

Grand Jury Shutdown Raises Concern That DA Ramos Is On The Take

By Mark Gutglueck

Events are on the brink of overtaking San Bernardino County District Attorney Mike Ramos, as an examination of his move to shut down several grand jury investigations has resulted in revelations pertaining to his motives for doing so, including trying to prevent his own participation in graft and



Mike Ramos

the spoils of corruption from lurching into public

view.

As the county's top prosecutor for more than thirteen years, he was heretofore gone beyond the limits of his actual authority, thereby influencing the direction and intensity of law enforcement and prosecutorial actions by local investigative agencies he did not have the constitutional or legal right to

control, such as in cases where he dissuaded past civil grand jurors from delving into issues problematic to himself and various institutions, departments and individuals with whom he is aligned. His status as district attorney is now in jeopardy and his remaining authority is now eroding because of his too careless and arrogant

push to prevent the current grand jury, a few of its members in particular, from completing investigations they had opened.

As a consequence, attention has now turned to a set of circumstances involving bribes provided to Ramos himself — money given to him in return for his changing the course of **See P 4**

Mulvihill & Richard Carry The Day In SB Run-Off

The 2013 San Bernardino Political Revolution lurched through its final cycle this week, as the prime mover of that insurrection failed in his own electoral bid.

The bottom line in Tuesday's run-off balloting was that incumbent Jim Mulvihill was chosen by voters to serve four more years as the city's Seventh Ward councilman and Bes-sine Littlefield Richard will succeed councilman Rikke Van Johnson in the Sixth Ward.

When Mulvihill and Littlefield Richard are sworn in, five-eighths of the mayoral and council team in place three years ago in early 2013 will have been changed out.

A degree of irony attended the race between Mulvihill and his challenger, Scott Beard, as Beard was largely responsible for putting Mulvihill in office in the first place. Indeed, it was Beard who is in large measure responsible for the political landscape in San Bernardino being what it is today. But like Moses who led his people to the Promised Land but never made it there himself, Beard contributed with other unforeseen factors in changing several faces of power in the county seat but was denied the political office he sought.

After years of financial challenges, San Bernardino in 2012 filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection. This alone cast City Hall and its officials in a poor light, which the following year a group of activists, led by Beard, sought to exploit.

Technically a San Bernardino resident with a real es- **See P 5**

Local Agency Commission Lets SB Transfer Fire Department To County

SAN BERNARDINO—As anticipated, the San Bernardino County Local Agency Formation Commission has ratified the City of San Bernardino's move to transfer responsibility for the provision of fire protection within the 59.2 square mile confines of its city limits to San Bernardino County.

The Commission,

known by its acronym LAFCO, acceded to the outsourcing of the oldest fire department in the county, which has been in existence for 137 years, creating a new county-run fire protection service zone, annexing the entire city into that zone, and approving a \$148 per year parcel tax on the more than 42,000 properties in the city.

Those measures facilitate the San Bernardino County Fire Department's takeover of the San Bernardino City Fire Department, which officials said they hoped would be effectuated by July 1.

The LAFCO board unanimously approved the change, over the sporadic protests of a dozen citizens. By law,

the city's residents are now to be given the opportunity to themselves turn thumbs down on the transfer, but for that opposition to be successful, a majority of the landowners would need to register their opposition to the annexation plan by means of written protest. Local Agency Formation Commission staff are now in the process

of sending by U.S. Post an explanation of each property owner's right to lodge such a protest, together with a form to do just that to both registered voters and landowners. There has never been an instance in California history where such a protest vote has prevented a local gov-

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Brown Smothers Local Party Challenge In 47th District



Cheryl Brown

Assemblywoman Cheryl Brown appears to be cruising toward an easy reelection later this year after she put down an incipient intraparty

insurrection led by a sister Democrat at a pre-endorsement conference on Saturday.

The Region 9 division of the California Democratic Party held its pre-statewide conference in Palmdale on Saturday at which local delegates made their recommendations for party endorsements.

First elected in 2012, Brown represents the 47th Assembly **See P 2**

East Valley Water District And SB Airport End Lawsuit Over Treatment Plant Site



The East Valley Water District and the San Bernardino Interna-

tional Airport Authority have settled the lawsuit brought by the water district in October 2013 which sought removal of the obstruction to the construction of a water treatment plant on Sterling Avenue.

The district was represented by the Irvine-based law firm of Buchalter Nemer. The airport authority was represented by the Ontario-based firm of Cota



Cole.

The flight regulations at San Bernardino International Airport prevented construction at the Sterling Avenue location. It now appears that the dis- **See P 3**

Montclair Recall Effort Against Mayor & Two Council Members Fails

The effort to remove a quorum of the Montclair City Council from office met a quiet demise last month.

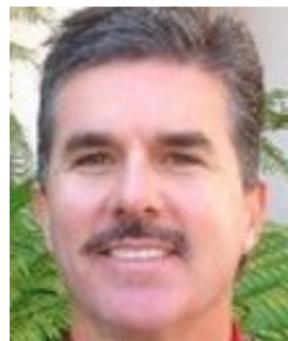
Sean Brunske, who has become something of an institution representing the political opposition in the city of 36,664 at the county's West End, began circulating petitions against Mayor Paul Eaton and council members Trisha

Martinez and Bill Ruh in July. He failed though, to garner a sufficient number of signatures on those petitions to force the recall matter to be put on the ballot.

In a city the size of Montclair, recall proponents must collect signatures of 20 percent of the registered voters. Montclair is listed by the San Bernardino County Registrar of Voters as having

12,605 registered voters. Thus Brunske and his cohorts needed to collect 2,561 valid signatures.

Brunske is a political creature who grew, at least partially, out of the economic downturn of 2007 to 2013. That recession led to the city engaging in a series of economies, including employee layoffs and salary and benefit cuts. Brunske became a



Sean Brunske

mouthpiece for displaced and disgruntled employees or ones who were

otherwise displeased with the pay cuts. He, along with Richard Beltran, a city resident and former city employee, received the backing of the city's public safety unions. And while in several other San Bernardino County cities, support from fire and police unions has proved instrumental in getting that support did **See P 14**

SB Fire Department, County's Oldest and Largest, Now A County Division *from front page*

ernmental entity with proceeding with its assessment plans. The city's move to shed its department is a by-product of its long deteriorating financial condition which manifested in its August 2012 filing for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection. Both past and current city leaders have stated the belief that some of the city's financial challenge is attributable to what they characterize as overly generous wages guaranteed to the city's public safety em-

ployees, i.e., police officers and firefighters.

A provision put into the San Bernardino charter by means of a citywide vote in 1939 – known as Section 186 – requires that the city's public safety employees – firefighters and police officers – be paid on a scale equal to the average pay of police officers and firefighters in ten similarly-sized California cities.

San Bernardino, the county seat and the largest city in the county, has a population of 213,708. Yearly, city officials and police and fire union heads start with a list of California cities with

populations between 150,000 and 250,000. In turns, each removes a city from that list until ten remain. Salaries are then computed upon the average pay to that particular group – firefighters or fire department management or policeman or police management – in the remaining ten cities.

Despite the city's bankruptcy filing it continued to give firefighters and police officers raises in keeping with the provisions of Section 186 of the city charter.

In September 2014, Riverside-based Federal Bankruptcy Judge Meredith Jury acceded to the

city's request to abrogate its labor contract with the firefighters union and impose a contract with terms more favorable to the city and less advantageous to the firefighters.

In 2014, the city council put on the ballot a referendum to remove Section 186 from the city's charter. The city's police and fire unions strongly opposed the initiative, known as Measure Q, and in the face of the spirited campaign against it, the initiative was defeated.

In April 2015, the San Bernardino City Professional Firefighters, the bargaining unit representing San Bernardi-

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Brown Staves Off Intraparty Insurrection *from front page*

District, in which voter registration strongly favors the Democrats. On Saturday, Brown was faced with a relatively rare challenge for an incumbent in a "safe"

district, when Eloise Gomez Reyes, a Colton-based attorney and long-time Democratic Party activist who in 2014 unsuccessfully vied for Congress in California's 31st Congressional District, tested her strength in supplanting Brown.

As an incumbent, Brown was on track to

receive the party's routine automatic endorsement. Gomez Reyes moved to challenge her, but succeeded in capturing only 20 percent of the endorsements from the party's Region 9 delegates. The 80 percent show of confidence in Brown exceeded the 70 percent threshold the

statewide party considers the necessary benchmark upon which to award an endorsement. The California Democratic Party will hold its state convention in San Jose on February 26, 27 & 28.

