

Payment To Most SB Creditors & Vendors Deferred Or Delayed In BK Exit Plan

SAN BERNARDINO--This week, on May 18, the San Bernardino City Council in a 6-1 vote accepted the plan of adjustment set forth by city manager Allen Parker and city attorney Gary Saenz, twelve days before the deadline imposed by Judge Meredith Jury for the city to present its bankruptcy exit plan to her.



Allen Parker

San Bernardino filed for Chapter Nine bank-

ruptcy protection in August 2012 after years of dwindling revenues, expenditures drastically exceeding income, and deteriorating financial numbers that resulted in \$80 million in unfunded liabilities and a \$49 million annual operating deficit. For nearly three years, Jury, who is overseeing the city's bankruptcy filing in Riv-



Gary Saenz

erside Federal Court, has exhibited patience with

the city in its efforts to get back on its financial feet while deferring and delaying payments to dozens of its creditors, vendors and service providers.

In their effort to arrive at an operating budget by which city government will live within its means and pay as it goes for the services being provided to **See P 2**

Dissident David Moore, Known For Suffering Abuse At The Hands Of SBC's Corrupt Governmental Officials, Dies

By Mark Gutglueck

David Moore, the public issues activist whose brutal treatment at the hands of government officials and the sheriff's office highlighted the corruption festering within San Bernardino County's governmental structure and forever earned him a level of respect among his dissident colleagues, has died.

Moore, 60, passed away in Loma Linda after a protracted period of declining health, which worsened after he suffered a debilitating stroke.

Moore, an academic who found employment at various levels within the Adventist communities and institutions of Glendale and Loma Linda, often fixated on arcane areas and issues relating to the public's access to information and the efforts he perceived government and corporate officials engaged in to limit the distribution of that information. One project he pursued was compiling lists of areas throughout the country where the Zip Codes and city references for addresses used by the U.S. Postal Service for mail delivery did not match the actual city in which the address was located.

It was while he was engaged in another similar undertaking that Moore was accorded the harsh treatment for which he would become so well known. In the 1990s, while networking with other **See P 5**

Judge Rebuffs Cannabis Coalition On Effort To Force Early Upland Initiative Vote



James Touchstone

A San Bernardino County Superior Court

Judge on Tuesday denied a petition by two Upland residents and the California Cannabis Coalition to force the city of Upland to stage a specially-called election this year on an initiative they had qualified for the ballot by collecting the signatures of more than 15 percent of the city's voters endorsing a vote on allowing three medi-



Roger Diamond

cal marijuana dispensaries to operate in an area

within the city limits along the north side of Foothill Boulevard near the city's border with Claremont.

In October, a group of Upland residents, nominally headed by Nicole DeLaRosa and James Velez, and sponsored by the California Cannabis Coalition, Craig Beresh and Randy Welty, undertook a petition drive

to qualify for the ballot in Upland an initiative aimed at overturning Upland's ban on marijuana dispensaries. Beresh is the California Cannabis Coalition's president. Welty, a coalition board member, has an ownership interest in 53 medical marijuana clinics throughout the state and owns Upland's Tropical Lei nightclub, **See P 4**

\$5 Million Budgeted to Headshrink Kids In Ontario-Montclair & Chino School Districts

The Ontario-Montclair and Chino Valley Unified school districts will each utilize roughly \$2.5 million in taxpayer funds to pay for psychiatric services being provided to their respective students for a three-year period running from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

In the case of the Chino Valley Unified School District, which involves students from kindergarten through 12th grade,

the district will pay \$2,500,299 to the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health for the provision of school-based mental health services in its jurisdiction.

In the Ontario-Montclair School District, which serves students from kindergarten through the 8th grade, the district will pay \$2,448,195 to the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral

Health for the provision of school-based mental health services in its jurisdiction.

Not all of that money will come from those districts' respective operating budgets, but will be provided in part through available funding from state and federal sources for benefiting students and enhancing the educational and social ambience in the concerned schools.

According **See P 3**

Taxpayers Laying Out \$210M This Year In Retired County Employee Pensions

The county's taxpayers will shell out \$210,317,923 prior to August 1 to cover the cost of pensions for retired county employees in the upcoming fiscal year.

This week the board of supervisors authorized auditor-controller/treasurer/tax collector Larry Walker to make an advance payment of the county's estimated fiscal year 2015-16 annual

contribution to the board of retirement within 30 days after the commencement of the county's fiscal year July 1.

According to Walker, "For fiscal year 2015-16, the total county general fund retirement contribution is estimated to be \$218,014,200, discounted by \$7,696,277, at a simple interest rate of 3.53%, for a prepayment amount of \$210,317,923."

Walker said "Government Code 31582, subdivision (b), allows the county to make an advance payment of all or part of the county's estimated annual retirement contribution, provided that the payment is paid within 30 days after the commencement of the county's fiscal year. The county has taken advantage of this advance payment alternative in the

past, prepaying the general fund contribution to the board of retirement for the entire fiscal year. The prepaid amount is discounted by the board of retirement, resulting in savings for the general fund.

For fiscal year 2015-16, the county has calculated a 3.53% simple interest discount rate, which results in a discount of \$7,696,277 to

the general fund. The auditor-controller/treasurer/tax collector and the county administrative office analyzed the financial impact of prepaying the retirement contribution, and have determined that the county will benefit from the transaction."

Walker said, "The estimated retirement contribution of \$210,317,923 and the related **See P 2**



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units, a wastewater treatment plant, and improvements to the downtown fire station. The project was put in jeopardy in 2011, however **See P 3**

29 Palms Prevails In Fight With State Over RDA Money

TWENTYNINE PALMS — The long twilight battle between the city of Twentynine Palms and the state of California over Project Phoenix has concluded in the city's favor.

Project Phoenix was an undertaking by the Twentynine Palms Redevelopment Agency aimed at constructing a community center, a 250-seat theater, classrooms, a civic plaza, a park, a paseo, residential