

Compton Cites Brown Act Violations In First Of Two Suits Vs. Colton



Stephen Compton

Former Colton City Manager Stephen Compton has struck

back at the city council that fired him without stating any cause earlier this year, filing a lawsuit claiming the city engaged in Brown Act violations. He lodged an additional unlawful termination claim against the city.

The claim is the precursor of a lawsuit, under consideration, which will likely be filed unless

the city elects to make a payout on the claim.

The lawsuit, filed October 9, is in the form of a verified complaint for declaratory and injunctive relief combined with a petition for writ of mandate under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Compton went to work for Colton in March 2013 after holding, over a period of 32

years varying finance and administrative positions with Ridgecrest, Fountain Valley, Indio, Soledad and Omnitrans in California and the city of Richland Center and the village of Sturtevant in Wisconsin and the city of Greenville in Texas.

During the latter part of his first year at Colton's helm, he came across a number of operational

and accounting anomalies in the city's public works division and capital projects. He utilized his authority as city manager, under which he could enter into contracts of up to \$25,000 without first obtaining city council approval, to initiate reviews of the public works department and the city's capital works opera-

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SB Council Vacates Work Pact With Firefighters



Carey Davis

SAN BERNARDINO—A divided San Bernardino City Council this week moved to unwind particular provisions of the city's contract with firefighters. The vote was immediately protested by the firefighters' union as illegal, but city attorney Gary Saenz said the action had been given legal clearance by the federal judge hearing the city's bankruptcy case.

Monday's move by the city council actualizes a tentative alteration of the city's budget approved on a 5-2 vote in June. That spending plan called for the fire department to shutter one of its fire stations and the implementation of "constant staffing."

Constant staffing is a strategy by which the department schedules a minimum number of staffed fire engines or paramedic units at all times and apportions those crews by number to correspond with peak usage periods in an effort to reduce manpower demands and head off excessive overtime.

This action played out against a backdrop that includes severe financial challenges to the county seat, a city of 209,924. After years of annual budgets that were essentially unbalanced or otherwise involved heavy borrowing

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Dynamic Forum Performance Defines McAuliffe As Foe To Dunn's Troika

At the October 6 Upland City Council Candidates Forum cosponsored by the Upland Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters, political newcomer Rod McAuliffe came out of nowhere to define the race as one between himself and former Upland City Manager Stephen Dunn.

Dunn, who had been



Stephen Dunn

Upland's finance director beginning in 2001

after previous stints in the finance departments in Fontana and Buena Park, was elevated to the position of interim city manager in January 2011 as the scandal involving former Upland Mayor John Pomierski was overtaking the City of Gracious Living and Pomierski's handpicked city manager, Robb Quincey, was put on an



Rod McAuliffe

extended administrative leave. In May 2011, two

months after Pomierski was indicted by a federal grand jury on political corruption charges, Quincey was terminated. Shortly thereafter Dunn was selected to permanently replace Quincey, with the entire council, which at that point was one member short because of Pomierski's resignation, expressing confidence in

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Gagnier Touts Her Energy And Ideas In 35th District Campaign



Christina Gagnier

Christina Gagnier is a Democrat opposing another Democrat in the November race for Con-

gress in the 35th Congressional District. Gagnier is making her appeal to the voters on the basis of her new ideas, experience as a small business owner, her work in the technology field and her proposals relating to reinvigorating the local economy.

"I am a Chino native," Said Gagnier. "When I was growing up here, the area was growing. New busi-

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Bacterial Contamination Persists In Chino Hills Water Line After Multiple Flushings

Bacterial contamination has persisted in one of the waterlines at Forestar Canyon Hills' residential subdivision in Chino Hills, despite previous efforts to cure the problem.

Forestar Canyon Hills is constructing 76 dwelling units on 141 acres off of Carbon Canyon Road nestled against Chino Hills State Park. The land plan is designed around the rolling topog-

raphy and native oaks and will feature wide angle vistas.

Marring the undertaking, however, is the presence of heterotrophic bacteria in a water pipe at the site. That contamination was first discovered in July when lab tests showed bacteria was proliferating in the water. The city contacted the developer, who then began flushing the line in an attempt to clean

it. Water was blasted at a high level of pressure through the line on July 28, July 31, August 1, August 4 and August 5, each time accompanied with chlorinated water to kill the bacteria.

All told, some 750,000 gallons of the bacteri-laced water were flushed from the waterline by the end of the first week of August. Follow-up lab tests of water from the line were

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Steinorth Blasts State Legislature's Use Of 'Gut And Amend' Tactic

California Assembly hopeful Marc Steinorth this week decried the legislative practice of utilizing the so-called "gut and amend" process to radically alter bills just prior to their being voted upon as a means of keeping the state's citizenry in the dark about pending legislation.

This tactic, Steinorth said, undercuts the

democratic process as well as the faith of the people at large in the openness and reasonableness of the governmental process.

Steinorth, a city councilman in Rancho Cucamonga, is vying against Kathleen Henry in this year's election in the 40th Assembly District. Steinorth is a Republican; Henry is a Democrat. Party regis-

tration in the 40th District is very evenly divided. Earlier this year, the Democrats held a narrow registration advantage of fewer than 800 voters over the Republicans. That circumstance has shifted, and at present registered Republicans now outnumber Democrats by 101 voters. Of the 219,214 registered voters in the district, 77,771, or 37.0 percent,

are registered Democrats. Republicans boast 77,872, which is statistically likewise pegged at 37.0 percent.

While Steinorth is absolutely engaged in obtaining a berth in California's lower legislative house on November 4, he said he harbors no illusions about the serpentine nature of lawmaking in Sacramento and the plethora of permutations



Marc Steinorth

and outright corruptions of what should be a straightforward

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**McAuliffe Assails
Dunn, Filippi &
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Dunn's ability to lead the city.

Indeed, Dunn embarked on an energetic reform program that entailed the termination of four department heads and the laying off of 24 lower ranking staff members. Debbie Stone was elected to the council in a special election to fill the gap created when councilman Ray Musser was selected by his peers

to replace Pomierski as mayor.

Dunn continued to maintain a strong and positive relationship with the entire council for the next year as he sought to utilize his financial and budgetary expertise to joust with the major challenge to the upscale bedroom community, which consisted of the dwindling revenues available to the city as a result of the persisting economic downturn that had settled upon the nation, state and region in

2007. Even after a coalition of former employees who had lost their positions as a consequence of Dunn's round of reforms and budgetary economies undertook an anonymous but hardhitting letter writing, emailing and internet posting campaign that attacked the city manager on a host of issues ranging from his managerial decisions to his management style to elements of his personal life, the city council stood by Dunn, continuing to defer to

his judgment and recommendations.

The bonhomie continued after the 2012 election, in which Glenn Bozar emerged victorious in the race to replace councilman Ken Willis, a longtime Pomierski ally who had opted not to seek reelection that year. But the 2012 election insinuated into Upland a hint of discord when Stone and councilman Gino Filippi, who had first been elected

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SB Abrogates Firefighters' Contract *from front page*

from the city's reserves, San Bernardino filed a Chapter 9 bankruptcy petition in August 2012. In its filing, the county seat asserted it had \$180 million in ongoing unfunded liabilities and a \$49 million annual operating deficit. Some of the city's creditors contested the city's filing, maintaining San Bernardino

has hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of assets it could liquidate to make good on its debts.

