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Funding trustees

The Board of Trustees of Victor Valley College has until the end of August to appoint someone to fill the vacancy left by Michael Krause. After that date, applicable law will force a special election that will cost the college (and taxpayers) upwards of \$1 50,000.

So, what's the problem? Two trustees have committed themselves to appoint Joe Range and insist he is the only person who can help save the college from losing accreditation. This is the same Joe Range who, while serving as President of the Board of Trustees for many years, allowed the college to sink to a level that required sanctions from the California accrediting authority. This is the same Joe Range who came in last in a three-way race in the most recent election. This is the same Joe Range who received half of his campaign funds from the full-time teachers' union (CTA).

The CTA, Joe Range, Dennis Henderson and John Pinkerton are desperate to maintain majority control of the board to assure that the full-time teachers continue to receive favored treatment, even if it means the college loses accreditation. It has been said the teachers believe they will retain their compensation package whether or not the college is accredited.

I suspect that if a special election becomes necessary, the CTA will go all out and spend enormous amounts of cash to get Joe Range elected this time around.

If they can manage to keep the majority of voters from knowing the real situation by having Peter Allan and other surrogates make speeches saying everything is peachy OK, maybe he will have a better chance this time.

The CTA agents will have to overcome a much higher hurdle, though, because there are other amply qualified people waiting for the opportunity to serve, and others who have discovered the truth of the matter and are ready to step up and make it known very clearly that Joe Range is not the Lone Ranger with silver bullets.

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