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## Officers Fired After Kelly Thomas Death - Sue City to Get Jobs Back

by Jesse La Tour

Two former Fullerton police officers who were fired over the beating/death of local homeless man Kelly Thomas have sued the city of Fullerton to get their jobs back, plus retroactive lost pay.

The officers are Jay Cicinelli and Joseph Wolfe, both of whom were charged by the Orange County District Attorney with excessive force and involuntary manslaughter in 2012 over the much-publicized beating and death of Kelly Thomas. Both officers were fired over the incident.

Cicinelli, along with officer Manuel Ramos, went to trial in 2014. Both were acquitted of all charges, including excessive force, prompting one of the largest protests in Fullerton history.

For most Fullertonians, this was the end of the tragic saga of Kelly Thomas.

But for Cicinelli and Wolfe (whose charges were dropped), the acquittal provided grounds for suing the city. If, according to the jury, they had done nothing wrong, by that logic, they should not have been fired.

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**HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR:** The Fullerton Chinese Cultural Association hosted a Chinese New Year celebration at Sunny Hills High School with dancing, food, calligraphy, and more on February 10th. PHOTO BY JESSE LA TOUR

## Council Takes Another Shot in Attempt to Kill \$15 Million for Coyote Hills

by Angela Lindstrom

The Fullerton City Council is making another attempt to derail Senator Josh Newman's proposed Senate Bill 714 (SB-714) which would provide \$15 million of state funding towards the acquisition of West Coyote Hills for open space. This was discussed at its February 6, 2018 City Council meeting under the cover of its 2018 Legislative Platform.

The City defines 3 guiding principles for its Platform: 1) Preserve local control, 2) Promote fiscal stability, and 3) Support funding opportunities.

The City Council opposes SB-714 even in the face of the principle to support funding opportunities in the detailed policy statements of its Legislative Platform:

37. Oppose efforts that erode funding for vital regional and community services that negatively impact Californian's access to parks, open space ... facilities that promote physical activity, protect natural resources.

38. Support funding for the City of Fullerton to acquire additional land in West Coyote Hills.

39. Promote local agency control over policies that recognize the benefits of parks and recreation[al] facilities.

Furthermore, the City's own legal analysis of SB-714 concedes that "the City is still short of the total funding amount needed" for even a partial acquisition of West Coyote Hills. In the last two years, they have raised about \$3.05M compared to the \$34M price tag set by Chevron-Pacific Coast Homes (PCH) for just 3 parcels. SB-714 can provide \$15M of funding for Coyote Hills without the need to go through an application process!

If the City wants funding, needs funding, why is it opposed to funding? Because

SB-714 does not seek to codify the City's approval of the Chevron-PCH housing development on West Coyote Hills. It is simply dedicated to fund the acquisition of West Coyote Hills for open space.

While 61% of Fullerton voters rejected that development approval in 2012, the majority of the City Council continue to push the development of more than 700 houses and a shopping center on the site. Hence the Friends of Coyote Hills is pursuing a lawsuit to uphold the people's Measure W vote in the court of appeals.

If you support saving Coyote Hills as a park and preserve for now and future generations, please send Senator Josh Newman a letter of support for SB-714 as the State Senate Rules Committee prepares for a vote (<http://sd29.senate.ca.gov/contact>). Don't let the City's opposition letter speak for us.

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## Union Pacific Park Mixed Use?

A Request for Qualifications inviting development in the Truslow, Walnut, Valencia area, including Union Pacific Park, will come before the city council at its Feb. 20 meeting at 6:30pm.

Union Pacific Park on Truslow opened and closed in 2003 after toxins were discovered in the soil due to dumping by the Sempra/SoCal Gas owned manufactured gas plant which once operated just north of the park, Union Pacific train operations, and a roofing business. The toxins were discovered after SoCal Gas was required by the Department of Toxic Substances Control to test the park site as part of its ongoing gas plant clean up.

The DTSC ordered the park closed, fenced, and the contamination removed.

The city sued SoCal Gas in 2005 in order to get the company to clean up the park to residential levels and to pay for the costs which the company wanted Union Pacific, other businesses, and the city of Fullerton to share in. SoCal Gas settled for \$1 million in 2008 agreeing to cleanup to DTSC standards. The soil remediation process was completed in 2012.

## JUDGE ORDERS COUNTY TO OFFER SHELTER TO THOSE EVICTED FROM RIVERBED

In the last issue of the *Observer*, we reported that on January 22nd, the County of Orange began the process of evicting hundreds of homeless people encamped along the Santa Ana Riverbed.

Since that time, much has happened regarding the riverbed encampment. During the first week (January 22nd-29th) the county was asking people to voluntarily move, while providing them with access to various homeless services.

However, with county shelters full, many of those who'd been living along the riverbed had nowhere to go.

On January 29th, attorney Brooke Weitzman, representing the nonprofit group Orange County Catholic Worker and seven homeless people, sued the County to stop the evictions, citing the fact that, without shelter space, homeless people are essentially criminalized with anti-camping and anti-loitering laws.

On February 2nd, OC Sheriffs, who up until this point had taken a fairly "hands off" approach, increased their presence at the riverbed, and began homeless individuals for outstanding warrants.

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## PASSION FOR JUSTICE

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### Life & Education in My Village

*It was the 1960's in Vietnam.* At the time, all the good students were in public school and private schools were mostly for the ones who failed the public school entrance exam. The exceptions were private schools established by Catholic nuns and priests, which had strict academic and religious curriculums. There were also private school established by Buddhist monks. In addition, in Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam, there were private schools that modeled France's education system for the rich and the famous.

After I finished third grade, my village school expanded to add a fourth grade class. The same thing happened when I was ready for fifth grade. School was easy for me. When I finished fifth grade instead of continuing by education and seeing how hard my sister and my parents worked, I decided to stay home to help mother with the farm, and help walk my little brother to his preschool. My youngest brother was many years younger than I was, and he was loved and cherished by the whole family.