Despite efforts by some entities, including the state's pension fund system, opposing the bankruptcy, the city prevailed. Simultaneously, the city was moving to implement a host of cost cutting measures, including seeking concessions from its employee unions on elements within the current em-

ployment agreements. Because public safety programs account for some 67 percent of the city's budget, many of those concessions asked for were from the police and fire unions. When the unions balked at those measures, the city sought permission from U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Meredith Jury to impose them unilaterally. Last month, Jury ruled that the city could vacate its existing contract with

firefighters, though that ruling did not explicitly state that the city could dictate future terms of its own without further negotiation.

With no further concessions from the firefighters union forthcoming, the city council this week, with councilman Rikke Van Johnson absent, took up the issue of the imposition of the terms the city layered into this year's budget.

Councilman John

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Valdivia, a police and fire union advocate, inveighed against the staffing change, saying it risked public safety. Union officials maintained city manager Alan Parker had not negotiated with them in good faith on the changes. Parker responded that the city had straightforwardly laid out its position and gave the union representatives ample opportunity to respond. The difficulty, Parker said, is the unions are absolutely opposed to

any further cuts. The city manager said that not only he, but former city managers Charles McNeeley and Andrea Travis-Miller, had repeatedly counseled the city council that the city cannot hope to balance its budget without serious reductions in the amount of money the city is paying for public safety services.

After some contretemps between city council members Fred Shorett and Valdivia over their conflicting views on the necessity of, in the case of the former, reducing public safety funding, and in the case of the latter, maintaining public safety funding, the council deadlocked 3-3 in a vote to impose constant staffing, with councilwoman Virginia Marquez, councilmen Jim Mulvihill and Shorett in favor and Valdivia and councilmen Benito Barrios and Henry Nickel opposed.

Mayor Carey Davis, who is not empowered to vote on issues before the council unless there is a tie, then used his authority to support the imposition of new terms and conditions of employment on the city's firefighters.

In November, city voters are slated to vote on Measure Q, a proposal to alter the city's charter to remove a provision that guarantees that both policeman and firefighters be provided with salaries based upon the average pay provided to their counterparts in ten similarly sized California cities.

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Glimpse Of SBC's Past

William Fowler: Citrus Grower, Tax Collector, Mayor & Supervisor

By Mark Gutglueck

William Lane Fowler was born on March 16, 1875 in Newport Minnesota, the son of William and Caroline A. (Lane) Fowler. He received his primary education in a one room schoolhouse in Newport and the first installment of his secondary education at St. Paul's College, a German-Methodist boys' academy near St. Paul, ten miles from his hometown.

His father sold the family's Minnesota farm in 1890 and moved to Redlands, purchasing ten acres on West Cypress Avenue. Will graduated from Redlands High School, which was then at the corner of Orange Street and Colton Avenue, where Stater Bros. Market is now located. He graduated as part of the school's second graduating class in 1895, one of 13 seniors. He worked for one year as a janitor at the YMCA and then enrolled at the University of California. With the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, he enlisted with Redlands' Company G, which entrained

in June 1898, but never actually saw action. He came home on leave in November 1898 and was deactivated shortly

the Redlands Heights district. On November 25, 1902 Fowler married Elizabeth Shorey, who was referred to as his

They remained married for more than 61 years. They had no children.

He was then recruited by the Redlands Fruit Association for its foreman's position. He also worked as a carpenter until 1906, at which time he was elected city marshal and ex-officio tax collector. He held these dual posts for two years, and then returned to the private sector, again as a carpenter.

In 1913, he accepted the manager's position at the Redlands Heights Orchards. He remained in this post for ten years.

Fowler was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was the secretary of the Redlands Water Company and was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Redlands Rotary Club and the United Spanish-American War Veterans. He was a prominent

churchman, serving as the treasurer for the First Baptist Church for over 30 years, and in 1935 served as the president of the Southern California Baptist Convention.

In the early 1900s, his father had been elected to the Redlands City Council and was chosen to serve two terms as mayor. In 1918, William Fowler emulated his father, being elected as city councilman himself. He departed the council in 1922, but was reelected to it once more in 1926, then again in 1930 and 1934. During this period, he was mayor for four years, from 1932 to 1936. In 1936 he was elected to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, representing the Third District. He was reelected in 1940.

While on the board of supervisors, Fowler was a member of the

committee to which the Flood Control District reported for guidance. He was in a position of considerable importance relating to flood control when the 1938 flood occurred. That catastrophe wreaked destruction on much of Southern California, causing the loss of many lives and many millions of dollars in damages to property and utilities.

After retirement from the board of supervisors, Fowler returned to his citrus orchard and his home in Redlands with his wife. When his home and grove were sold for the construction of the Smiley Grammar School, Mr. and Mrs. Fowler purchased a home on East Fern Street. It was there that he died on January 28, 1964, at the age of 89, following a long period of declining health.



William Fowler

thereafter.

At that point, Fowler went to work for Isaac Ford, assisting in the surveying of apple orchards in Oak Glen. He also helped chart a course for the South Mountain Water Company pipeline, which brought water to

childhood sweetheart.

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tions and funding.

Among the issues explored in those reviews were what appear to have been unauthorized expenditures of funds on projects which benefited property owned by at least two of the council's members, councilman Frank Gonzales and councilwoman Susan Oliva. This information, however, was secondary to indications that there had been multiple unauthorized diversions of reserve funds to cover cost overruns on public works and capital improvement projects.

Alarm over the information Compton had procured triggered several closed session evaluations of Compton's performance by the city council this spring. After three such discussions in April and May, the council again met on June 3 to discuss and evaluate Compton's performance in secret. As before, the council emerged from the June 3 meeting to have the city attorney re-

port that it had taken no reportable action. But toward the close of the business day on June 5, Compton was confronted in his office and was then ignominiously escorted out of City Hall by a plainclothes policeman.

Compton remained on administrative leave for more than two months while an investigation into his action by then-city attorney Christina Talley and another attorney, Ontario-based Kathy M. Gandara, was ongoing. In the meantime, rumors and unsubstantiated reports abounded that Compton was to be terminated for exceeding his spending authority in carrying out the review of the public works department and the managerial decisions of public works director Amer Jakher.

The *Sentinel* has learned that three members of the council – Gonzales, Oliva and Mayor Sarah Zamora – were pushing to have Compton terminated with cause. On August

4, Gandara gave the city council an oral briefing of her findings, which showed that Compton had expended roughly \$48,000 on various different outside work orders for consulting services including the review of the public works department, some \$23,000 more than his \$25,000 independent expenditure limit. This reinforced the public perception that elements on the council were preparing to fire Compton with cause, which would obviate the necessity of conferring upon Compton any severance pay.

Gandara's public report, however, was selective in its presentation and did not clearly delineate that the \$48,000 worth of expenditures entailed a multitude of work orders, none of which exceeded Compton's authority to engage in individual expenditures up to \$25,000 each. No action with regard to Compton's status was taken on August 4.

Ultimately and abruptly, on August 21, the city council terminated Compton, but cit-

ed no cause in doing so, triggering the necessary payment to him of four month's salary as part of his severance in his employment agreement. At least four of the council's members – Gonzales, Oliva, Zamora and councilman Isaac Suchil – were firmly in favor of the termination.

Throughout his ordeal, Compton maintained his silence. Within the last fortnight, however, he and his attorney have initiated action which indicate Compton will spiritedly contest the action the city took against him and shed light on his now declared belief that he was driven out of his position because his reviews and request for a performance and financial audit was on the verge of, or already had, uncovered activity that related to improper or unlawful activity at City Hall, including the possible diversion of city resources to benefit council members.

The lawsuit, filed by attorney Cory Briggs on

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nesses were moving in. Over the last 20 to 25 years, the economy has stagnated. We have the logistics for many successful businesses. More could be done for economic development that has not been done. A lot of young people are not finding career opportunities in the Inland Empire. Teenagers and people in their twenties and thirties cannot get jobs. To thrive as a community we need to have jobs for young people in the Inland Empire.”

