorville, which paid \$18,693,915 in 2013-14, will pay \$19,702,731 this year, an increase of \$1,008,816.

The city of Yucaipa, which last year paid \$6,843,988, this year will pay \$7,397,378, an increase of \$553,390.

The town of Yuca Valley, which paid \$3,523,090 last year, will pay \$3,702,473 in 2014-15, an increase of \$179,383.



Methadone Program from page 2

Medi-Cal for qualified narcotic treatment program services provided by its contracted a agen-

cies. The department of behavioral health determines the number of narcotic treatment program slots allocated to the county based on the recommendation of the department of behavioral

health's alcohol and drug administrator. Because of the California Department of Health Care Services' oversight and licensing requirements, there is no procurement conducted for these sub-

stance use disorder treatment services. Narcotics treatment program services include narcotic replacement therapy to individuals with substance use disorder, as well as individual and group

counseling. As Medi-Cal narcotics treatment program providers, Aegis and WHCS deliver services to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries at California Department of Health Care Services-

licensed outpatient clinics located in San Bernardino County.

The department of behavioral health has provided narcotics treat-

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High Expectations For Wagner At VVCC from front page

a bachelors degree in social science from the University of the Philippines, a master's degree in organizational management from the Uni-



Joe Brady

versity of Phoenix and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Nebraska, served as part-time faculty in the disciplines of administration of justice, management, and sociology for Labette Community College in Kansas, Crowder College in Missouri, and Los Angeles Metropolitan College Overseas before becoming the dean of career and technical education, the dean of economic development, and associate dean of instruction at Crowder College in Missouri. He came to Copper Mountain College as

the vice president for academic affairs in July of 2007 and acceded to the position of that college's superintendent/president in July of 2008.

Wagner competed against four other college administrators during the superintendent/president recruitment effort at Victor Valley College. Those included Chaffey College administrator Sherrie Guerrero; Nicholas O. Akinkuoye, an administrator with the City College of San Francisco; Dr. Christopher Villa, the vice president of student services at Fresno City College; and Dr. Luis Sanchez. Even before the board conducted formal interviews with any of the candidates, rumors surfaced that Wagner was a shoo-in to get the position. Subsequently, Guerrero and Akinkuoye dropped out of the competition in late May. After the interviews, the position was formally offered to him and he was subsequently hired on a contract running from July 15 to June 30, 2017 at \$192,000 annually plus stipends and benefits.

There was immediate second guessing of the hiring decision from some quarters of the

community, with charges that the competition had been fixed from the outset and that Wagner had been anointed very early on.

Brady dismissed such suggestions, saying the competition had been above board and fierce, resulting in a "decision that we all felt was in the best interest of VVC, our students (our stakehold-

ers, stockholders and shareholders), our employee partners, the taxpayers and voters."

The outcome was not predetermined, Brady said.

"I will assure you, the Pope and the world that there was 'no deal' done before we heard from him and we fully vetted the other candidates," Brady said. "We got a

full - and I mean a full - debriefing on each candidate. The only thing we did not find out was the type of toothpaste they used. It was a very, very impressive background check. I never looked at the names until they were given to us and even then I did not pay any attention until the first interview. Each candidate was given one

hour and 15 minutes, as I remember, for the interview. There were, I think, 12 predetermined questions and no one left the room with the questions. There were a number of protections put into place, so there was no 'tampering' as I say a few years earlier."

Anyone seeing something untoward in Guer- *Continued on Page 5*

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County Commits \$3.1M For Privatized Mental Institutionalization

The county board of supervisors last week approved contracts in the aggregate amount of \$3,126,568 with four companies for the provision of what is referred to as "institution for mental disease services" for the current fiscal year running from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

According to Casonya Thomas, the director of the county's behavioral health department, Braswell Enterprises, Inc. doing business as Sierra Vista; Shandin Hills Rehabilitation Center, Inc. doing business as Shandin Hills Behavioral Therapy Center; Vista Pacifica; and Golden State Health Centers,

Inc./Sylmar Health and Rehabilitation Center are to provide "programs of organized therapeutic activities designed to improve functional living and social skills to severely mentally ill clients. The department of behavioral health will refer severely mentally ill clients to receive institution for mental disease services at a predetermined bed rate. The standard daily basic bed rates for institution for mental disease services are determined by the California Department of Health Care Services and vary by region, with bed rates ranging from \$162.83 to \$316.50. The cost per client is diffi-

cult to determine as the bed type/bed rate varies based upon the individual psychiatric needs of the client and the type of treatment required. The department of behavioral health anticipates the four institution for mental disease contracted service providers will provide one or more bed types/bed rates with an estimated number of 12,962 bed days in 2014-15."

