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Chino Hills City Council Chooses Hill To Succeed Montgomery As City Manager

The Chino Hills City Council voted unanimously on February 10 to elevate Rod Hill, the city's assistant city manager since August 2019 and the director of administrative services and controller with the City of Whittier for 16 years previous to that, to the position of city manager.

Hill is to move into the top administrative post of San Bernardino County's southwestern-most city on April 1, the day after Benjamin



Rod Hill

Montgomery, who has been city manager since April 2019, officially retires on March 31.

According to the

announcement by the city issued after the city council's action, "As assistant city manager, Mr. Hill has been instrumental in managing some of the city's most complex contracts, divisions, and initiatives. He has overseen the code enforcement, community relations, emergency management, human resources, information technology, and solid waste divisions, as well as risk management."

The announcement

further stated, "A major area of his responsibilities included oversight of the city's largest and most critical service contracts, including law enforcement services provided by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department. He led negotiations on the new solid waste services contract and implementation of the city's transition to a new waste hauler, ensuring continuity of service, regulatory compliance, and a smooth experience

for residents and businesses. In addition, Mr. Hill managed contracts for animal care and control services and played a key leadership role in developing and implementing the city's first homeless services contract." City officials touted what they said was Hill's "strong background in municipal finance and emergency management. He began his career in the finance department with the cities of Brea and Anaheim. See P 3

Two Deaths - Husband And Daughter - In SBC Municipal Politicians Families

Two of San Bernardino County's leading politicians recently suffered the loss of family members.

Bob Ulloa, the husband of Chino Mayor Eunice Ulloa has died at the age of 87.

Stacey Schooler, the daughter of Yucca Valley Councilman Jim Schooler last month stepped into eternity at the age of 46.

Elements of Bob Ulloa's life, which was intertwined with politics on many levels, shadowed or paralleled that of his wife, who is currently San Bernardino County's longest serving elected municipal official.

In 1984, the year Eunice Ulloa first ran for city council, she was encouraged in her electoral effort by then-Chino Mayor Larry Walker, who was seeking reelection that year. Signing Walker's nomination papers were both Eunice Ulloa and Bob Ulloa. Both Bob Ulloa and Larry Walker signed Eunice Ulloa's nomination papers.

Larry Walker, Bob Ulloa and Eunice Ulloa were involved in the campaigns of former Chino Mayor and later State Senator Ruben Ayala.

Both Eunice Ulloa and Bob Ulloa endorsed Walker in his successful 1986 challenge of Gus Skropos for Fourth District San Bernardino County Supervisor. Bob Ulloa went on to become one of Walker's field representatives.

In 1992, Eunice Ulloa was elected See P 3

District Attorney Pursuing Murder Charges In 1996 Ontario Rama Noodle Factory Killing

The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office is pursuing a first degree murder case against a former Ontario-based businessman, more than 29 years after his alleged killing of one of his employees when that employee sought to blackmail him over labor law violations that were taking place at the noodle plant where the

alleged murderer was the operations manager.

Woravit Mektrakarn, who has been charged with murder in what is believed to have been the November 23, 1996 death of Luis Osvaldo Diego Garcia, has been the primary suspect in Garcia's disappearance from the outset. He was arrested two days after Garcia was last seen, but

released shortly thereafter when prosecutors felt there was insufficient evidence available at that time to bring him to trial. In short order, Mektrakarn left the United States, fleeing it was believed to either Thailand, the land of his birth, or Cambodia or Burma. It was believed and later established that he was living under a falsified

identity between Burma and Cambodia and had been able to transit between those two countries and Thailand largely on the strength of his personal wealth and the social standing of his family. The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of International Affairs, the

U.S. State Department, the International Liaison Office of the FBI and Interpol for a quarter of a century conducted a manhunt for Mektrakarn unsuccessfully.

For years, the case lay

dormant until in April

2024, an individual be-

lieved to be Mektrakarn

was observed to be residing in Bangkok

under an alias See P 2

Sheriff's Deputies On The Prowl To Convince Street Denizens It's Time To Leave San Bernardino County

In the days just ahead of a jury in a federal civil case originating out of San Bernardino County awarding a man crippled by the aggressive response of a sheriff's deputy \$27 million, the sheriff's department elected to roll the dice by escalating the intensity of its operations in clearing the homeless out of

the county.

While a fair number of county employees have expressed concerns that the heavy-handed, indeed ruthless and sometimes oppressively violent methods applied by the sheriff's department are increasingly likely to result in dire or fatal consequences, those at the middle and

command levels of the department are intent on resolving the homeless issue to the satisfaction of an increasingly callous public frustrated with the growing presence of the homeless population and the county's political leadership, who measure progress on the issue in the reduction of its visibility.

See P 3

Tips For Families To Support Children's Dental Health And Overall Wellbeing

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Oral health is more than just a bright smile, it's an important part of a child's growth, development and overall well-being. Tooth decay is the most common chronic disease among kids in the U.S., affecting nearly half of children ages

2-19. About 1 in 10 children ages 2-5 experience untreated decay, a number that climbs to nearly 1 in 5 by ages 6-8.

Baby teeth play an important role in a child's development, serving as the foundation for healthy permanent teeth and supporting speech and overall well-being. Moreover, emergency dental care causes children in the U.S. to miss

approximately 34 million school hours annually. Good oral health habits and staying on top of dental checkups from an early age can help reduce the risk of developing cavities and other conditions that affect overall health.

Here are some tips for parents to help promote good childhood dental health:

Encourage healthy

snacking and hydration. What children eat and drink plays a big role in their oral health. Sugary snacks and drinks feed bacteria that can erode enamel and lead to cavities. Limiting sugar and encouraging plenty of water helps rinse away food particles, dilute acids, and support healthy saliva flow. Adding nutrient-rich foods like fruits, vegetables, cheese

and yogurt provides calcium and vitamin D to help keep teeth and bones strong.

Make preventive dental care part of your routine. Regular preventive dental care may help to catch issues early on, helping reduce the risk of more serious — and costly — problems down the road. For kids, untreated cavities can result in poor See P 3