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Calhoun, Zurita in District 1 runoff

By Chris Frost
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COMPTON—District 1 Councilwoman Barbara Calhoun will face challenger Janna Zurita in a runoff election to be held on June 7.

While Calhoun won 39.1 percent of the vote, or 1,199 votes, she still scored less than the 50 percent needed to win the election outright, forcing a runoff. Zurita finished second with 545 votes, or 17.7 percent.

Calhoun won in 18 of the 28 precincts, while Zurita took six precincts and Lynn Boone won two. Robin

Jones re-elected to District 4 seat

Bradley and Francisco Rodriguez each won a precinct.

In the mail-in ballots, Calhoun won 26 of the 28 precincts, while Zurita won two.

"I am very proud of the results last night but with so many people in the race, it pulled the totals down," Calhoun said in a phone interview. "I'm in it to win it, and I look forward to the runoff."

In a statement after the election, Zu-

rita said she was happy with the results, and her focus stays the same.

"I'm excited and humbled, and I thank everyone for their support," she told The Bulletin. "I believe in the Sheriff's Department and I think we can do something about the water bill. My message stays the same."

Both candidates were disappointed that there was not a better turnout for the election. Less than 10 percent of the

registered voters cast their ballot on April 19. Calhoun and Zurita said they would work to encourage more participation in the runoff.

District 4 incumbent Willie Jones was re-elected on Tuesday night, defeating challenger Lillie Darden. Jones topped all candidates with 1,754 votes, receiving 61.6 percent of the vote. Darden received 1,092 votes for 38.3 percent. Jones took 27 out of the 28 precincts

reporting, with Darden winning one. In the mail-in vote Jones won 23 of the 28 precincts, with Darden taking four. There was a tie in one precinct.

"I thank you for your support. You elected me into this job and the job starts now," Jones told his supporters. "I will be calling on you all to work with me as we move Compton forward."

Jones also thanked everyone who supported him at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 20, and told everyone that "he will always listen and be the voice of the people."

The deadline to register to vote in the June 7 runoff election is May 23.

Hub City welcomes the Easter Bunny



Bulletin photo by Chris Frost

Throng of kids came to see the Easter Bunny at City Councilman Dr. Willie Jones' Easter Eggstravaganza on April 23.

Compton unions join forces to fight city layoffs

By Chris Frost
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COMPTON—With a budget deficit looming and the prospect of widespread layoffs, local unions are demanding the city look elsewhere for potential savings.

At a budget workshop held on April 20, a coalition of representatives from Service Employees International Union 721, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3947 and 2325 and Compton Firefighters Local 2216 adamantly opposed the use of layoffs to balance the budget.

"Our purpose is to assist the city with the current budget crisis," said Ron Johnson, business representative with AFSCME Local 2325. "As elected officials you have a fiduciary responsibility for creating the city's budget and that process should be transparent."

The unions have joined together to increase their political power.

"We recommend that an outside firm be brought in to look at the city's financial situation," Johnson said. "The city manager has not yet made the California comprehensive annual financial report public. We feel that this report is vital for charting the city's financial future."

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Genethia Hudley-Hayes has sharp words for group trying to oust her

By Cheryl Scott
Bulletin Staff Writer

COMPTON—Compton Community College District Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes responded this week to a letter sent to State Chancellor of Education Jack Scott demanding that she be removed from her position.

"I think they're off the mark," she said. "One of their complaints is that I do not have post-secondary experience and that's just false. I sat on the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which is the agency from which the ACCJC (Accrediting Committee for Community and Junior Colleges) derives its authority."

"They also mischaracterized what I said in

my State of the District speech regarding the Fiscal Crisis Management and Accounting Team. I simply said that the information that we see in the district financial office does not match the FCMAT scores, which is completely true and the figures are there for anyone to see."

The Committee to Save Compton Community College District sent the letter to Scott and Gov. Jerry Brown in reaction to the firing of Dr. Lawrence Cox, CEO of the district, by Hudley-Hayes within just a few weeks of her appointment. President of the committee Marie Hollis wrote, "Ms. Hayes has exacerbated a leadership vacuum by dismissing Dr. Cox, who has 25 years of post-secondary experience, and appointing Keith Curry as the interim CEO, an

administrator with no executive-level experience who only received his doctorate degree within the last year."

"It's true I bought out Dr. Cox's contract," Hudley-Hayes told The Bulletin. "And I cannot discuss reasons for my action because it is a personnel matter and must be kept confidential. But I felt it was for the good of the district and for our overall effort to gain accreditation."

Hudley-Hayes sent a letter to Hollis on April 5.