Brown sought to wallpaper over the temporary challenge to her

primacy in the 47th District. "We've been working hard to bring Democratic unity to the Inland Empire, and today's confirmation of support validates this effort," she said.

In State Senate District 21, Jonathan Irving and Star Moffatt are fighting it out for the par-

ty endorsement. Irving captured the endorsement of 39 delegates, while Moffatt pulled down six.

In the current fiscal year, police department

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ty endorsement. Irving captured the endorsement of 39 delegates, while Moffatt pulled down six. Congressman Pete Aguilar is the only official Democratic candidate in California's 31st Congressional District, though Bob Conaway is contemplating a run, having taken out papers to do so but having not yet filed them. Conaway, like Gomez Reyes, stands virtually no prospect of wresting the state party endorsement from the incumbent Aguilar, though Conaway appears intent on making an issue of the consideration that Aguilar voted with his Republican Congressional colleagues against giving social security recipients a cost-of-living increase while simultaneously conferring upon members of Congress a raise.

Scott Markovich, who was formerly a Republican and as such vied for election in 2014 as 33rd District Assemblyman, is now running as a Democrat in the 33rd yet again, looking to knock off the incumbent, Republican Jay Obernolte, who was victorious in 2014 in his first attempt at state office. Perhaps because of distrust over his status as a former member of the GOP, Markovich, the only Democrat competing in the 33rd at this point, received only three endorsements.

Montclair Recall Effort Fails

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not resonate the same way in Montclair in 2012 or 2014.

In launching the recall, Brunske charged city staff, led by city manager Ed Starr, with incompetence and dereliction. He called Starr overpaid and he faulted the entire city council, and Eaton, Ruh and Martinez in particular, with failing to monitor

Starr properly. Martinez, however, had only been on the city council for seven months when Brunske initiated the recall. Martinez bested him in the 2014 election.

Eaton has been mayor for 21 years in a city that has evinced the greatest degree of political stability in all of the county's 24 incorporated municipalities over the last two decades.

Brunske, something of a firebrand, has sought to enliven things. From

time to time, he has mixed it up with councilwoman Carolyn Raft. Significantly, however, he did not target her in the just-concluded effort.

When he initiated the recall, Brunske asserted that "The citizens of Montclair have had it" with the council. He intimated that he was working in conjunction with a committee of like-minded residents determined to assist in gathering signatures. But the committee proved inad-

equate to the task and Brunske did not turn any petitions into the city clerk's office by the early January deadline.

While Brunske has claimed the backing of the police and fire unions in the past and they previously came through with a modicum of financial support of his candidacies, those were not successful and the public safety unions now seem to have distanced

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Forum... Or Against 'em

Observations from a Decidedly Continental Perspective

By Count Friedrich von Olsen



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With next week's New Hampshire Primary approaching, I'm getting a little nervous. I read somewhere, I'm not quite sure where, that going back probably as long as there have been primaries, there has never been a successful presidential candidate who did not win either the Iowa Caucus or the New Hampshire Primary. I can't vow for the accuracy of that statement, but I read it somewhere. This means, if the pattern of history holds, that by next week we will have narrowed down to at least four people who our next president will be...

I am not quite certain that I have assimilated all of this, or at least assimilated it properly. So, with your permission, gentle reader, I will herewith engage in an exercise designed to enlighten myself as much as you...

Going back to 1952, the winners on the Republican side of the New Hampshire Primary were:

- 2012 Mitt Romney with 39 percent
- 2008 John McCain with 37 percent
- 2004 President George Bush with 81 percent
- 2000 John McCain with 49 percent
- 1996 Pat Buchanan with 27 percent
- 1992 George H.W. Bush with 53 percent
- 1988 George H.W. Bush with 38 percent
- 1984 Ronald Reagan with 84 percent
- 1980 Ronald Reagan with 50 percent
- 1976 Gerald Ford with 50 percent
- 1972 Richard Nixon with 68 percent
- 1968 Richard Nixon with 78 percent
- 1964 Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr with 36 percent
- 1960 Richard Nixon with 89 percent
- 1956 Dwight Eisenhower with 94 percent
- 1952 Dwight Eisenhower with 56 percent

Again going back to 1952, the winners on the Democratic side of the New Hampshire Primary were:

- 2012 Barack Obama with 81 percent
- 2008 Hillary Clinton with 39 percent
- 2004 John Kerry with 38 percent
- 2000 Al Gore with 50 percent
- 1996 Bill Clinton with 84 percent
- 1992 Paul Tsongas with 33 percent
- 1988 Michael Dukakis with 36 percent
- 1984 Gary Hart with 39 percent
- 1980 Jimmy Carter with 48 percent
- 1976 Jimmy Carter with 29 percent
- 1972 Edmund Muskie with 46 percent
- 1968 Lyndon Johnson with 50 percent
- 1964 Lyndon Johnson with 95 percent
- 1960 John Kennedy with 85 percent
- 1956 Estes Kefauver with 85 percent
- 1952 Estes Kefauver with 55 percent

As I said, I'm not entirely sure what to make out of this. A few longshots who never panned out did well some of those years. Sometimes the obvious favorite won. Someone with more candlepower than I have might be able to see a pattern or two...

One thing that strikes me is that in the years where an incumbent was in the race, the outcome was pretty much preordained. It seems at this point the race could go in a lot of different directions. We'll have a clearer picture and a few less variables Tuesday night...

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SB Fire Department Handed Over To The County

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and fire department operations represent 68 percent of the spending out of the city's general fund. Salaries make up the lion's share of those departments' operating budgets. While some celebrate the city's firefighters as brave heroes, others see them as overpaid prima donnas who do little actual work and spend most of their time on the clock sleeping or lounging around the city's various fire stations. A majority of the city council became convinced that the continuation in the escalation of public safety employee

pay in a city that has declared bankruptcy and is stiffing its other creditors is both unseemly and unsustainable. Confronted with the unwillingness of the fire department's employees to adjust their salaries and benefits downward, as expressed through the action of the firefighters' union action with regard to Measure Q, former city manager Allen Parker, in conjunction with Mayor Carey Davis and assistant city manager Nita McKay, moved full speed ahead toward liquidating the fire department. In doing so, Davis elected to damn the torpedoes represented by the resistance or opposition of the firefighters and their

unions.

Unlike the San Bernardino City Professional Firefighters, the San Bernardino Fire Management Association, which represents seven of the fire department's senior staff, had not been vocal about the developing plans to outsource the fire department. But when that plan was at last on the brink of being initiated last summer, San Bernardino Fire Department Battalion Chief Michael Bilheimer, the management association's president, at last went on record against the ploy to save the city money, stating in a communiqué intended for all city residents, "Outsourcing the fire department is a bad idea for San Bernardino." Bilheimer continued, "We remain confident that your current fire department is best suited to provide all aspects of fire protection to our community. It remains our position that we are able to provide an unparalleled level of service for the lowest cost possible. The San Bernardino County Fire Department has proposed full annexation as the means by which to provide fire protection. This will result in no control of the cost for your fire department. More importantly, this results in the forfeiture of all property tax funds to the county of San Bernardino (\$30 million per year). The loss of property taxes will become even more costly in years to come as property values and development continue to increase. The San Bernardino Fire Department has been

providing fire protection to the community of San Bernardino for 137 years, and it would be shameful and irresponsible to see it discarded. There is no replacement for the experienced and knowledgeable firefighters currently serving this community; any substitute stands to compromise public safety."

The LAFCO vote renders Section 186 moot with regard to the city's firefighters, who will no longer be city employees but rather county employees.

The Local Agency Formation Commission approval of the annexation came nearly simultaneously with the San Bernardino City Professional Firefighters arriving at a so-called tentative "global settlement" with city officials to bring to a close the litigation it had engaged in against the city with regard to economies the city instituted that impacted the department and its firefighters.

With roughly a dozen city residents telling the LAFCO board that they were opposed to the proposed annexation and creation of the fire assessment district because they wanted to keep the city fire department in place, that they considered the tax unreasonable and excessive and that city officials had created the fiscal crisis by a series of poor decisions, the board members paid lip service to their sentiments but found that the drastic fix was needed to ensure that public safety in the county's largest city be maintained.

Lawsuit Settled

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district has resolved to use an alternative location to construct the plant off of Del Rosa Avenue. It will yet refer to the plant as the Sterling Natural Resource Center, despite the relocation.

The relocation has resulted in rendering the litigation moot.

At its Wednesday, January 27 meeting the East Valley Water District Board announced an agreement to end the suit had been reached.

Details of the settlement were not disclosed.

