

County's Hiring Of McEachron Echoes Postmusesque Cronyism

By Mark Gutglueck

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors this week lurched into controversy with the hiring of former Victorville mayor/councilman Ryan McEachron to serve as the coordinator of the High Desert Corridor Project, some ten months after he was turned out of office. While county officials maintain McEachron



Ryan McEachron

accumulated knowledge and contacts to augment his innate leadership skill to allow him to car-

ry out the function of the role he is being entrusted with, others view it as an untoward move by the county's ruling elite to provide a sinecure to one of their members as a political favor designed to keep McEachron in the governmental loop. The matter is exacerbated by perceptions McEachron lacks both the requisite expertise/skill set and the time to carry out



Robert Lovingood

the assignment, harbors affiliations with developmental interests that will impact his judgment

with regard to the scope, nature and placement of the project, and that his business and financial connections to the chairman of the board of supervisors has mired him and the county in a conflict of interest.

Of note is that two county officials who would normally play crucial roles in the hiring of county employees, Mark DeBoer See P 2

CCA Criminal Case Could End With Possible \$12M Loss Recovery

While the California Charter Academy scandal blew into San Bernardino County like a lion in 2004, thirteen years later it is on the verge of going out like a \$12 million lamb.

Charles Steven Cox founded the California Charter Academy in 1999, using the misplaced faith of many parents that he would create a good Christian-oriented learning environment using public money and the sponsorship of the Snowline-Joint Unified School District. He then utilized the enthusiasm garnered from that formation to get Snowline to charter another academy and obtained two more charter sponsorships, one from the Orange School District in Orange County, and one from the Oro Grande School District to expand the academy into the largest charter school operation in California, with 51 campuses located throughout the state, with one as far removed from Southern California as San Joaquin County.

Simultaneous to his founding of the non-profit California Charter Academy, Cox created Educational Administrative Services Corporation, a for-profit company which was then hired by all four charter schools to manage the day-to-day operations of the charter schools and provide academic supplies such as books, paper, pens, pencils, desks, chairs, projectors, computers, etc. Cox inspired Tad Honeycutt, who in 2000 successfully ran for a position on the Hesperia City Council See P 20

In Latest Move To Nix Cadiz H₂O Grab, Feinstein Cites Chromium Contamination

With legislation introduced in July by Assemblywoman Laura Friedman that would have required far stricter environmental review of the Cadiz Water Project yet languishing at the committee level at the end of the just concluded legislative session, Senator Dianne Feinstein issued a statement which underscores the presence of contaminants in water

to be drawn out of the aquifer in the East Mojave. Feinstein said the introduction of that water into the aqueduct that is already being used to convey Colorado River water to the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area could represent an unacceptable threat to the Southern California region's water supply.

Corporate officials promoting the project

dispute Feinstein's assertion.

Beginning in the late 1980s, what was then known as the Cadiz Land Company sunk a well in the Cadiz Valley and initiated an organic farming operation growing tomatoes, peppers, melons, grapes and citrus. Throughout its existence, the Cadiz farming operation failed to operate at a profit. But in the

meantime, it was able to make an assertion, based upon the irrigation of the crops at the Cadiz farm, to water rights from the Cadiz/Fenner aquifer. By the late 1990s, it was clear that the Cadiz Land Company's true design was on securing water rights out in a remote locale in the Mojave Desert to then sell that water for use elsewhere. The company seemed to hit pay

dirt with its plan when in 1997 the Metropolitan Water District bought into a proposal from the Cadiz Land Company to convey up to 1.5 million acre-feet of what was referenced as "surplus" Colorado River water to Cadiz and "store" that water by pumping it into the water table there. In "dry years" the Cadiz Land Company proposed allowing See P 3

Never Quit: Paredes Striving To Inspire & Instill Character After 4 Decades

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." — Theodore Roosevelt

By Grace Bernal

Mark Paredes has been coaching football for four decades at both the high school and college levels. He takes seriously his mission of shaping the character and attitude of young

men on the cusp of adulthood.

A standout quarterback and defensive back at St. Paul High School and at Loyola Marymount University, Paredes has been the head varsity football coach

at Damien High School since 2013. Damien chose Paredes from over 70 applicants for the prestigious position. His work at Damien, where he is striving to build a championship program, is widely seen as the

summation of an illustrious career.

After leading Amat to California's first-ever 15-0 season in 1992, which included a CIF championship and a win in the now-defunct Reebok Bowl, Paredes left



Mark Paredes

in 1994. He landed at JW North, where he won CIF championships in 1995 and 2001. Paredes left JW North See P 4

Ontario Pastor's Eighth Book Lays Out Pathway Toward A Divinely-Inspired Reset

"It's All About The... Reset" is Pastor Bill Jenkins' eighth book. For those looking to rebound from ennui, this book will help someone feeling burned out to find a new lease on life.

Bill Jenkins is an award-winning author who is also the senior pastor of a new church in Ontario called Destinyland Christian Center, which meets every

Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Ontario Airport Hotel and Conference Center. Pastor Bill has a wife and three teenage sons, and has been in full time ministry for almost 30 years. He has a passion for taking the most impenetrable passages of Scripture and explaining them in a practical and enlightening way to help people fulfill what he calls their destiny.

Around 100 pages in length, the book is intended to be "a spiritual tow truck" to pull someone in a downward slide for whom things have not been going his or her way out of a slump.

Jenkins intends the word reset to convey the concept of "setting again" or "setting anew," returning to the original condition and state. Jenkins maintains

that sometimes in life, through bad choices or people imposing their will on others, an individual can get off course and stray from God's original plan. Jenkins prescribes making an early realization of this so the person off track can avoid digging a deeper hole that will only require more time to get out of later in life. Jenkins' formula

involves allowing God to reset lives and have the lost get back on the right road. Pastor Bill identifies decreases in passion, procrastination, a lack of vision, loss of creativity and joy, being easily aggravated, low production and constant complaining as indicators that a person needs a reset. He acknowledges that resetting your life might involve some ini- See P 3

Lovinggood-McEachron Connection Revives Tradition Of Postmus Political Machine Backslapping *from front page*

in the human resources division and deputy county counsel Cynthia O'Neill, were relegated to back-burner status on the hiring while the county's de facto top in-house political operative, county governmental and legislative affairs director Josh Candelaria, made the evaluation of McEachron and consequent recommendation to hire him.

Obviously, McEachron, who served on the Victorville City Council from 2008 until last November, boasts some level of credentials in terms of dealing with traffic issues in general and traffic issues as they pertain to the High Desert and High Desert government.

In June 2015, McEachron was elected president of San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), the county's transportation agency. SANBAG, which has subsequently been reformed and renamed the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG), is overseen by a board consisting of one representative from each of 24 of the county's cities, either a mayor or council member, as well as each of the county's five supervisors. The agency provides financial support toward and coordinates freeway construction projects, regional and local road improvements, train and bus transportation, railroad crossings, call boxes, ridesharing, congestion management efforts and long-term planning studies in conjunction with the California Department of Transportation, the county government, local municipalities and the regional public transportation agencies that offer bus and shuttle services, Omnitrans, Mountain Transit, Victor Valley Transit Authority

and the Morongo Basin Transit Authority.

SANBAG formerly administered and now SBCTA administers Measure I funds, revenue from San Bernardino County's half-cent transportation sales tax first passed in 1989 and extended by voters in 2004 to run through 2040.

In November 2006, the County of Los Angeles and the County of San Bernardino created the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority, which took as its charter the creation of the High Desert Corridor, a 66-mile stretch of freeway connecting the Los Angeles County communities of Palm Dale/Lancaster with the San Bernardino County communities of Victorville, Apple Valley, and Adelanto.

In support of this project, San Bernardino County agreed to provide a part-time staff coordinator for the project. The coordinator is to be provided with \$98,363 in total compensation over the next nine months until the end of fiscal year 2017-18 on June 30, 2018, consisting of \$60,378 in salary and \$37,985 in benefits.

Since 2012, Robert Lovinggood has been San Bernardino County's First District supervisor, which includes the Victor Valley and the entirety of that portion of the Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County that is contiguous with Los Angeles County. Earlier this year he was installed as the chairman of the board of supervisors. The entirety of the High Desert Corridor in San Bernardino County lies within the First District. Lovinggood is the chairman of the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors. In 2015, when McEachron was selected to serve as the president of SANBAG, Lovinggood was elevated to SANBAG's vice president's position. Virtually since the county's inception in 1853, supervisors have held tremendous sway over their individual districts, running

them essentially as fiefdoms. Though there is not explicit documentation to prove it, word is that Lovinggood was a prime mover in ensuring that McEachron was given the High Desert Corridor staff coordinator post. Rather than assigning the county's human resources division to conduct a competitive recruitment drive to fill the position, that task was handed off to the county's governmental and legislative affairs division, headed by Josh Candelaria, who is also charged with the hiring of the county's state and national lobbyists. Without providing an assessment of McEachron's qualifications, Candelaria in a report to the board of supervisors written prior to but dated September 26, recommended that McEachron be provided with the contract to serve as the coordinator of the High Desert Corridor Project.

Word of McEachron's pending selection first emerged with the release of the agenda for this week's board of supervisors meeting on which the ratification of his hiring was listed as item 14.

Before the weekend was over, however, a number of current and former public officials and citizen activists in San Bernardino County were expressing their objections to the choice, citing a host of reasons, nearly all of which revolve around the recurrent perception that McEachron's hiring was a demonstration of the way in which San Bernardino County's political insiders are able to wield their political power to benefit themselves and illegitimately perpetuate that political power at the expense of those subject to it.