Thomas continued, "Included within the aggregate amount for institution for mental disease services are ancillary charges related to the client's psychiatric needs to include psychotropic medications, psychotro-

pic prescriptions, and lab work necessary as a result of psychotropic medication being prescribed at a daily rate of \$50 per client."

The department of behavioral health provides mental health and substance use disorder services to county residents who are experiencing major mental illness and substance use disorders. An integral part of the service delivery system consists of providing specialized treatment services to the seriously mentally ill population.

"The department of behavioral health operates a continuum of care system that consists of county operated clin-

ics and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health treatment services within each geographic region of the county," Thomas said. "The highest level of care is a state hospital psychiatric unit; the next highest level of treatment is provided through an institution for mental disease. Institutions for mental disease are locked nursing facilities that provide specialized treatment services to the severely mentally ill population whose functioning level is too low to be maintained at a board and care facility or in the community."

Braswell Enterprises, Inc and Shandin Hills

Rehabilitation Center, Inc. are the only state licensed institution for mental disease services facilities in San Bernardino County. Vista Pacifica is the only state licensed institution for mental disease services facility in Riverside County.

Golden State Health Centers Inc./Sylmar Health and Rehabilitation Center is located in Los Angeles County.

The total amount for institution for mental disease services for 2014-15 has been established at \$3,126,568. Each contract has been written on a fee-for-service basis not to exceed this amount.

Wagner

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tero and Akinkuoye's early exodus from the competition are reading something into the situation that is not there, Brady said.

"The others dropped

out for reasons I cannot state, none having to do with Dr. Wagner," Brady said. "Candidates drop out sometimes after their candidacy becomes public. Maybe their school offered them something that they did not have before? I do not know. I

did hear that one of the candidates notified the media."

Wagner has gone on record as stating that he envisions Victor Valley College becoming "the college of first choice for every community member that seeks a higher

education or new work-ready skills." He said he is ready to deal with the college's accreditation issues because of his past experience as either a member or chairman of accreditation teams.

Wagner emphasized the ethos of "service

leadership" he has adopted, which he said was an outgrowth of his having studied under Dr. Kent Farnsworth, who instilled in him the importance of emphasizing the concept of service as espoused by Robert Greenleaf.

Brady said, "I think Roger with this servant leadership style, his passion, his knowledge - he knew what he was getting into - wanted this opportunity and he prepared himself for it. I think he is the right person at the right time."

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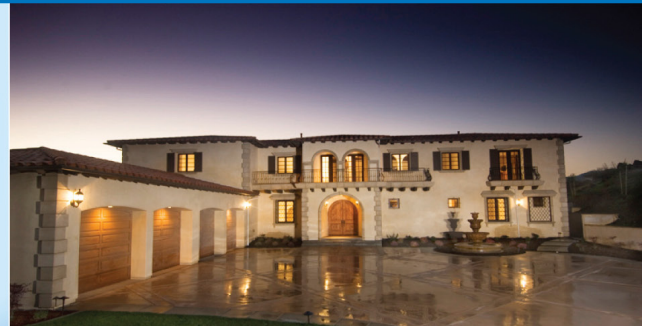
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Details Emerging On Grounds For Colton City Manager Compton's Suspension

Colton City Manager Stephen Compton's suspension by the city council last month came about as a result of his having exceeded his authority by micromanaging the operations in the public works department.

Specifically, Compton is alleged to have bypassed the public works director in approving payments relating to six public works contracts in an amount totaling \$81,851 without conferring with the public works department beforehand.

Compton, a former assistant city manager in Ridgecrest and the one-time finance director for Omnitrans, in March



Stephen Compton

2013 was lured from his then-position as the accounting manager for the city of Fountain Valley to serve as Colton city manager.

He had 32 years in various municipal government assignments before coming to Colton. While he was considered to be the top staffer and had the power to suspend city employees on

his own authority and hire and fire department heads serving below him with the consent of the city council, his authority did not extend to department operations. Though he was permitted to dictate operational policy as arrived at by the city council to the city's department heads, he was limited to delegating the actual operational authority to those below him.

Compton was placed on paid administrative leave on June 5 pending the outcome of an investigation into his actions, the nature of which were not specified. There has been continuous speculation about the grounds for his suspension in the

weeks since. The city attorney's office, however, has yet to complete its review and provide a conclusion to the city council.

