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CUSD report reveals no sexual misconduct at Davis

By Chris Frost
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COMPTON—A report prepared by Compton Unified School District Police Chief Hourie Taylor says the teacher accused of sexual misconduct at Davis Middle School never touched the student.

Taylor prepared the report for interim Superintendent Karen Frison on Monday, March 12, and said no crime had taken place.

The CUSD Police first learned of the incident on Friday, Feb. 17, when Greg Sanchez, parent of the child in question, called and told a watch sergeant that his daughter was being sexually harassed by a teacher at Davis.

Police went to the complainant's residence to conduct an investigation. Earlier in the evening Sanchez filed a complaint at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Compton Station, alleging inappropriate conduct by his daughter's teacher.

The officers formed the opinion that no criminal act occurred based upon the preliminary interviews of the father and daughter, and no longer considered it a police matter. The police referred Sanchez to the principal at Davis Middle School.

Taylor followed up with a conversation with the principal on Monday, Feb. 27, and said she scheduled a meeting with Sanchez, but he did not show up because he was returning to the police.

A second conversation between Taylor and the Davis principal occurred on Wednesday, Feb. 29, and the chief advised her to move forward with an administrative investigation.

Sanchez returned to the school police on Wednesday, March 7, and spoke to a civilian staff member and detective about the report he filed on Feb. 17. The detective interviewed the police officers who handled the case, and after

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Bulletin photos by Chris Frost

Chef Cary Brown demonstrates the finer points of using a knife during the Chef in the Classroom demonstration at Willowbrook Middle School on March 13.

Willowbrook students learn about nutrition

By Chris Frost
Bulletin Staff Writer

COMPTON—Willowbrook Middle School was full of food, fun, good times and learning on Tuesday, March 13, when the Chef in the Classroom program stopped by and cooked lunch for 25 students.

Healthy meals low in fat and sodium are the trademarks of the program.

The event featured Chef Cary Brown, whom the students referred to as "Chef Boyardee" because of his tall hat and white cook's coat.

He gave a brief history about how "the chef" got his start.

"When Chef Boyardee (Ettore Boiardi) was 13 years old, he worked as a dishwasher in a New York restaurant," Brown said. "At 16 he moved up to country club dishwasher. The president of the United States had a wedding reception at the club, and all the cooks walked out. Boyardee stayed and cooked for 300 people that night."

Brown asked the students who could accomplish such a feat. Adrian Flores raised his hand and was promoted to assistant chef.

Chili was the featured menu item.

Flores cut bread bowls for the chili. Volunteer Jessica Guerrero received in-

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Willowbrook Middle School eighth grader Jessica Guerrero prepares chili during the Chef in the Classroom presentation on Tuesday, March 13.

ACCJC members hold power over colleges

By Cheryl Scott
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COMPTON—When the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges revoked the accreditation for Compton College in 2006, it set in motion an arduous process that will one day enable the El Camino Compton Center to be given accreditation as a separate college. The timeline for that process has, to a large extent, already been set by the various steps that must be achieved by the center and the inspections that must be made by the commission.

The members of the commission are not accountable to anyone but the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), one of six regional accrediting organizations in the United States. This gives them what many believe is too much power over local community colleges.

There are 142 "member" colleges, and the commission's decisions directly affect millions of students, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees.

The president of the ACCJC is Dr. Barbara Beno, who took office in 2001. Prior to her appointment, she served as commissioner for both the ACCJC and the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities, Western Associ-

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Council adds public works inspector position

By Chris Frost
Bulletin Staff Writer

COMPTON—The Compton City Council voted at its Tuesday, March 13, meeting to return a public works inspector to the payroll.

The measure passed by a four to one vote. Councilpersons Janna Zurita, Lillie Dobson, Willie Jones and Yvonne Arceneaux supported the resolution. Mayor Eric J. Perrodin cast the lone no vote.

Funding will come from the traffic congestion relief fund, so adding the position will not increase the budget.

Perrodin said adding an inspector may not have an impact on the budget this year, but it can in the future.

"If we do not have any other projects lined up, it does not make any sense to bring people on during a budget crisis," he said. "We should squeeze every dollar we have."

The city could choose to hire a contractor for projects needing an inspector, avoiding any layoff issues that may occur when the funding runs out next year.

"It may cost a little more to contract out the position, but it is not our money," Perrodin said.

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Sheriff's investigation leads to weapons discovery

From staff reports

COMPTON—Sheriff's deputies uncovered a cache of weapons on Monday, March 5, after they detained five suspected gang members for drinking in public.

When deputies made contact with the group, one of the men escaped detention and fled on foot. They detained the remaining four men, one of whom was in possession of a loaded handgun.