The same problems that ail the country as a whole plague the 35th District, Gagnier said.

“I think the district is a prime example of things that have happened nationwide,” she said. “Recently, unemployment has gone down, but if you look at the statistics overall, the unemployment numbers are always a little higher in the Inland Empire. When it comes to attracting industries, we see other areas in California and other states finding their niche. I think we can find a successful niche in the Inland Empire. There has been a lot of technology expansion elsewhere in California. There is no reason that will not work here. We have a lot of land and many talented people who find themselves out of work. This is the perfect place for growth in that sector. With the district’s experience in logistics and our workforce, we are the perfect place to attract businesses with logistics and customer service needs such as Amazon, which has already brought distribution centers here. The Inland Empire should share in that expansion and become the next success story in terms of economic rejuvenation.”

To attract employers, Gagnier asserted, the government needs to expedite the availability of skilled employees.

“We need to focus on workforce development,” Gagnier said. “We need to begin insisting on a better business system support. We need

to retool and enhance workforce development by training our people for the jobs of today and the jobs of tomorrow. We need to look at what the jobs are going to be over the next ten years. For the kindergarten through 12th grade level, we should be looking at giving our students a technical education so they can compete globally. This includes courses in science, engineering, math and technology.”

Gagnier said “bipartisan solutions” are called for. “I am not so naïve to think that I can go to Congress and change things overnight,” she said. “But there are things Republicans and Democrats can agree on. One of those things is we need to get the residents of the Inland Empire back to work. Part and parcel of that conversation should revolve around the fields where we need to excel to compete in this economy, which is science and mathematics. I think computer science is part of what kids should be learning today. Just like in the past, students studied Spanish and French, today the trend should be teaching coding language or computer coding skills. We should be exploring scholastically for our students the realm that technology companies demand. We have a digital literacy problem in the United States, from knowing how to use a computer to building software programs. If we are going to remain competitive in the world, we must start with basic computer skills for kids.”

Gagnier is running against Norma Torres, the one-time mayor of Pomona who has served in the California Assembly and is now in the California Senate. Despite Torres’ experience in elected office, Gagnier believes her experience in business and background in education technology rendered her a superior candidate for Congress.

“I think what differentiates me from my opponent is my background in technology and first hand

knowledge of running a business,” Gagnier said. “We live in the information age. Technology is important. Technology is moving ahead. It is what is propelling our economy, touching on everything from manufacturing to health care to pharmaceuticals. We do not have political leadership with a technology background. We need to draft laws that protect our privacy and conserve our rights. We need good laws about technology and the use of the internet that help industry grow but protect those people who are vulnerable to abuse from it. It is very likely that many people will be using technology and innovative changes to keep a roof over their heads.”

Gagnier is an attorney and the co-owner of Gagnier Margossian LLP, a firm that specializes in technology and Internet practice. She has been particularly involved in efforts to bring awareness to online consumer rights, and has worked on initiatives such as the Social Network Users’ Bill of Rights and on issues pertaining to privacy rights and cybersecurity. In her legal practice, Gagnier has several technology startups and other com-

panies utilizing modern information processing systems as clients.

Gagnier said her energy and new ideas translate into a more innovative approach than that offered by Torres toward representing the district and moving it off top dead center.

“I am from here,” she said. “It has been the same old same old for a while. People are kind of stuck in a rut. People are accepting the status quo. I do not know why we are not actively trying to attract industry. Our local situation needs better leadership, which can redefine the Inland Empire. We need someone who can look at where we are with new vision and new energy. I am qualified because I have been working in the public and private sectors trying to get young people involved.”

Gagnier previously served as the chief information officer for Mobilize.org, a national non-profit that works to increase civic engagement among the Millennial Generation.

“I worked in Washington, D.C. getting younger people into the discussion of how to approach the problems we are facing,” Gagnier said. “We need the per-

spectives of all generations.”

Gagnier also serves as the CEO of an education technology company TRAIL, which focuses on getting people back to work by teaching them the Internet skills they need to find jobs.

She railed against the perversion of politics through the buying of elections and the efforts by the moneyed elite to influence public policy through the unabashed application of its wealth.

“I am not backed by special interests,” Gagnier said. “If I go to Congress, my interest group will be the people I will encounter every day. I

think the control of our government by special interests is a big deal. I believe people are tired of money politics. People are tired of checkbooks being in control of policy. They want common sense solutions in control of policy. I don’t owe anything to any special interest groups.”

Gagnier attended Western Christian High School and the University of California at Irvine. She obtained her master’s degree from USC and her law degree at the University of San Francisco School of Law.



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conducted and employees with the Chino Hills Public Works Department expressed confidence in August that the remedial action had redressed the situation. In September the waterline was connected to the city of Chino Hill’s full matrix of pipelines.

At that point it was determined that the bacteria yet remained in the water system. Efforts to flush the line were re-

initiated, this time on a grander scale than previously. Over the last five weeks, 1.4 million gallons of water were vectored through the line.

While further test results were not available at press time, concern is growing that the bacteria may be seeping into the pipe from some yet undetected crack. Officials have not commented on inquiries as to the possibility of backpressure resulting in the bacteria spreading in general throughout the city water supply.



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Country Girl Fuller Back From Harvard & Oxford To Serve Rural 16th District

Embracing her identity as “just a small town girl” Jean Fuller said she is running for a second and last term as state senator in the 16th District to offer her rural constituents the benefit of her experience and education.

The 16th Senatorial District covers 50 percent of the populated areas of Tulare County, including Tulare and Visalia, 65 percent of the populated



Jean Fuller

areas of Kern County, including Tehachapi and Ridgecrest and 7.3 percent of the populated

area of San Bernardino County within a substantial swath of San Bernardino County’s Mojave Desert, including Barstow, Needles, 29 Palms, Yucca Valley.

Fuller was raised in Shaster, attending and graduating from Shaster High School. After she availed herself of the curriculum at Bakersfield Community College, she obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree

in education and social science from Fresno State, a degree in public administration from Cal State Los Angeles and a doctorate in educational leadership and organization from U.C. Santa Barbara. She went on to do post doctorate study at Harvard and Oxford.

She took a job as an educator, working first as a teacher, then a school principal and finally as a superintendent with a

district in Los Angeles County before becoming the superintendent of Bakersfield City Schools, overseeing the education of roughly 30,000 students from kindergarten to the eighth grade.

It was through her role with the school district that she gravitated toward politics because of issues impacting on scholastics, most notably in the Congressional Campaign of Bill Thom-

as, one of her professors.

“My political activity always had something to do with schools,” she said. She successfully ran for the California Assembly in 2006 and after four years in the lower house ran for the California Senate in 2010. If re-elected, she will be termed out of the legislature under California’s term limits after 2018.

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His First 12 Years On AV Council Have Earned Him Four More, Nassiff Says

After what is approaching a dozen years on the Apple Valley Town Council, including two periods as appointed mayor, Scott Nassiff is looking to be reelected to a fourth term, and is attempting to stand down charges that he represents a past-its-prime and out-of-touch status quo in the town of 69,135.

Nassiff and two other incumbents, Curt Emick and Barb Stanton, are facing challenges from

Tom Piper, Richard Bunck, former mayor and councilman Rick Roelle and Sal Lopez-Ortiz. Piper and Bunck, in particular, have suggested the current council represents the town’s wealthy elite but has given short shrift to the majority of the town’s working class residents.

Nassiff sloughed off that criticism.

