

their and 211, are designed to reduce the non-emergency calls to 911 that can cause delays in emergency response times, freeing up emergency services resources and letting 911 operators do their jobs more quickly and efficiently.

## ive Extreme Makeover



BACP Photo by Barbara Rivera

the city of Monterey Park and ELAC honored Adam Schiff and Hilda Solis for securing funds for the Collegian Busway Improvement Project.

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congested street and the students ticketed for parking in the wrong places will be resolved thanks to our congressional members' hard work," stated Monterey Park Mayor Frank Venti

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land proposed for development will actually be used for oil purposes," Molinari said. "In fact, PXP will actually be required to restore land not used for oil to its native conditions, costing the company millions. Developing that small portion of land will provide developers with an opportunity to tap into a rich oil source while helping the community with a good amount of revenue."

Rather than permit oil development, Eiser endorses including Montebello Hills in the Emerald Necklace Project, which will make the hills an area of open space where nature is protected and preserved. The current project will preserve a strip of scenic land shaped like a necklace in the San Gabriel Valley,

failure by the California Department of Corrections to properly monitor felons out of jail and on parole, state Assemblyman Rudy Bermúdez earlier this week said the shooting death of Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputy Luis Gerardo "Jerry" Ortiz is an example of the department's "incompetence."

"Deputy Jerry Ortiz's knock on the door was answered by a bullet to the head, a bullet from the gun of a parolee at large," said Bermúdez.

On Tuesday, Bermúdez unveiled a California Department of Corrections directive urging parole agents to "back off" any planned sweeps of parolees at large until "at least August" due

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## Commerce Family Awarded \$2.3 Million for Derailment

### CITY NEWS SERVICE

A family, whose two adjacent homes were destroyed in the derailment of the Union Pacific train in Commerce, was awarded \$2.3 million last week by a Los Angeles Superior Court, according to the plaintiff's attorney.

UP spokesman John Bromley declined to comment on the jury award.

The jurors awarded \$1.2 million to siblings Liza and Luis Vasquez Jr., who were home on June 20, 2003, when the train derailed into their residence, according to the law firm of Moreno, Becerra, Guerrero & Casillas, which represented the plaintiffs.

Then-19-year-old Liza Vasquez was six months pregnant, and her brother had to pull her from the remains of the home, said attorney Danilo Becerra.

Other Vasquez family members will share \$1.1 million to rebuild their homes under the nine-woman, three-man panel's award, which was handed down late last week.

Becerra said the attorneys for Union Pacific had suggested the jurors award a total of \$500,000 to the Vasquez family.

Union Pacific's website includes a statement, responding to a newspaper article published

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