Ironically, as recently as a decade ago, McEachron was himself a political outsider, who was once himself very much under the yoke of the political elite. Having graduated from Apple Valley Senior High School in 1991 and having obtained his Bachelor of Science in communications from

Arizona State University in 1995, he did not come into the political game entirely unarmed. His father, Ross, was the founder and president of the successful insurance company, ISU-Armac Insurance Services. Shortly after he left college, Ryan was employed as corporate officer with the company, moving on to become first the chief financial officer and then the chief executive officer. His political ambition led him to apply for and get an appointment to the Victorville Planning Commission when he was 28. At the age of 31 in 2004, he acceded to the chairmanship of the planning commission. The same year, he became the president of the Rotary Club. He served on the Victorville Chamber of Commerce board of directors for a half dozen years, including a stint as the board chairman in 2000/2001. By the middle of the first decade of the new millennium, McEachron was on a trajectory toward a berth on the city council, having put himself in position to put on a viable campaign when an opening emerged. Nevertheless, Victorville was then one of San Bernardino County's most, if not the most, politically stable municipalities. Its city council was led by Terry Caldwell, who had been a member of the council since 1972, making him one of the longest continually serving elected officials in the state at that time. Mike Rothschild had been on the council for over two decades at that point, having first been elected in 1984. Joanne Almond was first elected to the council in 1994. Bob Hunter was elected to the council two years later. Rounding out the council was Rudy Cabriales, the former fire chief. The watchword on the council was steadiness. While the council members were not in absolute lockstep with one another, whatever squabbles they had were hashed out in a backroom at City Hall behind a double- or triple-set of locked doors, well be-

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yond the earshot of the public. In other places, like neighboring Adelanto, the changeover on those city councils ran at a rate on an order approaching four times what it was in Victorville, with differing factions warring with one another and carrying out competing and often successful recall efforts against one another. City leaders in Victorville, self-consciously it seemed, maintained an air of decorum and calm reserve, offering no hint of discord. Simultaneously, they generally maintained harmonious relations with elected officials at the county, state and federal levels. Within this political establishment, there was an ethos of all for one and one for all. To a considerable extent, they shared political backers; the moneyed interests such as developers, public employee unions and successful entrepreneurs, who as a rule contributed to all of the incumbents. Those incumbents made a practice of endorsing one another when election time came.

Though McEachron was then an up-and-comer who was doing all of the requisite ticket-punching to one day move into a council seat, there was an unspoken agreement that the time for his ascension to Victorville's big political stage was not yet ripe, and that others, not he, would make the determination as to when it was propitious for him to move up.

Thus, when McEachron declared his

candidacy for city council in 2008, the general sense of things in Victorville was that he had acted prematurely. Generally speaking, council runs by non-incumbents in Victorville were not taken seriously by the political establishment. Typical challengers rarely had name recognition or status; in no case did they have access to the mother's milk of politics – enough money to run a campaign – and the donors the incumbents shared endowed them with political war chests that virtually assured their reelections. Most challengers were true outsiders, with little prospect of victory. Indeed, the incumbents appreciated the challenge; the easy reelections they achieved against their challengers validated both them and the electoral process, confirming their status as community leaders.

In 2008, however, the reelection of Rothschild, Hunter and Cabriales, in the face of McEachron's candidacy, promised to be different than the ritualistic formality of the usual cake walk to be followed by a victory lap. McEachron was not a true insider. Neither, however, was he an absolute outsider. As a member of the planning commission, he fell somewhere in between: a semi-insider. And his filing of candidate papers made him an upstart semi-insider.

When the race was under way in earnest, the Victorville estab-

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Cadiz, Inc.'s Wells Will Stir Up Contaminant-Laden H₂O And Convey Chromium-6 Into Metropolitan Water Supply, Feinstein Claims *from front page*

the Metropolitan Water District to extract water from the aquifer and conduct it through a 35-mile pipeline that was to be constructed between Cadiz and the Metropolitan Water District's existing Colorado River aqueduct.

After five years of environmental studies, in August 2002 the federal government gave approval to the project. In October 2002, however, the proposal was rejected by the Metropolitan Water District's board of directors after conservationists raised concerns over possible environmental damage. An extensive round of litigation between the Cadiz Land Company and the Metropolitan Water District ensued.

The concept lay dormant for six years but in 2008, the Cadiz Land Company, by then known as Cadiz, Inc., revived the plan in modified form, emphasizing less the drawing of water from the Colorado River and instead proposing to obtain water from sources feeding the desert area's dry lakes that are subject to evaporation. The revived project, to entail the sinking of 34 wells into the des-

ert and construction of a 44-mile pipeline to meet up with the aqueduct carrying Colorado River water to the Los Angeles and Orange County metropolitan areas, was given a tentative budget of \$536.25 million. Cadiz, Inc. first arranged to find potential buyers of the water, lining up the Santa Margarita Water District, in Orange County; the Three Valleys Water District, which provides water to the Pomona Valley, Walnut Valley, and Eastern San Gabriel Valley; the Golden State Water Company, which serves several communities in Southern California, including Claremont; Suburban Water Systems, which serves Covina, West Covina and La Mirada; and the Jurupa Community Services District, which serves Mira Loma in Riverside County. Then, to obtain environmental certification of the project, Cadiz, Inc. turned not to the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, but to the Santa Margarita Water District, which was to be the largest recipient of the water. The Santa Margarita Water District is the second largest water district in Orange County, serving the affluent communities of Rancho Santa Margarita, Mission Viejo, Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch and Talega.

A contingent of San Bernardino County residents protested the Santa Margarita Water

District's assumption of lead agency status on the project, officially known as the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation and Recovery Project, based on the consideration that the district lies 217 miles from the Cadiz Valley across the county line from San Bernardino County. San Bernardino County could have contested that arrangement in court, but Cadiz, Inc. effectively muted that by providing then-San Bernardino County Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, in whose First District the Cadiz and Fenner valleys and much of the East Mojave were located, with \$48,100 in political donations as he attempted to vault from his position as county supervisor to Congress. In the June 2012 primary, Mitzelfelt proved unsuccessful in his effort to get into the 8th Congressional District race runoff in November 2012, placing a distant fifth among thirteen candidates, in no small part because his support of the Cadiz Project was so unpopular with his constituents. In seeking to transition into Congress in 2012, Mitzelfelt had to forgo seeking reelection as supervisor that same year. Thus, he was consigned to leave office later that year. He was still in office as a lame duck when on July 31, 2012, the Santa Margarita Water District's board of directors certified the environmental impact report for the Cadiz Water Proj-

ect, clearing the way for Cadiz, Inc. to extract an average of 50,000 acre-feet of water per year – more than 16 billion gallons of groundwater annually – for the next century from the eastern Mojave Desert and send it via pipeline westward to Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties.

In this way, the Cadiz Water Project became known as Mitzelfelt's lasting political legacy, the final product of his failed attempt to trade the trust of his constituents and his authority over the fate of their regional resources for cash he believed would be the key to higher political office.

Over the next five years, a succession of environmental challenges and lawsuits delayed the implementation of the project. Cadiz, Inc. has succeeded in overcoming all of those lawsuits, nearly all of which were heard in Orange County Superior Court.

One remaining snag holding up the project was a 2015 U.S. Bureau of Land Management decision that Cadiz, Inc. could not use the existing federal railroad right-of-way for the water pipeline it intends to construct to convey water drawn from the aquifer to the Colorado River Aqueduct. This carried with it the requirement that the company go through a federal environmental review, under the National Environmental Policy Act, delaying the project and adding to its expense.

At issue is the degree to which railroads are at liberty to allow their rights-of-way to be used for non-railroad purposes. A railroad right-of-way can accommodate a water pipeline if the water is to be used by the railroad, but the use of steam engines went out of vogue last century. In 1989, an Interior Department solicitor concluded that an 1875 railroad law allowed railroads to authorize other uses without Department of the Interior approval. A subsequent solicitor's opinion altered that conclusion to state other

uses had to "derive from or further" a railroad purpose. The California Bureau of Land Management office later found that "conveyance of water for public consumption is not a railroad purpose."

In March, the Donald Trump Administration, in the form of a blanket memo from a Bureau of Land Management acting assistant director, revoked two of the legal bases for the agency's 2015 decision blocking the Cadiz project. This prompted Cadiz to reapply with the federal government for permission to proceed, in turn galvanizing Senator Feinstein, D-California, who was the lead sponsor of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act signed into law by President Bill Clinton and the sponsor of the California Desert Protection Act of 2011, the California Desert Conservation and Recreation Act of 2015 and the California Desert Protection Act of 2017, and a longtime opponent of Cadiz, Inc.'s designs on desert water. Feinstein consulted with Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, who in July altered the language of pending legislation, AB 1000, which originally pertained to water meter standards, to halt significant desert water pumping until state land and wildlife officials review the proposed groundwater extractions to first certify they will not harm the desert's ecology.

Though the Cadiz Project was not mentioned specifically in the legislation, Friedman acknowledged the alteration of AB 1000 came in response to the Trump Administration's prioritization of the Cadiz Water Project. "When the federal government refuses to undertake these environmental reviews, the state must step up and make sure they are done," said Friedman.

Friedman's move triggered objections from Cadiz, Inc. and its corporate officers, who characterized what she was engaged in as "flawed legislation" and an effort

to derail the project.

The bill did not make it past California Senate Appropriations Committee, where it lay dormant at the end of the legislative session.