“We’ve got a lot accomplished over the last few years,” Nassiff said of the town under his



Scott Nassiff

leadership. “We’ve been really focused on quality of life issues. We have the long-awaited Yucca Loma Bridge half built. We have reduced crime.

Graffiti has been cut in half of what it was a few years ago. We’ve added three million square feet of retail space over the last ten years. We are expanding public service programs. We have never had an unbalanced budget while I have been in office. The town has been very fiscally responsible. I want to continue that as well as continue toward our other goals. I am concerned with the exorbitant water rates our citizens

pay. We have a private water company in town. In Apple Valley the water rates are 112 percent higher than they were ten years ago. They are 139 percent higher than they are in Hesperia and 89 percent higher than in Victorville. Both of those cities have municipal water districts. We need to get our own municipal water division so we can control our rates and infrastructure. Right now a private company has control over rates

and the investment in infrastructure expansion in the water system. This is obviously affecting our community. We have started to address this. Currently, we are trying to purchase Park Water, which is owned by the Carlisle Group, an international investment consortium. We are trying to figure out a way we can come into owning our portion of the water district. It is a complicated

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Despite Adelanto’s Slide Toward Bankruptcy, Baisden Wants To Stay On Council

Given the challenge Adelanto faces, incumbent city councilman Steve Baisden said he believes his understanding of the ins and outs of city government and the difficulty the city will have in merely staying afloat recommends his retention by the voters in this year’s election.

Baisden and another incumbent councilman, Charles Valvo, are vying for reelection. They face

challenges from Charlie Glasper, a former mayor and councilman who was voted out of office in 2010, John “Bug” Woodard and Jeremiah Thompson.

The city of 31,765 finds itself in something of a fix, having declared a fiscal state of emergency 16 months ago and city officials decrying the fact that city residents are unwilling to impose on themselves

some form of taxing arrangement that will help stave off what the city’s finance director says is a likely bankruptcy.

“Right now, the possibility of bankruptcy is pretty much the hurdle we have to overcome,” Baisden said. “Our plans consist of putting a utility tax on the ballot as a short term fix. The longer term goal is to bring in more commercial development to the



Steve Baisden

city. What we need to do is bring them in without incentives, because we don’t have any money

to spare. We need more buying power. We need more rooftops in the city. We can maybe work with [residential] developers. Maybe we can incentivize them with less impact fees. If we get more rooftops, get more house built, then maybe we can bring in stores and the sales tax that will bring. Our choices are pretty limited. Pretty much all we have going right now

is the tax idea.”

In explaining what he has accomplished as a councilman so far, Baisden pointed to “The Adelanto Marketplace. That is the only major shopping center we have, with Stater Bros. as an anchor.” His other accomplishments, he said, were “the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant and Marconi Park.

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Emick Wants To Remain Involved In Apple Valley’s Ruling Partnership

Curt Emick is seeking a reelection this year, hoping Apple Valley’s voters will grant him a second term on the city council.

Emick, who is standing for reelection along with Scott Nassiff and Barb Stanton, said he is running “to continue the partnership we have going now. We are trying to find a solution to our water problems. We are working to bring the cost of water in Apple Valley into line with what people are paying elsewhere.

I want to continue where we are going on this, working as a whole community. I see the things we are doing in the high desert as a positive. We are working well together.”

Emick reiterated his concern about water when he was asked what the major issues facing the town are.

“Currently, the cost of water is a huge issue,” he said. “We need water and we also need to build our water treatment plant, our sewer facilities, so

we can reclaim water for use at our golf course and parks.”

Progress has been made on another pressing issue but needs to be followed through on, Emick said.

“We have begun work on the Yucca Loma Bridge, so we can have an east-to-west corridor all the way to the 15 Freeway,” he said. “We have spent money and obtained grant money and the bridge is under construction, but it only goes part way. We

filed for a federal grant. The grant came in but it was short. It worked to help us get as far as we did. The road over the bridge will eventually go to Ridgecrest and Bear Valley Road. Our end of it is on the way to being completed, but now Victorville will have to take up the slack for it to go all the way through. We are working with Victorville and SANBAG [San Bernardino Associated Governments, i.e., the county transportation agency] to speed up



Curt Emick

the process. SANBAG has scheduled to do that by 2020. We are trying to get the money much quicker than that.”

With regard to the water dilemma, Emick said

“What we need to do is bring multiple agencies and partners together and look for a solution. That is being worked upon as we speak. As far as the cost of water goes, it is really hard when you have a private company that is guaranteed a 9.9 percent profit. The money is not going for infrastructure. It is going somewhere else. The community is conserving water because of the drought and at

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the same time is getting penalized. That 9.9 percent will disappear and local people will have no recourse. We have to look seriously at creating a municipal water division. We did a survey and asked if people want local control over water through their own water company. The answer

was overwhelmingly yes. We have public support. We have infrastructure issues coming forward. We are working on those.”

Emick said he is seeking reelection because, “I think over the last three years I’ve done a great job. Most of the things I’ve done in the background haven’t had

a whole lot of attention, but I put several people together in ways that worked. We needed a cell phone tower in town. The sheriff couldn’t communicate with his deputies all the way around town. I got [former county supervisor] Brad Mitzelfel, the sheriff and Verizon to work on communications and

within six months had a cell phone tower in what I consider to be the more important part of town. Now cell phones work there. I did that without spending tax money. I brought a musical production to town so people can have wholesome events. These are put on by a sponsor. Others followed the example and

now we have several musical events every year. These are things I have accomplished the last four years and I believe I can continue that. When I was mayor last year we had a meeting of mayors in the High Desert. We made every attempt to stop the closure of the courts. We need to preserve the court system.”

Raised in Whittier, Emick graduated from Lowell High School and attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton. He is a pharmacist. Married, he has four children.



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scenario. We are working diligently to try to do that. We want to be a player in the water arena. We think that is a solution. We have been letting them know we are interested in purchasing the water company. As a team, we need to continue to work on that.”

Among the major challenges facing Apple Valley, Nassiff said, is “continuing to provide services while the state and federal governments take funds from us. Another challenge on the horizon in and around the Victor Valley are the planned wind farms encroaching on some of Apple Valley’s sphere of influence and threatening some of our most precious natural resources. I am concerned about their impact on our quality of life and the environment. In the past, there were wind farms proposed on Granite Mountain east of Apple

Valley and we were effective in stopping those. If they had gone up they would have had an enormous impact on the community. We need to stay ahead of the curve on that, as well.”

Nassiff said he merits being reelected because of “my experience and what I have done on the town council. I have experience in working with leaders from other communities and with state and federal officials. I have made contact with and built up trust with a lot of other leaders at the state and local level. I have a track record of making things get done and not just talking about it. I have been in business 38 years. I employ 67 people. I run four auto parts stores. My experience in running a private corporation brings that skill set to the council. Over the years, I have learned to work with my colleagues to accomplish things and not create a

stalemate, how to come to a consensus and get things done. I want to continue doing that.”

Prior to being elected to the council, Nassiff was on the Apple Valley Fire Board for five years. He grew up in Apple Valley and graduated from Apple Valley High School. He attended Victor Valley College. He is married, with two children.

Baisden from page 5

Right now we are working on rewriting our standards for construction within the city.”

Baisden’s first stint on the council ran from 2005 to 2008, when he replaced Ted Hartz and then replaced Cuban-born Zoila Mayer after

she was removed from her position because she was not a citizen and not eligible to hold office. He was elected in his own right in 2010.

“I believe I have more experience than the people I am running against,” Baisden said. “I have the knowledge and the ability to get done what needs to get done.”

He is employed as

a warehouse manager. He graduated from Sierra Vista High School in Baldwin Park and attended Mount San Antonio College, where he majored in accounting. He was formerly on Adelanto’s park and recreation and planning commissions. He is married with three children.



