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## CCCD special trustee Hudley-Hayes dismissed

**Fiscal management expert returns to district to lead accreditation push**

By Cheryl Scott  
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SACRAMENTO—California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott announced on Sept. 9 his appointment of fiscal management expert Thomas Henry as interim special trustee for the Compton Community College District, replacing Genethia Hudley-Hayes, who has been a controversial figure since she was appointed to the post in December 2010.

The announcement cited Henry's previous leadership at the district and successful accreditation track record elsewhere as keys to helping the CCCD regain its independence.

Henry served as special trustee to the CCCD from 2006 to 2007. "I want to thank Dr. Hudley-Hayes for her service, and I am pleased that Tom Henry has agreed to return to service for the Compton Community College District," Scott said. "His vast experience in fiscal matters and his familiarity with the district will be invaluable as the

Compton Center continues to move toward accreditation as an independent college."

Henry recently served as special trustee at Solano Community College, which has been removed from all sanctions by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. He currently serves as the special trustee for Lassen College, which also has been removed from ACCJC sanctions under his leadership. Henry is a former CEO of the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, an organization that assists community college and K-12 districts fulfill their financial and management responsibilities.

"I look forward to returning to the Compton district," said Henry, whose appointment is effective immediately. "I know the progress that has been made at the Compton Center working with El Camino College, and I look forward to positioning the Compton district to support the academic programs and student services of the center. I have great respect for the students, faculty, staff and community of Compton and I am confident that, collectively, we can continue to move toward accreditation as an independent college."

The move, while a surprise to many, was not entirely unexpected. On

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## Financial reports reveal budget issues in Compton

By Chris Frost  
Bulletin Staff Writer

COMPTON—Financial reports for Compton from April through July detail large deficits in both the citywide fund and the general fund.

During those four months, the Hub City reported a deficit of \$132 million in the citywide fund. The general fund, during the same period, came in at \$57 million in the red.

The April financial report predicted the difficulties in the months ahead.

"The city will receive significant amounts of revenue in the months of May and June," the report said. "However, the general fund revenues will be inadequate to fund the projected expenditures and offset the fiscal year deficit."

City Hall reported revenue of \$130.8 million overall during the month of April, with expenditures coming in at \$172.3 million, for a loss of \$41.5 million.

The general fund had revenues of \$36.8 million for the month, while expenditures were reported at \$47.2 million, with a deficit of \$10.4 million.

The largest losses for the city occurred in June. The report listed citywide revenues at \$198 million. Expenditures citywide came in at \$243 million, leaving a deficit of \$45 million dollars for the month.

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## TAM remembers Sept. 11



Photos by Shon Smith of D'Angelo's Photos

Local kids got a chance to meet firefighters at the Day of Service held to commemorate Sept. 11 victims.

## Youth Aviation record holder makes flight to raise funds for Twin Towers Orphans Fund

COMPTON—Approximately 500 volunteers, including veterans, gathered to clean up Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum's safe haven and learning center for the Aero Squad Afterschool Program and Aviation Explorer Post on Sept. 9.

They helped to paint the hangar's exterior and worked on other restoration projects. The project is the second part of Operation Hangar Cleanup, which began on Martin Luther King Day.

Kenny Roy, an Aviation Explorer Alumnus from the museum, Tuskegee Airman Otis Cowley and Aero Squad Private Pilot and Compton Fireman Paul Ford commemorated the losses of Sept. 11 on the 10th anniversary of the attack to honor the service and sacrifices of those who have responded since that day.

Roy piloted an airplane dedicated to Tuskegee Airmen on a 10-airport tour around the greater Los Angeles area in an effort to remember and applaud courage and heroism in aviation, firefighters, and the

nation. At each stop, they collected donations for TAM's Aviation Explorer Scholarship Fund and the Sept. 11 Twin Towers Orphan Fund.

Roy became the youngest licensed African-American pilot to fly a plane solo at the age of 14.

Roy, now 21, obtained his FAA private pilot license and is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft electrician on the KC-135 and C-17 aircraft.

Additionally, through the nationwide Sept. 11 Day of Service and Remembrance initiative, TAM, in partnership with L.A. Works, joined hundreds of other organizations around the country to commemorate Sept. 11 with community-based service programs.

The museum held a commemorative walk on Sept. 11 from the Compton Courthouse to the museum, located at Compton Airport. The event also raised funds for the Aviation Exploring Scholarship Fund and the Sept. 11 Twin Towers Orphans Fund.

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David Biggs

## BIGGS PREPARES FOR CARSON

By Chris Frost  
Bulletin Staff Writer

CARSON—A new chapter of Carson government is set to begin as David Biggs prepares to take over as the new city manager on Monday, Sept. 26.