State Sen. Ricardo Lara, D-Bell Gardens and Kevin de León D-Los Angeles, the Senate President Pro Tempore, effectively blocked its release. Lara, asserting the project had already been subject to the rigors of the California Environmental Quality Act, said, "That process should be allowed to play out." De León in whose district the Cadiz corporate headquarters is located, has received \$9,100 in political contributions from Cadiz, Inc., \$4,100 for his California Senate campaign in 2014 and \$5,000 in June of this year for his planned run for lieutenant governor next year.

In recent weeks, the environmental wing of the Democratic Party in California has begun an intensive lobbying effort of de León, who has touted his legislative accomplishments on a number of climate change-related, clean energy, energy efficiency, environmental and anti-pollution bills.

In this way, it appears that Feinstein may have been seeking to communicate, in a substantially public way, with de León when she issued a statement referencing surveys showing that there is hexavalent chromium, an extremely toxic chemical, present in the Cadiz/Fenner water table.

"For close to two decades, Cadiz has been trying to ram through a water extraction project that would harm the Mojave Desert. And now we hear from the Metropolitan Water District that the water Cadiz wants to extract could contain dangerous chemicals that pose a threat to the safety of Southern California's water supply," Feinstein said. "The water that Cadiz plans to extract contains numerous contaminants including arsenic and

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Self Help Book Offers Path To A Spiritual Reset *from front page*

tial pain and suffering, loss of sleep at night, a loss of income and feelings of isolation and rejection by others. Ultimately, however, Jenkins says, you must trust God that resetting your life will yield far greater results and rewards than choosing to stay on a path that is heading nowhere. Pastor Bill suggests that candidates for a reset ask what change is desired, why it is wanted, what is

stopping the person from making the change, and how the change is to be effectuated.

Life quality, Jenkins maintains, hinges on finances, priorities, marriage and relationships, health, emotions and employment. The more successful someone feels about those issues controls the degree someone is satisfied in life, Pastor Bill says. His book will, he says, release the tools to help the reader to determine if a reset is needed.

A feature of, "Its All About The... Reset" is the 30-day reset devo-

tional, which contains a Scripture of the day, a thought for the day, a prayer for the day, and a deed for the day, and a blank space for the reader to journal.

"It's All About The... Reset" is a fun and enjoyable read that will help anyone to reboot, reinvent and restore his or her life. You can pick up your copy in paperback on Kindle from Amazon, as well as Pastor Bill's other publications. For more information about the church you can reach him at destinylandcc.org

Paredes from front page

in 2001 to become the offensive coordinator at Riverside College until 2010, when he returned to JW North.

Amid his hectic schedule, Coach Paredes was able to spare some time to share with the *Sentinel* his perspective on football and what constitutes coaching and mentoring in a high school context.

As head coach, he focuses on both defense and offense, with an emphasis on offense. He is very comfortable coaching any position, as long as the player is a student of the game and is confident in himself. When asked what percentage of the game was mental and how much is physical, his reply was: "Those are two different mechanisms. One cannot work without the other because desired physicality depends upon position. Therefore, different sets of skill are demanding from one position to the next." Paredes believes that football is 100% mental and 100% physical.

When it comes to desire overcoming a lack of physical talent in football, Paredes said when physical talent is coached properly desire is overcome because talent is the key ingredient. He quoted Vince Lombardi: "Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing." An absolute requisite, he said, is that

the whole team must be prepared and go into the game with the intention to triumph over the opponent. Paredes and his coaching staff do everything they can in preparing the players to go out and play to win, whether the outcome is that of victory or defeat.

For Paredes, a good coach consists of, first, someone who is in it for the love of the game and the love of his/her players, no matter the level, and second, someone who prepares his team to allow them to play their best, and third, one who can motivate his players to play their best. His coaching role model, Paredes said, was Notre Dame's famed Knute Rockne, who is universally regarded as one of the greatest coaches in college football history and whom Paredes finds personally inspirational. He also stated, "My high school and college coaches had an indelible effect on me. I think of them to this day, and try to attain their success." Other coaches in his personal pantheon are Lombardi, Tom Landry, Don Shula, and Bill Walsh.

The Damien Spartans practice every day of the school week, approximately a total of nine hours. In addition, they weight lift for 30 minutes three days a week. Paredes spends about 35 hours each week laying out exes and owes, i.e., designing plays by putting blocking, running and throwing assign-

ments onto paper, strategizing, i.e., watching films, and doing desk work. He takes what he does very seriously, occasionally to the point



that he internalizes it. "Sometimes when I awake at 3 a.m. and can't sleep due to nerves, I just stay up, usually until 5 a.m., and then try sleeping. This happens usually Monday and/or Tuesday nights/mornings."

When he and the other coaches revamp the team's strategy, they add a dimension to disguise a gap. For example, Paredes explains, "On sweeps our tight end reach-blocks the further outside defender. Maybe this week we will block our tight end down on the defensive tackle, and have the tackle pull around and take the tight end's man."

His players are allowed to improvise on the field, Paredes, said,

but it all depends on the situation. Paredes said, "Rule of thumb, if it works out well, don't say anything. If it works out bad, jump on him! The

quarterback and line-backers have the most freedom to improvise."

When a player quits the team, Paredes doesn't feel good. He will ask the departing player what he did wrong, and he will also analyze the player's characteristics. His words on quitting were "I hate to sound too much like an old timer, but what my coaches taught me is a quitter will always quit, especially when things are tough. I have tempered those thoughts and now feel football wasn't for them. One thing is I will not let them go out later or the following year. They always quit again."

Damien High School is one of the nation's most scholastically chal-

lenging and one of few to consistently make the National Dean's List. Therefore, academics are taken seriously, which is why study hall is offered

on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. The days for these players are extremely lengthy on a weekly basis, because even after sports practice they come home to study for a test or proofread an essay. Coaches also expect players to finish all their homework by being present and making sure they are on task. The current grade point average on the team is 3.4. However, the semester is not over just yet. The top seven academically performing senior football players have grade point averages of 3.7, 4.35, 3.6, 3.97, 3.89, 4.12, and 3.78

Damien expects a lot its student players. Every morning you see the boys enter the Spartan campus prepared for a

long day, an atmosphere that is similar to a college. At Damien many students come and go for many reasons, but the ones who are there for the long haul are learning the value of hard work and to treasure a subject they love or a sport they are passionate about. Their devotion to the dual tracks of academics and football works as a builder and a test of character.

"In all the places I have had the privilege to coach, Damien stands out as the most unique," said Paredes, who is also a history teacher. "It's academic program is second to none. Activities and opportunities outside of football are numerous! Ninety percent of our students are in after-school sports, clubs, school sponsored hobbies, and Christian services to the community!"

Paredes said he intends to be coaching into the foreseeable future and he made a prediction about who will represent some of the Spartan's future gridiron talent.

"I just turned 65," he said. "My grandson is 6. So I have just 10 more years to go!"

Damien High School lies across the San Bernardino/Los Angeles County Line in LaVerne. A significant portion of its student body consists of students from the communities of Chino Hills, Chino, Montclair, Ontario, Upland and Rancho Cucamonga.

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cancer-causing Chromium-6. Left untreated, it could pollute the pristine water of the Colorado River Aqueduct, endangering the health of not only Cadiz's customers but all 19 million Californians who rely on that water."

Feinstein has been in contact with the Metropolitan Water District, which was once on the verge of working with Cadiz, Inc.'s corporate predecessor on a water

storage and extraction project in the East Mojave but then became embroiled in extended litigation against the company with regard to Cadiz's plan to use its aqueduct.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California General Manager Jeffrey Kightlinger wrote Feinstein on September 15, stating that "much about [the water conveyance arrangement] is still unknown."

Cadiz, Inc. has yet to make a formal application to actually use the metropolitan aqueduct.

Courtney Degener, the official spokes-

woman for Cadiz, Inc., passed this statement on behalf of the company to the *Sentinel*: "Senator Feinstein issued a press release regarding a risk she claims is presented by conserved water that will be delivered from the Cadiz Water Project to Southern California communities. We are stunned and disappointed by the allegations made by Senator Feinstein, which reflect a lack of understanding of the project and disregard for state requirements that all drinking water meet federal and state standards issued by the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency and the California Division of Drinking Water. Her statement suggests that Cadiz water might be delivered to consumers without satisfying these standards; this is irresponsible and not true."

Degener said, "Water quality at Cadiz is regularly tested using licensed professional laboratory services, is the subject of annual reports to San Bernardino County and was extensively surveyed in connection with the comprehensive court-approved environmental impact report (EIR) for the Cadiz Water Project. Cadiz water

quality, as described in the EIR, is below current state and federal maximum contaminant levels. Total dissolved solids of the Cadiz supply are considerably lower than both the maximum contaminant levels and the amount in the Colorado River Aqueduct and would reduce the service area's treatment requirements, a benefit valued at nearly \$400 million."

Degener added that "Delivery of Cadiz groundwater to the Colorado River Aqueduct will be done in full accordance with applicable federal and state standards. Cost-effective

and permitted treatment technologies are available to reduce constituents below existing state and federal standards should such treatment be necessary in the future. Importantly, no water from Cadiz would ever enter the Colorado River Aqueduct that does not meet all local, state and federal standards and no water will reach consumers unless it satisfies these same standards. It is misleading and shameful for the senator to suggest that the state and federal drinking water regulatory system would

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After Uncomfortable Stint As A Political Outsider, McEachron Became A Consummate Political Insider

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lishment – meaning the political machine that had grown up around Caldwell and which had welcomed Rothschild, Almond, Hunter and Cabriales into the fold, and which was fueled by the capital supplied by a coterie of business interests and investors – dug in its heels and began ruthlessly militating on behalf of the incumbents.