At the July 1 city council meeting, differences among the council members surfaced with regard to whether the actions at the center of the matter pertaining to Compton should be considered public or remain confidential at this time.

Councilman Frank Gonzales asserted that the items pertained to the expenditure of city funds that had already been made, thus falling into the public domain. Most of his council colleagues differed, seemingly because that spending in-

involved a matter relating to a potential personnel matter, which is considered confidential.

The parameters of the discussion, however, revealed that the expenditures related to the public works department and most or all were for consulting services which had not been signed off on by the public works director.

Of the \$81,851 in unauthorized spending Compton is alleged to have been engaged in, the *Sentinel* has identified four recipients of \$75,000 of that total.

Beginning in August 2013, Compton retained for \$25,000 the services of Imperial Beach-based Government Staffing

Services to perform a long term financial modeling project. In October 2013 Compton retained on the city's behalf the services of Fullerton-based Revenue & Cost Specialists, Ltd. at a cost of \$12,000 for a development impact report. In March 2014 Compton retained the services of Lancaster-based Passantino Anderson Communications LLC at a cost of \$25,000 for work on the Colton and Grand Terrace Wastewater Project. Compton also retained in March the Carlsbad-based firm of BW Research Partnership at a cost of \$13,000 to work on the Colton and Grand Terrace Wastewater Project.

Neither City Manager Nor Finance Director Attend Public Hearing On SB Budget

The San Bernardino City Council this week passed its 2014-15 budget during a public meeting with neither city manager Allen Parker nor finance director David Cain present.

The council signed off on the spending plan, which calls for expenditures of \$117,354,540 out of the general fund over the next 12 months. The city anticipates \$123,809,391 in revenue into the general fund, so the budget is ostensibly and provisionally

balanced, a considerable feat for the city which filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection in August 2012.

The budget, however, was reworked from previous drafts which at that time reflected a \$22.8 million deficit.

Parker and Cain obtained the pared-back spending plan through a series of economies, many of which angered the city's stakeholders.

One example was the sacrifice the fire department was called upon to

make, with \$2.33 million being subtracted from its operational allowance, reducing its scheduled spending from the \$30.4 million it had in 2013-2014 to \$28.07 million this fiscal year. In response, fire chief Paul Drasil is set to close Fire Station 230, located at Mill and Arrowhead Avenue and will decrease operations at Station 224, north of Highland Avenue and E Street, by one unit.

The budget also calls for deferring \$10.6 mil-



Allen Parker

lion in payments to creditors, many of whom have been lined up nearly two years to be paid following the city's bankruptcy filing.

The Herculean task of arriving at a budget for the county seat has clearly taken its toll on Parker and Cain.

Both of Parker's predecessor's as city manager, Charles McNeely and interim Andrea Travis-Miller, were undone by San Bernardino's financial challenges. McNeely left just prior to the city's bankruptcy filing. Travis-Miller was understandably overwhelmed at taking the helm of a financially foundering city.

Parker and Cain, exhausted at having put the unwieldy fiscal figures onto paper, apparently were not up to the task of withstanding the firestorm of protest that they anticipated would take place in the public forum for the document's official passage.

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the calls for the reduction in the district's classroom sizes. That report has proved out to be in error.

In actuality, the plan as previously drafted contained a provision calling for the district to implement classroom size reductions in accordance with the state's funding formula. According to the plan, the class size ratio will be reduced to 27 students to one teacher in Kindergarten through the third grade beginning in August.

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heroism saves the day. 9) September 13, 2013. A Couple of Old Cows Come Home. Two "old cows" show up in San Bernardino Coun-

more--Marquette Hotel and Shady Grove Dairy east of Grove, between 6th and 7th Street in Ontario, formerly Upland. 10) September 20, 2013. The Destruction of the Oasis of Mara. Road construction without a effort to save important prehistoric Native American village area remains from the path of bulldozers? Are city offi-

toric preservation. 13) October 11, 2013. Old Railroad Gems: Restoration and Reuse. Historic Barstow, San Bernardino, Needles, Redlands and Etiwanda railroad depots have been or are being restored and reused for purposes other than as a depot. 14) October 18, 2013. Old Railroad Gems:

San Bernardino County next year, July 2015, for their annual meeting and

1930s Style: Claim Your Slope & Install Your Rope. Cool old pics from



Trackside of the restored west gate "crown jewel," the 1918 ATSF San Bernardino railroad depot (Photo courtesy of <http://en.wikipedia.org>).