Communication between the village official and villagers was handled by an announcer, who carried a manual speaker and walked through every street to announce events. One time, after being summoned to the village meeting place, mother told me there was an election. The officials showed the villagers sample ballots and told them which box to mark. So much for free elections!

In the summer, when the weather was hot and dry, we were prohibited from cooking lunch because it might cause a fire. If a fire started during the middle of the day when farmers were at work in the fields, there would be no one to help put out the fire. So, in the morning we cooked double meals for both breakfast and lunch, and then we cooked dinner after the farmers came home in the evening. At that time, there was no insurance and you could only rely on the volunteer help from family, friends, and neighbors. If your house burned down, you were on your own.

I remember the time our next door neighbor's house caught on fire in the middle of the night. The roof of the house was made of hay. There was nothing anyone could do to save it. The men of the village rushed to protect the houses nearby including ours. They covered roofs with wet blankets and kept pouring water onto the blankets. They tried to catch and put out every piece of hot ash flying around. I broke down and cried seeing

the neighboring home go up in smoke and the woman living in there trying to salvage what was left. Fortunately, her brothers and sisters lived in the city, so they helped rebuild the house quickly.

Soon after I stopped going to school, mother and I both realized that I was not born to be a farmer. When summer came, my older brother came home for a visit. Seeing me not doing anything in particular with my life, he suggested that I should go to the city and study to be a nurse. Mother didn't object even though without me, she would miss someone to help around the house.

**When the boat left, I looked back at mother standing on the shore; my heart ached and my tears rolled down. I missed her so much...**

The day I left my village, mother carried my luggage and walked me to the boat, which ran every day bringing people back and forth from the city Hue. When the boat left, I looked back at mother standing on the shore; my heart ached and my tears rolled down. I missed her so much, and she missed me too.

I got to the nearby city Hue where I joined my older sister, and then we both got on a coach heading to the city where my father and brother were living. When we arrived to unite with our father and brother, my sister was accepted to the only public school in town, where our older brother had also attended. At that time the second daughter of my uncle was being tutored in preparation for the entrance exam to high school. Father let me join in, and I passed the exam!

Here I was only a sixth grader attending high school. High school was something new for me. I no longer had one teacher for the entire class, but I had several teachers; one for each subject. My academic performance was encouraging for that school year.

A short time later, when Vietnamese Communist (VC) started coming to our village, my grandma, mother, and little brother left our village and joined us in the city.

Villagers who had family in the cities eventually left. The people who didn't leave, were rounded up to live in a refugee camp established in the suburbs of Hue. American warplanes bombed our village and surrounding villages to destroy everything, so that VC would have no safe haven in which to hide.

*Synthia Tran is a longtime resident of Fullerton. She came to the US with her family as a refugee, attended college here, and made a new life.*

## WAR COSTS in Life & Money

### IN IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN

- **180,476** Civilians killed by violence [www.iraqbodycount.org](http://www.iraqbodycount.org) (2/17/2018)
- **4,530** US soldiers killed in Iraq: (DoD 2/3/2018)
- **2,408** US soldiers killed in Afghanistan (1/4/2018) [www.icasualties.org](http://www.icasualties.org)
- **32,223** US soldiers wounded (DOD reports) [www.icasualties.org](http://www.icasualties.org) Iraq 3/2003 to present (no updates since 11/2011)
- **17,674** Afghanistan 10/2001 to present (no updates since 9/2012)
- **\$1.817 Trillion** Cost of wars Since 2001 [www.costofwar.com](http://www.costofwar.com) (2/17/2018) (rounded down) (Iraq \$821 billion) (Afghanistan \$798 billion)

California: 3,972 soldiers wounded and 742 dead in wars since 2001.

**EVERY HOUR US taxpayers are paying \$8.36 million for total costs of war. What Can We Do With this Money Instead?**

## Homeless Before Fox

I'm reading your year 40 #2 edition, I feel compelled to remark that reading the news of 2.5 million in funding for Fox theatre in Fullerton was deplorable! Yes its an old historic building. But having over 4,700 homeless in the county is tragic, and that 2.5 million could be better spent to building low income housing! Many homeless have money, just not enough to get into market rate rentals. The homeless need that funding more!

Coni Thompson  
Visiting from Indiana

## Florida Shooter & NRA

I want to vent some concern, even anger, over what we have learned subsequent to the shooting at Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, Florida. Please don't think that my anger has displaced the deep grief I feel for the 17 victims, their families, and for our country. But two factoids have emerged that I can label only as distortions of the truth at best, and as lies if I relax my civility.

First, Trump, in his remarks the morning afterward said, "We are here for you," and that "we will do everything we can to help you." If he was speaking to the NRA those words would be accurate. But, as solace and reassurance to the students in Parkland and to the American people, those words ring false. Addressed to the NRA, they contain substance. Beyond that, if there were an Olympics of lying, Trump would take gold.

There are many things he could do. A mentally disturbed student who was under school counselling legally purchased and AR-15 assault rifle and, as Sheriff Scott Israel said, "countless" rounds of ammunition. Trump could easily lead a movement to correct these matters.

Second, the FBI claimed that it could not track down the source of a YouTube posting by the shooter, Nicholas Cruz, where he said he would become a notorious school shooter. A blogger notified the FBI of this. And they now plead inability to trace the origin of that posting. Nonsense. That's a trivial task compared to what I personally know they are capable of.

As a public employee in the McCarthy era I underwent a thorough background check. Years later I requested my file under the Freedom of Information Act. Among the items they were able to track down about me included a letter I had typed and signed using only an unusual family nickname. Tracking down that letter and discovering that I had altered my birth certificate in order to be old enough to enlist in the Navy upped my respect and admiration for the FBI.

