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CARLY FIORINA

The U.S. Senate candidate used her personal fortune, corporate experience and outsider status to propel herself to the Republican Party's nomination in California. So far in a young general election, she is holding onto her wallet. Fiorina lent her campaign \$5.5 million before the June 8 primary, but has contributed nothing from her own bank account since, and risks losing momentum in the race against incumbent Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer.



City Council to slash pay

Bell mayor apologizes, will take no salary for rest of term for scandal

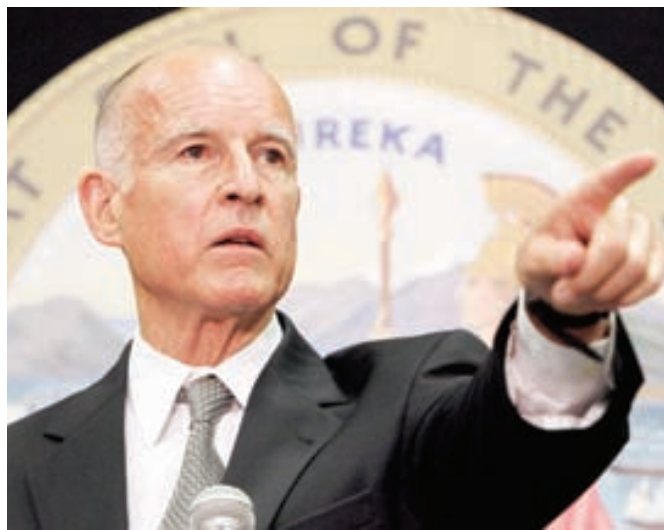
By John Rogers
The Associated Press

BELL — Under pressure from outraged residents and facing a probe by the California attorney general, the beleaguered City Council of this small blue-collar city voted Monday to slash its salaries by 90 percent, and two members said they will not seek re-election when their terms are up.

The council voted unanimously to set every member's salary at what Councilman Lorenzo Velez is paid — about \$8,000 a year. The other four council members have been making about \$100,000 a year for their part-time service on the City Council of this largely working-class city of about 40,000 residents southeast of Los Angeles. About 17 percent of Bell's residents live in poverty.

The move came days after a scandal erupted over the pay of council members and other city officials. The city manager, who made nearly \$800,000, has already resigned. And Attorney General Jerry Brown revealed he had subpoenaed hundreds of city records.

Mayor Oscar Hernandez said he would take no salary for the rest of his term and apologized for the



NICK UT/AP

Answers sought: California Attorney General Jerry Brown has subpoenaed hundreds of records from the city of Bell under investigation for sky-high salaries paid to its leaders.

excessive pay given to top officials, an about-face after he last week defended salaries of the city manager and other staff.

Hernandez and Councilman George Mirabal said they would not seek re-election when their terms are up.

About 275 residents assembled ahead of the meeting, which had been moved to a community center to accommodate the crowd.

Brown, a candidate for governor, said he had demanded to see

employment contracts within two days to determine whether to file any charges.

"The real question is, what were they thinking?" Brown said. "What was the atmosphere in Bell that would allow this and make it plausible at least to the members of the City Council?"

The grass-roots Bell Association to Stop the Abuse had threatened to recall the council members if they didn't resign or slash their own pay.

LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS Fri 07/23/10
16 19 39 44 49 26

California Prizes & Winners (for 07/23)	
5 of 5+Mega	0 \$16,000,000
5 of 5	1 \$312,388
4 of 5+Mega	8 \$5,434
4 of 5	171 \$169
3 of 5+Mega	188 \$175
3 of 5	9,074 \$7
2 of 5+Mega	3,443 \$10
1 of 5+Mega	21,080 \$3
Mega Only	40,912 \$2

Tuesday's estimated jackpot: \$24,000,000

SUPER LOTTO Sat 07/24/10
9 13 15 18 25 12

Prizes & Winners (for 07/24)	
5 of 5+Mega	0 \$12,000,000
5 of 5	5 \$12,703
4 of 5+Mega	18 \$1,764
4 of 5	646 \$81
3 of 5+Mega	999 \$47
3 of 5	25,254 \$9
2 of 5+Mega	12,549 \$10
1 of 5+Mega	60,563 \$2
Mega Only	89,712 \$1

Wednesday's guaranteed jackpot: \$13,000,000

DAILY 3
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Prizes & Winners (for 07/26)		(07/26)	
Straight	19 587	21	635
Box	56 92	40	202
Str.&Box	103 340	94	419
Box Only	513 46	234	101

FANTASY 5 Mon 07/26/10
16 17 19 23 32

Prizes & Winners (for 07/26)	
5 of 5	2 \$25,000
4 of 5	88 \$487
3 of 5	3,361 \$16
2 of 5	36,137 Free Replay!

Tuesday's estimated top prize: \$51,000

DAILY DERBY Mon 07/26/10
Race Time: 1:41.76
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 11 Money Bags
Tuesday's estimated top prize: \$171,000



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SAN DIEGO

City closes loophole in drinking ban

San Diego's City Council has banned so-called "floatopia" parties where people booze it up on inner tubes offshore. The council voted to close a loophole in a 2008 voter approved measure that banned drinking on beaches, but failed to mention drinking on the water. — AP

Schwarzenegger could leave state without finalized budget

LOS ANGELES — Without a budget resolution in sight, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger hinted Monday that he might not sign a budget before he leaves office next January unless he gets the reforms he wants.

California faces a \$19 billion deficit for the fiscal year that began July 1, and Schwarzenegger is demanding pension, tax and spending reforms in the new budget. He said that if the Legislature doesn't give him a budget that meets his expectations, he won't act on it.



Schwarzenegger

"If I don't get all of the things that we need in order to be fiscally responsible ... I will not sign a budget and it could actually drag out until the next governor gets into office," Schwarzenegger told reporters after meeting with the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

Schwarzenegger also told the chamber that he opposes a ballot

initiative in November to pass a budget with a simple majority vote of the state Legislature, rather than the current two-thirds majority.

Earlier this month, the Field Poll found that 65 percent of voters favor Proposition 25, which backers say would make it easier for lawmakers to pass a budget.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, only California and Rhode Island have a two-thirds vote requirement for passing a budget, while nearly all other states require a majority budget vote. Arkansas has the toughest requirement with a three-quarters budget vote.

The governor, a moderate Republican, said allowing passage of a budget by simple majority vote would give too much power to the dominant party in the Legislature. — AP

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