8) September 6, 2013. Historic Heroics during SBC Floods. Notable flood events and how

ty after years of being resolved as "dead" or "missing." Also historic structures that are no



Prehistoric pictographs are painted on with natural pigments often inside womb like rock orifices, symbolic portals to mother earth, thought to be made to influence the supernatural and increase the chances of fertility and renewal of resources. This one is inside a rock hollow near Hole-in-the-Wall.



Two Mojave men by the Colorado River in 1871.

ciala at fault of violating CEQA?

11) September 27, 2013. Preserving Celebrity Past: The James Cagney Place. A seemingly forgotten Twenty-nine Palms area former home of by-gone celebrity and what can be done to preserve it.

12) October 4, 2013. Ghost Towns & Pioneer Towns: Use or Lose. Calico and Pioneer Town are examples of how an entrepreneur can take "theme" to the bank and that profiteering off of historic properties can also be beneficial to his-

Restoration and Reuse (Part II). A story continued from the previous week. The opportunities for converting historic structures to modern uses are only limited by one's imagination.

15) October 25, 2013. SBC's Haunted Historic Habitats. These properties are just for starters...wait until you see the amended list coming up this fall. Contact Ruth@RiverAHA.org to get your haunt and story listed.

16) November 8, 2013. Prehistoric Art of

to see our prehistoric art. Prehistoric art attracts visitors from around the world and brings tourism

back in the day. Keep your tips up.

20) December 6, 2013. New Kicks on Route 66:



The Overland Motel today.



The Overland Motel in its heyday.

dollars here.

17) November 15, 2013. Thanksgiving: Sometimes Friendly, Sometimes Deadly. American history in elementary schools often leaves out the devastating deadly conflict that existed between Euro Americans and Native Americans after the first blush of contact.

18) November 22,

the Mother Lode of the Mother Road. A corridor management plan to be prepared by the Bureau of Land Management in conjunction with the "California Historic Route 66 Association."

21) December 13, 2013. Not Daggett? Dag-Nab-It! The land grab and ultimate frustra-

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Historic Etiwanda Depot shortly after construction in 1914 with logo inset. Depot photo courtesy website of the www.petraill.org.

San Bernardino County. Rock Art is found all over the world and we have an abundance of stylish prehistoric artwork in the SBC. By the way, the American Rock Art Research Association will be in the Needles area of

2013. Thanks for Food from Native San Bernardino County. Put some Native American food on your Thanksgiving table this year.

19) November 29, 2013. Skiing the SBC

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and medical care, programs available to the inmates including mental health services and both telephonic and written communication opportunities, visiting and educational opportunities, policy manual availability, the physical conditions and aesthetics of the buildings both outwardly and internally as well as the conditions of individual cells and the personal appearance and hygiene of the inmates themselves.

The five facilities passed this test with flying colors, according to the report.

Moreover, the report gave no indication of jailor-on-inmate violence and stated that a grievance procedure was in place throughout the sheriff's department's detention system and was working well.

According to the report the "inmates [are] oriented to rules and

procedures, rules and grievance procedures [are] posted [and the] rules and grievance procedures [are] understood by inmates." Furthermore, procedures for handling complaints are in place, according to the grand jury.

The report further characterized all grievances lodged by inmates at all of the detention facilities including West Valley as "minor."

That, however, clashes with the allegations contained in a lawsuit filed in federal court in May by attorneys Stan Hodge, Jim Terrell and Sharon Bruner on behalf of inmates John Hanson, Lamar Graves, Brandon Schilling, Michael Mesa, Christopher Sly and Eddie Caldera alleging they were physically and psychologically tortured by deputies from January 1, 2013 through March of this year. According to the lawsuit, the plaintiffs were submitted to abuse and torture that included being shocked with Taser guns, having shotguns held to their heads, being rectally invaded during

unreasonably aggressive pat down searches, and having their arms pulled up behind their backs while handcuffed.

According to the lawsuit, this treatment was inflicted upon Hanson, Graves, Schilling, Mesa, Sly and Caldera by deputies Robert Escamilla, Robert Morris, Russell Kopasz, Daniel Stryffler, Eric Smale, Brock Teyechea, Andrew Cruz, Nicholas Oakley and civilian custody specialist Brandon Stockman, all of whom are named in the suit. Also named are sheriff John McMahon and captain Jeff Rose, who was the commander at the West Valley Detention Center.