So I find it incomprehensible that the FBI could not track down the author of a YouTube posting that warned of the impending tragedy. That posting was a far greater threat to the security of this country than I ever posed.

In a study following the Columbine shootings, published in 2004, one of the salient findings was that there are almost always warnings. That now appears to have been certainly true for the Parkland incident.

In closing let me state to Mr. Trump, there is a hell of a lot more you can do if you so choose. As for the FBI, stop selling yourselves short. You have demonstrated repeatedly that you are far better than you give yourself credit for. Use your skills where they are needed.

Manny Bass Fullerton

## CHANCE TO SAVE \$15 MILLION for Coyote Hills rejected by council

SB 714 (State Coastal Conservancy: West Coyote Hills Conservancy Program) just passed the State Senate and has moved on to the State Assembly. This bill will provide \$15 million from the state to purchase land in West Coyote Hills to preserve as open space and to open up, operate, and maintain the Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve, which is owned by Fullerton.

The bill, authored by our area's State Senator Josh Newman, authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to establish the West Coyote Hills Conservancy, which will open doors for expertise, resources, and future monies.

The majority of the Fullerton City Council continues to vehemently oppose this bill, wanting an outcome for West Coyote Hills, that includes its 760-home and a shopping center development agreement with Chevron called "The Path Forward."

In 2012, over 60% of Fullerton voters voted to oppose development in West Coyote Hills. However, the City Council found a way around this public vote and approved development, against the wishes of the majority of Fullerton voters.

The City Council is supposed to represent the people of Fullerton. This agreement for development does not represent the wishes of the majority of Fullerton. The Council continues to go against the wishes of its people by its support for this development and by creating roadblocks such as opposition to SB 714. It continues to try to amend the bill, watering it down and leaving the development plan intact.

On August 4, 2016, then mayor Whitaker, (who has announced he is running against Senator Josh Newman), wrote a letter of opposition to SB 714, misleadingly stating that it represented the Fullerton community.

The Council majority (Whitaker, Fitzgerald, Chaffee, and Sebourn) wants its letter of opposition to accompany the bill, including its proposed amendments (8/31/2017), which leave the Chevron development plans intact, and under its control. For this reason, it is urgent that letters of support from the Fullerton community also accompany the bill as it makes its way through the committees and the Assembly.

How can the majority of Fullerton voters can show support for SB 714 and opposition to the Council's plans for development and its opposition to the bill?

1. Contact all council members and the mayor to show your support for SB 714 and your opposition to development (write, call, speak before the Council).

2. Write and call the offices of Senator Josh Newman (bill sponsor) and Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva (bill co-sponsor) in support of SB 714 and in support of the preservation of the entire 510 acres of West Coyote Hills as open space. Request that your letters of support be sent to the Assembly committees considering the bill.

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#### More information on SB 714 and the State Coastal Conservancy

*https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov*  
(Type in SB 714 to read and get info)

*scc.ca.gov* (Information on the State Coastal Conservancy)

Together, let's continue work to save our beloved West Coyote Hills in its entirety as open space: for its wildlife, for us, and for future generations.



### To all Fullerton City Council members,

I strongly support the State's SB714 to Save Coyote Hills for a park (no housing development). This conforms with the will of the citizens of Fullerton as reflected in their NO vote on Measure W.

Gayle Blume Fullerton

### Dear Senator Newman & Assemblymember Quirk-Silva

As a 20+-year resident and voter of Fullerton, I am pleased to support SB 714, which commits \$15 million, contained in the California budget, to the West Coyote Hills project through a Coyote Hills Conservancy.

I do not regard the creation of a dedicated Coyote Hills Conservancy as loss of local control. I am dismayed at the Fullerton City Council's opposition to the bill as currently proposed.

Unfortunately, the Council continues to ignore the constituency. They chose to ignore the outcome of the Measure W referendum vote in 2012 in which 61% of Fullerton residents voted against the development.

I believe the Council side-stepped its constituency by approving the VTTM in 2015 and ignoring the majority of residents' desire for a park and preserve in West Coyote Hills.

I applaud your efforts in helping to establish a very much needed park in North Orange County. There is a great imbalance of parks and open space between North and South Orange County and the dedication of Coyote Hills will serve both North Orange County and Los Angeles County.

Thank you, Senator Newman, for your farsighted efforts in preserving precious resources for future generations.

Denise Holmes Fullerton

### Coyote Hills Attracts Visitors

Dear Editor,  
I sent the following letter to the Fullerton City Council and wanted you to know that there is a lot of support all over the area for this state senate bill (SB 714) by people who value the remnants of natural open space you are so fortunate to have in Fullerton.

To Fullerton City Council,  
Please heed the will of the people/voters

### Why I support SB 714

We purchased our home in Sunny Hills, which adjoins Coyote Hills, in 1979. I spoke to City Council in favor of saving the property west of the hills in March of 2001. And numerous times since I've done the same.

In the population explosion we are experiencing, it helps to escape the traffic and confusion for some place quiet and possibly serene. These hills reach 600 feet of elevation providing 360 degrees of panorama. The recesses allow one to enjoy this open space free from the congestion of the surrounding cities.

I support SB714 which will help to reach my expectations in spite of the opposition that fails to sustain the vote of our citizens.

Denny Bean Fullerton

### To Fullerton Council,

I fully support SB 714, which would allocate \$15 million to the West Coyote Hills project through a Coyote Hills Conservancy. I am dismayed at the Council's opposition to the bill as currently proposed.

The Council argues lack of local control and possible modifications and/or loss of public benefits approved in the VTTM 17609 ("Path Forward"). Unfortunately, the Council chose to ignore the outcome of the Measure W referendum vote in 2012 in which 61% of Fullerton residents voted against the development.

All efforts should go toward establishing a very much needed park in North Orange County. There is a great imbalance of parks and open space between North and South Orange County.