Fuller from page 5

In sizing up her accomplishments in office, Fuller said, “The biggest issues were water, energy, education and jobs” and she said she was responsible for “a lot of water legislation. Now I am involved in energy legislation. What I have been doing basically is trying to bring the cost of energy down to the inland area. I had a bill this year requiring that when we go to time of

use rates [i.e., ones that differentiate the amount charged for energy consumed during peak usage hours as opposed to other times of day] that the California Public Utility Commission give consumers notice of how much it will cost prior to adopting the change. Under my bill as a consumer you can openly question the rates and you can opt out of the time of use rate structure. My bill made it so you will know how much

it would cost, whether it is more or less under the old or new rate. We felt it is the right thing to have the consumers know where we are going with our pricing structure ahead of time.”

Fuller continued. “I’m the vice chair of the energy utilities and communications committee,” she said. “A big area of my jurisdiction is getting sufficient power at an affordable price. I think that if we are going to power California

we have to be sure as we continue to broaden our community portfolio and increase the supply we do so at a rate the inland area consumers can afford to pay. We need to increase our supply efficiently and as we move forward on cleaning our energy, which is very important, we have to do it in a way that does not cripple the economy. Coupled with my responsibility is that for oversight of the railroads. We need to keep our railroads safe and move freight in a more efficient way. Also falling under my jurisdiction in the committee is telephone and wireless regulations. We have to modernize our communications, lay down fiber optic and wireless systems, if we are going to compete with the rest of world.”

With regard to the state’s water policy and her role in it, Fuller said that at present, “It is important to see how the water bond does,” in reference to the bond issue on the ballot statewide on November 4. “Once we see how the vote goes, a major challenge in the next legislative year will center around our water policy.

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Civic Managerial Prodigy Chi Departing Barstow To Head City Of Monrovia

BARSTOW —Barstow Assistant City Manager Oliver Chi is departing from his position with San Bernardino County's fifth smallest city.

The 34-year-old Chi on Monday will move on to become the city manager of Monrovia. He will be one of the youngest city managers in the state. That distinction is less impressive than one he already attained. In



Oliver Chi

2007, when he was 27, he was hired as city manager in Rosemead. He

was at that time believed to be the youngest city manager in California. He did not last terribly long in that billet, however. His hiring in Rosemead had been spearheaded by then-mayor John Tran, who gambled on hiring the prodigy. In 2009, Chi was let go, a victim of the political fallout that attended the ousting of Tran.

In February 2012, Chi was brought in as assis-

tant city manager to assist city manager Curt Mitchell in Barstow.

There were challenges from the start, though Chi weathered them well. A month after he arrived, Dianne Burns, the first female police chief in San Bernardino County history, returned from an extended leave of absence that had been brought on by dissent over her leadership of the department.

She returned to the helm of the force, but the dissension continued and five months later, she resigned.

Chi proved to be a workhorse in functioning under Mitchell in Barstow, a railroad town that had once been one of the county's major cities but which for more than fifty years has seen its stature diminish.

Chi was on hand for the relocation of Barstow

Community Hospital into a newly constructed facility in October 2013.

Chi is now returning to the San Gabriel Valley, where he grew up and attended high school in Arcadia and where his experience as a boy wonder of municipal management took place.



Compton Files Suit Against Colton from page 3

Compton's behalf this week revolves around violations of the Ralph M. Brown Act, California's open meeting law, which Compton claims was disobeyed when the council met to discuss his performance on June 3, at

which time it took a vote which ended in a 4 to 3 decision to suspend him. The Brown Act requires that any vote on action taken during a closed session be disclosed at once. The council, however, allowed the city attorney to report that "no reportable action" had been taken.

In his claim against

the city, Compton contends at least one of the causes of action that will stand at the heart of the next lawsuit he will file, one for unlawful termination.

"On 8-21-14, on the advice of Colton's city attorney (Christina Talley), the city of Colton and the Colton mayor and city council wrong-

fully terminated claimant in breach of his employment agreement and in retaliation for his reports to them of unlawful activities, including misappropriation of public funds by elected city officials, overstated account balances, improper use of the general fund to balance excessive spending by pub-

lic works, and after he informed them that he needed to conduct an investigation on those matters," the claim states.

Compton has yet to be provided with his four months of severance pay, and he maintains that because the city's action in terminating him was illegally done, he remains as city manager under

the terms of his three-year contract, which was entered into in October 2013 and runs from November 1, 2013 until October 31, 2016.

Talley is no longer employed as Colton city attorney. Efforts to obtain comment from her replacement, Carlos Campos, were unsuccessful at press time.

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and transparent process of carrying out the public's business.

"We all like to believe that our state's laws are crafted in an open and transparent process," Steinorth said. "However in the state capitol, politicians often thrive on keeping the public in the dark because it is the only way for them to pass legislation they know would be unpopular or would exclusively benefit a special interest. Legislators are able to hide their actions by using a tool that has come

to be known as a 'gut and amend.'"

The intended deliberate and open approach to introducing and previewing laws so the constituents of the legislators, i.e., the people of California, have the opportunity to keep track of what the lawmakers are doing on their behalf has been turned around, Steinorth said.

"The state legislature has a long in-depth review process which usually takes at least six months for evaluating a potential law," he said. "This allows for substantial public input and for the necessary

time to consider any ramifications a particular bill may have. Getting a controversial bill through this time consuming process can be a challenge, which is why using the gut and amend ploy becomes an attractive option. To do this, legislators delete an existing bill of all of its provisions and then replace them with a policy that has nothing to do with the original version. This is often done in the final days--or sometimes in the final hours-- of the legislative session, which is when thousands of bills are voted on late into the night in order to

beat the constitutionally-imposed deadline for passing bills. The hope is that lawmakers have little understanding of the bill they are voting on because there will not be time to analyze it or receive feedback from the public."

Steinorth provided a recent example of the use of this tactic.

"At the end of August, late in the night, the Legislature was set to adjourn. A gut and amend emerged from a bill which was to create regulations for painters applying toxic materials on public works projects. This union-backed bill had failed earlier in the year but was resurrected and passed on a party-line vote without any discussion. It was not clear what time-pressing issue the bill needed to resolve that would require its immediate passage, but it appears the true goal was to increase contracts awarded to the unions sponsoring the legislation. This is just the latest bill that has circumvented scrutiny using this controversial maneuver."

While the hidden costs of some legisla-

tion appear to be indirect ones that will manifest at an indistinct future point, Steinorth said some gut and amend laws represent direct, and indefensible, burdens upon the taxpayers.

"Last year," Steinorth said, "a special environmental review exemption worth millions of dollars to build a new arena for the Sacramento Kings was passed the night the legislature adjourned, using the gut and amend process. Ironically, this is the same legislature that has been completely unwilling to work on a comprehensive reform of the cumbersome environmental review process for the construction projects around the state that do not have the political influence needed to secure a special exemption. In 2011, a bill to allow childcare workers to form a union emerged late in the session and was passed by circumventing the usual legislative process. However, it was vetoed by the governor because it would drastically increase the state's payroll costs."

Steinorth continued, "There are countless other examples of how

the gut and amend process has been abused by insiders and lobbyists to create special deals for favored groups. Unfortunately, this represents an attitude that has long been brewing in the Capitol—that the state is there to benefit insiders and not serve the citizens elected officials were sent to represent. All laws must be considered in an open and transparent process because democracy does not function correctly when the public is not permitted to be engaged."



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McAuliffe Defines Himself As Dunn's Political Nemesis

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to the council in 2010, challenged Musser for the mayoralty. Musser prevailed in that contest, but the seeds of political dissonance that were planted with that race soon bloomed into a garden of discontent that would consume the city council.