Gang investigators from Operation Safe Streets Bureau responded to assist with the investigation. While conducting a protective sweep for additional suspects and the male who fled on foot in the 2600 block of E. 126th Street, deputies developed probable cause to believe additional firearms were hidden at the location.

A search warrant led to the discovery of assault weapons hidden in a trailer.

Two AK-47 assault rifles, two .223 caliber assault rifles, one shotgun, one Mac-10 assault rifle, one 9mm handgun, one .45 caliber handgun and one Desert Eagle .44 magnum handgun were seized.

All four suspects were arrested on weapons charges and held pending further investigation.



ACCJC members hold power over colleges

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ation of Schools and Colleges.

Beno served as president of Berkeley City College (formerly Vista Community College) for 12 years, assistant chancellor of the San Mateo Community College District, Research and Planning director for the Peralta Community College District, and a university faculty member in sociology. She served as chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions from 2006 to 2009.

In a 2010 interview Beno said, "One common misperception is that the standards and requirements of accrediting bodies are imposed upon institutions and that they are developed by some others or by the federal government. Accrediting bodies are associations of institutions that have voluntarily joined together to help assure a level of quality among the association's member institutions. The participation in an accrediting agency's reviews is a voluntary institutional commitment, albeit tied now to financial aid eligibility."

That may be, but the institutions have no means of appealing the decisions of the commission, and individual members are not subject to oversight from outside bodies. And the ties to

funding make it impossible for a college to exist without accreditation for ACCJC. That makes the six members of the commission among the most powerful individuals in the field of higher education.

"The commissioners, and the team members who evaluate, are volunteer professionals who care deeply about higher education quality and who donate their time, energies, and thoughts to review institutional quality and to provide institutions with good ideas for improvements," Beno said. "Thoughtful, concerned peers who comprise the commission decision-making bodies and the evaluation teams are not boogymen, but are colleagues of all the rest of us working in higher education."

In addition to Beno, members of the commission include Vice President of Commission Operations Dr. Susan Clifford, Vice President

Special Report

This is the second in a three-part series on the status of accreditation for El Camino Community College Compton Center. The first article explained the function of the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges. The final article will be an update on the accreditation process that has been underway since 2006.

for Policy and Research Krista Johns, Vice President of Team Operations and Communication Garman "Jack" Pond, Associate Vice President Dr. John Nixon, Associate Vice President Dr. Norv Wellsfry and an administrative support staff.

Clifford joined the commission in March 2008. She provides staff support for the substantive change review process, office management processes, staff development and cooperative efforts with other educational organizations. She served in both faculty and administrative roles at her former institutions.

Johns joined the commission in January 2012. She provides staff support in policy, evaluation and research. She has held faculty and administrator roles at her former institutions, including vice president of instruction at Berkeley City College and dean of English and business at Diablo Valley College.

Pond has been a member of the commission since July 2004. Prior to that, he was professor of English from 1972 to 2003 and interim dean of arts and sciences from 2003 to 2004 at Leeward Community College in Pearl City, Hawaii. He also served as a commissioner from 1998 to 2004.

Nixon joined the commission in July 2011, following his retirement as president of Mt. San Antonio College. He served as a commissioner with ACCJC from 2008-2011 and has served as chair and member of many of the commission's accreditation evaluation teams. During his 35-year career, Nixon served as faculty and administrator at Santa Ana College and Mt. San Antonio College.

Wellsfry joined the commission in February 2011 after he retired as a professor of accounting and CIS at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento. He held administrative and faculty roles at Sacramento City College and Antelope Valley College and at Tidewater Community College in Virginia. He also had leadership positions in several state and national organizations. He was a commissioner from 2004 to 2010.

The El Camino Community College District has been operating the Compton Center since its accreditation was revoked. It is working toward accreditation by improving in every area cited by the commission when it pulled the accreditation. It is estimated that it may take another six years before accreditation can be granted.

Once that takes place, the college will be returned to the Compton Community College District.

Law professor to monitor \$18B bank settlement

By Don Thompson
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO—A law professor was named March 16 to monitor a settlement with the nation's five largest banks that is expected to bring \$18 billion worth of benefits to California.

Attorney General Kamala Harris appointed University of California Irvine professor Katherine Porter in a move separate from the national mortgage settlement reached last month.

"California being the largest state with some of the hardest hit communities, I wanted to make sure that we had someone who was focused specifically on California," Harris said in a telephone interview. "It was really critical that we make sure that promises made are promises delivered."