"I am writing to invite your participation on the Compton Community College District Independent Audit Review Committee," she said. "Dr. Curry and I have tried to reach out to you unsuccessfully. I understand your anger and

disappointment with me as it relates to Dr. Cox. I am unapologetic about buying out his contract, as it was in the best interest of the Compton Community College District. There are decisions that must be made even though those decisions are not welcomed by all members of the community. I appreciate your loyalty to Dr. Cox, it speaks well of your integrity. I made my decision after a careful evaluation of the situation here at the El Camino College Compton Center and its need to move forward with all speed toward accreditation."

Hudley-Hayes claims that an auditing firm hired by the district identified 20 material

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Board approves millions to begin construction on new MLK hospital

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People are saying: Should Barry Bonds go to jail in steroids case?

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Jury suggests death for killer in brutal quadruple slayings

By Terri Vermeulen Keith
City News Service

NORWALK—Jurors recommended today that a South Whittier man be put to death for the slayings of a girlfriend and the shooting deaths of three men — all within a 2 1/2-month period.

One of the victims was a Ineka Edmondson, 22-year-old Compton woman who was shot three times in the head in her black Toyota Corolla, which was found in a mostly industrial area of La Habra.

In verdicts read one after another, the Norwalk Superior Court jury found that Cimarron Bernard Bell should be sentenced to death for the Nov. 11, 2003, killing of Edmondson, and the Jan. 27, 2004, slayings of Mario Larios, Edgar Valles and Fernando Pina.

All four victims were shot to death. Bell, 37, is due back before Judge Dewey L. Falcone on June 21 to be formally sentenced.

The judge is also expected to weigh a motion by the defense for a new trial that day, along with an automatic motion to reduce the jury's recommendation of a death sentence to life in

The murders went unsolved until Cimarron Bernard Bell's other girlfriend was arrested in a credit card fraud case in February 2004 and told authorities that he had given her details about the four killings and even taken her to the scene where one of the victims had been shot.

prison without the possibility of parole. Jurists rarely go against a punishment favored by a jury.

The six-man, six-woman panel deliberated about 1 1/2 days before rendering its decision.

The same jury convicted Bell on April 5 of first-degree murder for all four killings, and found true the special circumstance allegations of multiple murders, murder for financial gain and murder while lying in wait.

Bell smiled at family members as he was led away by a group of sheriff's deputies after the jury's verdicts were announced.

"In death cases, you don't expect happy endings, just justice," said Deputy District Attorney Michele

Hanisee. "But hopefully this sentence brings home measure of peace to the families of the four victims ... It was a just verdict based on his conduct."

Co-defendant Briell Lee, 28, is charged with the slayings of the three men and is awaiting trial in a case in which he could also face a death sentence.

Deputy District Attorney Todd Hicks told jurors during the guilt phase of Bell's trial that Edmondson — whom Bell had dated — was involved with him in a check-cashing scheme in which "something went wrong."

Bell blamed Edmondson for a series of events in which one of his associates was arrested and the checking ac-

counts were frozen, Hicks told jurors.

"He accused her of skimming money from these accounts or outright stealing money from him," Hicks said, telling the panel that the married father of a young son told another girlfriend that Edmondson had to go.

Bell later put his 2001 Chevrolet Monte Carlo up for sale as his bills mounted, but told his confidante that he had no intention of selling the car and planned instead to attract an unsuspecting buyer, who would be killed after he got the cash, Hicks said.

Larios, Valles and Pina met Bell on Jan. 27, 2004, at a gas station near the Norwalk courthouse where his trial was held, but Bell said he did not want the \$8,500 to change hands in public

and told them to follow his "modified, tricked out" Monte Carlo to his home, Hicks told jurors.

"What they don't know is what's waiting for them when they get to the house in Whittier," the prosecutor said, telling jurors that Lee was waiting at the home.

"This is going to be an ambush," Hicks said, noting that the three men weren't discovered until three days later when their bodies were found — with their pockets turned inside out — in the rear passenger area and the trunk of Larios' leased white Mercedes-Benz at a strip mall in La Mirada.

All three men were shot in the head and two of them were wrapped in plastic, the prosecutor told jurors.

The murders went unsolved until Bell's other girlfriend was arrested in a credit card fraud case in February 2004 and told authorities that he had given her details about the four killings and even taken her to the scene where Edmondson had been shot, Hicks said.

One of Bell's attorneys, Harriet Hawkins, questioned the testimony of a former girlfriend.

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findings of inadequacy in an audit done in 2009 and 2010. The committee accused her of implying that there was financial wrongdoing within the college's business office.

"I have never said that," said Hudley-Hayes. "What I said is that the FCMAT scores were higher than what they should have been if they had received correct information from the business office. There is a disconnect somewhere, and I think that people should know what's going on at the college."