In March, three deputies - Teyechea, Cruz, and Oakley, each of whom had been with the sheriff's department for less than a year, were ignominiously fired after FBI agents descended on West Valley and subjected staff there to a series of interrogations.

The action taken against Teyechea, Cruz and Oakley, together with statements emanat-

ing from the FBI that its investigation into abuse of inmates in San Bernardino County remains ongoing is widely seen as an indication that there is some substance to the allegations in the lawsuit.

One of the attorneys representing the plaintiffs in the case is Stan Hodge, a former San Bernardino County Superior Court judge who before that was a prosecutor in the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office.

The timing of the grand jury report declaring relations between deputies working the jails and inmates as "good" has been questioned, as has been the thoroughness of the report. Of issue in the county's legal challenging of the lawsuit's validity is the suggestion that the plaintiffs did not, as is required under the Prison Litigation Reform Act, first exhaust available administrative remedies by pursuing to completion whatever inmate grievance and/or appeal procedures their

prison custodians provide.

The grand jury report, in its reference to the grievance procedure at the county's jails, asserts that all "inmate grievances/complaints [were] reviewed by staff and answered."

At West Valley, the grand jury report states, the "impression of staff/inmate interactions [is] good."

In what was perhaps a concession to the accusations of brutality at West Valley that broke into public view with the filing of the lawsuit, the grand jury report does have a more in depth analysis of incarcerated population "incidents" at the West Valley Detention Center than at the other four facilities. The report notes that between September 2012 to September 2013 there had been one suicide at West Valley Detention Center, 20 unsuccessful attempted suicides at the facility, four natural deaths, one murder, 366 inmate-on-inmate assaults, and 41 assaults on staff. The grand jury re-

port nevertheless states, "After examining all completed reports, the grand jury discovered that each and every incident was handled appropriately according to policy and procedure."

Rosalio Hinojos was the foreman of the 2013-14 Grand Jury and was a member of two past grand juries, including the 2012-13 Grand Jury which delivered a report critical of the sheriff's department's employment of its Taser stun guns and policies relating to those devices.

He defended the grand jury report.

"You have to remember that there were only certain sections of the jails we dealt with," he said. "We just did a cursory inspection. We checked the infirmary. We checked to see if the inmates were fed properly and clothed properly, if they were getting the health care they need. We checked the medical facilities and the general conditions of the jails. We looked at some inci-

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tion over not being the favored location of the railroad's depot.

22) December 20, 2013. Historic Holiday Tradition: Christmas at SBC's Indoor Shopping Malls.

23) December 27, 2013. New Year's Resolution: End the Three Minute Rule. Restore Robert's Rules of Order to local government.

24) January 3, 2014. Needles to Demolish Route 66's Overland Hotel. The town is in desperate need of professional help in the form of a historic commission.

25) January 10, 2014. Etiwanda Celebrates SBC's 100 Year Old "Red Car" Depot.

26) January 17, 2014. Live--The Stunning Metamorphoses of SBC's Historic Movie Theatres. Upland, Needles, San Bernardino, Redlands and more...

27) January 24, 2014. The "Throw Away Society," "Googie" Architecture and our last "Sambo's."

28) January 31, 2014.

SBC's Atomic Age: Googie, Doo Wop and Populuxe.

29) February 7, 2014. San Bernardino County Just Can't Get Enough Googie.

30) February 14, 2014. The Beatles from Tall Trees in San Bernardino County. This article is dedicated to 50 years of Beatlemania in the SBC.

31) February 21, 2014. Get Back to Where You Once Belonged—in the SBC. Listing of historic places and museums in San Bernardino County.

32) February 28, 2014. Marmalade Mansions and Tangerine Skies. Victorian mansions in the SBC and more tribute to the Beatles and other English influence in our SBC.

33) March 7, 2014. A Share of the Kicks on Sexy Route 66 (Part I). An annotated listing of the roadside attractions along the historic Route 66.

34) March 14, 2014. "Then and Now" A Share of the Kicks on Route 66 (Part II). Annotated of roadside attractions along historic Route 66, continued

from prior week.

35) March 21, 2014. RT66:A Large Shot of Steinbeck in Needles. Annotated listing of roadside attractions along historic Route 66 in the Needles area.

36) March 28, 2014. RT66: A Large Injection of Unique in Needles. Annotated listing of roadside attractions along historic Route 66 in the Needles area (continued from previous week).