Yet somehow, McEachron's timing in making his challenge in 2008 was impeccable. As events had it, Hunter had committed a political faux pas in late 2006 and early 2007 that would undo him in 2008. In 2000, a 29-year-old political newcomer, Bill Postmus, had taken the First District by storm, garnering support from several unlikely spots while challenging the incumbent supervisor, former Apple Valley Mayor Kathy Davis. Like Postmus, Davis was a Republican in what was then a heavily Republican-leaning First District. But during her time as supervisor, Davis while in San Bernardino had entered into an alliance with then-Fifth District Supervisor Jerry Eaves, a Democrat who had previously served in the California Assembly and who was vectoring many of his campaign supporters from around the state in Davis' direction. Postmus, representing himself as a rock-ribbed traditional conservative Christian family values, take-no-prisoners and give-no-quarter-to-Democrats Republican, painted Davis as a liberal Democrat-wolf-in-conservative-Republican-sheep's-clothing and walked off with the title of First District supervisor. He then capitalized on this momentum once in office and by 2004 had acceded to the dual chairmanships of both the board of supervisors and the San Bernardi-

no County Republican Central Committee. From those two perches, Postmus ruled San Bernardino County as an overpowering political colossus. Along the way, he solidified his hold on the scepter of power by installing a number of High Desert office holders or members of their families into positions within his supervisorial office or on the staff of the central committee. Among those was Hunter, who worked as one of the field representatives in Postmus's supervisorial office. To all appearances, there were double covalent political bonds connecting Hunter and Postmus. They endorsed each other in their runs for reelection in 2004 and Hunter was an absolutely faithful instrument of Postmus' policy implementation. Hunter went on record as saying that Postmus qualified as the most exemplary politician of San Bernardino County's current generation of leaders, that he unquestionably was destined to have a stellar career in Sacramento if he did not first bypass that tier of government and go on to Congress first. Beyond that, Hunter intimated, Postmus was not only gubernatorial or senatorial material, but it was not unthinkable that one day he would be President of the United States.

In 2006, Postmus successfully vied for county assessor. In the span between Postmus' election that November 7 and his swearing in the following January, he announced that several of his staff members in the board of supervisors office would be brought over to the assessor's office when he made that transition, among them Hunter. Simultaneously, the board of supervisors weighed its options with regard to Postmus' replacement on that panel. Postmus was dead set on being succeeded by his chief of staff, Brad Mitzelfelt. The board, however, balked at merely accepting Postmus' recommendation, and opted to conduct a recruitment drive among those

First District residents expressing an interest in assuming the post. Contrary to Postmus' preference for Mitzelfelt, Hunter applied for the appointment. This instantaneously rendered Hunter persona non grata within the Postmus camp. Hunter's gambit failed, and Mitzelfelt was selected to serve out the remaining one year and 11 months of Postmus' term. Postmus never forgave Hunter and neither did Mitzelfelt. Nevertheless, because Postmus already made arrangements to transfer Hunter to the assessor's office and had announced doing so with considerable fanfare, Hunter could not be fired immediately. Instead, Hunter found himself isolated. Postmus did not speak to him again, did not tell him about his start date, and did not inform him of his job description or duties and responsibilities. After a two month interim, in March 2007, Jim Erwin, one of Postmus' two assistant assessors, came into Hunter's office, informed him that Postmus wanted him terminated, and fired him on the spot. In early 2009, Postmus and his once starbound political career imploded after an inquiry into partisan political activity within the assessor's office led to an investigation and the serving of search warrants, which led to the discovery of methamphetamine and syringes used to inject it at Postmus' home. But just months prior to that revelation, Postmus was still considered to be a powerful political personage. He threw his support behind McEachron during the run up to the November 2008 election.

McEachron had the support of his family, a few friends and associates along with that of Bill Postmus and the Postmus political machine. At the same time, McEachron found himself under attack on all sides. First, he was hit with some relatively mild rebukes from the Hunter, Cabriales and Rothschild campaigns. Then, as polling in late

September and early October showed he was running neck and neck and even out in front of two of the incumbents, he was savaged in a blitz of hard-hitting, indeed in some instances below the belt, hit piece mailers. Prior to those attacks, McEachron, buoyed by the Postmus political machine, was running in a strong second place just slightly behind Rothschild, a schoolteacher and one time U.S. Navy fighter pilot. But the attacks eroded some of McEachron's support, and a last minute advertising blitz on behalf of the three incumbents proved particularly helpful to Cabriales, who zoomed into the lead. But Hunter was unable to close the gap with McEachron, and in the final tally Cabriales captured 9,848 votes or 17.45 percent, Rothschild polled 9,616 votes or 17.04 percent and McEachron claimed 8,945 votes or 15.85 percent. Hunter fell short with 7,502 votes or

13.30 percent. Four others, Michelle Medina, Gary Douglas, Terrie Flint and Richard Gleason, accounted for the remaining 36.35 percent of the vote. McEachron was in and Hunter was out, to the no little discomfiture of the ranking powers that be in Victorville.

The Victorville political establishment was intensely determined to hang on to its advantage during the last throes of Bill Postmus' primacy, and McEachron represented, at least in those establishment figures' minds, a threat to their way of life. The county's civil grand jury began to look into irregularities in Victorville city government in the late winter and early spring of 2009, including hidden deficits, defaults, overstated assets, misrepresentations to bondholders and city vendors, and skipping out on contractual obligations. The grand jury also began probing the activity of Victorville's shadow government, the power behind the throne, the political machine that was a crea-

ture of the political establishment. A major focus of that investigation was the smear campaign that had been carried out against McEachron. A team of grand jurors questioned the entirety of the city council, along with Jim Cox, the former city manager who had come out of retirement to reassume that position in an effort to right Victorville's listing financial ship; John Sullivan, the city's finance director; Keith Metzler, the city's economic development director; and city attorney Andre De Bortnowsky. What emerged was that the blitz of hit pieces targeting McEachron originated with William "Buck" Johns, the president of Newport Beach-based Inland Energy Inc., who was involved in a multitude of projects in and around Victorville as either a proponent or investor. He initially put relatively modest amounts of \$5,000 into the 2008 campaign for a slate mailer supporting Rothschild, Hunter and Cabriales; contributed another \$3,000 to Rothschild; then gave \$2,750 to Cabriales and \$1,000 to Hunter. Johns at one point denied having anything to do with the negative onslaught against McEachron, but it was shown through a document trail that he and Inland Energy were indeed behind the mailing of the vicious hit pieces, as an "action committee" he controlled provided the Cabriales, Rothschild and Hunter campaigns with a \$103,116 "nonmonetary contribution" in the form of the provision of the attack propaganda against McEachron. The grand jury fell short of establishing that Cabriales, Rothschild and Hunter had direct knowledge beforehand that Johns was going to launch the fusillade of invective against McEachron in the form of handbills mailed to all of Victorville's high propensity voters, although given the ferocity and wide distribution of the material, it strained credulity to suggest the three incumbents did not

at some point know what was happening. Johns, however, as a civilian rather than a government official or employee, fell outside the purview of the civil grand jury and he was not indicted, charged or even cited. His sole liability was that it was illustrated all too well to McEachron, who now held power in the form of being in office, what Johns had done to him.

In a remarkable reversal and recovery, Johns and the political establishment he represented, in a relatively rapid fashion made the necessary adjustments and apologies, thereby repositioning the establishment with regard to McEachron, this time offering him support rather than opposition or victimization through skulduggery. Overnight, seemingly, McEachron was accepted as the newest member of the establishment, a favorite son, and he was provided money – substantial amounts of it – for use in his future campaigns.

Two years later, in 2010, Terry Caldwell, who had been on the city council for 37 years, chose not to seek reelection. JoAnn Almond, who in 2006 had been reelected to four more years on the council with no effort whatsoever when no one ran against her and Caldwell, became the second incumbent turned out of office in as many election cycles when she was defeated by Victor Valley College Board Member Angela Valles. Jim Kennedy, another political newcomer, who happened to be the husband of Caldwell's law partner, was elected with Caldwell's endorsement. After the 2010 election, McEachron, at that point with two years' experience in elected office, was chosen by his council colleagues to serve as mayor. Upon taking her place on the Victorville council dais, Valles garnered a reputation as a political outsider perennially cast as a dissident challenging the status

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Specter Of Cronyism In Lovingood's Resurrection Of McEachron

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quo. She found herself crossing swords with Rothschild, McEachron and especially Cabriales. Saying she saw City Hall as tainted by "corruption and kickbacks," she distinguished herself from her council colleagues, fighting them, if not at every turn, on a number of major issues. She alleged cronyism between the city's elected officials and city staff, accusing the council of giving city employees raises while failing to make bond payments. In that year's primary election – the one held in June – McEachron was able to use the infusion of money flowing in from the backers of the political establishment to seek higher office by running for Congress in the 8th Congressional District, where Jerry Lewis was retiring after more than three decades in the nation's Lower Legislative House. The degree to which McEachron had transitioned from outsider to insider was demonstrated when Rothschild and Cabriales endorsed him. He finished a disappointing eighth in a 13-candidate race for Congress. That November, McEachron sought reelection to the city council. Cabriales, wearying of the attacks from Valles, opted out of running. Rothschild, who had been in office for 24 years, was defeated. McEachron managed to stay in office with a third place showing in the 14-candidate race. Replacing Cabriales and Rothschild on the council were Jim Cox, Victorville's former longtime city manager, and Gloria Garcia.