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Killing Grand Jury Probes Leads To Questions About Ramos's Motives
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both investigations and prosecutions.

At the center of these depredations are two entities, one being the dominant organized crime configuration in California and the other a company that in recent years has muscled in and established itself as the predominant purveyor of bail bonds.

The first of these – the Mexican Mafia, has benefited from its largesse to Ramos through decisions by the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office's not to pursue criminal charges relating to criminal activity members of that organization have engaged in within San Bernardino County, or by mishandling, downplaying or undercharging in those cases it does pursue.

The second of these is Bail Hotline Bail Bonds, a company that has experienced explosive growth over the last eight years, in large measure based upon its aggressive tactics in marketing itself, including within San Bernardino County's jail system. As complaints with regard to these tactics have cropped up, including allegations that Bail Hotline Bail Bonds has engaged in an illegal tactic known as bail capping, Ramos moved to quell the complaints and the investigations never gained any traction. Further information has surfaced regarding irregularities occurring when the court makes a determination as to whether bail is to be granted, what the amount of that bond is to be and under what terms. That information suggests that certain defendants, particularly ones who are Bail Hotline clients, have received more favorable bail recommendations from the district attorney's office than other defendants charged with the same crimes who exhibit no more and in some cases less flight risk.

Ramos's arrangements for receiving the payoffs have ranged from the relatively straightforward and crude to more sophisticated methods in which the money is laundered.

It is likely Ramos would have been able to continue with the pattern he has adopted of enriching himself by means of bribes or kickbacks from those he would otherwise target for prosecution had it not been for a series of miscalculations he made with regard to a single individual – a retired police officer named James Wiebeld.

Wiebeld, who retired after more than 30 years in law enforcement with the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department where he had served as a detective, goes by the nickname "Buddy."

Perhaps bored, perhaps genuinely concerned about the state of the county, perhaps on just a whim, Buddy Wiebeld signed up to serve on the grand jury in 2014 and was among those selected to serve as a grand juror when that investigative task force was impaneled. Owing in some measure to his law enforcement background, Wiebeld was selected to serve as the 2014-15 Grand Jury's sergeant-at-arms. The grand jury term runs with the governmental fiscal year, from July 1 to June 30. The 2014-15 Grand Jury took up a number of issues that term, including the Bloomington sewer contract, the phenomenon of bullying in the county's schools, management and financial record-keeping practices in the City of Colton, code enforcement policies and procedures in the City of San Bernardino, conditions in the detention centers/jails run by the sheriff's department, policies at the county's Devore Animal Shelter and whether the county was adhering to state law intended to emphasize the adoption of sheltered animals rather than slaughtering them, conditions and operations at the City of

San Bernardino's animal shelter, the sheriff's department's policies and procedures with regard to the impounding and towing of vehicles and reports that department personnel eventually took title to some of those impounded vehicles, misuse or improper use of the sheriff's department's helicopters, and an examination as to how well the Newberry Community Services District had complied with recommendations with regard to its operations made by the 2012-13 Grand Jury.

Wiebeld, as a one-time member of the sheriff's department, took a special interest in the investigations into the conditions at the jails, the department's vehicle towing policy and the use/abuse of the helicopter. As it would turn out, all three of those investigations were short-circuited, failing to plumb to the true depths of the issues taken up.

Even as the grand jury was looking into the conditions in the county jails, four separate lawsuits were filed in roughly the same time frame alleging a pattern of guard-on-prisoner brutality that included beatings, the use of electric shock and sadistic sexual abuse, triggering an FBI investigation. In April 2014, the FBI sent several agents into the West

Valley Detention Center in response to reports of widespread abuse there and "walked off," i.e., escorted from the premises, four deputies who worked there. The four jailers were subsequently, along with three other deputies, fired by the department. Nevertheless, the 2014-15 Grand Jury Report made no mention of the abuse of prisoners.

The investigation of the department's towing procedures came about after complaints were made that vehicles impounded by tow companies with towing service arrangements with the sheriff's department's various substations were subsequently purchased by department personnel at lien sales conducted by those towing companies. While the grand jury report acknowledged reports of "employees purchasing vehicles at lien sales after a vehicle has been impounded by a tow company or after a vehicle had been seized during an investigation," the report made no specific references to the sheriff's department personnel who had actually made those purchases. Rather, the report provided a rather languid recommendation that "In order to avoid any appearance that a seizure was for personal gain, employees shall not possess property that has

been seized by the department. This includes the purchase of seized property by a third party for an employee's use."

The grand jury's review of the sheriff's aviation division resulted in similarly bland conclusions. "Not all flights are recorded in the Aviation Flight Logs," the report stated, while further noting, "Staff personnel are not adhering to division standard operating procedures."

In the same rough time frame that the grand jury was looking into these matters, a recently retired sheriff's department sergeant, Tim Jordan, and current deputies Brian Moler and Jeff Wetmore, represented by attorney Christopher L. Gaspard filed a lawsuit against San Bernardino County and the sheriff's department alleging they experienced retaliation from their immediate superiors and other higher ranking department members for resisting their superiors' imposition of a "a 200 traffic ticket per month quota and ... a traffic citation tracking system in an effort to ensure they met that quota." Contained in the suit was the assertion that "In early 2011 Sgt Jordan discovered that sheriff's personnel assigned to the department's narcotics unit would routinely tow ve-

hicles and flip them by purchasing the vehicles at lien sales and selling them for profit. The sheriff's personnel who were flipping towed cars would call a particular tow company owned by the father of a deputy sheriff. This would occur regardless of the location from which the car was towed. When the vehicle came up for lien sale the owner of the tow company would contact the deputies and offer them the first chance of purchasing the vehicle. The owner of the tow company would discount the vehicles, often selling them for thousands of dollars below blue-book value."

Wiebeld, who was held over with six others from the 2014-15 Grand Jury to serve on the panel in 2015-16, was unsatisfied with the fashion in which the previous grand jury had soft-pedaled the jail brutality, purchase of impounded vehicles by sheriff's personnel and helicopter misuse issues. Recognizing that the FBI was already aggressively probing the abuse of prisoners in the sheriff's department-run detention center, Wiebeld laid off that issue, not wanting to step on the FBI investigation. But with regard to the issue of department members' acquisitions

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Glimpse Of SBC's Past

B.G. Holmes

B.G. Holmes a century ago began promoting Big Bear Lake and the community around it in such a way that it was transformed into one of the most celebrated resort communities in San Bernardino County.

Holmes is credited with being the first real estate professional to handle private vacation home rentals in Big Bear Lake. His influence was immense and today the majority of the homes that have been built in Big Bear are owned by vacation homeowners.

B.G. Holmes was born January 26, 1872, the only son of John and Amelia (Gay) Holmes, natives of Connecticut, where the former was born in 1837 and the latter in 1838. They were married in 1870. They came to Redlands in 1889, where John Holmes engaged in fruit growing. He first purchased a peach orchard of ten acres, but later planted it to oranges. His reason for coming to California had been his failing health. The California climate was so agreeable to him that in 1922, at eighty-four years of age, he was still caring for his orange grove in West Redlands. Amelia was also living and enjoying good health at that time.

After completing grammar and high school courses, B. G. Holmes entered the Redlands National Bank, and was doing very nicely when, like his father before him, his health failed, and two years later he found himself obliged to change his occupation for something which would take him out of doors. In 1894 he came to Bluff Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains to camp and recuperate, and then the next summer he, with the aid of two friends, backpacked over the trail to Big Bear Valley. When he gained his first view of this region it struck him as less than attractive, and he would later relate that only the realization of



B.G. Holmes

his need of some place where he could be in the open kept him from turning back, that and the innate determination to persevere in any undertaking. At some point previously, the force of the water around the old dam had killed many of the trees that bounded it, and this fringe of dead wood gave to the scene a particularly desolate appearance. In time, the dead trees would be removed, transforming the landscape. There were at that time few traces of human occupancy other than the ruins of the old mining camps.

In 1898 Holmes married at Philadelphia, Miss Blanche M. Walton, of that city, and over the years they became the parents of four children: Alden Walton, who was born at Redlands in 1899, graduated from the Redlands High School and subsequently graduated from Stanford University. Through his mother, Alden was a direct descendant of John Alden of Mayflower stock. The second child, Charles Chester, was born at Redlands in 1902, graduated from Redlands High School and also graduated from Stanford University. Two

other children, J. Walton, born at Redlands in 1907, and Lillian, who was born in Los Angeles County in 1909, graduated from Redlands High School.

