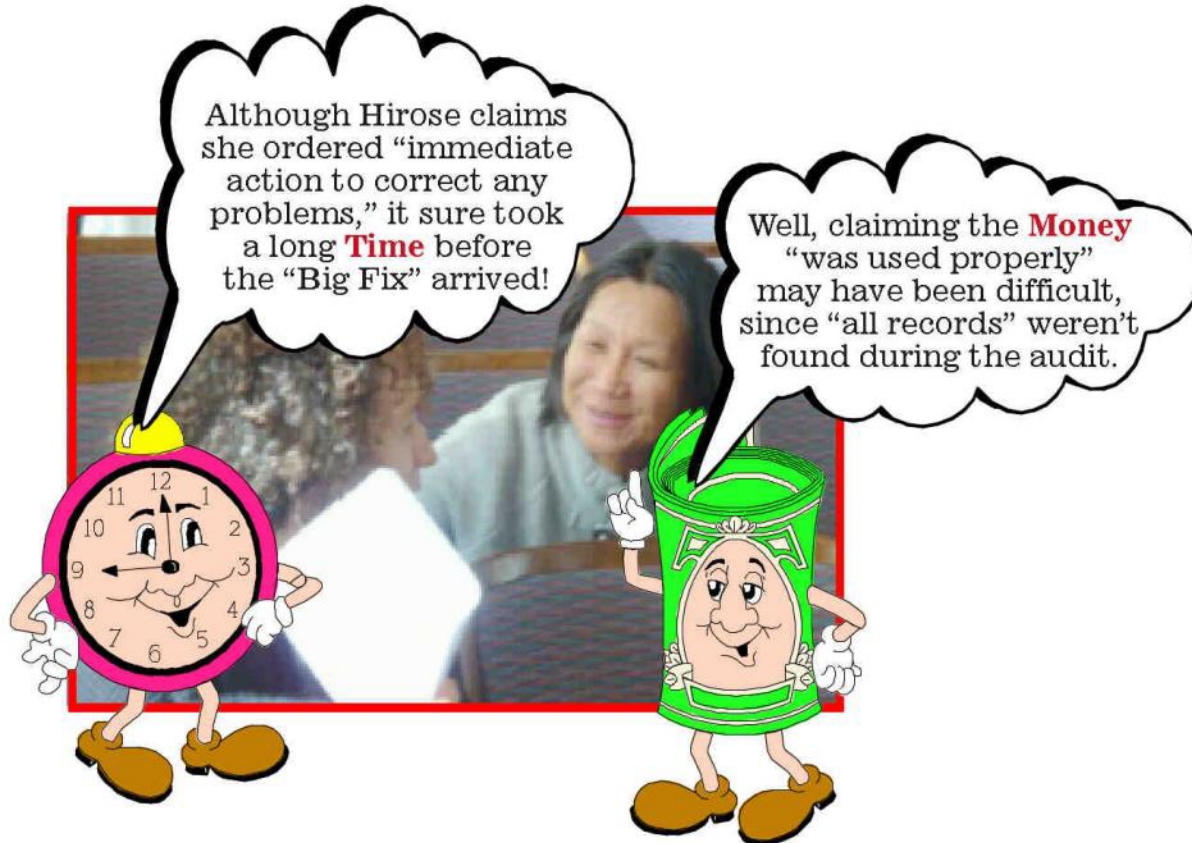


Laguna Honda Hospital's Patient Gift Fund:

LHH's Executive Administrator Has a Problem With Basic Math, Claiming in June 2010 She'd Been Administrator for 18 Months¹



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¹That would Have Made Her Administrator Three Months **Before** John Kanaley Died in March 2009

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Figure 1: A Web Page for the Gift Fund Existed Until Approximately August 27, Then Access to That Page Vanished