Over the next four years, McEachron grew into more and more of an establishment figure. He continued his representation of the city on two major regional governmental entities/planning agencies – Southern California Association of Governments, known by its acronym SCAG,

and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG). SANBAG served as the regional transportation agency for the entirety of San Bernardino County, the board for which consisted of a mayor or council member of each of the county's 24 incorporated municipalities and all five members of the board of supervisors.

In 2015, McEachron was selected to be chairman of SANBAG. While in that capacity he furthered – and championed – proposals to create toll lanes along Interstate-10, and Interstate-15.

The construction of toll lanes in San Bernardino County was – and remains – a controversial issue. Available polling data indicates a majority of county voters are opposed to the concept. Nevertheless, select urban planners believe toll roads to be an inevitability, and fiscal analysts believe it to be propitious to initiate their creation at the earliest opportunity to reduce burgeoning future costs. Along certain spans of the proposed route for the lanes, right-of-way acquisition must be undertaken. Opponents contend that funds from the Measure I half cent countywide sales tax override that was first approved in 1989 should be used to defray the cost of building extra lanes, while proponents maintain that the private operators of the toll lanes can pay for their creation and charge motorists for their use thereafter. McEachron joined with members of the political establishment, consisting of Highland Mayor Larry McCallon, Rancho Cucamonga Mayor L. Dennis Michael, Barstow Mayor Julie McIntyre, Big Bear Councilman Bill Jahn, then-Upland Mayor Ray Musser, Chino Hills Councilman Ed Graham, Yucaipa Councilman Dick Riddell, Yucca Valley Councilman George Huntington, then-Hesperia Councilman Mike Leonard, Needles Mayor Edward Paget, Ontario Councilman Alan Wapner,

former Adelanto Mayor Cari Thomas, then-Rialto Councilman Ed Scott, former San Bernardino mayor Patrick Morris and former Twentynine Palms Councilman Jim Harris in supporting the toll road idea. A minority of other county politicians, some considered members of the political establishment and others who qualify as politicians somewhat out of the mainstream – San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzales, San Bernardino County Supervisor Janice Ruthertford, Montclair Mayor Paul Eaton, Loma Linda Mayor Rhodes Rigsby, former Grand Terrace Mayor Walt Stanckiewicz, Fontana Councilman Michael Tahan, then-Chino Mayor Dennis Yates and former Colton Councilwoman Deirdre Bennett – opposed the concept. It was under McEachron's leadership of SANBAG that the agency laid the groundwork for the approval of toll lanes on the I-10 Freeway, which passed by a vote of the SANBAG board in July.

Significantly, McEachron did not participate in that vote in July. That is because last November he was turned out of office when he placed fifth in the council race. While Gloria Garcia and Jim Cox, who had come into office in 2012 when McEachron was reelected, finished first and second in the ten-candidate race for the three positions up for reelection/election in November 2016, McEachron found himself outdistanced by planning commissioner Lionel Dew and newcomer Blanca Gomez. In the initial counts the night of the election and the following day Dew was in third place. Ultimately, however, as provisional ballots and late mail-in ballots arrived and were counted, Gomez pulled ahead and she was seated on the council.

Last week, seemingly out of nowhere, McEachron was resurrected as a major player in public affairs and governance in the High Des-

ert and San Bernardino County when Josh Candelaria, in his capacity as San Bernardino County's governmental and legislative affairs director, recommended that the position of coordinator on the High Desert Corridor Project, which has been vacant for nearly three months and into which Candelaria has himself been substituting, be filled by McEachron.

Protests to that recommendation arose.

A recurrent theme in those protests was that McEachron, as a creature of the political establishment, was favored with the post because of his association with the establishment and because he had played a key role in promoting toll roads.

Furthermore, it was alleged that there exists a conflict of interest in the appointment, in that McEachron's company, ISU-Armac Insurance Services, is the broker on the insurance provided to the temporary employee provision company, ICR Staffing, owned by Robert Lovingood, the current chairman of the board of supervisors and San Bernardino County's First District supervisor. Suggestions were rampant that Candelaria's recommendation of McEachron was merely a cover for Lovingood's mandate that the job be conferred upon McEachron. There were further suggestions that McEachron has been handpicked by Lovingood to succeed him as supervisor, and that extending the High Desert Corridor coordinator position to McEachron was a ploy to keep McEachron in the political/governmental game.

Angela Valles, who served with McEachron on the Victorville City Council for four years, told the *Sentinel* she considered McEachron ill-suited for the post.

"Truth be told, Ryan McEachron has neither the expertise nor dedication to hold that position," Valles said. "He is a spoiled rich kid who took over his father's

business. His father paved his way and paid for everything. He is an insurance company executive who does very little. His employees, in particular Mike Nutter, run the business. He is the definition of a manchild. He became a politician basically out of boredom with his life, and in the role of an elected official he has not taken his responsibilities seriously. I found him to be drunk at nearly all of the council meetings. At times he was so seriously intoxicated that I requested [then-Victorville] police chief [Don] Yoder to arrest him for being drunk in public."

In addition, Valles said, McEachron's loyalty is not to the vast majority of High Desert residents on either side of the Los Angeles County/San Bernardino County divide who will use the corridor but rather the developmental interests that stand to profit by the corridor's construction. "He's a sell-out to the BIA [Building Industry Association]," Valles said. "When he was on the city council, whenever there was an issue relating to a development project or issue impacting real estate developers, he would check with them first before voting. I have no reason to think it will be any different with him in this coordinator position. Look at his campaign promises and see how he voted. He will flip for the BIA and give the BIA whatever it wants. When the council wanted to go to larger lot sizes, that was the exact opposite of what the BIA wanted and he was the one vote on the council they could count on. Over that issue, he got the BIA to do hit pieces on his own council."

The role of High Desert Corridor coordinator would be far better filled by a traffic or engineering professional. Valles said. "They never floated this to see if there are engineers who could do this," she said. "You can't tell me there aren't plenty of engineers or transportation specialists who could do this job, who have experi-

ence in traffic planning and construction and engineering. They say he is qualified for this based on his being the president of SANBAG, but they are going with him because he voted yes on toll roads and he has a history of giving the big shots what they want. There are other people more qualified who are now retired who could have been brought in to oversee this. They are squandering this money on him."

Valles said it is political favoritism and cronyism, tinged by a financial conflict of interest, that drove McEachron's hiring.

"He used to be part of the good ol' boy network in Victorville, but the dynamic has changed," Valles said. "He's out of sync with the community. He was an incumbent with the most money and he still lost to Lionel Dew and Blanca Gomez. He's talking about running for office again, but he doesn't have a chance with his voting record and what he stands for. This was set up by Bob Lovingood. Ryan's insurance company provides insurance for ICR staffing. That is an out-and-out conflict of interest."

Jeff Williams, formerly the mayor and currently a council member in the City of Needles, told the *Sentinel*, "My biggest concern is I don't see Ryan as having the qualifications for the position. He's an insurance salesman. I asked Robert Lovingood specifically about that and what he said was that when Ryan was with SANBAG he had been to a bunch of conferences on differ-

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or could be bypassed or that the water conserved by Cadiz will put the public at risk." -Mark Gutglueck

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ent transportation issues. He said that most of the people who go to those conferences go there to drink, but that Ryan went there to work. He said it like that was some kind of accomplishment. I don't think attending conferences for elected officials on transportation issues, no matter how informative they are, qualifies you as a transportation guru."

Williams continued, "I have worked with Ryan on a few different boards. I think they could have gone out and looked for a better person, someone with the credentials. They are paying him \$98,000 for the rest of the fiscal year to be the coordinator and when I said something to Robert [Lovingood] about that, he said we [the county] are only going to pay part of that and the rest is coming from the JPA [joint powers authority between Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties and the cities of Palmdale, Lancaster, Victorville, Adelanto and Apple Valley]. I didn't care for that answer. It's still taxpayer money."

Williams said others are troubled by McEachron's appointment, as well. "There's a rumor going around the High Desert," he said. "It's just a rumor at this point, but what people are saying is that Mr. Lovingood has picked him [McEachron] to be his replacement when

he [Lovingood] doesn't run. This looks like an attempt to keep Ryan in government somehow. He ran last time and he did not get elected. But if it's true that Robert wants him for his replacement, then so much for having gotten rid of the cronyism and corruption."

Jim Cox on Sunday told the *Sentinel* he believed McEachron "did a really good job on the SANBAG committee. When I was elected in 2012, the council chose him to represent the city. He did really, really well with regard to the east-west corridor study. He understood the issues the city was supposed to be on top of. His knowledge and understanding of traffic issues was such that he was elected to be the president of SANBAG and the chair of the mountain-desert subcommittee. He did a very good job. He did some fine negotiation in helping get improvements to one of the intersections in our city."

With regard to McEachron's relationship to the BIA, Cox indicated he was not aware of his former council colleague's tie-in to that organization. "I did not know he was answerable to any group," Cox said. "I did not know the BIA was involved with him in our regional road issues, if they are involved. I did not know of any relationship he had with the Building Industry Association. If he does have that relationship, I do not see how that would be linked to how he would recommend our road system should be built. Maybe I'm missing

something."

Cox did say, "I know that he was roundly criticized by some citizens for his support of toll roads. Some of those people who criticized him said he should be voted out of office because of that support. My recollection was he responded that if toll roads would help put another lane on the freeway and there was private money to build that, then that option should be explored. I know he has four or six years experience with SANBAG. I am not sure what his role is to be as coordinator or exactly what is in the job description. He is a good man and he has a lot of experience with regard to roads. Maybe that's why they have chosen him."

At Tuesday's board meeting, five county residents weighed in against McEachron's hiring.