Having familiarized himself with orange and lemon groves through his father's endeavors, B.G. Holmes continued to maintain his interest in the citrus industry, and his operations expanded to cover many lines, agricultural and otherwise. He built the Mission Garage in Redlands, and sold the business in 1913 to Bartlett Brothers of Detroit, retaining ownership of the building until 1920, when he traded it for an orange grove on Redlands Heights. In the fall of 1916 he purchased the Doctor Blaire group of log cabins in Big Bear Valley, then thirty years old.

There was a main road frontage of 307 feet bordering that property, and he paid \$5,000 for the entirety of the land, which was soon almost priceless because of the improvements he placed upon it. The following spring he bought from Judge Rex Goodcell 146 feet of road frontage, along which he built his

own personal residence. Combining those properties, he arranged the cabins into a most picturesque and for the time modern camp, which he named Indian Lodge. Two years later he bought two-thirds of an acre from the Pine Knob Company, and in 1921 leased for twenty-two years four and one-half acres adjoining it. On all of this property he erected many cabins, and had them all equipped and furnished. The camp was centrally located, and soon proved popular with those sojourning into the mountains.

The camp had a capacity of about sixty people. When he came to Big Bear, there were no buildings between his camp and the I. S. store. Within five years of making his purchase, he sold a portion of the Goodcell property at sixty dollars per front foot, which added to his profits.

Mr. Holmes belonged to Redlands Lodge of the Benevolent Protectors of the Elks, but aside from that he had no connections outside his business and family ties in Redlands. Rather, Bear Valley monopolized his energy, interest and time in the main. He and the Bartlett Brothers organized the Bear Valley Chamber of Commerce, of which he was, in 1922, serving his second term as vice-president. This was a lively and spirited organization, which played an important part in the developments in Bear Valley. When Holmes acquired

possession of the Indian Lodge property, it was in a dilapidated condition. The cabins were in need of repair, and they contained virtually no improvements. Setting to work with his characteristic energy, Holmes transformed the it into one of the most desirable camps in the entire valley.

John Brown and James Boyd in their book "History of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties" gave a contemporaneous account of Holmes' accomplishments.

"He has not acquired his present prosperous and prominent position by any easy road," Brown and Boyd wrote. "From the start he has been confronted with obstacles. Some men never learn what failure means no matter what obstacles spring up in their path, being able to overcome them and come out a winner. B. G. Holmes, of Big Bear Valley, is one of these men, and his success in spite of all kinds of hard luck and former poor health ought to stimulate others to follow his inspiring example. In his citrus growing he has been frozen out and ruined by hot waves, but has persevered through them all. Best of everything his health has so improved that it is difficult for the stranger to believe that he was ever in anything but a rugged condition. It is such men as Mr. Holmes who make a region. They come into a wilderness and persist until they develop it, and to them, and not to the

recent comers, belongs the real credit. From Indian Lodge can be seen a constant stream of automobiles passing over the public highway, and it is difficult to believe that the first automobiles came into the valley in 1909. Now they are as common as the ducks about the lakes, but prior to 1909 they were unknown in this part of the county. As Mr. Holmes wearily plodded over the mountain trail he not only had no conception of this method of transportation, but he would have regarded anyone as hopelessly insane who would have predicted that passengers would be landed in the valley from aeroplanes, and yet this happens so often as to now occasion no special comment. In fact Big Bear Valley has been redeemed from the wilderness and is fast taking on metropolitan features, although as long as the great mountains and wonderful lakes remain it will continue to be a health-giving resort, whose beauties beggar description. The same clean, wind-swept air blows over its spaces and fills the lungs of its people as that which refreshed the pioneer back in 1895, when he gazed with saddened eyes at the desolate scene at the old dam, and now, as then, carries with it a promise of health and encouragement."

Holmes would later write a history of Big Bear, becoming the district's first published historian.

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tate brokerage company based in Rialto with considerable holdings there, Beard was a principal in San Bernardino Residents for Responsible Government.

San Bernardino Residents for Responsible Government targeted

then-mayor Patrick Morris, then-city attorney James F. Penman, First Ward Councilwoman Virginia Marquez, then-Second Ward councilman Robert Jenkins, Third Ward Councilman John Valdivia, Fourth Ward Councilman Fred Shorett, then-Fifth Ward councilman Chas A. Kelley, Sixth Ward Councilman Rikke Van Johnson,

and then-Seventh Ward councilwoman Wendy McCammack for recall. The comprehensive effort to recall nine elected officials is believed to be the largest municipal recall effort in state history.

Penultimately, Beard and his confederates gathered enough signatures to qualify recall

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Is DA Ramos On The Take?

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of impounded vehicles, which he recognized to be far more widespread than the previous grand jury had acknowledged, and the sheriff's department's misuse of its aviation fleet, which involved ferrying department higher-ups, politicians, their wives and mistresses to distant locations beyond the county on highly inappropriate pleasure flights and junkets with no conceivable relationship to law enforcement, public safety or search and rescue operations, Wiebeld began pushing his grand jury colleagues to again take up those matters.

Ramos, who had learned of Wiebeld's agitating along these lines, was already alarmed at the situation, concerned that he might be faced with a rogue grand jury he could not control. His fears and alarm, as well as that of other high-ranking county officials, were confirmed when on August 27, 2015, Fox 11 News in Los Angeles reported that "children who were under the supervision of the San Bernardino County Department of Children and Family Services ... were being abused, tortured, and killed." Ac-

ording to that report, in certain cases, children had been entrusted to foster parents who had previously been caught abusing children living in their homes. In one of those cases, according to Fox 11, a child had died at the hand of an abusive foster parent after the San Bernardino County Department of Children and Family Services was made aware of the sadistic nature of that foster parent. The Fox 11 News report made reference to an ongoing grand jury investigation. The following day, Friday August 28, a special meeting was convened at the county administrative building which was attended by County Executive Officer Greg Devereaux, District Attorney Mike Ramos, Children and Family Services Director Marlene Hagen and a handful of other high level county officials. The primary topic discussed, the *Sentinel* was told by a reliable source, was the formulation of a cover story and talking points calculated to defuse the issue of negligence in the San Bernardino County Children and Family Services Department which led to the deaths of children in the foster parent system it oversaw. This week, David Wert,

the county's official spokesman, told the *Sentinel*, "Greg [Devereaux] did not speak to the DA on August 28, and he has never spoken to the DA about Children and Family Services or grand jury matters. Greg does occasionally meet with the DA on county budget issues."

Forthwith, county officials in August and September moved to identify those responsible for the leaks that resulted in the foster child deaths becoming public and sought to squelch any further release of information. Grand jurors, whose investigations and proceedings are considered to be confidential and are informed of such and sworn to secrecy when a grand jury is impaneled, were threatened with arrest and prosecution if they violated that oath.

Wiebeld was suspected of being Fox 11's source for its August 27 report and subsequent follow-ups. Ramos accompanied his office's grand jury advisor, deputy district attorney Michael Dauber, and a single member of the grand jury to the office of Marsha Slough, who was then the presiding judge of the San Bernardino County Superior Court. Wiebeld, Slough was

told, was proving disruptive. Slough subsequently summoned Wiebeld to her office. She informed him that he was an at-will volunteer and that his services were no longer needed. After Wiebeld was bounced from the panel, Dauber, with some prevarication, told the remaining members of the grand jury that Wiebeld had voluntarily resigned his commission as a grand juror for personal reasons.

That move appears to have had a fateful, and perhaps what yet may even prove a fatal, consequence on Mike Ramos's career as district attorney.

If by shedding Wiebeld Ramos believed the issues lurking below the surface in San Bernardino County would remain on the down low, he both underestimated the former sheriff's detective's resolve, determination, investigative prowess and networking capability and overestimated his own ability to use the power of his office to obfuscate, intimidate and prosecute his way out from underneath a situation in which his own action and that of his closest associates implicate him in criminal activity and a long running conspiracy to keep it under wraps.

Wiebeld, like all detectives, lives by the mantra of "motive, means and opportunity" in seeking to determine the perpetrator of a criminal act and prove his culpability.

Though grand juries do not typically deal with criminal matters, per se, and are chartered to focus primarily on oversight of government institutions at the county level or lower, if in the course of such an investigation the grand jury comes upon indications or evidence of real or potential criminal activity, it is at liberty to gather that information and both pass it along to the appropriate law enforcement agency and document it in a report, in either ad hoc form or in the annual grand jury report put out toward the end of its term in June.