North Orange County is highly urbanized with few parks and even fewer opportunities for new parks. It's imperative that we preserve our precious outdoor natural resources for now and future generations. Therefore, as your constituent, and a Fullerton resident for over 20 years, I am requesting that the City Council support SB 714.

Helen Higgins Fullerton

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of Fullerton and other places. Support California SB 714 and designate the Coyote Hills as 100% park/open space/natural habitat preserve. Doing so will also allow future generations the benefits of experiencing nature.

This will make Fullerton unique and attract many more visitors/customers who would not come to see yet another housing tract. Support Calif. SB 714!!!

Margot Eiser Montebello

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### FEB 6 Council Meeting Report

Next Council meeting is Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30pm.  
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**CLOSED SESSION:** Before every public city council meeting, there is a "closed session" in which council meets with various parties outside view of the public. According to the agenda provided by the city clerk, during this week's closed session, council met with representatives of the police and fire management unions. Council also met with legal counsel regarding lawsuits against the city, the most significant of which come from two former Fullerton police officers (Jay Cicinelli and Joseph Wolfe) who were fired over the beating and death of local homeless man Kelly Thomas in 2011. Because they were acquitted of all charges by an Orange County jury, Cicinelli and Wolfe are suing Fullerton for wrongful termination.

Also, the civil rights group Orange County Catholic Worker filed a lawsuit on January 29th against the County of Orange, asking for an injunction against evictions along the Santa Ana riverbed. According to City Attorney Dick Jones, Fullerton City Council decided to file a brief in support of the County, and against the injunction.

### Legislation For Coyote Hills Acquisition Passes State Senate, Some Councilmembers Upset

Last year, State Senator Josh Newman authored Senate Bill 714, which set aside \$15 million in a State Conservancy to acquire parcels of Coyote Hills from Chevron, for the purposes of preservation. Councilmembers Whitaker, Sebourn, Fitzgerald, and Chaffee then drafted two letters of opposition to the legislation, because the bill was at odds with the development deal they had made with Chevron.

Corrie Williams from Townsend Public Affairs, the city's contracted lobbyist in Sacramento, delivered the letter to Newman and to the appropriate legislative committee.

On January 30th, SB 714 passed in the State Senate.

Councilmember Bruce Whitaker, who wrote the letter of opposition, expressed disappointment that the opposition letters were not given to all members of the State Senate. (*Whitaker has announced he is running against Newman for the Senate position.*)

Councilmember Fitzgerald, also expressed disappointment, saying, "I would like to know that your office is actively lobbying against the bill as it is, with members of the Assembly."

Mayor Pro-Tem Sebourn scolded Williams: "I'm going to be as blunt as possible here. What it sounds like to me is a lot of lip service, and its very frustrating to me because we've been very clear in our direction, and as a council, we're not seeing any of that...To me, that is a complete failure, and that needs to change. We need to see an active campaign of opposition until amended--to the language that this council has already come up with some ideas on. Until then, it's complete opposition, and it's a full court press."

- Mayor Protem Sebourn

A representative of Senator Newman's office read a letter from the Senator, saying that he hopes to continue dialogue with city council.

"My goal with respect to the pending legislation remains the same as when I introduced it--to be in a position to serve as an advocate and a resource at the state level to achieve the best possible outcome for the West Coyote Hills parcel, one which best serves the interests of Fullerton and its residents, not just in the near term, but for generations to follow," wrote Newman.

Local resident Dianne Vena said that the letter of opposition written by the city council does not express the desire of the community, citing the fact that more than 60 percent of voters voted against development in 2012 (Measure W).

"What I don't like is always hearing about 'The Path Forward' without talking about how that includes 760 homes and a shopping center," said Vena, "I'm actually grateful that the letter didn't get put before the state senators, because I don't think it accurately expressed the community's views."

Councilmember Silva (*the only councilmember opposing the opposition letter*) said, "I'm glad we're keeping our options open to see if we can secure funds to purchase land from Chevron...\$15 million is a lot of money just to turn back."

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**"I'm glad we're keeping our options open to see if we can secure funds to purchase land from Chevron..."**

**\$15 million is a lot of money to just turn back."**

- Councilmember Silva



### Winter Olympics & Korean Unity

Representatives from the National Unification Advisory Council (which seeks to promote peaceful unification of North and South Korea), the Korean consulate in Los Angeles, and members of the Korean-American community in Fullerton received a proclamation from Fullerton City Council in recognition of the 2018 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in PyeongChang, South Korea.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sebourn read from the proclamation, commending the fact that, in the olympic spirit, South and North Korea will march under a united flag and compete together on their first

joint olympic team.

"The people of Fullerton strongly commend South Korea for hosting the 23rd Olympic Winter Games and the 12th Paralympic Winter Games," Sebourn read, "North Korea's participation is welcomed and will lay the foundation for peace and harmony between the two countries and eventually contribute to world peace."

Fullerton has a large Korean-American community and is a destination city for many visitors from Korea. Additionally, Fullerton has long been a "sister city" with Yongin, Korea.

#### •CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Sebourn (acting as mayor with Mayor Chaffee absent) gave a proclamation declaring February Career and Technical Education Month. Representatives from the North Orange County Regional Occupational Program (ROP), which serves over 15,000 students in 7 high schools in the district, received the proclamation. Students of ROP are given occupational training from 12 industry sectors. Sebourn, who is a product of ROP courses, said, "Technical education is something we need more of in our community colleges and high schools in really preparing students for the future."

#### •INCREASED SECURITY AT THE LIBRARY:

City Manager Ken Domer stated that the local homeless situation has created security issues at the Fullerton Public Library. Library patrons have complained about "unruly behavior" and public works crews have had to pick up trash and even human feces.