Biggs has more than 30 years of experience in public service, beginning in Santa Ana.

"My first job was in economic redevelopment," he said. "I pursued it in many other cities, in California, and in Australia."

Currently he is on interim assignment in Montebello, helping them get through some difficult financial issues.

"The city considered the economic downturn a short-term situation and just kept spending," he said. "During that time, we adopted a balanced budget and addressed many other financial issues."

The work in Montebello is not done, he said, and leaving teammates behind is difficult but he thinks the opportunity to work close to home in

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## Community Care beautification project benefits families and community

By Chris Frost  
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COMPTON—The second phase of Community Care's beautification project at Walton Middle School is off and running. Students, parents and friends are growing food for their dinner table and the community with the Agriculture Gardening Project.

The goal of Community Care is to enhance the physical appearance of Compton through entrepreneurial projects created, organized and managed by young people in the Hub City.

The first phase of the beautification program at Walton Middle School was the clean-up and planting of flowers in the "W" in front of the school and around the building. The new park off Greenleaf Boulevard, a project of the city, is part of the plan and is nearing completion.

Mayor Eric J. Perrodin gave an update on the progress of the new park at the Sept. 6 City Council meeting, and praised Assistant City Manager Verna Porter for her efforts.

"The vegetation needs to take hold and we will have our grand opening," he said. "People criticize Porter all the time, but she finishes projects."

The garden is a pilot program for 30,000 students in 38 schools and the community. The objective is to teach people how to grow food in the event of an emergency.

"We are the mentors of our students and there is a waiting list of 48 more people who want to become involved," Community Care founder Benjamin Holifield said. "They planted a bunch of cucumbers, took care of them and they turned out very nice. Once grown, you could pick them and eat them right here in the field."

Holifield said the garden does have rules that begin with maintaining security and closing the gate.



Parents with a student in the Compton Unified School District can apply for a spot in the garden. They can also have a helper who doesn't have anyone in the school. Community Care recommends joining a PTA.

Gardeners who harvest excess food donate it to community organizations like the Salvation Army or Second Chance. Participants are limited to Compton residents, and at least three people must keep each family's garden in meticulous condition. "Our raised handicapped area gives our gardeners in wheelchairs access," Holifield said. "The soil is divided into 12-inch squares that hold four plants. We have a watering can, so they can keep the vegetables moist and growing."

Vertical gardens covered with grapes and tomatoes will be planted.

"People who are involved in this garden are here because they want to be here," Team Management Advisor Emily Hart-Holifield said. "Bushels of produce have been grown that benefit families and the community."

Hart-Holifield said she is proud to assist her husband in the development of the project, and she praised his vision and drive to make the gardens a success.

"The beautification project continues to evolve," Hart-Holifield said.

"We will establish a website, and solicit grants for a sprinkler system."

Additional plans in phase three include the installment of recreational equipment to make a leisure location as well as a garden.

"It will have a 'Tobacco Road' feel," Holifield said.

Hart-Holifield said the garden's success is because of support from the Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees.

For more information about the garden contact Community Care at 310-920-7986.



Bulletin photos by Chris Frost

Community Care Founder Benjamin Holifield displays an array of vegetables grown at the agriculture gardening program at Walton Middle School.

## HUDLEY-HAYES

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June 17 El Camino President Dr. Thomas Fallo notified Scott that he could not agree with the budget that had been proposed by Hudley-Hayes.

The Compton Center is operated by El Camino Community College District under an agreement between the El Camino Community College District, the Compton Community College District and the California Community College Chancellor's Office. According to the agreement, if budgetary matters cannot be resolved El Camino would automatically be considered to have given notice of its intent to withdraw from the agreement.

According to the terms of the partnership agreement the chancellor has 90 days from notification to resolve the issue.

The specific aspects of the budget that Fallo refused to approve have not been made public. But in recent weeks two activist organizations have sent lengthy statements to Scott demanding that Hudley-Hayes be removed.

One of the issues mentioned in the most recent demand, a vote of no confidence, was a number of contracts for consultants hired by Hudley-Hayes, while the CCCD recently laid off nine classified employees

because of budget issues.

The agreement for the partnership was made possible by AB 318, which was introduced by Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally in 2006, after Compton Community College lost its accreditation. Contrary to a story in The Bulletin last week, the agreement has not expired, but has been changed as needed once the partnership began.

"Circumstances have dictated changes in the agreement from time to time," said Fallo. "But that was expected as the partnership progressed and we encountered practical matters in the operation of the center."