37) April 4, 2014. Sunkist San Bernardino County. A symbol of San Bernardino County's past rises out from under the dust of destruction in Upland.

38) April 11, 2014. Virgil Earp, Town Marshall in Colton. By Mark Gutglueck.

39) May 2, 2014. Thrill Ride: Historic Dips and Timber Trestle Bridges on SBC's Route 66. Assessment of historic bridge safety on Route 66 in the works.

40) May 9, 2014. From Corruption to Clovis to Calico--Who Makes SBC's Past?

41) May 16, 2014. New Rest Stop Marks Eastern Gateway Segment of Historic RT 66

42) May 23, 2014. The Visitor Experience: What Should Route 66 Look Like?

43) May 30, 2014. The



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

Rocks Begin to Memorialize—Bighorn Rock

Art in the Mojave Desert.

44) June 6, 2014. Sentinel Weaponry of our Prehistoric Past. Stone projectile points.

45) June 13, 2014. Our Historic San Bernardino County Fair.

46) June 20, 2014. Homemade: Our Prehistoric and Historic Arrowweed Homes.

47) June 27, 2014. The Doom of the Hidden River of Hinkley.

48) July 4, 2014. SBC's First Independence Day Celebration.



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

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Coroner case #701404993 -- On 07-01-14, at 12:09 PM, Manuel Vera Ortega was a 78 year old Hispanic male resident of Chino was riding his bike southbound Central Avenue near Washington in Chino when he was struck by a Chevy Silverado. Ortega was transported to the Chino Valley Medical Emergency Room where he was pronounced dead at 12:41 PM. The Chino Police Department investigated the incident. [070214 0033 TC]

Coroner Case #701404980 - On 06/30/2014, at about 5:45 P.M. deputies from the Victorville Police Department responded to a call of a stabbing in the 15900 block of Escorza Lane. 68 year-old Apple Valley resident Manuel Coronado Medrano was found with trauma to the upper body and pronounced dead at the scene. The San Bernardino Sheriff's Homicide Unit is investigating. [070114 1604 SY]

Coroner case #701404899 -- On 06/27/2014, at 11:23pm, 45 year old San Bernardino resident Eileen Huerta was struck by a hit and run vehicle as she ran across Highland Avenue east of E Street outside of a crosswalk. San Bernardino Police Department is investigating the incident. Anyone with information is encouraged to call the San Bernardino Police Department. [062814 1420 TC]

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dent reports to see how incidents were handled and how they followed through on them. We completed all of our inspections by March. The reports you are talking about came out, I believe, in April, at which time we were done with our inspections. We did not interview inmates. We just looked at the conditions of the jails, basically health factors, safety factors, things of that nature, like when they last performed a fire drill, how many beds they have, the number of inmates, whether they have adequate staffing,

items like that. I am aware that the attorney for one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit that was filed said we should have talked to the inmates, or their family members or the FBI. That is nothing we can go about and do on our own. We can't arbitrarily call people in on something like that unless we have a specific complaint."

A personal accusation against Hinojos was raised by critics of the grand jury report who suggested the grand jury had been used to cover for the sheriff's department. They pointed out that Rosalio Hinojos has a family member employed by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's

Department and it was suggested that he had used his authority as the grand jury foreman to rein in the grand jury to prevent it from exploring issues that would have complicated or compro-



Steve Hinojos

mised the county's ability to defend itself in the lawsuit.

Steve Hinojos, a sergeant with the sheriff's department, is an up and

coming member of McMahon's staff, who oversees security at the Victorville Courthouse. He is also Rosalio Hinojos's nephew.

"Yes, he is my nephew," Rosalio Hinojos said of Steve Hinojos. He insisted that relationship had no impact on the investigation carried out by the grand jury and the report it filed.

"As the foreman, I was there to oversee the procedures and to make sure everything was carried out properly," Hinojos said. "As foreman, I did not participate in any of the inspections of the jails. I did not go on any of the visits to the jails. I did not participate because of my nephew being stationed at the

courthouse in Victorville, so I especially did not go on that investigation or inspection there."

Hinojos noted that the previous grand jury impaneled for 2012-13, of which he was a member, had taken up the sheriff's department's use of Tasers and that he had likewise not participated at that time in its examination of the sheriff's department because of his nephew's position with the department.