To address this problem, the library has hired a security guard, and the police department is doing daily morning patrols. Also, the city is installing a surveillance system in the coming months. Library Director Judy Booth said that an additional security guard would be helpful in addressing the problem.

#### •PUBLIC FORUM ON GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION?

Councilmember Jesus Silva asked if the city can put together a public forum about North Basin Contamination, regarding the "plume" of contamination in the shallow aquifer under parts of Fullerton, Anaheim, and Placentia. The site is currently in the process of being placed on the National Priorities List, an important step in becoming a "Superfund" site and in receiving funding for cleanup. Otherwise rate payers will be responsible.

(See page 19 for more on this issue.)

#### •APPLICATIONS FOR FIREWORKS SALES:

Starting March 1st, the city of Fullerton will begin accepting applications from local civic and youth organizations to sell "Safe and Sane" fireworks on the 4th of July. Applicants will be chosen on a lottery basis in April. For more info contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 738-6350.

#### •WOODCREST PARK:

Council voted unanimously to approve substantial improvements to Woodcrest Park, including trees, footpaths, play equipment, and other amenities.

A few residents of the neighborhood expressed their gratitude for the upcoming park improvements, and wanted to make sure that the renovations included adequate lighting, so as to prevent criminal activity in the park.

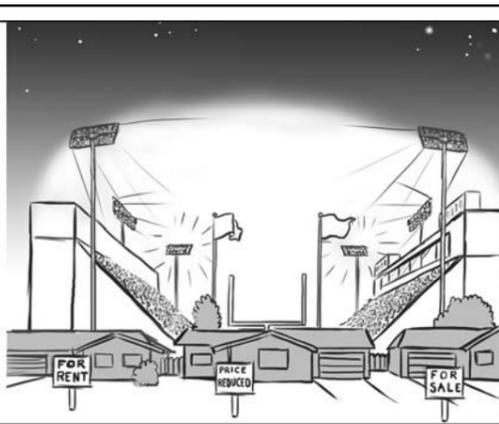
Parks and Rec Commissioner Jose Trinidad Castaneda spoke in support of the park improvements: "The people and the children of south Fullerton deserve an enjoyable and safe park for generations to come," said Castaneda.

Director of Parks and Recreation Hugo Curiel said that the plans do include lighting. He also said that they are hoping to break ground in May or June of this year.

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## Public Comments

•**Lower Block Party Fees:** Local resident Sophia Blake asked that council consider lowering permit fees for block parties, saying that "I think that block parties are awesome because they bring many people of different kinds together: people who dress differently, have different religions, eat differently, talk differently, and so much more."

•**Overnight Parking Ban Burden for Disabled:** Nathaniel Jones, a local disabled man, said that the overnight parking ban is creating a hardship for him, as he has nowhere close to his apartment to park his car at night.

•**Homeless Shelter Zoning:** Local resident Scott Hess spoke against an ordinance recently approved by the Planning Commission, which expands areas where homeless shelters may be built to commercial zones (as well as manufacturing and industrial zones). "Allowing housing in commercial zones is inconsistent with commercial zoning purpose," said Hess,

and added that "housing doesn't provide the same tax base as commercial businesses."

•**Shelters, Military, Section 8:** Curtis Gamble, a local homeless advocate spoke in favor of "SB-2 zones" to increase the areas where shelters may be built, and said that all apartment complexes in Fullerton should accept military and section 8 housing vouchers.

•**Mayfield Apartments in Honor of Big James:** A local resident named Donna suggested that the city name the new affordable housing complex being built on Santa Fe the "Mayfield Apartments" in honor of "Big James" Mayfield, who was part of a lawsuit that helped obtain money for the shelter. Mayfield passed away last year.

## In Memory

*The meeting was adjourned in memory of Fullerton employee Raymond J. Rodriguez, who recently passed away.*

## On the February 20th Council Agenda

•**Residential Beekeeping Ordinance Public Hearing:** A proposed ordinance to permit beekeeping and related uses in residential zones citywide. The ordinance as currently written does not have limits on number of hives allowed or enforceable requirements for setbacks from property line or size of property. Most cities that allow beekeeping do have limits. This ordinance leaves those issues and more to the beekeeper's discretion in following or not the guidelines and best practices.

•**Appeal of Planning Commission Denial of a Conditional Use Permit for JP23 BBQ at the corner of Harbor and Commonwealth:** The business wants to convert an existing second story into a new bar and dining area, construct a new second story outdoor patio, and waive standard conditions of approval for restaurants serving alcoholic beverages.

•**Early Morning Parking Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendation:** Recommendations for revising the Fullerton Municipal Code pertaining to Early Morning Parking.

•**Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Action Items Update:** An ongoing status report on the budget from City Manager Domer.

•**Various Employee Association Agreement Items:** Items related to pay and benefits for city employees.

•**Grant Funding for Open Space Acquisition in West Coyote Hills:** with a recommendation by the Parks & Rec Department to adopt resolution #2018-XX approving the application for state grant land and water conservation fund West Coyote Hills Acquisition 1.

•**No Fee Contract with FilmLA for Film Permit Services:** Contracts with FilmLA to manage groups wanting to film within Fullerton.

•**Request for Qualifications - Development Opportunities near Walnut/Truslow/Valencia Avenues:** This is an invitation to developers to come up with projects in this area which includes Union Pacific Park on Truslow. See front-page article.

•**Monthly Legislative Update:**

## Coming up March 6

•**Zoning Ordinance Amendment pertaining to Emergency Shelters and Multiservice Centers for the Homeless.**



*The brutal beating of Kelly Thomas was captured on a city camera.*

## Officers Fired Over Kelly Thomas Death Sue City to Get Their Jobs Back

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In 2015, unbeknownst to most Fullerton residents, in light of the verdict, Cicinelli appealed his firing and there was an "evidentiary hearing" before Hearing Officer Michael Prihar, who has decided in favor of several California police officers fired due to excessive force or other misconduct.