Gary Gileno told the supervisors before they voted on item 14, "This is one of the most offensive things I've seen brought forward. This is a direct slap in the face of the voters, this very large contract Ryan McEachron is going to be receiving. Ryan McEachron was on the Victorville City Council and instead of focusing on his city, he spent his time being a regional bureaucrat."

Gileno cited McEachron's support of toll lanes. "In the 2016 election he was voted out of office because the residents of Victorville don't want their representative to be a toll lane liaison," said Gileno. "You don't seem to care that we voted Ryan McEachron

out of office. Now you will pay him \$98,000. We know that the council [position] paid him next to nothing. So Ryan McEachron not only gets to continue meddling in toll lane affairs but now he is getting paid very handsomely. He was better off losing his election because he gets to continue with what he was doing, except now he gets a 1,000 percent raise. I thought Mr. McEachron was a business owner. So now he has time to work what I presume is a second full time job, or is this one of those things where you give him money and he does nothing?"

Gileno said "Elected officials in San Bernardino County are a joke. You are all in bed with one another running these scams and throwing them in the face of the voters. This is supposed to be a republican form of government. What is the point of even having an election when losing is actually better than winning?"

Gileno then predicted that the board would not heed the calls by the public to forego hiring McEachron. "We know what you are going to do," he said. "You all sit on SANBAG together and Ryan is one of your buddies. This is disgusting."

Tressy Capps, a resident of Fontana, echoed Gilana. "San Bernardino County does have a culture of cronyism and corruption, and it seems like it is never going to end. The fact of the matter is Ryan McEachron had free health benefits [as a councilman] but the voters spoke loud and clear. He spent the most on his campaign and he came in fifth. So, when he lost that, he lost his free medical benefits, but you all have figured out a way to restore those for him. The voters in this county are getting sick and tired of the corruption and the cronyism."

Robert Torres of Lytle Creek, a retired public employee who engaged in urban and transportation system planning, told the board the county should have carried out

a more comprehensive recruitment to fill the post. "The position that is being created must be open to all the public employees that can qualify for it," said Torres. Otherwise, he said, state labor law relating to public employment is being violated. "My experience tells me that the best qualified person for this position will be a licensed civil engineer," said Torres. "A civil engineer would deal with all the different departments, all staffing needs, and verify that all those items that were supposed to be done are being done and the milestones are being achieved. Less than a qualified civil engineer will hurt the taxpayers of this area."

Torres said the salary on the contract translated to \$113,000 per year. Since federal funds are being used on the project, Torres said, open bidding on the project had to be undertaken. "You're opening up an area where litigation can come in, especially in a county that has historically not allowed persons of color to participate in its leadership roles," said Torres.

"You're going to coordinate a staff of engineers, of accountants, of auditors and we don't know what your qualifications are," said Torres. "How much urban planning [experience and education] do you have? How much civil engineering background do you have? How much chemistry background do you have? Do you have the required science background to hold this position? Or are you going to do what we public employees call professional negligence? To allow an employee to fill the position and perform the duties and then bid on the job is not fair."

John Willis said, "Shouldn't this position be put out to bid? This man has no qualifications for this job. Does he have a civil engineering degree? No, he does not. What about this staff coordinating business? Does he have any experience in that? No, he does not. Do you just

reach out your scepter and appoint the man you want to appoint? Put this job out to bid. Stop appointing your buddies to these positions."

Steve Rogers said, "The real problem I have with this is Ryan is an insurance broker. My question is, 'How many county entities has he dealt with or is he still dealing with in regard to his insurance business?' Not only is he not qualified to have this coordinator position, but he has serious, in my opinion, conflicts of interest."

Also on Tuesday morning, Candelaria told the board that for three months following the departure of the previous coordinator, whom he did not identify, he, Candelaria, had served in the coordinator capacity and that he had "determined what skill set was needed for this particular position. We got recommendations, went out and outreached into a number of potential candidates and henceforth made a recommendation, which is the item before you."

Candelaria said McEachron's duties will consist of coordinating action among regional state and federal agencies, and working among experts and the political laymen an identifying funding opportunities.

"It basically deals with coordination," he said. "It deals with consultants, so it's not necessarily a technical position. It is more of an intergovernmental rela-

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVDS1717361

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Nicole Marie Ramirez

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Nicole Marie Ramirez to: Nicole Marie Goforth

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: 11/07/2017 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

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

Dated: Sept.07, 2017

Michael A. Sachs

Judge of the Superior Court.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVDS1717362

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Annette Roberta Ramirez

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Annette Roberta Ramirez to: Annette Roberta Martinez

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.

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Notice of Hearing: Date: 11/07/2017 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

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

Dated: Sept.07, 2017

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HIAM A. FEHMI, CASE NO. PRO PS1700794

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of HIAM A. FEHMI and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both: A Petition for Probate has been filed by AMINE P FEHMI in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN BERNARDINO, requesting that ALAN YAGHDJIAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of HIAM A. FEHMI. The petition requests 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 representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The petition is set for hearing in Dept. No. S36 at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO SAN BERNARDINO DISTRICT - PROBATE DIVISION 247 W. 3rd STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0212 on NOVEMBER 8, 2017 at 08:30 AM IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or

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file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 58 of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of the notice to you under Section 9052 of the California Probate Code. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code. Attorney for Petitioner: JOHN G. YPHANTIDES 539 WEST GRAND AVENUE ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA 92025 Telephone: (760) 738 -1328 Published in the San Bernardino County Sentinel September 15, 22 & 29, 2017

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBN 20170009343

The following person is doing business as: MINI M'S WARDROBE 3430 4TH STREET APT 2038 ONTARIO, CA 91764 CHRISTINA L VALDIVIA-WARREN 3430 4TH STREET APT 2038 ONTARIO, CA 91764

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

Date began transacting business: N/A

Signed: BY SIGNING BELOW, 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/Christina L Valdivia-Warren
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 8/17/2017

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBN 20170009484

The following person is doing business as: TUTORING VISIONS 357 W. SECOND STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92401 VANESSA L FANNING 357 W. SECOND STREET SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92401 Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 9884 SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92427

This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL

Date began transacting business: 5/01/2017

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s/Vanessa L Fanning
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVDS1717392

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Casey Lynn Burns

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Casey Lynn Burns to: Casey Lynn Hestehave

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: 10/20/2017 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17

The address of the court is Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino District - Civil Division, 247 W Third Street, Same as above, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210, San Bernardino

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

Dated: Sept.08, 2017

Michael A. Sachs

Judge of the Superior Court.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER CIVDS1717099

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: Anthony Lando Nabong Fagsao filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Anthony Lando Nabong Fagsao to: Anthony Lando

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: 10/16/2017 Time: 8:30 a.m. Department: S17

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

Dated: Sept.01, 2017

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBN 20170010082

The following entity is doing business as: S. HEISER FNP-C 2436 S. PINEHURST PL. ONTARIO, CA 91761 MAILING ADDRESS: 267 CLEARWOOD AVE RIVERSIDE, CA 92506 SYLVIA P. HEISER 2436 S. PINEHURST PL. ONTARIO, CA 91761

Business is Conducted By: AN INDIVIDUAL

Began Transacting Business On: 8/07/2017

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s/Sylvia P. Heiser
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 9/05/2017

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County Clerk, s/Rhea Smith

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FBN 20170010670

The following entity is doing business as: TRENDY HAIR CUTS, LLC 2448 S VINEYARD AVE SUITE 104 ONTARIO, CA 91761 TRENDY HAIR CUTS, LLC 2448 S VINEYARD AVE SUITE 104 ONTARIO, CA 91761

Business is Conducted By: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Began Transacting Business On: N/A

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s/Yani Mungia
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County Clerk, s/Rhea Smith

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STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT (Business and Professions Code 17923)

FBN 20170010088

Fictitious Business Name of the Partnership: WEBCOP INTERACTIVE SYSTEMS 7009 ARGYLE AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92404 RONALD A SELLERS 7009 ARGYLE AVE HIGHLAND, CA 92404 RELATED COUNTY CLERK FILING NO. 20130002419 ORIGINALLY FILED: 03/06/2013

Business is Conducted By: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

Began Transacting Business On: N/A

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s/Ronald A. Sellers
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County Clerk, by Deputy

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170010670

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Trendy Hair Cuts, LLC, 2448 S Vineyard Ave Suite 104, Ontario, CA 91761, Trendy Hair Cuts, LLC, 2448 S Vineyard Ave, Ontario, CA 91761

Business is Conducted By: A Limited Liability Company

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s/Yeni Mungia
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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/EF

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170010190

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Sheppard's Coatings, 835 E. D St Unit A, Ontario, CA 91764-4015, P.O. Box 4015, Ontario, CA 91764, Edward Juarez, 835 E. D St Unit A, Ontario, CA 91764-4015

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/Edward Juarez
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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/DMM

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170010272

The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: Intelligen Illumination Labs, 9421 Feron Blvd, Bldg. 103, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, 9421 Feron Blvd, Bldg. 103, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730, William C. Jenks, 5225 Sapphire Street, Alta Loma, CA 91701-1347

Business is Conducted By: An Individual

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s/William C. Jenks
This statement was filed with

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the County Clerk of San Bernardino on: 9/11/2017

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Began Transacting Business: Not Applicable

