

# City gets new assistant manager

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The city of Bakersfield has filled one of two key vacancies in the city manager's office with a longtime employee of San Bernardino County.



Hallen

Gary Hallen will start Monday as assistant city manager as efforts continue to recruit another person to serve under an identical title. Former assistant city managers Chris Huot and Jacqui Kitchen departed the positions in December and May, respectively.  
For 21 years Hallen worked for San Bernardino

County, most recently as director of the Community Development and Housing Department. He worked for years overseeing community enhancements, including financing libraries, parks, community centers and affordable housing.  
Hallen ran the city's former redevelopment agency for years, directing some \$50 million toward San Bernardino County's business attraction, retention and infrastructure projects. He earned a bachelor's degree in business management at the University of Utah's David Eccles School of Business.  
Bakersfield City Manager Christian Clegg said he was confident Hallen will bring the leadership and character the city needs.  
"The breadth of Gary's knowledge makes him a wonderful fit as an assistant city manager where the diversity in his experience will be invaluable for the city of

Bakersfield," Clegg said in a news release.  
Hallen said in the release that he and his family are excited to come to Bakersfield to serve and "be a part of the growth that has and will continue to occur."  
"The city has positioned itself well and is poised to set itself apart from the rest of California as the most business-friendly place in the state," he stated. "I look forward in joining the team at the city that awaits me, and I'm thrilled to be part of the leadership team and the exciting projects ahead."

## WORTH NOTING

# Supervisors support honor for fallen deputy

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Kern County supervisors passed a motion Tuesday to support a resolution that would honor a Kern County Sheriff's Office deputy who died in July in the line of duty.

approaching the house in an attempt to end the standoff.

The board adopted a position of support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 75, introduced by state Sen. Shannon Grove, R-Bakersfield, which would rename the interchange for Highway 65 and Highway 99 the Kern County Sheriff's Office Deputy Phillip Campas Memorial Interchange.  
Campas died in a shootout July 25, 2021, while responding to a standoff in Wasco involving an armed suspect with hostages.  
A member of the KCSO's SWAT team, Campas was shot and killed while

**The Kern County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to renew a \$224,316 contract with Dominion Voting Systems during Tuesday's meeting.**

Discussion of the contract, which was pulled from the consent calendar for discussion, drew more than 30 minutes of public comment from residents who expressed a variety of concerns, including several who asked for more time to review the machines and the contract.  
The machines have been the subject of scrutiny and speculation following accusations that they played a role in the outcome of the 2020 election.  
Several analyses — both by the government and in-

dependent agencies — have yet to indicate any evidence of misconduct.

The Auditor-Controller's Office, which oversees elections in Kern County, says the \$224,316 one-year contract is necessary to conduct the 2022 primary and general elections.

**One of Bakersfield's most prominent law firms has changed its name to reflect new leadership.**  
Chain [Cohn] Stiles has been rehired [Cohn] Clark because of the role now being played by senior partner Matt Clark, who is now in his 16th year as an accident attorney with the firm.  
"I am honored to be included in the long tradition of lawyers who have been part of this firm, and I am

committed to making certain that we continue to provide the very best legal representation to those in our community," Clark said in a news release.

It's not the first time the firm has changed its name. For years it was known as Chain-Younger, in recognition of Morris Chain, who founded the firm in 1934, and Milt Younger, who spent 53 years with the company.

Attorney David Cohn has worked at the firm for 47 years. Former namesake David Stiles retired in 2015 and now lives on the Central Coast of California.  
Signage reflecting the name change started going up Tuesday at the company's office at 1731 Chester Ave.  
Chain [Cohn] Clark specializes in accident, injuries and workers compensation law.

# Public Health officials emphasize water safety

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The dire numbers — the lives of Kern County children — illustrate the urgent need for people to commit to being safe around water.  
Over the last three years, 16 children in Kern County have drowned, according to Kern County Public Health Services officials, who held a news conference Wednesday to draw attention to the issue as the weather heats up. There were five drownings in 2021, three drownings in 2020 and eight drownings in 2019.

Public Health officials noted that 75 percent of those drownings were of children 2 years old or younger. Sixty-three percent happened in a swimming pool, and 19 percent were in bathtubs.  
Because there was a lapse in supervision or confusion about who was supervising the child in 88 percent of these drownings, it's clear improvements are needed.  
Public Health offered these tips:  
- **LOCK:** Put a fence around all sides of a pool or

spa with a self-closing and latching gate. Have alarms on doors and pool gates.  
- **LOOK:** Never leave children unattended, especially near water. Watch children, even if they know how to swim. Children who cannot swim or who can't swim well should remain within your reach. Keep a phone near you to call 911 if there is an emergency. If your child is missing, check the water first.  
- **LEARN:** Adults and children should learn how to swim. Teach your child to

always swim with a buddy. Use life jackets and avoid using air-filled toys as flotation devices.  
Public Health is encouraging people to become WaterWatchers. Lanyards are given to the designated adult who is responsible for watching swimmers and is focused only on them.  
Also, the public can get free and quick hands-only CPR training from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at Public Health.  
Go to [kernpublichealth.com](http://kernpublichealth.com).

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**Wednesday's SuperLotto**  
20 24 40 42 44 17  
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**Daily 3**  
MIDDY: 7 5 2 EVENING: 3 3 3

**Daily 4:** 4 5 6 5

**Fantasy 5:** 5 21 26 31 33

**Daily Derby**  
HORSES: 02 06 05 RACE TIME: 1:42.44

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1862: Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.
- 1915: Jazz singer-songwriter Billie Holiday, also known as "Lady Day," was born in Philadelphia.
- 1922: The Teapot Dome scandal had its beginnings as Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall signed a secret deal to lease U.S. Navy petroleum reserves in Wyoming and California to his friends, oilmen Harry F. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny, in exchange for cash gifts.
- 1945: During World War II, American planes intercepted and effectively destroyed a Japanese fleet, which included the battleship Yamato, that was headed to Okinawa on a suicide mission.
- 1949: The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "South Pacific" opened on Broadway.
- 1954: President Dwight D. Eisenhower

- held a news conference in which he spoke of the importance of containing the spread of communism in Indochina, saying, "You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly." (This became known as the "domino theory," although Eisenhower did not use that term.)
- 1957: Shortly after midnight, the last of New York's electric trolleys completed its final run from Queens to Manhattan.
- 1959: A referendum in Oklahoma repealed the state's ban on alcoholic beverages.
- 1962: Nearly 1,200 Cuban exiles tried by Cuba for their roles in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion were convicted of treason.
- 1966: The U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb that the U.S. Air Force had lost in the Mediterranean Sea off Spain following a B-52 crash.

- 1984: The Census Bureau reported Los Angeles had overtaken Chicago as the nation's "second city" in terms of population.
- 1994: Civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi; in the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu moderates were slaughtered by Hutu extremists.
- 2012: A massive avalanche engulfed a Pakistani military complex in a mountain battleground close to the Indian border; all 140 people on the base died. CBS newsmen Mike Wallace, 93, died in New Canaan, Conn.
- 2020: Acting Navy Secretary Thomas Modly resigned after lambasting the officer he'd fired as the captain of the USS Theodore Roosevelt, which had been stricken by a coronavirus outbreak.