Hearing Officer Prihar decided in October 2016 that Cicinelli's "termination was unreasonable" and he recommended that Cicinelli "be reinstated to his former position with full back-pay and benefits."

According to Prihar, Cicinelli's conduct "was not unreasonable and therefore did not violate Department policy." This conduct included kneeling Thomas in the head twice, tasing him, and smashing his face several times with the taser.

In 2016, the city of Fullerton appealed the Prihar decision, and in February 2017 denied Cicinelli's appeal, rejecting Prihar's findings.

In June of 2017, Cicinelli sued the city to get his job back and receive retroactive pay. Cicinelli's next hearing is scheduled for May 31st, 2018.

Officer Joseph Wolfe is also suing the city to get his job back and for retroactive pay.

His case is distinct from Cicinelli's in

that Orange County DA Tony Rackaukas decided to drop the charges against him after Cicinelli and Manuel Ramos were acquitted.

Wolfe's case is also unique from Cicinelli's in that his lawsuit also includes former Fullerton Police Chief Dan Hughes and former Fullerton City Manager Joe Felz.

Like Cicinelli, Wolfe contends that he was unfairly terminated. Unlike Cicinelli, and perhaps hurting his case, is the fact that Wolfe did not cooperate with the independent review of the Kelly Thomas death, back in 2012. Wolfe's hearing is scheduled for June 8th, 2018.

Thus, it is possible that the taxpayers of Fullerton will have to pay money to re-hire two police officers directly involved with the death of an unarmed homeless man, Kelly Thomas.

Kelly Thomas was brutally beaten by six members of the Fullerton Police Department on July 5,

2011. He was in a coma for five days and died five days later.

Medical records show that bones in his face were broken and he choked on his own blood. The coroner concluded that compression of the thorax made it impossible for Thomas to breathe normally and deprived his brain of oxygen.



*Former FPD Corporal Jay Cicinelli*



*Former FPD officer Joseph Wolfe*

## LA Police Chief &amp; Commission Agree that Anaheim Off Duty Officer's Actions Including Pulling Gun Against Teen Unjustified

LAPD Chief Beck, the LAPD internal review, and the LA Police Commission found that off-duty officer Kevin Ferguson's actions - including firing of his concealed weapon - was out of policy.

Ferguson chased down a boy who reprimanded him for cursing at a 13-year-old girl for walking across the corner lawn of his Anaheim home last year. At one point, with the boy in a choke hold, Ferguson pulled and shot his gun. The whole struggle was caught on cell-phone videos taken by other kids walking home from school. Ferguson has been on paid leave ever since the February 2017 incident.

"Ferguson had ample time to deescalate the situation, go home and call Anaheim

police - but instead continued to escalate the encounter by chasing after a 13-year-old boy," said Beck. "There was no reason for Ferguson to draw his gun and shoot. The actions of the teens did not warrant such a move." Next, Chief Beck will decide what further actions will be taken.

OCDA Tony Rackaukas announced on January 24, 2018 that though Ferguson's behavior was unreasonable and endangered the safety of a large group of juveniles, no charges would be filed "because there is insufficient evidence that he had committed a crime."

A civil trial brought by the boy and his family against Ferguson, LAPD and Anaheim PD is set for Sept. 25, 2018.

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Artist rendering of plans that would transform Fullerton College's Sherbeck Field into a football stadium.

**NEW BLEACHERS & LIGHTS?**

You have read about plans for lights and permanent bleachers for Sherbeck Field in *The Observer* before and things seem to be

heating up. The College feels strongly that the project is needed and of course some believe it is not. Originally included in the

Facilities Master Plan EIR, this project now has its own separate CEQA process and you can find out more at: [www.fullcoll.edu/campusprojects](http://www.fullcoll.edu/campusprojects)

As of our deadline, we only know that another meeting in March is expected, no date or location set just yet. We will have more info in the next edition.



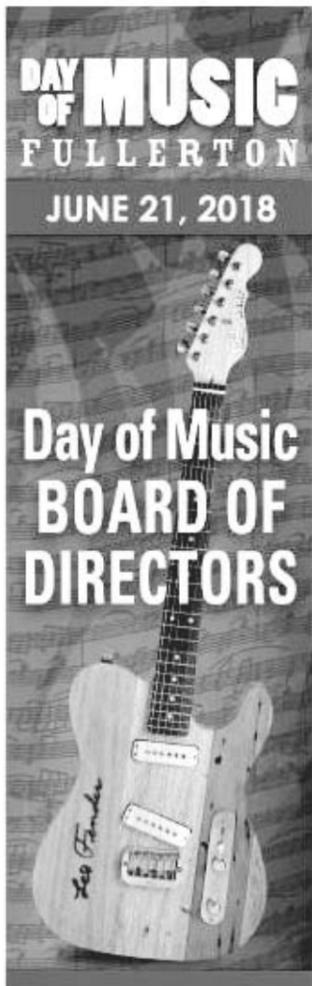
**Hiding in the Open**

Fullerton College is again home to the CCCAA State AND National Football champions, so where's the love? In its 101st season last year, they went 13-0 and won their first back-to-back state title before defeating College of San Mateo 16-12 for the National Title in the final two minutes of a nail-biter. If they win again in 2018, the Hornets will be only the second college to win three state titles in a row.

What else? They last lost a game on October 22, 2016 when Saddleback took it to them by a score of 30-27. They last lost a home game on November 21, 2015!!

This reminds me of the puzzled looks the first time Tom Elliott of Past Times Collectibles and I launched the idea of a downtown parade for the National Champion Titans baseball team. Most not only did not know they had won, they did not even know about the team at all-unreal. Well, now it's about time my Hornets got their due.