Bozar, a financial conservative of the first order, was unwilling to entertain redressing the city's financial difficulties through the imposition of further taxes or raising existing ones. Rather, Bozar advocated even further personnel reductions, coupled with pay cuts of the surviving staff members, together with a reduction in what he considered their overly generous benefits, particularly their pensions. Dunn, meanwhile, had grown increasingly reluctant to pare back the ranks of city employees

and had little stomach for reducing wages or benefits beyond the reforms that had already been instituted.

With the city's financial challenges continuing unabated, a schism in the city's leadership emerged, with Bozar at one end and Dunn at the other. Though the differences remained gentlemanly, at least at first, sides were soon being taken. Filippi, who had been strongly supported by the police union, and Stone, who had been supported by the firefighters union and was a member of the Rotary Club as is Dunn, supported Dunn in his approach to righting the city's listing financial ship. Musser, who had overcome the electoral challenges made by Stone and Filippi in 2012, gravitated toward Bozar on most questions of economic policy. Councilman Brendan Brandt found himself cast into the role of the crucial swing vote on those matters where the sharp divergence in phi-

losophies between Dunn and Bozar emerged.

Last year, as Dunn put forth his formula for shoring the city up financially, which included tax proposals, Bozar countered with the suggestion that the city form a blue ribbon committee to map out a financial recovery plan. Reluctantly, Dunn went along with the suggestion, but in doing so, commandeered more of the process than Bozar had envisioned, serving as the chair of the fiscal task force's public meetings, making informational briefings during the sessions, providing or vetting the material around which the task force's discussions revolved and providing the staff resources that facilitated the eventual presentation of the task force's findings.

When the blue ribbon committee, now known as the Upland Fiscal Task Force Committee, returned with a host of suggestions that largely mimicked Dunn's original plan, the council failed to act on

those suggestions with alacrity, to some degree because of Bozar and Mayor Musser's perception that Dunn had unduly influenced the panel's members. Shortly thereafter, the relations between Dunn, on one side, and Bozar and Musser, on the other, broke down into open hostility. While Dunn enjoyed the support of Filippi and Stone, on more than one occasion, in open public forums including city council meetings, Dunn was openly critical of Musser, Bozar or both. When Dunn grew too forward in his criticism of the city's political leadership, widely considered a cardinal sin among public officials who serve at the pleasure of the elected political leadership, Brandt, who has assiduously his whole public career sought to avoid contretemps and controversy, took notice. When Dunn continued to show open opposition to Bozar and Musser, Brandt sided with them and voted to terminate

Dunn in April, effective at the end of June.

In June, Dunn, at a Rotary club event, declared his intention to run for city council. He followed that announcement up with actually filing to run in July. Over the next two weeks, as the field of candidates filled out, his close political affiliation with Stone and Filippi became ever more apparent. In August, shortly after an event to kick off Dunn's campaign, it emerged that Dunn, Stone and Filippi would run as a slate, supporting one another.

Given Stone and Filippi's status as incumbents and their consequent relatively easy access to political donors, together with Dunn's status as the newly hired manager of Cable Airport, which stands as one of Upland's leading institutions, together with their combined name recognition, the troika emerged early on as the frontrunners in the campaign for city council. Within the troika, Dunn was according

special status, as both Filippi and Stone in their public pronouncements made clear the level of respect they accorded Dunn as a consequence of his intimate understanding of the city's governmental structure and his previous efforts to come to terms with the main issues bedeviling it.

A central theme emanating from their collective political camp was that the election of the slate would give Dunn the political muscle he lacked as city manager to actually put into practice the plan which he said would "get Upland back on track," and which had failed to find favor with Bozar and Musser. Indeed, the political center of gravity appeared to have swung in Dunn's favor and, absent any concerted or credible opposition, he looked to be on course to victory in November.

But McAuliffe's electrifying performance on October 6 radically transformed the politi-

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With regard to the potential of havoc to the estuaries and fisheries within the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento Delta if water is redirected from there to the farmlands of the Central Valley, Fuller downplayed the impact of the alteration of the natural waterways.

"We are in this situation because we have held off on building the infrastructure for so long," she said. "We need to finish the environmen-

tal impact reports, the studies for the National Environmental Protection Act so action isn't delayed and what gets moved out of the legislature is how we are going to come up with a way to conserve more water and see how we can use newer technology to assist the ecosystem and the fisheries. We can't do any one thing to the exclusion of all the others. We need to do better planning to capture excess water in above ground and underground water storage and preserve the ecosystem in the Delta. It is a huge undertaking and we have to do this all together."

With regard to education, Fuller said, "An important issue is providing a quality education for every child and giving our schools and universities the support they need. I am the vice chairman of the Rules Committee which confirms the governor's appointments to all top level positions in state government. We need to look at what is the proper balance between our out-of-state and out-

of-country students and our own students. How do we keep the price of tuition down while keeping a quality education environment?"

The state needs to take efforts to maintain its vital economic lifeblood flowing, Fuller aid. "We need to try to find a way to regulate businesses and business people in such a way that our businesses will stay in California, especially our small businesses and family businesses," she said. "I truly believe freedom is the most important asset we have to protect. Unless people engage and participate we will lose those freedoms. I am a fiscal conservative who believes in entrepreneurial participation. Small businesses are the backbone of our rural communities."

Fuller, a Republican, is opposed by Ruth Musser Lopez, a Democrat. Fuller said she was not campaigning against Musser-Lopez as much as she was seeking to promote herself.

"I don't know a lot about my opponent," Fuller said. "I am asking

everyone for their vote because I have spent eight years learning the system and figuring out how I could help my district, which in my case spans four counties, survive and thrive. I am on committees where the work is very important. The agriculture committee is very important for my district. I have positioned myself well to work for the people of the 16th District. I have sponsored over 30 bills, mostly local bills. People in my district have all

types of problems and I went to work on those. I take calls at my office from individuals who need help, and I try to assist everybody who lives in my district. My years in education have given me a good lens to look through. I had to balance a very large budget of over \$100 million at the time."

Fuller, who was the California Superintendent of the year in 1995, pointed to her accomplishments before she entered politics as an

indicator of why she is qualified to remain as a lawmaker.

"Look at what I did before I got into politics," she said. "I spent a lot of time thinking about what I was trying to do. I was trying to help all of our students become whatever they wanted to be and keep the teachers engaged with those students."

Of her political career, Fuller said, her time in office is "an open book. Let the voters judge for themselves."

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cal playing field in Up-land. From the start, in his opening speech that night, McAuliffe tore into Dunn and his political team.

While two of the other candidates in the race, Carol Timm and Susan Berk, registered measured and even eloquent criticisms of the city's direction under the current council or proposals promoted by Dunn, McAuliffe was stridently direct, openly suggesting

that Dunn's performance as city manager had been inadequate and that his vision for future policy was equally flawed.

"According to the budget task force report, the city and its finances are in 'the worst death spiral' it's ever been in, and an immediate action plan is required to avoid the city from bankruptcy," McAuliffe charged. "While the death spiral almost flat-lined our city, rather than take any accountability for their role in this failure, Mr. Filippi and Mr. Dunn continued to waste time deflecting

all blame to other council members by accusing them of being uncooperative. However, go pull the council's voting records and you will find that nine times out of ten the majority vote sided with Mr. Filippi, councilwoman Stone, along with Mr. Dunn and his agenda when he was city manager."