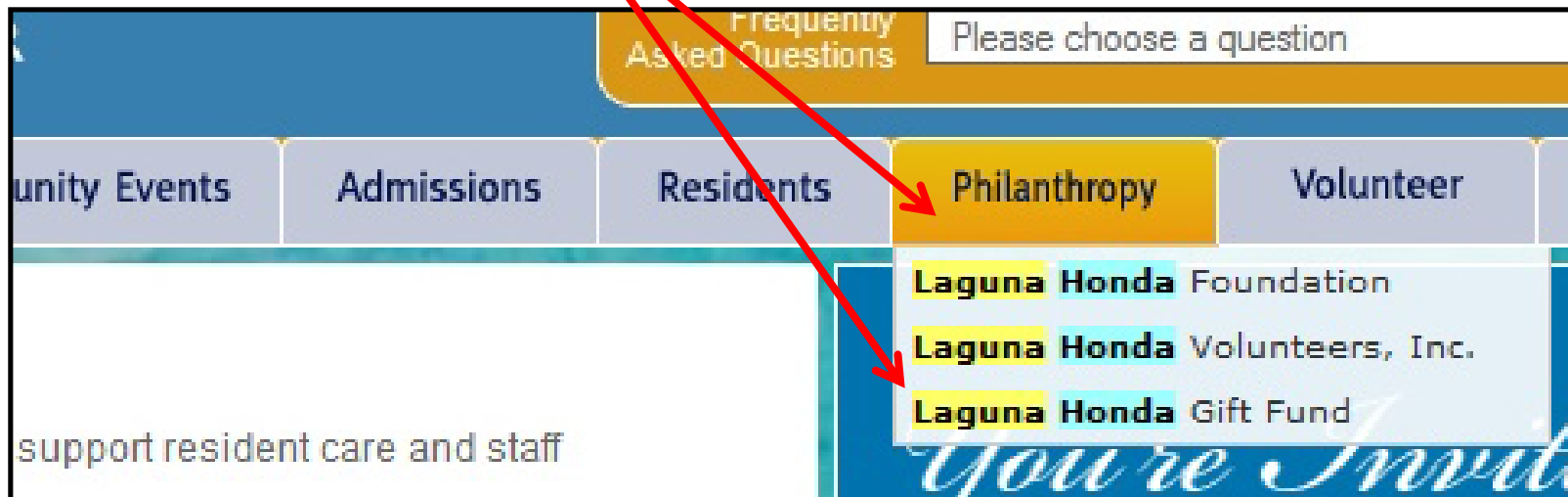
- On November 27, LHH's philanthropy web page still doesn't contain a drop-down link to its "Gift Fund" page.
- And Dr. Katz brazenly claims the gift fund has been "exonerated," which is untrue.



Source: Screen capture of www.lagunahonda.org, as it appeared on November 27, 2010.

Figure 2: A Google “Cache” File on August 27 Showed the Link to the Gift Fund Page, Now Unavailable for Three Months

- Between May 20, 2010 — when LHH’s Patient Gift Fund scandal broke — and August 27, LHH’s philanthropy web page contained a drop-down link to LHH’s “Gift Fund” page.



This is Google's cache of <http://www.lagunahonda.org/philanthropy/giftFund.asp>. It is a snapshot of the page as it appeared on Aug 27, 2010 13:44:36 GMT. [current page](#) could have changed in the meantime. [Learn more](#)