County Clerk, s/LV

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO-20170008778

San Bernardino County Coroner Reports

Coroner Case #701706551 On 09/21/2017, at about 2:50 pm, a California Department of Water Resources employee reported what he believed to be a body in the California Aqueduct east of Los Flores Rd. and Summit Valley Rd., in Hesperia. Upon the arrival of law enforcement and rescue personnel confirmed a body was in the water. Deputies from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Dive Team recovered the body and death was confirmed at 1507 hours. Once positive identification and notification to family is completed the identity will be released. [09222017 1430 JK] UPDATE: Name released-Angel Negrete Garcia a 19 year-old male resident of Victorville. [09252017 1210 SC]

Coroner Case #701706579 On 09/22/17, at 5:07 PM, a collision occurred between three vehicles traveling along Reche Canyon Rd., near the intersection with Scotch Lane, in Colton. Steven Owen Jarrell, a 59 year old resident of Perris, California, was operating his motorcycle southbound along Reche Canyon Rd. when he collided head-on with a northbound automobile. Jarrell sustained major injuries and was transported by ambulance to Loma Linda University Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead in the emergency room at 5:49 PM. The investigation of the collision is being conducted by Colton Police Department. [09/22/17 2200 VN]

Coroner Case #701706543 On 09/21/2017, at 5:56 am, the California Highway Patrol received 911 calls regarding a traffic collision southbound Interstate 15 south of Oak Hill Rd., in the unincorporated area of Hesperia. When officers arrived on scene they found that a 2014 Yamaha motorcycle had collided with a southbound vehicle. The driver of the motorcycle, Jonathan Tran, a 29-year-old male resident of Victorville was pronounced dead at the scene from injuries sustained in the collision. The California Highway Patrol is investigating the collision. [09212017 1200 JK]

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McEachron Unwilling To Address Reports Of His Intoxication At Council Meetings

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tions advocate role and we identified what was really needed in that position, someone who has an historical context of the project to understand transportation extensively, the unique situation regarding all the different stakeholders."

Candelaria spoke to the perception that there had been an inadequate effort to recruit individuals with the requisite skill to carry out the coordinator assignment.

"I talked to a number of - 3 - potential candidates," he said. "When you look at the framework, you have a part time position. The compensation is already specifically spoken to, with the term for eight months, so as you can imagine, I think with that as the particular framework, it's a little bit difficult to find a candidate with the expertise, in which we feel this particular candidate recommending has all that experience in addition to the knowledge base, to move the project forward."

Prior to the board meeting, Supervisor Josie Gonzales told the *Sentinel* that she had interacted with McEachron, including in the context of SAN-

BAG meetings and that she "found him articulate and an effective advocate for the the infrastructure and needs of the High Desert." She said that she had faith in Candelaria's judgment. "I have every confidence that Mr. Candelaria fully vetted him," and she said on the basis of that she was prepared to support hiring McEachron.

She said McEachron's work would be monitored and "if he does not show us adequate progress and sets aside whatever political agenda that might interfere with his work, there will be a parting of the ways with him very soon."

At Tuesday's board meeting, Gonzales said, "I have known Mr. McEachron and I have found him to be above board. Back when SANBAG was SANBAG and before it became SBC-TA, I had a good number of dealings with him, found that he was much on point, he was articulate and that is important to me. I understand there are some concerns. It is important that we be as transparent as possible."

In response, Candelaria emphasized that McEachron "has been a member of the JPA. He is a former president of SBCTA [San Bernardino County Transportation Agency] and a member of SCAG [Southern California Associated Governments]. This is really a policy position that will make recom-

mendations to the JPA, so I think he understands not only transportation, in addition to the lay and groundwork of the High Desert Corridor. As you know, it is substantially different working with the cities. He has a breadth of knowledge I think will complement this position."

Gonzales then referenced what she called "conflicts of interest," without specific reference to McEachron's insurance company's relationship to Lovingood's company, though that was the seeming implication. "Were those addressed and how did you address them?" Gonzales asked.

In his response, Candelaria did not specifically reference the relationship between ISU-Armac Insurance Services and ICR Staffing.

"We had a long conversation," Candelaria said. "He will be required to fill out Form 700 forms as every other county employee, so he will be underneath those same conflict of interest rules." Candelaria then addressed the issue by referencing McEachron's departure from the county's local agency formation commission (LAFCO) board, on which he was recently serving as a citizen representative.

"He is no longer a public member of the LAFCO board as a result of that [i.e., concerns about conflicts]," Cande-

laria said.

Interim County Executive Officer Dena Smith sought to reassure the board that the arrangement with McEachron was not one that bound the county to a long term open-ended commitment to keep McEachron in place.

"The term is rather short on the contract and this is really part of what Josh [Candelaria] has referenced in terms of we've been speaking about: the possibility and the likelihood of the position transitioning out of our office really into the governance of the JPA or Metro."

In deference to the suggestions of a conflict of interest, Lovingood excused himself from the discussion and the vote, although he expressed his belief that no actual conflict arose out of his company's relationship to McEachron's company.

"I don't feel I am conflicted," Lovingood said, but indicated he would recuse himself "out of an abundance of caution."

Bill Postmus was one of Lovingood's predecessors as First District supervisor. He engaged in a degree of cronyism that involved employing other elected officials and his political associates as his governmental staff members, ultimately resulting in Postmus' conviction for utilizing his elected office for partisan political purposes. Some of those he em-

ployed were convicted as well. There have been recurrent suggestions in the last week that Lovingood is walking in Postmus' footsteps in more ways than one.

Gonzales said, "Rest assured in our quest to find qualified individuals who are knowledgeable with the fair degree of background that is required in these positions. We want to be assured that we're putting the right person in the right position. I am no different in that and I am averse to anything that would bring controversy, any continued black-eyes, to this county. I for one will say that I am willing to support this item and willing to support Mr. McEachron, but I will also be the first to say that if things go awry, if things go sideways, if I see that there is any cronyism or any self interest or tit-for-tat or

some backslapping going on, I will be the first to call him out and say he's got to go."

The board voted 4 to 0 to approve the contract with McEachron.

Both McEachron and Candelaria spurned requests from the *Sentinel* to answer a host of questions with regard to the matter, including whether they were sensitive to perceptions of cronyism growing out of McEachron's hiring, the degree to which McEachron's support of toll roads and his status as a political insider resulted in his being selected to the post, whether Lovingood advocated on behalf of McEachron's selection to fill the role, and McEachron's response to reports of his alcohol use prior to public meetings.

County spokesman David Wert told the *Sentinel* *Continued on Page 20*

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The Bobcat



The bobcat is an adaptable predator that inhabits wooded areas, as well as semidesert, urban edge and forest edge environments in California and elsewhere in North America. Known to scientists as the *Lynx rufus*, the bobcat is smaller on average than the Canada lynx, with which it shares parts of its range, but is about twice as large as the domestic cat. The bobcat resembles other species of the lynx genus, but is on average the smallest of the four. Its coat is variable, though generally tan to grayish-brown, with black streaks on the body and dark bars on the forelegs and tail. Its spotted patterning acts as camouflage. The ears are black-tipped and pointed, with short, black tufts. Generally, an off-white color is seen on the lips, chin, and underparts. Bobcats in the desert regions of the southwest have the lightest-colored coats, while those in the northern, forested regions are darkest. Kittens are born well-furred and already have their spots.

The face appears wide due to ruffs of extended hair beneath the ears. Bobcat eyes are yellow with black pupils. The nose of the bobcat is pinkish-red, and it has a base color of gray or yellowish- or brownish-red on its face, sides, and back. The pupils are round, black circles and will widen during nocturnal activity to maximize light reception. The cat has sharp hearing and vision, and a good sense of smell. It is an excellent climber, and swims when it needs to, but normally avoids water. However, cases of bobcats swimming long distances across lakes

have been recorded.

The adult bobcat is 19 to 49 inches long from the head to the base of the tail, averaging 32.6 inches; the stubby tail adds 3.5 to 7.9 inches and its "bobbed" appearance gives the species its name. An adult stands about 12 to 24 inches at the shoulders. Adult males can range in weight from 14 to 40 pounds, with an average



of 21 pounds; females tip the scales at 8.8 to 33.7 pounds, with an average of 15 pounds. The largest bobcat accurately measured on record weighed 49 pounds, although unverified reports have them reaching 60 pounds. The largest-bodied bobcats are from eastern Canada and northern New England of the subspecies *Lynx rufus gigas*, while the smallest are from the southeastern subspecies *Lynx rufus floridanus*, particularly those in the southern Appalachians. The bobcat is muscular, and its hind legs are longer than its front legs, giving it a bobbing gait. At birth, it weighs 0.6 to 0.75 pounds and is about 10 inches in length. By its first birthday, it weighs about 10 pounds.

The cat is larger in its northern range and in open habitats. A morphological size comparison study in the eastern United States found a divergence in the location of the largest male and female specimens, suggesting differing selection constraints for the different genders.

Ranging from southern Canada to central Mexico, including most of the contiguous United States, the bobcat is believed to have evolved from the Eurasian lynx, which crossed into North America by way of the Bering Land Bridge dur-



ing the Pleistocene, with progenitors arriving as early as 2.6 million years ago. The first wave moved into the southern portion of North America, which was soon cut off from the north by glaciers. This population evolved into modern bobcats around 20,000 years ago. A second population arrived from Asia and settled in the north, developing into the modern Canada lynx. Hybridization between the bobcat and the Canada lynx sometimes occurs.

The two subspecies of bobcat most likely to be encountered in San Bernardino County are the *Lynx rufus californicus*, generally present in California west of the Sierra Nevada and the *Lynx rufus mohavensis*, which has as its primary range the Mojave Desert.

The bobcat is crepuscular, keeping on the move from three hours before sunset until about midnight, and then again from before dawn until three hours after sunrise. Each night, it moves from two to seven miles along its habitual route, varying seasonally, as bobcats become more diurnal during fall and winter in response to the activity of their prey, which are more active during the day in colder weather.