Hinojos said things had improved all over the county and that the new reality was reflected in the grand jury report. "I think what made me happy is the county departments generally are working a lot harder," Hinojos said. "They are

more efficient and are really doing a good job. We visited a lot of county departments. Those departments are working good and spending money the way they should. We were pretty impressed with the county and the folks who work there. There was nothing we could write about as far as improvements went and we finally decided to go back and revisit the grand jury reports and recommendations made in past. We wanted to see how they were implementing what was in those reports. We wanted to make sure the county doesn't put them up on a shelf someplace. That was meant to ensure that they will implement the recommendations of future grand juries."

Hinojos said that "As far as the jails go, they were operating as they should."

The sheriff's department, which last year contested the grand jury's findings with regard to the department's Taser use policy, immediately seized upon the 2013-2014 Grand Jury Final Report to assert that its deputies were humanely treating prisoners at its detention facilities. Within three hours of the public release of the grand jury report, the department put out a statement attributed to McMahon that "These recommendations are the end product of many hours of serious study, and offer thoughtful suggestions for our department. We are thankful for the insights provided by the grand jury, and we will consider the implementation of their recommendations."

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Acorn Woodpeckers: An Attractive Nuisance?

The Western screech owl (*Megascops kennicottii*) is a small owl native to North and Central



America, closely related to the European scops owl and the North American eastern screech owl. The scientific name commemorates the American naturalist Robert Kennicott.

Western Screech Owls are prolific in the western United States, and are a common back-yard owl that screeches to alarm other raptors of impending danger in the forest. They inhabit Northwest forests, groves, farms and wooded towns, often near water, from southeast Alaska, western Canada and the U.S. west of the Great Plains to Mexico. Building scanty nests of sticks, feathers and chips in natural or abandoned tree cavities, on rocky ledges, in farm sheds and bird boxes from waist level up to twenty five feet high, this bird of prey lays up to four white eggs which hatch after about four weeks.

Length averages 22 cm (8.7 in), wingspan 55 cm (22 in) and weight 143 g (5.0 oz). Weight ranges from 88 to 220 g (3.1 to 7.8 oz).[2] Females are larger than males and Northern populations are notably larger than Southern races.[3] Adults are larger than whiskered screech owls, with larger feet and more streaked plumage pattern.

The facial disc is pale brownish-grey, finely mottled and vermiculated darker. The rim is dark and not very prominent, with pale speckles on the edge. The eyebrows are slightly paler than the surrounding plumage, so are not very prominent. The eyes are

bright yellow, the bill and cere blackish. There are blackish bristles at the base of the bill. Ear tufts are short and pointed, and prominent when erected.

The crown and upperparts are brownish-grey with blackish shaft-streaks and fine vermiculations. The scapulars have whitish outer webs, edged black, forming a line of white



spots across each shoulder. Flight feathers are boldly barred light and dark, while the tail is less distinctly barred.

Underparts are paler than the upperparts, with blackish shaft-streaks and irregular cross-barring. The upper breast has some broad shaft-



streaks resembling black spots.

Opportunistic predators, Western Screech owls are night hunters of mice, insects, frogs, snakes, lizards, crayfish and fish. They also catch insects in flight. Normally, they keep out of site during the day. Active at dawn, night or near dusk, they use their excellent hearing and night vision to locate prey. This owl's fluffy feather edges reduce the noise of flight, making its presence silent until the bird swoops

like a shadow toward an intruder, hooting and snapping its bill as it pulls up in the last second. They will also scav-



enge road kill.

They have a round head with ear tufts, yellow eyes and a yellowish bill. They are close in appearance to whiskered and eastern screech owls, but are distinguished by their calls. They were previously considered to be the same species as the eastern screech owl.

During courtship males and females call to each other in a duet as they approach each other. When together they preen each other's heads and nibble at the

after laying of the first. The incubation period is about 26 days and the fledging period about 35 days. Females incubate

eggs and brood young while males bring food to the nest. Hatching of their young, usually four to five, is synchronized with the spring migration. Upon the passing of migrants into their territory, screech-owls will take the fledglings of local birds.

The Western Screech Owl is single brooded, but may re-nest if first clutch is lost. Pairs will often reuse nest sites in consecutive years. Pairs mate for life but will accept a new mate if the previous mate is lost. gray and red color phases will mate together.

Adults tend to remain near their breeding areas year-round while juveniles disperse in the autumn. Small territories around nest sites are vigorously defended by males. In desert areas near a plentiful water source, Western Screech Owls can be quite numerous, with territories only 50 meters apart.