Hudley-Hayes angered the Concerned Citizens of Compton and the Committee to Save Compton Community College when she replaced CEO Dr. Lawrence Cox. She has also made a number of incendiary statements that members of both committees considered to be insulting to the college and the community.

On the afternoon of Sept. 7, spurred by rumors that she was being replaced, Hudley-Hayes called an open meeting of the faculty, during which she stated that she was "not going anywhere."

On Sept. 9 Scott announced that she was being replaced by Henry. Sources at

the college said the matter was under discussion all week.

The college lost its accreditation after notifying the Chancellor's Office that it could not make its payroll and was short on its operating funds. The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team conducted a thorough study of every aspect of the operation of the college and found deficiencies in every department, ranging from fiscal mismanagement to employees being paid when they were not on campus.

The team produced a report enumerating the deficiencies. The ACCJC will not accredit the college as a separate entity until all the deficiencies have been rectified.

The ACCJC has laid out a detailed explanation of the steps that have to be taken to gain accreditation, a process that can take as long as 10 years.

Shortly after her appointment, Hudley-Hayes announced that the progress toward accreditation reported by Cox was not supported by an independent audit of CCCD business practices. She bought out Cox's contract at that time.

Cox, who has been unable to comment on the issue, is reportedly filing a lawsuit over his termination.

## Bill helping children with autism passes Assembly

By Sheila V. Kumar  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO—Health insurance plans would be required to provide coverage for children with autism or other developmental disorders under a bill passed by the Assembly on Sept. 9.

The bill by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, would ensure that physicians would be able to provide medical treatment for autistic children.

Currently, insurance providers deny coverage of developmental disorders because they classify them as an education service. Opponents of the measure said it will increase health insurance premiums by millions of dollars at a time when budgets are tight.

"This bill is going to cost over \$200 million dollars and will likely cost the state twice as much by 2014," said Republican Assemblyman Dan Logue of Chico, referring to the year individuals will be required to have insurance under federal health care reforms.

Others said the bill discriminates against children who are not covered by private insurance because its language excludes those covered by Medi-Cal, California's version of Medicaid, and the state-sponsored Healthy Families insurance plan.

Assemblywoman Linda Halderman, a former trauma surgeon, said she would have supported the measure if it covered all children.

"So what we've said is, it's OK to discriminate against kids with autism," said Halderman, R-Fresno, citing the bill provision limiting coverage to children covered by private insurance plans.

Assemblywoman Alyson Huber, a Democrat from El Dorado Hills, said her own child was recently diagnosed as autistic. She said at least one out of every 110 children is born on the autism spectrum and that the bill will actually save money by helping prepare them for life as adults.

"If we don't do something today, our school systems will suffer, our regional systems will suffer. We need these children to get the services that are going to help them become capable members of society," she said.

The "autism spectrum" refers a range of autistic conditions — from mild social impairment to repetitive behavior and poor communication.

The bill provides the Legislature with an opportunity to help families who are struggling to secure consistent treatment for children with autism, said Assemblyman Bill Manning, D-Whittier.

"In these formative years of many children, the therapy that they receive today may indeed make a difference, not only in their own ability to cope but indeed in their family's ability to cope," he said.

Similar laws have been passed in 27 other states, including New York, Florida and Massachusetts, said Kristin Jacobson, a spokeswoman at the Alliance of California Autism Organizations, which sponsored the bill.

SB946 was approved on a 51-10 vote and heads back to the Senate for a vote on amendments.

## Hispanics new majority sentenced to federal prison

By Garance Burke  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—More than half of all people sent to federal prison for committing felony crimes so far this year were Hispanic, a major demographic shift swollen by immigration offenses, according to a new government report released Tuesday.

Hispanics already outnumber all other ethnic groups sentenced to serve time in prison for federal felonies.

Hispanics reached a new milestone for the first time this year, making up the majority of all federal felony offenders sentenced in the first nine months of fiscal year 2011, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Hispanics comprised 50.3 percent of all people sentenced in that time period, Blacks 19.7 percent and whites 26.4 percent.

In comparison, last year Hispanics made up just 16 percent of the whole U.S. population.

The commission's statistics also reveal that sentences for felony immigration crimes — which include illegal crossing and other crimes such as alien smuggling — were responsible for most of the increase in the number of Hispanics sent to prison over the last decade.

The demographic change in who is being sent to federal prison has already prompted debate among commissioners and experts studying the impact of expedited court hearings along the border.

"Statistics like this have to start drawing attention to this country's immigration policies and what we're doing, if this is one of the results," said Fordham University Law School professor Deborah Denno, an expert on racial disparities in the criminal justice system. "The implications for Hispanics are huge when you think of the number of families affected by having their breadwinners put away for what in some cases would be considered a non-violent offense."