During the forum, Dunn, Stone and Filippi repeatedly referenced one another, asserting collectively that they were a team with

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Coroner case #701407546 On 10/09/14 at 5:55 AM, officers with the Fontana Police Department responded to a report of a traffic collision involving a 2005 Yamaha motorcycle and a passenger vehicle on Slover Avenue at Catawba Avenue. The motorcyclist, 22 year-old Bloomington resident Adrian Melecio, was transported to Kaiser Hospital-Fontana where he was pronounced dead as a result of his injuries. The Fontana Police Department and the San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner's Division are investigating the incident.[100914 1207 SY]

Coroner case #701407512 On 10/08/14 at 3:00 AM officers from the Morongo California Highway Patrol office responded to a report of a single vehicle rollover collision involving a blue 2001 Chevy Malibu on State Route 247 north of La Brisa Rd. in the Landers area. 22 year-old Landers resident Justin Donald Mattern was pronounced dead at the scene by San Bernardino County Fire Department Paramedics. The California Highway Patrol is investigating this incident. [100814 1007 SY]

Coroner case #701407494 On 10/07/14 at 6:18 AM, officers with the Ontario Police Department responded to a traffic collision at State Street east of Oaks Avenue. Upon their arrival, officers observed a green 1990 minivan had collided with a utility pole. 38 year-old Ontario resident Juan Garcia was found trapped in the vehicle. He was extricated and transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. Garcia was pronounced dead as a result of his injuries. The Ontario Police Department is investigating the incident. [10082014 0807 SY]

Coroner case #701407454 On 10/06/2014 at 3:57 A.M., 21 year-old San Bernardino resident Michael Moreno died as a result of a motorcycle collision in the 2300 block of N. Mt. Vernon Ave in San Bernardino. Moreno was pronounced deceased at the scene. The San Bernardino Police Department is investigating this incident. [100714 1058 SY]

Coroner case #701407479 On 10-6-14 at 6:15 PM, Owen McNichols, age:13, from Morongo, was walking in the crosswalk across Twentynine Palms Highway at Inca trail in Yucca Valley and was struck by a westbound 2005 Mitsubishi Eclipse. Paramedics transported him to Desert Regional Medical Center and was then airlifted to LLUMC where he was taken to the operating room and pronounced dead at 2220 hours. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is investigating the collision. [10072014 0008 EM]

Coroner case #701407392 On 10/04/14, at 12:43 PM, Edgar Jermail Earl Smith, a 31 year old resident of Highland, sustained trauma to the upper torso by unknown assailant(s), when he exited his vehicle in the driveway of his residence, in the 7100 block of Argyle Ave., in Highland. Smith was transported to St. Bernardine Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Homicide Unit is investigating. [100414 1839 TC]

Coroner case #701407394-701407398 On 10/03/2014, at 8:46 PM, Chino Police Department and Chino Fire Department received 911 calls reporting a traffic collision, with vehicles engulfed in flames, in the 7600 block of Pine Avenue in Chino. Officers and firefighters arrived on scene. Once the fire was extinguished, four bodies were recovered but were burned beyond recognition. One occupant has been identified as 19-year-old Mira Loma residence Andrew Anthony Deleon. Forty-seven-year-old Corona resident Luis Ayala Mendoza was also pronounced dead on-scene. The names of the other three involved in this multiple fatality will be released to the public when identity is established and the families are notified. The Chino Police Department, Traffic Division is investigating the collision. [100414 1900 TC] Remaining names released: 20 year-old Eastvale resident Nathaniel Trinidad Marin, 19 year-old Eastvale resident Alex Emiliano Horta and 19 year-old Eastvale resident Nathan Dominguez [100714 0748 SY]

Coroner case #701407403 On 100414, at 3:53 AM, officers of the San Bernardino Police Department were called to the 4200 block of Sierra Way, San Bernardino, to investigate a reported disturbance and possible assault. Upon arrival SBPD personnel found Daryl Green, a 24 year old resident of San Bernardino, with trauma to the abdomen. The male was transported to a nearby hospital where he was declared dead at 4:59 AM. The San Bernardino County Sheriff Department, Coroner Division will be conducting an autopsy to determine the cause of death. [100414 1905 TC]

Coroner case #701407364 On 10/03/2014 at 2:25 AM, 48 year-old San Bernardino resident Carl Blossomgame died in the 600 of West 6th Street, San Bernardino, following an officer involved shooting. The San Bernardino Police Department and San Bernardino Sheriff Coroner Division are investigating. [100314 1654 SY]

Coroner case #701407366 On 10/03/2014 at approximately 7:31AM, the San Bernardino Police Department responded to a report of a stabbing of having occurred in the 700 block of E. Orange Show Road in the city of San Bernardino. 34 year-old San Bernardino resident Damien Gnotta was found with trauma and transported to Loma Linda University Medical Center. Gnotta died at 8:17 A.M. The San Bernardino Police Homicide Division is investigating this incident.[100314 1457 SY]

Coroner case #701407339 On 09/30/14 at about 6:13 PM, 911 calls were received by the Ontario Police Department of a 2006 Chevrolet Impala having struck a pedestrian near the intersection of Holt Blvd. and Laurel Ave. in Ontario. When officers and paramedics arrived they found 41 year-old Ontario resident Juana

Elias down in the roadway. She was transported to Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for treatment. On 10/02/14 Elias was pronounced died as a result of her injuries. The Ontario Police Department Traffic Division is investigating the accident. [100214 1427 SY]

Coroner case #701407319

On October 1, 2014 at about 8:09 A.M. the remains of a female newborn baby were found at a disposal company in the 17000 block of Mesa Street in Hesperia. A sorting crew at the recycling center pulled the infant from the conveyer belt and activated the emergency stop. Sheriff Deputies responded and confirmed the human remains. An autopsy will be conducted to determine and cause of death, age, and any other contributing factors. The San Bernardino Sheriff Department (SBSD) - Homicide detail is investigating and anyone with information is urged to contact the Homicide division at (909) 387-3589 or WeTip at (800) 78-crime or www.wetip.com. [100214 0727 SY]

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Letter To The Editor

The article on Gino Filippi (Sentinel September 26) has some factual errors. Upland employees actually have been paying the entire employee share of their pension contribution for two years.

All employee groups agreed to this with absolutely no corresponding raise. We are one of the few police associations in the entire State of California to do

this. Also, Upland Safety never had the 3@50 retirement plan that every other single department in Southern California had. We had the 3@55 plan that requires several more years of servitude to enjoy the same benefit. Upland's police costs are the lowest in San Bernardino County.

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McAuliffe

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a shared vision. When one of the questions asked of all the candidates inquired point blank whom, among the others, each would vote for, Dunn and Filippi unequivocally endorsed each other and Stone.

Dunn forthrightly asserted that he was the most knowledgeable and experienced of all of the candidates in dealing with municipal affairs, and he positively mentioned Stone and Filippi in asserting that the three of them could immediately take command of the machinery of city governance and make the needed policy changes to push the city

in the right direction.

"I know what to look for from a policy perspective," said Dunn. "I know what to look for from a practical perspective. Everyone up here other than Gino and Debbie will need a learning curve. I don't need a learning curve. I am here to serve you. I am not afraid to make a decision. I am not afraid to make a recommendation. I am willing to work with anybody to get Upland on the right track. I feel I would be an excellent addition to the Upland City Council."

In response, McAuliffe, a former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy who has since obtained a master's degree in business management,

Whiptail lizards populate portions of San Bernardino County's



Mojave Desert. Some, though not all of them, utilize an uncommon form of reproduction among animals, known as parthenogenesis.