Porter will ensure the banks honor their promises to homeowners and borrowers to modify loans for those who are behind in their payments, repair neighborhoods blighted by foreclosures and pay off some overdue mortgages. The banks are: Bank of America, Wells Fargo, JP-Morgan Chase, Citigroup and Ally Financial.

Benefits earmarked in the agreement for California include:

- \$12 billion to reduce the amount owed on loans or offering short sales to an estimated 250,000 homeowners who are behind on their payments or owe more on their loan than their home is worth.
- \$849 million to refinance loans for about 28,000 homeowners who are paying with interest rates above 5.25 percent. They must be current on their mortgage payments but underwater on their loans to qualify.

A separate agreement with California imposes certain deadlines on delivering those benefits. Failure by banks to meet the deadlines could require payments to the state of hundreds of millions of dollars in penalties.

Porter will check lender filings as well as reports and complaints from homeowners, and report to Harris' office. Porter also hopes to address fairness concerns that could develop as some beleaguered homeowners get financial help under the settlement and others are left behind.

"One of the ways I'm hoping to help the attorney general is to respond to inquiries from California homeowners — so if people are unsure if they're eligible, if they tried to reach out to the bank and they were met with frustration or with confusion, to try to help to answer those questions," Porter said in a telephone interview.

Porter also wants to make sure banks are forthright in how they choose between homeowners using the guidelines established by the national settlement.

"They're going to be on the front lines of actually talking with homeowners and then telling people, yes you're eligible and here's why and here's why not," she said.

Porter specializes in mortgage foreclosures and bankruptcy. She just released a book on debt and the middle class.

Porter and Harris' office said her salary and the staff assigned to her were being worked out, but both will be paid out of proceeds from the settlement.

Porter has a preliminary contract that will let her work up to 39 days between now and June 30, said Harris spokesman Shum Preston. Porter will be paid about \$100 for each hour she works during that time, which Preston said is a low hourly payment for an attorney.

Notice of Public Hearing and Availability for Review of Draft 2012-2013 One-Year Action Plan

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers of Compton City Hall
205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, California

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers to consider a draft of the proposed 2012-2013 City of Compton Annual Action Plan that addresses current Consolidated Plan priorities for CDBG, HOME, and ESG activities. The public hearing will allow citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed activities for the City of Compton for FY 2012-13. The Action Plan outlines Compton's planned uses for these programs and provides proposed funding levels.

The following is a list of proposed funding activities and funding levels for FY 2012-2013:

CDBG PROGRAM ACTIVITY

CDBG Administration Proposed Activities and Funding Levels (20% CAP)	
CDBG Program Administration	\$297,131
CDBG Financial Administration	\$5,000
Fair Housing Services	\$15,000
SUB TOTAL	\$317,131

CDBG Public Service Proposed Activities and Funding Levels (15% CAP)

Champions of Care	\$10,000
Dickson Community Lighted Schools	\$84,000
Legal Aid Society of Orange County	\$15,000
The Children's Clinic	\$35,000
Graffiti Removal (Public Works)	\$93,848
SUB TOTAL:	\$237,848

CDBG Non-Public Service Proposed Activities and Funding Levels

Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$352,635
Residential Street Project (1)	\$678,043
SUB TOTAL:	\$1,030,678
CDBG TOTAL:	\$1,585,657

HOME PROGRAM ACTIVITY

HOME Administration Proposed Activities and Funding Levels (10% CAP)	
HOME Program Administration	\$47,825
SUB TOTAL	\$47,825

CHDO Proposed Activity and Funding Levels (15% CAP)

CHDO Project	\$71,738
SUB TOTAL	\$71,738

HOME Proposed Activities and Funding Levels

First Time Homebuyer Program	\$358,691
SUB TOTAL	\$358,691
HOME TOTAL:	\$478,254

ESG PROGRAM ACTIVITY

ESG Proposed Activity and Funding Levels

Compton Welfare Rights Homeless Services	\$80,505
Homeless Services (Compton Housing Authority)	\$80,504
SUB TOTAL	\$161,009
ESG TOTAL:	\$161,009

Each proposed activity/project is considered as a priority need in Compton, and is consistent with the priorities identified in the City of Compton's FY 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan. A detailed written description of the proposed Annual Action Plan is available to the public for review. The draft document will be available from March 3, 2012 to April 3, 2012, at the City Clerk's Office, Dollarhide Community Center, and the City Manager's Office.

It is the objective of the City to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and the ADA Amendment Act of 2008, the Fair Housing Act, and the Architectural Barriers Act in all respects. If you require a disability-related accommodation to attend or participate in a hearing or meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (310) 605-5580.

Comments on the proposed amendments may also be submitted in writing to the Grants Division located at 205 S. Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, CA 90220. The deadline for comments is Tuesday, April 3, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the Grants Division at (310) 605-5580.