Grand juries have the authority to charge public officials with "willful or corrupt misconduct in office." Such accusations under the California Constitution and state law are to be tried in the same manner as a criminal indictment, and may not be dismissed for political or extra-legal motives. The definition of "willful misconduct in office" specifies serious misconduct that constitutes criminal behavior

or "purposeful failure to carry out mandatory duties of office."

It thus appears that Ramos, in shutting down the grand jury's several investigations, violated the law. So, what was Ramos's motive in doing so? It appears that he was concerned that an aggressive inquiry into misfeasance or malfeasance by other county officials would lead, ineluctably, to an examination of his own malfeasance, one that grew out of greed.

At this point, Ramos, as district attorney receives \$374,027 in total annual compensation, including both his salary and benefits. Nine years ago, however, he was being paid somewhat less, somewhere in the \$305,000 per year range. That, he stated repeatedly to those in his orbit, was simply not enough money. He deserved more, he insisted. In 2007, he called a meeting with several of the county's other at-large elected officials – then-assessor Bill Postmus, auditor controller Larry Walker and then-sheriff Gary Penrod – to discuss what he said was the county's inadequate pay situation. He broached the idea of having the board of supervisors sponsor a countywide ballot measure aimed at increasing the pay of those elected officials serving in countywide office. Then-county counsel Ruth Stringer was brought in to determine if such an initiative could be put before county residents. Postmus used money in his electioneering fund to conduct a poll to determine if county voters would support such a measure. The effort died quietly, however, when Postmus was implicated in a political corruption scandal involving politicking from the assessor's office.

In 2008, Ramos's desperation for money was again given demonstration when his electioneering committee, The Friends of Mike Ramos, in the period between January 1 and June 30

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elections against Penman, McCammack and Valdivia. Ultimately, Valdivia staved off the effort to take him out of office when 705 of the Third Ward's voters opposed his recall against the 426 who supported it. But Penman was recalled by a citywide vote of 7,730 to 5,013 and McCammack was cashiered by a ratio of 1,460 votes to 1,033. The same year, criminal charges were filed against Kelley and Jenkins, resulting in Kelley resigning and Jenkins being defeated in that year's election by Benito Barrios. Kelley was replaced by Henry Nickel. Morris did not seek reelection in the

2013 election. He was succeeded by Carey Davis, after Davis in 2014 bested McCammack in the run off for the mayor's post after she had gotten a plurality but not a majority of the votes for mayor on the same election day she was recalled as Seventh Ward councilwoman.

Also that day, November 5, 2013, Mulvihill, a professor at Cal State San Bernardino, outdistanced four other alternate candidates - Nick Gonzales, Paul Sanborn, Michael Thomas and Joshua Williamson – to replace McCammack.

For the last two years, the only remaining vestiges of the pre-bankruptcy council were Shorrett, Marquez, Johnson and Valdivia.

Next month, Johnson is to be replaced with

Richard. Richard's ascendancy in the Sixth Ward, located on the city's west side, represents a further inroad at City Hall by the city's public employees. Richard is herself a public employee. She is a supervisor with the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Department. She garnered substantial public employee support, including that of the police and fire unions. Despite her declaration that she did not consider herself beholden to those who endorsed her in her run against Roxanne Williams, who is also a public employee, Richard will be called upon by her supporters to resist the city's ongoing efforts to reduce operating costs by slashing staff salaries and benefits. In the

case of the fire department and its employees, who overwhelmingly endorsed Richard, her election comes too late. The night before her election, the city council made a final settlement of claims filed against the city by the fire employees' union pertaining to salary and benefit reductions. That settlement came as the city itself is moving ahead with dissolving its 137-year old municipal fire department and entrusting fire service in the 59-square mile, 213,000 population city to the San Bernardiuno County Fire Department.

Richard's victory over Williams, a former teacher who now works out of the San Bernardino City Unified School District's administrative office and is also a city

parks commissioner, was a convincing one in which Richard polled 648 votes to Williams' 353.

Beard, the scion of a wealthy family highly invested in real estate within the Central Valley, made a spirited run to unseat Mulvihill, who he believed had hijacked the recall effort he had bankrolled two-and-half years ago.

Beard, who is now president of Gerald W. Beard Realty Inc., indicated he did not believe Mulvihill embodied the spirit of reform that informed the recall movement that culminated in McCammack's ouster. Once the campaign was under way, he attacked Mulvihill for supporting a \$143 per year parcel tax as part of the fire service

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE # CIVDS CIVDS1518450

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DESMOND OYUGBO filed a petition with the clerk of this court for a decree changing names as follows:

DOMINION IRENOSEN ONOLUNOSEN to DOMINION ONOLUNOSEN OYUGBO

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: 02/26/2016
TIME: 8:30 A.M
Department: S-35
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT-CIVIL DIVISION 247 WEST THIRD STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0210.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order be published in THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SENTINEL in San Bernardino County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing of the petition

Date: December 17, 2015
S/ MICHAEL SACHS, Judge of the Superior Court
Run dates: 1/15, 1/22, 1/29 & 2/5, 2016.

FBN 20150013772
The following entity is doing business as:

TACOS LA TERRAZA 1596 ORANGE ST REDLANDS, CA 92374 JAVIER GARCIA 22174 WITCHHAZEL AVE MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553 [and] JOEL R TORRES 1207 6TH ST REDLANDS, CA 92374

This business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

By signing, I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ JAVIER GARCIA
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 12/16/2015.

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FBN 20150014041
The following entity is doing business as:

HIGH DESERT FUEL'S 15655 HIGHWAY 395 VICTORVILLE, CA 92394 KONSTANTINE AROUST-AMIAN 9668 REDWOOD AVE FONTANA, CA 92335

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

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s/ KONSTANTINE AROUST-AMIAN
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FBN 20150014043
The following entity is doing business as:

NOIL FONTANA 9668 REDWOOD AVE FONTANA, CA 92335 KONSTANTINE AROUSTAMIAN 9668 REDWOOD AVE FONTANA, CA 92335

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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FBN 20150014127
The following entity is doing business as:

BOOKSTER 1019 LINDEN AVE. #554 BLOOMINGTON, CA 92316 NATALIE DE LEON 1019 LINDEN AVE. #554 BLOOMINGTON, CA 92316 [and] STEVEN P BARRON 2664 BERNARDO CIRCLE DUARTE, CA 91010

This business is conducted by: CoPartners.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/29/2015.

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s/ Natalie De Leon
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FBN 20160000294
The following entity is doing business as:

TURFSTORE DIRECT, INC 700 E. VALLEY BLVD COLTON, CA 92324 TURFSTORE DIRECT, INC. 77602 MISSOURI DRIVE PALM DESERT, CA 92211

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/01/2015.

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s/ Barry Schieferstine
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 1/08/2015.

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FBN 20160000370
The following entity is doing business as:

WP BANQUET LLC. 605 S. MILLIKEN AVENUE SUITE #A ONTARIO, CA 91761 WP BANQUET, LLC 605 S. MILLIKEN AVENUE SUITE #A ONTARIO, CA 91761

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

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s/ Chitai Eric Huang
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 1/12/2016.

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FBN 20160000414
The following entity is doing business as:

TOVAR GROUP 11010 ARROW RTE STE 109 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 CARLOS TOVAR 7627 PINE RIDGE PL RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91739

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

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s/ CARLOS TOVAR
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FBN 20160000458
The following entity is doing business as:

EXCELLENCE RE FOOTHILL PROPERTIES 8816 FOOTHILL BLVD SUITE 103-192 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 PAUL M POUND 7680 ALTA CUESTA DRIVE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ Paul Pound
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FBN 20150014177
The following entity is doing business as:

BONEYARD TABLES [and] BONEYARD AND COMPANY [and] BONEYARD UNLIMITED 5359 TRENTO WAY FONTANA, CA 92336 ISAAC NASH-BEY 5359 TRENTO WAY, FONTANA, CA 92336

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 12/01/2015.

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s/ Isaac Nash-Bey
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FBN 20150014137
The following entity is doing business as:

MODERN CRAFT FURNITURE 14666 BEACH BLVD WESTMINSTER, CA 92683 NGOC HOANG GIA, LLC 4422 E AIRPORT DR SUITE A ONTARIO, CA 91761

This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

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s/ HUNG THE VAN
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CORRECTED FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME NOTICE

FBN 2015001543

The following person is doing business as: PC GADGET REPAIR 1323 SANDRA CT UPLAND, CA 91786 JASON GUTIERREZ 1323 SANDRA CT UPLAND, CA 91786

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 09/01/2015.

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s/ Jason Gutierrez
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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF DEFAULT CIVDS1516327

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT-CIVIL DIVISION 247 WEST THIRD STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0210.