At Left: Statue of legendary FC football coach Hal Sherbeck



**DOM Banners Set Sail**

The Day of Music volunteers are already meeting and making plans. It's the 4th Day of Music, set for June 21, the first day of Summer as always. We have already had many sponsors return and lots of new performers are making plans so it will be our biggest and best ever.

If you or anyone you know wants to become a banner sponsor, please contact me and we will make it happen. We can come to you or email an order form- check out this year's design. Each banner is \$350 and they help fund this incredible FREE day of music. The new website info will be up soon, but for now go to our facebook page: Day of Music Fullerton.

**NO MORE WAITING: NEW IN TOWN**

Yes, it's true, the long awaited opening of Crepes Bonaparte is coming up on Thursday, March 1, and if you get there between 5pm-9pm you will be treated to a FREE Nutella Crepe. Christian Murcia developed his food truck concept while at USC in 2008 and with his wife Danielle they will open their first brick and mortar location at 115 S Harbor, Suite A, in downtown Fullerton.

Christian tells us "We are celebrating 10 years as a business in Southern California and are so excited to officially be a part of the Downtown Fullerton neighborhood, which is both my, and my wife Danielle's hometown."

For more info go to [www.crepesbonaparte.com](http://www.crepesbonaparte.com) and we'll see you there soon.

**Fullerton Photo Quiz**

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Along with loss of jobs the plant's closure may mean the end to one of the last orange groves in Orange County. - PHOTO JESSE LA TOUR

### Kimberly-Clark Plant to Close After 61 Years

Paper products manufacturer Kimberly-Clark has announced its plan to close down its Fullerton plant after 61 years in business. The plant, located on 66-acres on E. Orangethorpe, employs 330 people. The closing of this plant is part of larger "restructuring" within the Texas-based company, which involves eliminating 5,000 to 5,500 jobs, and shutting down around 10 plants over the next few years in spite of profits boosted by new reduced tax rates for corporations.

Kimberly-Clark announced that fourth-quarter 2017 net sales of \$4.6 billion increased 1 percent compared to the year-ago period, and full-year 2017 net sales of \$18.3 billion rose slightly. The fourth quarter effective tax rate was 19.2 percent in 2017 and 35.7 percent in 2016. The rate in 2017 included a net benefit as a result of U.S. tax reform and related activities.

Kimberly-Clark is a global corporation with sites in over 53 countries. The Fullerton site manufactures consumer products including Kleenex and Scott bath tissue and professional products Kimwipes and Kaydry wipers.

As reported in the August 2008 *Fullerton Observer*, the Fullerton plant was the site of a Greenpeace protest for clearcutting ancient forest trees for use in its disposable products. The protest, started in 2005, included over 350 events in over 200 cities and then expanded to facilities in England and Germany.

The boycott was called off in late 2009 when Kimberly-Clark made an agreement with Greenpeace and adopted a new policy including the goal of ensuring 100% of the fiber used in its products would be sourced from environmentally responsible places. The plant is also one of Fullerton's top water users and devised a recycling system to reduce the water used.

In 2002 the nearby Kimberly well was taken out of service due to high PCE contamination. The plant sits near the east edge of the North Basin 5-mile plume. Any on-site pollution will be Kimberly-Clark's responsibility to clean up.

Kimberly-Clark products include: Kleenex, Cottonelle, Scott, Viva, Thick & Thirsty, Huggies, Pull-Ups, GoodNites, Little Swimmers, Snugglers, Kotex, Depend, Poise, and more.



### Uniform Lost in Fullerton

Set of old style Army dress blues, Rank CSM (see photo above), lost in Fullerton (on way to the dry cleaners). Would greatly appreciate return. Please contact (714) 225-1319 if found.

## OUR TOWN CROSSWORD © 2018

"YEAR OF THE DOG" by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)

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**ACROSS**

- 1. Threw in
- 6. Robin Cook thriller
- 10. 41st or 43rd President
- 14. Sierra \_\_\_\_
- 15. Cake decorator
- 16. Sea eagle
- 17. "Otherwise..."
- 18. Dog breed of Disney's Pongo
- 20. "Hamilton" actress Phillipa
- 21. Greek god of war
- 23. Holds
- 24. Dog breed of Asta in "The Thin Man"
- 26. Half a dance
- 27. Neither Rep. nor Dem.
- 28. Popular type of donut
- 33. "There is \_\_\_\_ in the affairs of men..." quote from "Julius Caesar"
- 36. Garr of "Mr. Mom"
- 37. Brain section

- 38. Dog breed of Disney's Airbud
- 41. Curved molding
- 42. Corn units
- 43. Minotaur's home
- 44. Hooters
- 46. Luau souvenir
- 47. \_\_\_\_ constrictor
- 48. Dog breed of Freeway on "Hart to Hart"
- 52. "She sings in \_\_\_\_ at church"
- 56. Infinitesimal amount
- 57. Numero \_\_\_\_
- 58. Dog breed of TV's Scooby Doo
- 60. Language of Sri Lanka
- 62. Huck Finn's conveyance
- 63. Online curtsy?
- 64. Gut grief
- 65. Lincoln and Vigoda
- 66. Hightails it
- 67. Dye crimson again?