Western Screech Owls are preyed upon by Northern Goshawks,



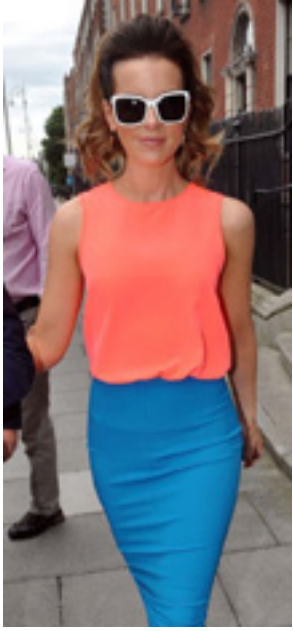
other's beaks. The male then changes his call to a rapid tremolo, answered with a short, tremolo from the female. They breed in open woods, or mixed woods at forest edges. They commonly utilize holes in tree cavities or cactus that were excavated by woodpeckers.

Two to five eggs are laid on natural sawdust on the floor of the cavity. The eggs are laid every one to two days and incubation begins

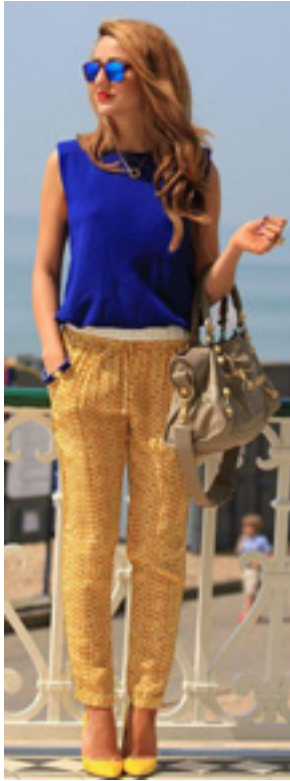
Cooper's Hawks, Great Horned Owls, Barred Owls, Spotted Owls, Long-eared Owls, Great gray Owls, Short-eared Owls, mink, weasels, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, snakes, and crows.

California Style Mom on the Run

By Grace Bernal



The parties and art shows are happening everywhere. Art plays a big role each summer. Museums are a place to visit to see the color and the different art work. It's



and the men are wearing bright shirts, too. The summer season is in full spirit and fashion is a fun part of it. Whether you are into simplicity or high fashion, remember to explore with color. The

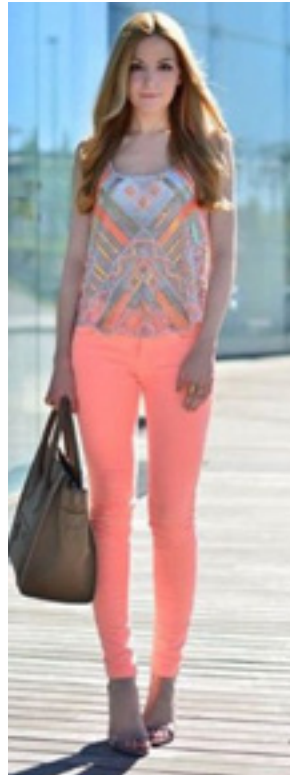


"Life imitates art far more than art imitates Life." - Oscar Wilde

It's summertime and color is in full bloom.



always fun to see people mimic the colors of art with the clothes they're wearing. It pretty explosive! The women are all wearing bright colored tops, dresses, and skirts,



time is now with summer and art and it is just the beginning of it. Let your summer creativity run wild and put some color into your clothes. 'Til next time. Have an artful and eventful week.



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budget this week was considered to be a milestone and members of the council labored at having to negotiate through the thicket of decisions relating to its passage

without the city manager or finance director present, as questions with regard to several line items manifested during the course of the meeting.

The council soldiered on, however, approving the budget on a 5-2 vote, with council members John Valdivia and Benito

Barrios dissenting.

For the most part, the council as a body maintained its outwardly calm demeanor, but it was hinted that a job review for Parker, who is being paid \$221,976 annually, will soon be scheduled as a closed-door discussion item for the council.

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ment program services through contracted providers since 2002.

Narcotic replacement therapy is an umbrella term encompassing a variety of pharmacological and non-pharmacologi-

cal treatment modalities, including therapeutic use of the specialized opioid compound methadone to extinguish drug craving, prevent withdrawal symptoms, and thus establish a maintenance state.

The recommended contracts with Aegis and WCHS for narcotic treat-

ment program substance use disorder services include the option of two one-year extensions contingent upon funding and contractor performance. The department of behavioral health will monitor contractor performance on a regular basis to ensure compliance standards are met.



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