On the complaint or cross complaint filed on 11-5-15, PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER DANIEL MANJARREZ FOR RICICLA SIGLO XXI OF MEXICO names DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT DENNIS GHIBAVDO DBA EDGE MFG 700 S. SYCAMORE RIALTO, CA 92376

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JUDGMENT TO BE ENTERED DEMAND OF COMPLAINT \$52,000

INTEREST \$18,000
TOTALS \$70,000
IN PRO PER

DANIEL MANJARREZ 963 CONGRESS ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410 909-658-4369

DATE DECEMBER 29, 2015

BY: CLERK S/ MANUEL HENRY ANDRIANO, DEPUTY

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FBN 20160000456
The following entity is doing business as:

ONTARIO PREMIUM AUTO WASH 1253 E HOLT BLVD ONTARIO, CA 91761 CHAWKAT JAJIEH 1253 E HOLT BLVD ONTARIO, CA 91761 This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

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s/ CHAWKAT JAJIEH
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FBN 20160000733
The following entity is doing business as:

ELIJAH AND MARIE [and] PUNY AND PAPI 11201 5TH STREET C103 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 KIANA T ESKRIDGE 11201 5TH STREET C103 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ KIANA T. ESKRIDGE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 01/21/2016.

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FBN 20160000654
The following entity is doing business as:

MINA'S LAUNDROMAT 1228 E. 6TH STREET ONTARIO, CA 91764 MINA'S LAUNDROMAT, LLC 1228 E. 6TH STREET ONTARIO, CA 91764

This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 9/24/2015.

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or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime (B&P Code 17913). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes Public Record upon filing.

s/ SAM DALLAL
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FBN 20160000725
The following entity is doing business as:

TOTIS AUTO TRANSPORT 1313 W GROVE STREET RIALTO, CA 92376 JOSE L VILLAGOMEZ 1313 W GROVE STREET RIALTO, CA 92376

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A.

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s/ Jose L Villagomez
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FBN 20160000146
The following entity is doing business as:

CASH TO GO CORP. 1552 BRIDGET CT UPLAND, CA 91784 CASH TO GO CORP. 1552 BRIDGET CT UPLAND, CA 91784

This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/27/2006

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s/ Sonia Gomez

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LIST OF MEETING TELE-
CONFERENCEING LOCA-
TIONS

California Association for
Local Economic Development
550 Bercut Drive, Suite G,
Sacramento, CA 95811

City of Vista
200 Civic Center Dr.
Vista, CA 92084 E c o -
nomic Development Collabora-
tive-Ventura County

1601 Carmen Drive, #215
Camarillo, CA 93010
City of Santa Clarita
23920 Valencia Blvd., Suite
100, Santa Clarita, CA 91355
Fresno State

550 East Shaw Ave., Suite
230, Fresno, CA 93710 L o s
Angeles EDC

444 S. Flower St., 37th
Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071
Southern California Edi-
son, Economic Development
Services

6040-B N. Irwindale Ave.,
Irwindale, CA 91702

or as soon thereafter as the mat-
ter can be heard. Said public
hearing will be held to consider
the formation of an assess-
ment district (the "Assessment
District") and adoption of the
Water Efficiency and Property
Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)
and Job Creation Program
(FIGTREE PACE) pursuant to
Chapter 29 of Part 3 of Division
7 of the California Streets and
Highways Code (commencing
with Section 5898.12). The As-
sessment District will be a vol-
untary contractual assessment
district to assist property own-
ers with the cost of installing
distributed generation renew-
able energy sources and mak-
ing permanently affixed energy
efficient, seismic, and water
efficient improvements to their
property. The geographical
boundaries of the Assessment
District will now include the
geographical boundaries of the
cities of Loma Linda and Fon-
tana.

At the hearing, any person
may present oral or written tes-
timony. The Board of Directors
will consider all objections or
protests, if any, to the proposed
(i) improvements, (ii) Assess-
ment District boundaries, and
(iii) Assessment District con-
tractual assessment.

Dated: February 5, 2016
By: Gurbax Sahota
California Enterprise De-
velopment Authority
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& 2/12, 2016.

NOTICE OF PETITION
TO ADMINISTER ESTATE
OF: JEROME D. GRETTA
PROPS 1600063 To all heirs,
beneficiaries, creditors, contin-
gent creditors, and persons who
may otherwise be interested in
the will or estate, or both, of JE-
ROME "JERRY" D. GRETTA A
Petition for Probate has been
filed by: LEANNE HALL in the
Superior Court of California,
County of SAN BERNARDI-
NO. The Petition for Probate re-
quests that: LEANNE HALL be
appointed as personal represen-
tative to administer the estate of
the decedent

The petition requests the
authority to administer the
estate under the Independent
Administration of Estates Act.
(This authority will allow the
personal representative to take
many actions without obtaining
court approval. Before taking
certain very important actions,
however, the personal represen-
tative will be required to give
notice to interested persons un-
less they have waived notice or
consented to the proposed ac-
tion.) The independent adminis-
tration authority will be granted
unless an interested person files
an objection to the petition and
shows good cause why the court
should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will
be held in this court as follows:
Date: MARCH 09, 2016 Time:
8:30 A.M. Dept: S37 Address
of court: SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY

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OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN
BERNARDINO DISTRICT
- PROBATE DIVISION 247
W. 3rd STREET SAN BER-
NARDINO, CA 92415-0212

If you object to the grant-
ing of the petition, you should
appear at the hearing and state
your objections or file written
objections with the court before
the hearing. Your appearance
may be in person or by your at-
torney. If you are a creditor or
a contingent creditor of the de-
cedent, you must file your claim
with the court and mail a copy to
the personal representative ap-
pointed by the court within the
later of either (1) four months
from the date of first issuance of
letters to a general personal rep-
resentative, as defined in section
58(b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the
date of mailing or personal deliv-
ery to you of a notice under
section 9052 of the California
Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may
affect your rights as a creditor.
You may want to consult with
an attorney knowledgeable in
California Law. You may ex-
amine the file kept by the court.
If you are a person interested in
the estate, you may file with the
court a Request for Special No-
tice (form DE-154) of the filing
of an inventory and appraisal of
estate assets or of any petition or
account as provided in Probate
Code section 1250. A Request
for Special Notice form is avail-
able from the court clerk.

Petitioner: LEANNE
HALL 3464 NOVAK STREET,
RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA
92509 Telephone: (951) 961-
0284

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nardino County Sentinel 2/5,
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FBN 20160000004
The following person is doing
business as: SUMETA TRANS-
PORT, 957 N ARROWHEAD
AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CA
92410, ELDER E SUMETA, 957 N
ARROWHEAD AVE SAN BER-
NARDINO, CA 92410

This business is conducted by
an: INDIVIDUAL.
The registrant commenced to
transact business under the fictitious
business name or names listed above
on: N/A

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s/ ELDER E SUMETA
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2/5, 2016.

FBN 20160000013
The following person is doing
business as: FV FAB, 7463 PALM
AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92346,
FROILAN YANEZ, 7463 PALM
AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92346,
[AND] VIRGINIA YANEZ, 7463
PALM AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92346

This business is conducted by
an: MARRIED COUPLE.
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on: N/A

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s/ VIRGINIA YANEZ
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FBN 20160000018
The following person is doing
business as: BASOSIN TRADING,
4959 PALO VERDE ST SUITE
200C MONTCLAIR, CA 91763,
SERENDIPITY SALES INC., 4959
PALO VERDE ST SUITE 200C
MONTCLAIR, CA 91763

This business is conducted by
an: CORPORATION.

The registrant commenced to
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on: N/A

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s/ SCHAY LIM
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FBN 20160000027
The following person is doing
business as: SWISHER'S DECAL,
2594 JEFFREY PINE CT SAN BER-
NARDINO, CA 92407, CHARLES
J SWISHER, 2594 JEFFREY PINE
CT SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407

This business is conducted by
an: INDIVIDUAL.
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on: N/A

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s/ CHARLES J SWISHER
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FBN 20160000028
The following person is doing
business as: RITEWAY TRANS-
PORTATION, 11616 ROBIN DR
FONTANA, CA 92337, JUDITH
HERNANDEZ, 11616 ROBIN DR
FONTANA, CA 92337

This business is conducted by
an: INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ JUDITH HERNANDEZ
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FBN 20160000040
The following person is doing
business as: RUSH HOUR DELIV-
ERY, 12403 CENTRAL AVE #495
CHINO, CA 91710, JUAN C LOPEZ,
12403 CENTRAL AVE #495 CHI-
NO, CA 91710

This business is conducted by
an: INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to
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business name or names listed above
on: 9/04/2011

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s/ JUAN C LOPEZ
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FBN 20160000069
The following person is doing
business as: VISION EMPIRE, 1501
W MAIN ST BARSTOW, CA 92311,
TIJUAN M FREEMAN, 37161 SAN
BRUNO AVE BARSTOW, CA
92311, [AND] KEITH ANACLITO,
37161 SAN BRUNO AVE BAR-
STOW, CA 92311

This business is conducted by
an: GENERAL PARTNERSHIP.