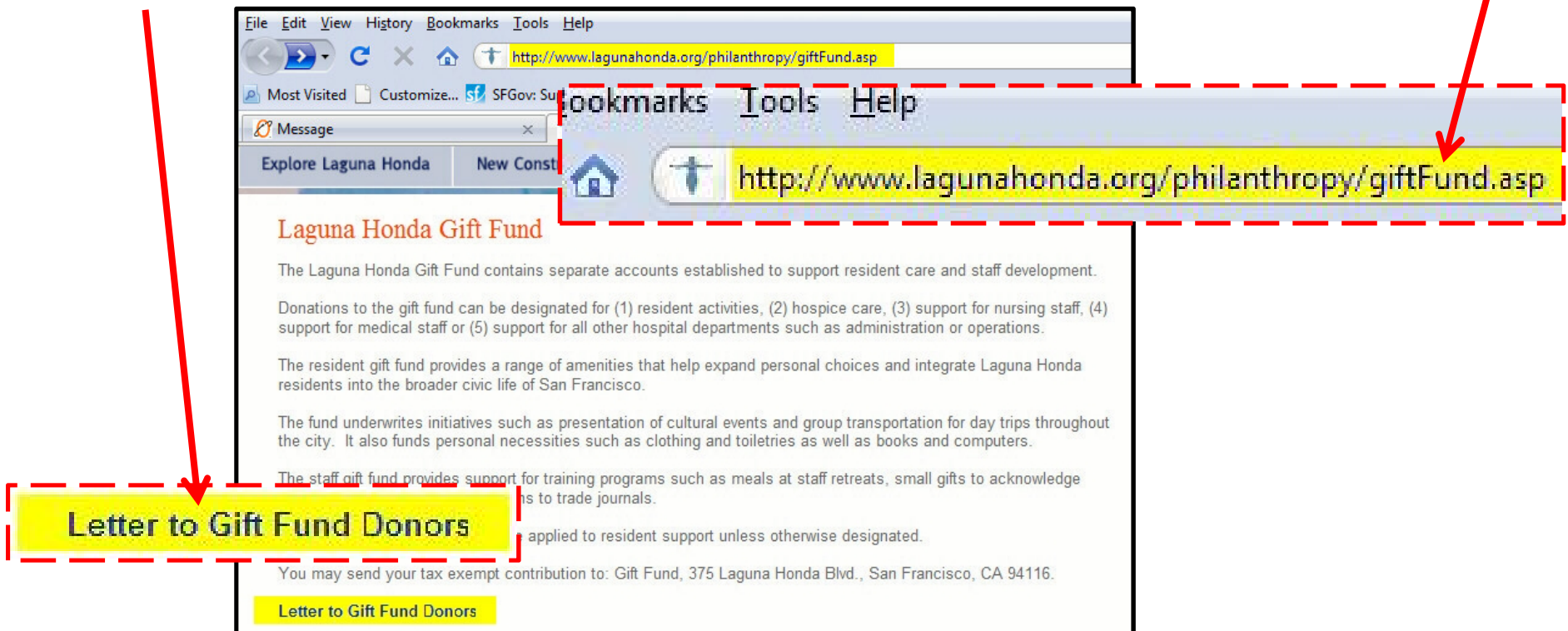
These search terms are highlighted: **laguna honda hospital** These terms only appear in links pointing to this page: **philanthropy**

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Source: Screen capture of www.lagunahonda.org, contained in Google “cache” file as it appeared on August 27, 2010.

Figure 3: The Gift Fund Page, Surprisingly, Is Still Accessible — With a Little Work

- Manually typing in the full Internet web page address takes you to the page ...
- ... which includes a letter from Mivic Hirose that observers never saw before.



Source: Screen capture from www.lagunahonda.org/philanthropy/giftFund.asp, November 27, 2010.

Figure 4: Mivic Hirose's Purported June 24 Letter to the "Laguna Honda Community" Contains a Number of Odd Claims

- If the letter were written 18 months after she became Executive Administrator in April 2009 after Kanaley died, this suggests the letter was written in October, not June.
- How could LHH's CFO have found no problems, when the City Controller identified \$350,000 in problems in November?
- Why didn't Hirose return the gift fund policy to its pre-November 2004 state?
- If she "directed" LHH's CFO to review the books in June, why did a records request to obtain her order to the CFO yield a "no records responsive" reply?

When I became Laguna Honda's executive administrator 18 months ago,



June 2010

Dear Laguna Honda Community:

As the Executive Administrator of Laguna Honda, I want to set the record straight about the hospital's gift fund. It is my responsibility to make sure that donations to the fund are spent the way our donors want them to be, and I take that responsibility seriously.

When I became Laguna Honda's executive administrator 18 months ago, I ordered a review of our gift policy as well as other hospital policies that I believed were being properly managed.

I ordered a review of our gift policy

The gift fund story has been driven by sensational TV rather than by facts. You deserve to know the truth.

The Staff Gift Fund and The Resident Gift Fund Are Separate

Donations automatically go into the resident gift fund unless donors specifically say they want to contribute to the staff gift fund – as many of our employees have. It's that simple.

Lunches at staff training workshops, and small gifts like pedometers given to nurses for their good work, are paid for by the staff gift fund, not the resident gift fund.

Two Reviews of the Gift Fund Have Concluded the Money Has Been Spent Appropriately

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Source: Hirose's two-page letter is available on www.stopLHHdownsize.com.