Bobcat activities are confined to well-defined territories, which vary in size depending on the gender and the distribution of prey. The home range is marked with feces, urine scent, and by clawing prominent trees in the area. In its territory, the bobcat has numerous places of shelter, usually a main den, and several auxiliary shelters on the outer extent of its range, such as hollow logs, brush piles, thickets, or under rock ledges.

Its den smells strongly of the bobcat.

Bobcats' home ranges vary significantly, from 0.23 to 126 sq miles, with females exhibiting ranges on average about half that of males. Different studies have indicated differing variations in seasonal range size. One study found a large variation in male range sizes, from 16 square miles in summer up to 40 square miles in winter. Other research found little or no seasonal variation.

Like most felines, the bobcat is largely solitary, but ranges often overlap. Unusual for cats, males are more tolerant of overlap, while females rarely wander into others' ranges. Given their smaller range sizes, two or more females may reside within a male's home range. When multiple territories overlap, a dominance hierarchy is often established. The average density for bobcats is estimated at one per five square miles, with an apparent population density and gender ratio link. One study noted a dense, un hunted population in California had a sex ratio of 2.1 males per female. When the density decreased, the gender ratio changed to 0.86 males per female. Another study observed a similar ratio, and suggested males may be better able to cope with the increased competition, and this helped limit reproduction until various factors lowered the density.

Though the bobcat prefers rabbits and hares, it hunts insects, chickens, geese and other birds, small rodents, and deer. Prey selection depends on location and habitat, season, and abundance.

The bobcat is able to survive for long periods without food, but eats heavily when prey is abundant. During lean periods, it often preys on larger animals, which it can kill and return to feed on later. The bobcat hunts by stalking its prey and then ambush-

ing with a short chase or pounce. Its preference is for mammals weighing about 1.5 to 12.5 pounds. Its main prey varies by region. Birds up to the size of a swan are also taken, along with their fledglings and eggs. The bobcat is an opportunistic predator that, unlike the more specialized Canada lynx, readily varies its prey selection. Diet diversification positively correlates to a decline in numbers of the bobcat's principal prey; the abundance of its main prey species is the main determinant of overall diet.

Less commonly, it feeds on larger animals, such as young ungulates, and other carnivores, such as fishers (primarily female), foxes, minks, skunks, small dogs, and domesticated cats. Bobcats are considered the major predatory threat to the endangered whooping crane. Bobcats are



also occasional hunters of livestock and poultry. While larger species, such as cattle and horses, are not known to be attacked, bobcats do present a threat to smaller ruminants, such as sheep and goats. Bobcats are known to kill deer, especially in winter when smaller prey is scarce, or when deer populations become more abundant.

Studies have found bobcat populations may decrease in areas with high coyote populations, with the more social inclination of the canid giving them a possible competitive advantage.

The average bobcat lifespan is seven years long and rarely exceeds 10 years. The oldest wild bobcat on record was 16 years old, and the oldest captive bobcat lived to be 32.

Bobcats generally begin breeding by their second summer, though fe-

males may start as early as their first year. Sperm production begins each year by September or October, and the male is fertile into the summer. A dominant male travels with a female and mates with her several times, generally from winter until early spring; this varies by location, but most mating takes place during February and March. The pair may undertake a number of different behaviors, including bumping, chasing, and ambushing. Other males may be in attendance, but remain uninvolved. Once the male recognizes the female is receptive, he grasps her in the typical felid neck grip and mates with her. The female may later go on to mate with other males, and males generally mate with several females. During courtship, the otherwise silent bobcat may let out loud screams, hisses, or other sounds. Research in Texas has suggested establishing a home range is necessary for breeding; studied animals with no set range had no identified offspring. The female has an estrous cycle of 44 days, with the estrus lasting five to ten days. Bobcats remain reproductively active throughout their lives.

The female raises the young alone. One to six, but usually two to four, kittens are born in April or May, after roughly 60 to 70 days of gestation. Sometimes, a second litter is born as late as September. The female generally gives birth in an enclosed space, usually a small cave or hollow log. The young open their eyes by the ninth or tenth day. They start exploring their surroundings at four weeks and are weaned at about two months. Within three to five months, they begin to travel with their mother. They hunt by themselves by fall of their first year, and usually disperse shortly thereafter.



California Style Colors of Fall

By Grace Bernal



see the darker colors of autumn, like midnight blues, deep greens, burgundies, and black sneaking a peak into the cooler weather. These colors add a new feeling

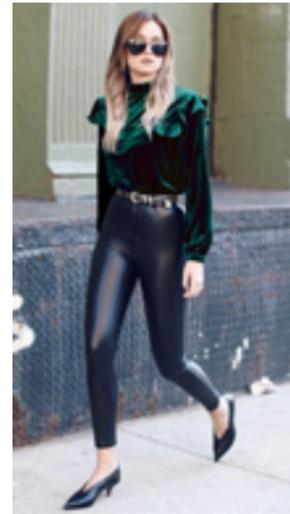


No doubt every season plays a role with regard to fashion and with the changes of time everything about fashion becomes interesting. When it comes to fall, the change sometimes pivots on the weather. Autumn brings hot and cold days, too. You also



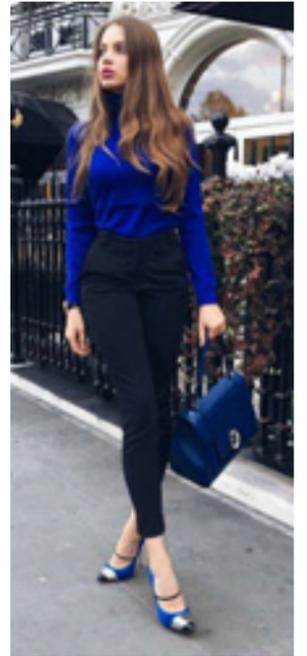
to the beginning of a new season. I see everyone's bringing out their coats and tunics, and getting cozy with their cup of tea or coffee on the streets. It's assured you can get

more creative with the cooler weather. Fall and the colors that come with it are definitely a great transition point. Whatever you're doing with



the new season, fall is perfect to experiment with color, as in a top, dress, tights, scarf, hat, boots, darker hair color, and darker lip colors. Enjoy the colors this season has to offer because pretty soon we'll be trending into red.

"The joy of dressing is an art." — John Galiano



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cil and in time acceded to the position of mayor, to work with the California Charter Academy as well and create his own set of companies, Maniaque Enterprises and Everything For Schools, which like Educational Administrative Services Corporation delivered educational materials and services to the non-profit charter schools at a profit.

Those for-profit companies greatly inflated the prices they charged for delivering those services and supplies. In some cases, educational materials that were paid for by the charter schools were never delivered. Instead, the money was used for purchases of luxury automobiles, accommodations in Las Vegas, at Disneyland and the Disneyland Hotel, studio musical recording equipment, spa visits, fishing trips, a boat, and jet skis. Cox hired several of his family members into what were essentially do-nothing

clerical and non-productive administrative positions with the charter academies, in most cases providing them with four separate paychecks simultaneously.

By 2003, teachers at several of the schools were going public with accounts of how students' educations were being neglected and books and other educational materials were not being provided. In 2004, the superintendent of the California Department of Education, Jack O'Connell, suspecting financial irregularities, launched an investigative audit into California Charter Academy. In August 2004, four years after California Charter Academy's creation, it ceased operations abruptly, throwing teachers out of work and forcing students to hurriedly matriculate back into public schools.

The audit eventually showed that some \$24 million was squandered on non-education related activity, and that Cox made \$5.5 million in payments to Honeycutt's for-profit subsidiary without a vote by the

academy board to approve the disbursements. Cox's take was more substantial, around \$17.5 million.

In 2007 Cox and Honeycutt were indicted on a combined total of 117 felony charges of misappropriation of public funds, grand theft, tax evasion and filing false tax returns. But the case has languished for ten years and has yet to go to trial.

This morning, in the courtroom of Superior Court Judge Jon Ferguson, San Bernardino County Chief Assistant District Attorney Michael Fermin intimated that some form of plea arrangement may be in the works. While the case is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing on December 1, it now seems that rather than Cox being tried on the 56 counts of misappropriation of public funds and matching 56 counts of grand theft and Honeycutt likewise having to stand in against 15 counts of misappropriation of public funds and a corresponding 15 counts of grand theft, the case just might end with a whimper rather

than a bang. Things are being played close to the vest. However the *Sentinel* has learned that a resolution might come by virtue of the defendants agreeing to return some \$11 million to \$12 million they have salted away in domestic bank accounts as well as in in-

stitutions in Spain, Mallorca, the Virgin Islands, Vanuatu, and Argentina.

Without going into detail, Fermin told Judge Jon Ferguson, "We are close to reaching an agreement."

If the money is returned, Cox might avoid the potential maximum

64-year prison sentence he is facing and do as little as four years in a minimum security setting. Similarly, Honeycutt could purchase his way out of a possible 20 year sentence and have to remain incarcerated for only two years.

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tinel, "As is detailed in the contract, this is not an engineering or construction position. It is a governmental relations position. Therefore, there could be no one better-qualified for this position than a former president of the county transportation commission. The people of this county and everyone who will benefit from the High Desert Corridor are very fortunate that a former transportation commission president was available for this position."

Wert defended Candelaria making the evaluation of McEachron and the recommendation to hire him. "The

position for which Mr. McEachron has been selected is a position that has existed in county government for many years, and the appointing authority for that

position has always been the director of legislative affairs & government relations."



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