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on: N/A

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s/ TIJUAN M FREEMAN
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FBN 20160000115
The following person is doing
business as: ASPIRE PAINTING
CO, 341 BREWER WAY BIG BEAR
CITY, CA 92314, RYAN G DOWTY,
341 BREWER WAY BIG BEAR
CITY, CA 92314

This business is conducted by
an: MARRIED COUPLE.

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s/ RYAN G DOWTY
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FBN 201600000121
The following person is doing
business as: J'S CAFE, 796 WEST
48TH ST SAN BERNARDINO, CA
92407, HYE S KO, 7353 ELLENA
WEST UNIT 172 RANCHO CU-
CAMONGA, CA 91730

This business is conducted by
an: INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ HYE S KO
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FBN 20160000122
The following person is doing
business as: AGUILAR INSTAL-
LATIONS, 9060 TOKAY AVE
FONTANA, CA 92335, LOUIS
AGUILAR, 9060 TOKAY AVE
FONTANA, CA 92335

This business is conducted by
an: INDIVIDUAL.

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s/ LOUIS AGUILAR
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dino County Sentinel 1/15, 1/22, 1/29,
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FBN 20160000140
The following person is doing
business as: MALDONADO TIRE, 370
S LA CADENA DR COLTON, CA
92324, MARIA L CALZADA,
4250 FELSPAR ST RIVERSIDE,
CA 92509

This business is conducted by
an: INDIVIDUAL.

The registrant commenced to
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s/ MARIA L CALZADA
Statement filed with the
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FBN 20160000157
The following person is doing
business as: 1 STOP POOL PROS
#4, 7349 MILLIKEN AVE # 140-
60 RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA
91730, THE ELON GROUP UN-
LIMITED, 7349 MILLIKEN AVE #
140-60 RANCHO CUCAMONGA,
CA 91730

This business is conducted by
an: CORPORATION.

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s/ KIAK DEAN
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FBN 20160000172
The following person is doing
business as: SAVE MORE MAR-
KET, 298 S. LA CADENA DR.
COLTON, CA 92324, KHALED
KOFRANI, 1850 MERIDAN DR
SAN JACUNTO, CA 92583, [AND]
TAMACINA MARIE KOFRANI,
1850 MERIDAN DR SAN JACUN-
TO, CA 92583

This business is conducted by
an: MARRIED COUPLE.

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of that year paid Gretchen Ramos \$10,000 for "campaign services." Gretchen Ramos was at that point Mike Ramos's wife of 27 years

Ramos's payment of \$10,000 to his wife for "campaign services" that year was highly irregular. 2008 was not an election year for the district attorney's post in San Bernardino County. Furthermore, Ramos failed to disclose the \$10,000 payment to his wife on his California Form 700 income disclosure documents. Form 700s are intended to provide disclosure of the full range of elected and appointed governmental officials' economic interests. Since California

is a community property state, Ramos should have declared the payment to his wife as income to his household.

The conversion of that money, intended for electioneering purposes by its donors, into cash that went into Ramos's pocket raised the specter of money laundering and potential bribery.

Notably, Ramos prosecuted other politicians, charging them with felonies, for similar action.

In 2009, the degree to which Ramos was hungry for cash was again demonstrated when then-supervisor Neil Derry floated the concept of creating an ethics commission. Ramos swung his support behind the idea, volunteering to take on the position of the county's chief ethics officer on the pro-

viso that he be provided with a \$20,000 per year stipend for doing so. That too fell through.

In the intervening years, Ramos appears to have abandoned the efforts to boost his income through augmentations to his salary, and instead crossed the line once more, as he did with the ploy of transferring money out of his political fund to his wife, into the realm of illegality and graft, trading upon his authority and ability to suspend that authority in return for money.

Recently surfacing as a result of Wiebeld's forced departure from the grand jury is the account of a witness that served as a courier between the Mexican Mafia and members of the San Manuel Indian Tribe in Highland involved in a drug distribution network. That witness, known by the code name "Rico Doe" has said that Mike Ramos was handed a package containing a substantial amount of cash that originated from Mexican Mafia-related illicit narcotic activity during a designated rendezvous at the Pechanga Casino in Temecula. According to Rico Doe, the money was provided to Ramos as part of an arrangement to insulate members of the Mexican Mafia and San Manuel tribal members from prosecution. The witness hinted at other occasions

when money was provided to the district attorney.

What has been suggested is that one of the examples of Ramos showing favoritism toward members of the San Manuel Tribe is a matter involving two tribal members, Stacy Cheyenne Barajas-Nunez, and her brother Erik Barajas, who contracted with members of the Mexican Mafia to kill Leonard Epps, a one-time bartender at the Brass Key nightclub/restaurant in Highland they believed had too much knowledge about illegal activity they were involved in. That planned execution was botched, but was discovered as a consequence of a massive drug bust led by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration during which evidence of the attempted hit turned up during the serving of search warrants on several San Manuel Reservation homes, including those of Barajas-Nunez and Barajas.

Because the basis of the case had been laid by federal agents, Ramos did not have the luxury of dispensing with the case without a prosecution. Ultimately, Ramos accepted a plea agreement from both. Barajas-Nunez pleaded guilty to participating in the murder-for-hire scheme and to two drug charg-

es. Her brother pleaded guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon charge in connection with the murder-for-hire scheme. The deal Ramos approved allowed them to avoid any jail time and remain at home and be monitored electronically. Barajas-Nunez agreed to a 365-day home detention sentence and her brother agreed to 180 days of home sentencing.

As a result of the attempt on his life and the injuries he sustained, Epps, represented by attorney Frank Peterson, filed a civil suit against Barajas Nunez and Barajas. Epps and Peterson prevailed in that suit and a jury has already awarded Epps \$6.577 million in compensatory and punitive damages. Epps is still a target for Mexican Mafia executioners and has had to assume a new identity and relocate himself and his family to a secure location.

Petersen said there are "deep" levels of drug distribution activity emanating from the San Manuel Reservation, involving massive infusions of monetary investments from tribe members sustaining that illicit operation.

Ramos's willingness to look the other way with regard to the criminal activity involving the Mexican Mafia that is ongoing at the reservation is complicated by the consideration that the tribe has made an arrangement, approved by the board of supervisors, to pay the district attorney's office \$1,048,909 yearly to prosecute criminal cases originating on the reservation and at the San Manuel Casino located on reservation grounds and operated by the tribe.

Another allegation relating to the district

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themselves from him, perhaps having concluded that indirectly challenging the incumbent council through him is ineffective and potentially counterproductive from the standpoint of their interests. There is nothing to indicate those union's assisted Brunске in the recall effort.

That lack of financial wherewithal may be crucial to the recall's failure.

While he seemed to recognize that the drive

would have fared better if he had access to the roughly \$10,000 to \$20,000 estimated it would take to hire professional signature gatherers, it appears Brunске does not full appreciate how formidable the task can be. He gave indication that, having fallen off the recall horse, he intends to remount it. That is, he said he is preparing to submit papers once more to initiate another recall. He did not say which council members he will target in the upcoming effort.

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attorney engaging in a quid pro quo arrangement whereby he has pulled his prosecutorial punches in exchange for money is that relating to irregularities with the bail bond operations at, around and in the county's detention facilities and jails.

While bail bondsmen are permitted to market their services, utilizing inmates to do so, an activity known as bail bond capping, is illegal under California law. Early in Ramos's tenure as district attorney, in 2004, he prosecuted, with much fanfare, employees of a bail bond company owned and operated by members of former sheriff Floyd Tidwell's family.

In recent years, however, Ramos has failed to investigate let alone pursue a case against another company alleged to have engaged in bail bond capping on an even grander scale than the company owned by the Tidwells.

Bail Hotline Bail Bonds, a company founded by the McGuire Brothers eleven years ago, began operating in

San Bernardino County in earnest in late 2007. In March of 2008, according to numerous other local bail bond operators, Bail Hotline took command of the lion's share of business out of San Bernardino County's jails. Beginning in April of 2007, complaints were made with regard to Bail Hotline's activity.