When the college applies for eligibility to earn accreditation, it will have to prove the assertions made by FCMAT in its periodic assessments of the college's progress in designated areas.

"Right now, the figures that come from the budget office do not reflect what the ACCJC is saying," she said. "I am not accusing anyone of anything, but it's obvious that the ACCJC did not receive the correct information. That is what I was talking about in my State of the District speech."

Hudley-Hayes also accused the previous administration of violations of the Brown Act,

which requires that public officials discuss financial issues in public. "Dr. Cox held individual meetings with the members of the district board of trustees in advance of board meetings. You can't do that," she said. "You have to hold open meetings, and the law is very strict about that."

She took the committee to task for not attending meetings she has held about the district and the attempt to get the college accredited.

"There are many things that need attention here in the District," she said in her letter. "There are many things that were not reported to community constituents, and there were many things that were reported incorrectly. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you, your board of directors, or your entire group."

The college lost its accreditation in 2006 and would have been forced to close if El Camino Community College had not agreed to operate it as a remote learning center. The El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District are currently working together to meet the stringent qualifications for accreditation, which could take as long as 10 years.

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Referring to the budget workshop held on April 13, Johnson said union members were disturbed that a PowerPoint presentation shown to the audience differed substantially from a report given to the Council. Both showed a deficit that must be addressed.

"Layoffs are not the way to balance the budget," Johnson said. "We believe that as long as there is a will, there is a way to keep people working. I am here not only for me, but for my children."

"These employees have joined together because they're scared," said Charles Leone of AFSME Local 3937. "Public employment is the last bastion of hope for the middle class as far as they're concerned."

"What cuts are being projected and what departments will be impacted?" asked Tony Branson, president of Compton Firefighters Local 2216. "We need to understand what

caused this shortfall."

Branson said the department will look into other cuts before looking at the possibility of reducing the force.

Councilwoman Barbara Calhoun said that she is happy to see that the unions are coming together.

"My vision was that you guys get together and form a plan," she said. "I see that you are already doing that and are working together instead of being divided."

Calhoun asked the city manager to start negotiating with the coalition.

"The cuts need to start at the top," she said. "You need to go from department to department, list the consultants and contractors and share it with everybody."

Councilwoman Yvonne Arceneaux said, "Who would know better where to cut the expenses than the employees?"

The next budget workshop is scheduled 5:45 p.m. on April 28 in the Council Chambers

Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Famous name in the cookie business
- 5 ___ and Span (cleaner brand)
- 9 Dust crops, e.g.
- 14 Long-tailed monkey
- 15 Arm bone
- 16 "Me, Myself & ___" (Jim Carrey flick)
- 17 One-eyed Norse deity
- 18 Dearth
- 19 Big ray
- 20 Top dog, so to speak
- 23 Lewd material
- 24 Refuel one's body
- 25 Pen point
- 28 Fraser of "The Mummy"
- 31 Prefix for "night" or "day"
- 34 "Live"
- 36 Lend a hand to
- 37 Fork part
- 38 "Don't rush!"
- 42 Small Federal Reserve notes
- 43 Drink sold by the yard
- 44 Equestrian
- 45 Get married
- 46 Campus community
- 49 Vein valuable
- 50 Evian-les-Bains, e.g.
- 51 Elephant

DOWN

- 1 Spin like ___
- 2 Modest skirt length
- 3 Connected to the ear
- 4 Goes down like the Titanic
- 5 Gunpowder ingredient
- 6 Missouri river
- 7 TV screen-measuring unit
- 8 Soap bar
- 9 Ape or monkey
- 10 ___ & Whitney (airplane engine company)
- 11 Check for quarters?
- 12 Penny ___ (low-stakes game)
- 13 Orbital

- period
- 21 Card game for three
- 22 Principal movie roles
- 25 Not by a long shot
- 26 Harebrained
- 27 ___ on a true story
- 29 Baring more than one's soul
- 30 Tool and ___ set
- 31 Perform incorrectly
- 32 Lay to rest
- 33 Farm-machinery mogul
- 35 The "I" in FWIW
- 37 Mai ___ (cocktail variety)
- 39 Former Portuguese territory in China
- 40 Chicken ___
- king
- 41 Take forcibly
- 46 Orbital point farthest from Earth
- 47 Word with "minority" or "cuisine"
- 48 Granolalike breakfast food
- 50 Puts in the mail
- 52 Money of Denmark
- 53 London art museum
- 54 Middle Eastern muck-a-muck (Var.)
- 55 Nut with caffeine
- 56 Blue-green shade
- 57 Matador's foe
- 58 Genesis son
- 59 Witnesses
- 60 "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. ___"

PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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