Aviso de Audiencia Pública y Disponibilidad para Revisar el Borrador del Plan de Desempeño Anual 2012-2013

Martes, 3 de Abril, 2012 a las 6:00 p.m.
Cámara del Cabildo Municipal del Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Compton
205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, California

Una audiencia pública se llevará a cabo el martes, 3 de Abril, 2012, a las 6:00 p.m., en la Cámara del Cabildo Municipal para tomar en consideración el borrador de la propuesta del Plan de Desempeño Anual 2012-2013 del Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Compton el cual señala las prioridades actuales del Plan Consolidado para las actividades de CDBG, HOME y ESG. La audiencia pública permitirá que los residentes tengan la oportunidad de exponer sus comentarios sobre las actividades propuestas para el Año Fiscal 2012 - 2013 del Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Compton. El Plan de Desempeño Anual define los usos planeados para estos programas y propone los niveles de fondos.

En seguida se muestra la lista de los fondos propuestos para las actividades y los niveles de fondos del Año Fiscal 2012-2013:

ACTIVIDADES DEL PROGRAMA CDBG

Actividades Propuestas de Administración de CDBG y Niveles de Fondos (Máximo 20%)	
Administración del Programa CDBG	\$297,131
Administración Financiera CDBG	\$5,000
Servicios de Vivienda Justa	\$15,000
SUBTOTAL	\$317,131

Actividades Propuestas Servicios Públicos de CDBG y Niveles de Fondos (Máximo 15%)

Champions of Care	\$10,000
Dickson Community Lighted Schools	\$84,000
Legal Aid Society of Orange County	\$15,000
The Children's Clinic	\$35,000
Eliminación de Graffiti(Obras Publicas)	\$93,848
SUBTOTAL:	\$237,848

Actividades Propuestas Servicio No-Público de CDBG y Niveles de Fondos

Pago al Préstamo Sección 108	\$352,635
Proyecto de Reconstrucción de Calles (1)	\$678,043
SUBTOTAL:	\$1,030,678
TOTALES DE CDBG:	\$1,585,657

ACTIVIDAD DEL PROGRAMA HOME

Administración de Actividades Propuestas HOME y Niveles de Fondos (Máximo 10%)	
Administración del Programa HOME	\$47,825
SUBTOTAL	\$47,825

Actividades Propuestas CHDO y Niveles de Fondos (15% Tono)

Proyecto CHDO	\$71,738
SUBTOTAL	\$71,738

Actividades Propuestas HOME y Niveles de Fondos

Programa de Compradores de Casa por Primera Vez	\$358,691
SUBTOTAL	\$358,691
TOTALES DE HOME:	\$478,254

PROGRAMA DE ACTIVIDADES ESG

Actividades Propuestas de ESG y Niveles de Fondos

Compton Welfare Rights Homeless Services	\$80,505
Servicios para personas sin hogar (Compton Housing Authority)	\$80,504
SUBTOTAL	\$161,009
TOTALES DE ESG:	\$161,009

Cada actividad/proyecto propuesto es considerado como una prioridad necesaria en Compton, y es consistente con las prioridades identificadas en el Plan Consolidado del Año Fiscal 2010-2015 del Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Compton. Una descripción por escrito detallada del Plan de Desempeño Anual propuesto está disponible al público para su revisión. El borrador del documento estará disponible a partir del 3 de Marzo, 2012 hasta el 3 de Abril, 2012 en la Oficina de Planificación y Desarrollo Económico, Oficina del Secretario Municipal del Ayuntamiento, Centro Comunitario Dollarhide y la Oficina del Administrador del Ayuntamiento.

El Ayuntamiento tiene como objetivo cumplir en todo con respecto a la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, tal y como se enmendó, la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA) de 1990 y la Ley de Enmienda a ADA del 2008, la Ley de Vivienda Justa, y la Ley de Barreras Arquitectónicas. Si usted necesita documentos públicos en un formato accesible, el Ayuntamiento hará lo posible dentro de lo razonable para dar cabida a su petición. Si usted requiere acomodo especial debido a alguna discapacidad para asistir o participar en una audiencia o junta, incluyendo aparatos auxiliares o servicios, por favor comuníquese a la Oficina del Secretario Municipal por lo menos 48 horas antes de la junta al (310) 605-5580.

Los comentarios sobre las enmiendas propuestas pueden ser sometidos por escrito a la División de Fondos ubicada en el 205 S. Willowbrook Avenue, Compton, CA 90220. La fecha límite para presentar comentarios es el martes, 3 de Abril, 2012. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor comuníquese al (310) 605-5580.