Communication by several bail bond business owners with a member of the sheriff's department's command echelon, Deputy Chief Greg Garland, resulted, at least temporarily, in preventing Bail Hotline's representatives from maintaining an overwhelming presence at the jails and monopolizing bail bond business in San Bernardino County. In time, however, Bail Hotline reasserted itself. That was followed by numerous complaints of bail bond capping related to the company, including ones made to the sheriff's department, the district attorney's office and the grand jury. No grand jury ever took the matter up as an official investigation. No prosecutions ever ensued.

Moreover, reports began to trickle in and then flood in with re-

Known as the Crawford's gray shrew, the *Notiosorex crawfordi* is also referred to as the desert shrew. It is found in northern Mexico and the southwestern United States. It is the only shrew known to live



in the Mojave Desert. There have been numerous sightings of the creature in the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve.

It is a member of the order Soricomorpha and the family Soricidae. Crawford's gray shrew is among the smallest of desert mammals and one of the world's smallest homeotherms. Fully grown this shrew extends to little more than two inches long, half of which is the tail. They weigh in at no more than 5 to six grams, or .18 to .22 ounces.

The shrews are gray brown on top and most light gray below. It sports small but prominent, ears.

Crawford's shrews are generally born in litters of three to six dur-

ing the summer. Infants are the size of a honeybee, hairless and pink in color. They grow rapidly, reaching full size in about a month. Mothers nurse their young and then provide them with regurgitus as they mature.

By the fall, the shrews leave the nest and begins to forage on lizards, small mice, scorpions and arthropods. Shrews have accelerated metabolisms and can easily eat as much as or more than three-quarters of their body weight in food per day.



Because of their metabolisms, shrews are prone to overheating. This is doubly problematic for desert shrews as they normally do not have access to a ready water supply. A strategy they use to conserve water consists of finding shelters from the heat. Rather than construct their own burrows, they prepare themselves small nests in pack rat houses or in cavities under dead agaves.

guard to favorable treatment accorded to Bail Hotline's clients during bail hearings, with little or no resistance to most bail requests by the district attorney's office being registered, peppered with very few token oppositions in some exceptional cases.

According to one attorney who requested anonymity, a check from Bail Hotline Bail Bonds made out to Ramos was spotted on his desk at the district attorney's office.

According to numerous individuals, the McGuire Brothers paid for Ramos's travel and accommodations on a holiday to Park City, Utah.

Efforts to reach the McGuire Brothers to get their explanation for the provision of money and vacation accommo-

dations to Ramos were unsuccessful. They have publicly maintained that they get ahead by offering ethical and quality service to their customers.

Marco McGuire told ESPN 1700, "Today's times is a tough economic time, so we have to work with our clients. Usually, back in the day, the client would put a credit card and pay off in one shot. But nowadays it's tough. We work with our clients with payment plans. There's no collateral. Their signature for Bail Hot Line is pretty much their freedom. That's pretty much the way the company is ran. We go by whoever is signing for the individual. It's an insurance bond and its usually charged between eight and ten

County Wildlife Corner The Desert Shrew

Desert shrews further conserve water by being nocturnal, unlike other shrews, which hunt day and night to avoid starvation. Because of its



poor vision, the Crawford's gray shrew uses its finely attuned hearing and acute sense of smell to hunt. They are also make a practice of echolocation, similar to bats, using the resonance from their high-pitched squeaks to locate prey.

Shrews make a gruesome habit of not killing their prey, but rendering them immobile by biting off their legs or partially crushing their heads so they can keep their victims hydrated and a source of liquids.

Another method the shrew uses to reduce water loss is to warm air to its body temperature before inhaling to thereby absorb the resultant water vapor through its nasal membranes. When the exhaled air cools within its long snout, this creates condensation

which the shrew also absorbs.

Despite its high active time metabolism, the desert shrew has the lowest resting metabolic rate of all shrew species.

Because of its voracious eating habits, Crawford's gray shrews expel copious amounts of nitrogenous waste. They reduce water loss from urinating by concentrating urea in the urine. The urine of a Crawford's shrew is four times more concentrated



than that of a human.

Despite all of these adaptations, the desert shrew is victim of its own highly charged metabolism and is relatively short lived, dying off before it reaches the age of two. Moreover it is itself prey to nocturnal hunters, such as snakes and owls, although it does have a partial defense in this regard in that it emits a musky odor that makes it less appetizing to mammalian predators.

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points."The company's website states, "Bail Hotline Bail Bonds, is a family business. We have flourished by providing families like yours services that are honest."

On his statements of economic interest, known as California Form 700s, going back to 2007, Ramos makes no mention of receiving any income or gifts from Bail Hotline or its principals. Nor does he make any reference to money received from those associated with the San Manuel tribe, though he did list the receipt of a \$75 concert ticket as a gift from James Ramos, the one-time chairman of the San Manuel tribe, who is now the chairman of the board of supervisors.

In recent weeks, the

examination of Mike Ramos's penchant for shutting down investigations has accelerated, following an effort by the grand jury to look into a report of county jail inmates being provided with alcohol. Reports abound that the grand juror who was pressing to look into the matter, Rebecca Fults, was threatened with prosecution if she did not desist.

Efforts to elicit a response from Ramos with regard to the bribery accusations that have surfaced in the aftermath of the sacking of Wiebeld from the grand jury were unsuccessful.

Similarly, deputy district attorney Dauber, the grand jury advisor, spurned multiple offers to him to let him give his input for this article.

California Style Brrrr!

By Grace Bernal
It's been freezing in
San Bernardino County



we have had in a while
which brought us snowy



mountains, and let's not
mention the rain. The

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ski masks are out and
the ski resorts are open
for business up in Big
Bear, Lake Arrowhead,
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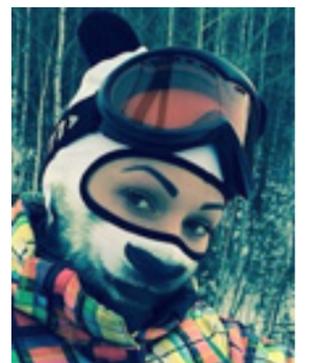


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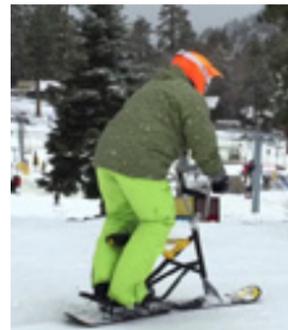


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that is the business attire
which shows men really
refuse to wear any snow
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Yet Another Threat Of School Violence Results In Arrest

SAN BERNARDINO—A series of threatening Facebook postings centering on Indian Springs High School which also mentioned Arroyo Valley High School have landed a 14-year-old student in juvenile hall. The postings to the social media site came on Monday. By Tuesday, the yet-unidentified youth, said to be a pupil

in the San Bernardino Unified School District, was in custody after school police and the San Bernardino Police Department were informed of the postings, deemed to be threats. "ISHS and AVHS Better start interviewing new principals And new teachers," said one. "After tomorrow ISHS and AVHS will never be the same," said another. An-

other stated, "We coming in hot with 50-caliber and aks so we are targeting 5 main buildings k h i.e, front office." Still another said, "Beware don't come to ISHS unless you have a death wish ! We have a different plan for arrow [Arroyo] valley." Another said, "It's ready we have the weapons and the gear Good thing the cops didn't find the gear." Another stated,

"R.I.P ISHS."
"The social media

threats have been de-
termined to be a hoax,"

Facebook stated.

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outsourcing plan and he was critical of the city's use of receiverships to seize dilapidated properties from impoverished homeowners to effect urban renewal, which Mulvihill supported.

Beard, however, has a checkered past. In the 1990s, he was implicated though never indicted, in an elaborate kickback scheme relating to the county's leasing, for use by its behavioral health division, of a K-Mart building in Rialto in which Gerald W. Beard Realty had an interest. Indicted in that scandal were former county supervisor Jerry Eaves, who eventually agreed to resign from office in lieu of going to prison, and former county administrative

officer James Hlawek. Hlawek acknowledged in statements he made to the FBI that in a meeting with Beard and Eaves he was given a briefcase containing \$300,000 in cash in return for facilitating the lease of the building.

While memory of that nearly two-decade old

matter, in which Beard narrowly avoided being charged criminally, had faded with many, Mulvihill did make cryptic reference to it during the campaign.

In the end, Mulvihill prevailed, though by a relatively narrow margin of 803 votes — 53.57 percent — to Beard's 696.

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