Whiptails are of the family Teiidae. Whiptails can be distinguished from other lizards by the large rectangular scales that form distinct transverse rows ventrally and their generally smaller granular dorsal scales, as well as head scales that are separate from their skull bones. Furthermore, teiid teeth are solid at the base and "glued" to the jaw bones. All teiids have a forked, snake-like tongue. They all possess well-developed limbs.

took aim at the city's faltering financial circumstance, noting that Dunn was at the helm of municipal staff operations throughout much of Upland's economic collapse, and that Filippi's term on the council closely corresponded to Dunn's tenure as city manager.

"Each of them had almost four years to turn the city around," McAuliffe thundered. "However, it has gotten significantly worse."

McAuliffe pointedly criticized a decision made earlier this year, upon Dunn's recommendation, to extend from seven to 12 years the life of the city's trash hauling franchise contract with Burrtec Waste Industries. That contract has been in place since 2001, and the council vote earlier this year, with Filippi and Stone assenting, guarantees Burrtec's franchise with Upland will remain in place until 2026, meaning there will be no bidding on the franchise for at least 25

County Wildlife Corner

Whiptail Lizards: Teridae

Teiids are universally terrestrial and diurnal, and are primarily carnivorous or insectivorous, although some include a small amount of plant matter in their diet. They all lay eggs, with some species laying very large clutches.

Certain genera of whiptail lizards have all-female or nearly all-female populations. These lizards reproduce by parthenogenesis.

Parthenogenesis is a form of asexual reproduction in which growth and development of embryos occur without fertilization. In animals, parthenogenesis means development of an embryo from an unfertilized egg cell.

Teiids include the parthenogenic genera *Cnemidophorus* and *Aspidozelis*, which account for about 75% of the species, as well as the non-parthenogenic *Tupinambis*

Cnemidophorus and *Aspidozelis* are entirely female genera. They simulate the copulation that takes place between the heterosexual Tu-

ing behavior increases fertility. Interestingly, the lizard that was on the bottom has larger eggs, while the one on top has smaller one. The lizards



An asexual, all-female whiptail lizard in the center position between two two sexual species whiptail lizards, which include both males and females, *C. inornatus* (left) and *C. tigris* (right),

pinabis. They effectuate this by one female lying atop another, engaging in pseudocopulation. There is a disputed theory among scientists that the simulated mat-

alternate their roles during each mating season. The offspring are genetic clones of their mother



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Polluter corporations in the oil and gas industry support incumbent, Senator Jean Fuller. Meanwhile Fuller votes against requiring disclosure of what chemicals they use in their fracking operations above our drinking water as these chemicals leak into our Central Valley farming aquifer. Fuller votes against environmental review, against holding polluter corporations accountable, against environmental justice, she does nothing to protect water from corporate privatization through pump and pipe schemes and other corporate water heists like pollution by dilution in major drinking water supplies. For example, her major supporter, PG&E is allowed to monitor their own Chromium 6 "clean up" activity and that tragic situation at the Hinkley aquifer is still going on after 20 years in her district even after the situation was exposed by the famous movie Erin Brockovich. She stands by and does nothing to stop the Cadiz water heist and then votes against the landmark water conservation bill SB1168 that would limit aquifer pumping to the amount of recharge. This Nov. 4 you have a chance to vote. Stop voting against your own best interests. Vote for the candidate who will be responsible to the people:

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California Style New Trends In Accessories

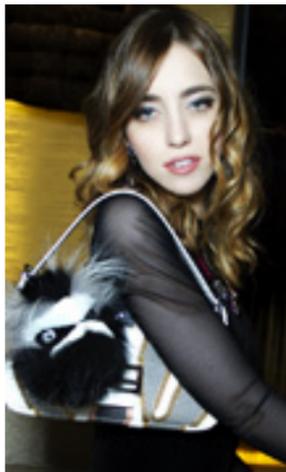
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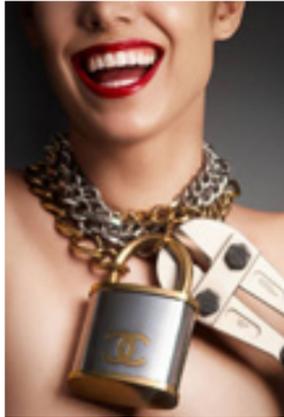
Accessories are coming to town and the young people as always are the creative ones. Before, accessories meant an earring, purse, maybe a hat but today it's at a new level. This makes fashion fun and



adds edge to any outfit. In many cases accessories are where the fun really is. Take sneakers: they are coming in different colors and are being coordinated with fun prints, too. Not to mention the high heel getting more and more creative by the day, as well. The creativity gets better and better every time. Aside from the foot fetish,



there's a surprise rising in the air and they're fur dolls that are hanging in handbags. Super charming, I'd say! There's an-



other accessory out and about and it comes in the form of a lock worn as a necklace.



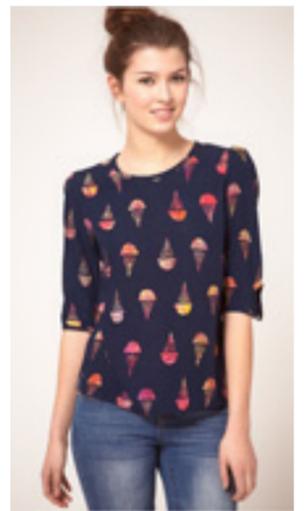
Ice cream cone winnies are making they're rounds in form of hats,



purses, top decorations. Everywhere you look



people seem to be taking classic to the edge and all in a fun creative form. Accessories are a neat part of fashion. Make it a creative time, sporting your lock necklace or doll purse and enjoy wearing them.



"The human body is the best work of art."
-Jess C. Scott

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city forward in the past four years, coupled with Mr. Dunn's non-flexible and unaccountable management style, both played a significant role in the city ending up in its worst 'death spiral' of all time. It's time for a change at City Hall."

McAuliffe's exco-riation of the troika was echoed somewhat less stridently by the other

candidates.

Timm charged the council with taking the city to "the brink of insolvency. For the last four years nothing was done by the current council. I think we need to look at that. We need proactive people."

Berk reiterated a central theme of her campaign, which is a strong rejection of a proposal that the city consider outsourcing its water division to generate revenue. She said that any

way the city did so, by either selling the water division outright or by retaining the water rights and physical assets of the water department and merely outsourcing the management and operation of the department to a private company, would result in an unacceptable escalation in the rates city residents will pay for water.

The combination of criticisms from McAuliffe, Timm and Berk had the effect of putting

Dunn, Filippi and Stone on the defensive. All three attempted to distance themselves from a proposal by Dunn made earlier this year, opposed by Bozar but supported by Filippi and Stone, to consider the water outsourcing option as a potential source of revenue.

At one point Dunn asserted that inaccurate information was being bandied about. At another, he conceded that city operations, which had only until very recently functioned under his direction, were not efficient. "I guarantee you there is a lack of productivity in a lot of areas," he said.

During the forum, attended by over 300 in the Upland City Council Chambers, the dynamism of McAuliffe's presentations and responses was palpable. As a series of questions were repeated to each of the candidates so that all had the opportunity to respond with regard to the same issues, the

crowd enlivened instantly when McAuliffe had the floor, with his pointed remarks drawing sometimes thunderous applause and cheers.

While within the confines of the council chambers on Monday evening McAuliffe demonstrated himself more adept at moving the crown through artful assailing of the opponents of his choosing than any of the other candidates participating and he made clear to all in attendance that he is

the most spirited and aggressive opponent of the perceived frontrunners in the race, he has yet to demonstrate whether he can springboard his impressive showing in that relatively intimate forum into an effective traditional campaign aimed at the wider cross section of voters in the 73,732 population City of Gracious Living that will earn him a position among the top three finishers in the voting on November 4 and a position on the city council.



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