**DOWN**

- 1. Elite
- 2. "Robinson Crusoe" author
- 3. Philanthropist
- 4. Brian of Roxy Music
- 5. Person held in custody
- 6. Hot apple drink
- 7. Wood sorrels
- 8. Diner owner on "Alice"
- 9. \_\_\_\_ quarterback (at-home commentator)
- 10. Alpha \_\_\_\_ (former supermarket)
- 11. "Exodus" author Leon
- 12. Ginger cookie
- 13. Egg producers
- 19. Banned apple spray
- 22. Cabernet, e.g.
- 25. "Have you ever \_\_\_\_ a horse?"
- 26. Popular mints
- 28. Lagers and Stouts
- 29. Religious leader
- 30. 2003 film "\_\_\_\_ Actually"
- 31. Aid in crime
- 32. 1995 film "While You \_\_\_\_ Sleeping"
- 33. \_\_\_\_ of spit
- 34. Fraternity party attire
- 35. "The Sopranos" actor Robert
- 36. Start of a refrain
- 39. "Bizarre Love Triangle" group
- 40. Cold beverage
- 45. Passing mention?
- 46. Auction unit
- 48. Upscale hotel chain
- 49. Sense of \_\_\_\_
- 50. Longest online river?
- 51. Request at Starbucks, perhaps
- 52. Taj Mahal city
- 53. Crustacean
- 54. German word for yeast, and a brand of beer
- 55. Horse feed
- 56. Get \_\_\_\_ the ground floor
- 59. "Aladdin" monkey
- 61. High card

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES

by Jan Youngman

Fullerton School District Board meets at 6pm on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at district headquarters, 1401 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, 92833. For agenda go to: [www.fsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.fsd.k12.ca.us) or call 714-447-7400



### FEB 13 Board Meeting (Next meeting March 6, 2018)

#### DUAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY

The district has conducted a survey with all principals about available space for another dual language program that has parental access in Southwest Fullerton – Woodcrest, Richman and Pacific Drive.

The 18-member taskforce has decided to launch another program in English/Spanish. Area parents and teachers expressed that they were very happy to have a program in this area.

All area families were contacted by phone and e-mail about the new program. 105 families expressed interest and 85 parents attended the two parent meetings. Parents outside the district have also expressed interest in the program.

Parents have continued to be interested in the Raymond program which will be expanded. At this time, the district is considering two classes at Pacific Drive School. The district will continue to recruit students and will be hiring teachers and purchasing instructional material. All area private schools in the district will also be contacted. The district plans on

including everyone who is interested in the program.

Open enrollment/lottery in district students will also be released if interested in attending the program.

No transportation will be provided for the students.

The district is currently looking at implementation for a Junior High Dual Immersion program since parents are asking about it. All principals are interested. The district will be meeting with the high school district assistant superintendent regarding a high school dual immersion program.

The Board approved expansion of the FSD Dual Language Academy. 4-0 (Thompson absent)

•The Board also unanimously approved Donor recognition on District facilities at Acacia, Beechwood, Laguna Road & Fisler Schools for the 2018/19 school year, and new board policies.

•**SUNSET LANE PRESENTATION:** An enthusiastic group of students sang the Sunset Lane School song. Principal Gyurina announced the school was being recognized as a “Gold Ribbon School/Platinum Recognition School” and a California Digital Citizenship School in the top 20% of California schools. She described the school as having “personalized learning for all students/something for everyone,” where everyone is “an agent of change.” She described the school as providing “opportunities for students to pursue their passion” and develop leadership skills. She highlighted the incredible parent involvement and partnerships, introducing Mr. Mike Day as such a parent. She also presented a video of students and parents. School Motto: *Let Learning Grow.*

•**LADERA VISTA** was recognized as an Exemplary School of the Arts School Network and a “2018 School to Watch.” This designation recognizes high-performing model schools that demonstrate academic excellence, social equity, and responsiveness to the needs of young adolescents. It is one of 17 schools that have received this recognition by the California Dept. of Education and the U.S. Dept. of Education. They were the only junior high or high school to receive the Exemplary School of the Arts Network award this year.

•**CATCH ME AT MY BEST AWARDS;** Maryann May, District Office; Hermosa Drive, Melissa Wrobel and Diana Gutierrez; Woodcrest, Etna Figueroa; Commonwealth, Ann Scott.

#### FULLERTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Trustee Sugarman reported that the Foundation has given out \$120,000 in grants to FSD teachers & schools and supports the district’s Robot Nation Competition.

#### Early Childhood Education Program

The Early Development Index, funded by Prop 10/Commission on Families & Children involves all Kindergarten teachers in the district. Students will be evaluated in communication; language and cognitive development; fine & gross motor skills; social-emotional maturity; and common knowledge. This will be done in February and will provide the district with Early Development Data which will be presented to parents. It will provide the district with direction on how to assist students.

Students designated as needing support services such as speech therapy will be exempt from income level requirements.



## HIGH SCHOOL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

& commentary by Vivien Moreno

The Fullerton Joint Union High School District Board meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at district headquarters, 1051 W. Bastanchury Rd. 714-870-2800 • See the agenda at [www.fjuhsd.net](http://www.fjuhsd.net)

### FEB 6 Board Meeting (Next meeting Feb. 20, 2018)

#### Getting Cities including Fullerton to Pay Up for Use of School Facilities

Last year the FJUHSd informed surrounding local cities that use of the school district facilities would incur various state-mandated maintenance charges.

The cities of Fullerton, Buena Park and La Habra used school sites, but chose not to pay the charges.

The board approved the following MOU (Memorandums of Understanding) to reduce the fees one-time only. The cities have a month to pay these reduced invoices.

•Fullerton’s use of the FUHS field for the 4th of July celebration will be invoiced for a one time only payment of \$430 (instead of the regular charge of \$8,941).

•Buena Park will be invoiced \$198 (instead of the regular use charge of \$28,685) for using the BPHS theater and track for multiple days last April.

Finally, the 21 days that the City of La Habra utilized the LHHS pool is reduced to a one-time payment of \$2,466 (instead of the \$74,268 regular fee).

#### SOLAR LEASING PROJECT:

Director of Facilities and Construction Todd Bucher, introduced Christine Mares of Cumming Corp. who made a presentation on a solar leasing proposal for the district.

Eight protected car port projects could possibly create up to 70% of the energy used by the school district. The lease is proposed to last 20 or 25 years, then offer an option for the district to extend the lease, or purchase the equipment.

Trustees asked questions concerning battery storage, black-out protocol information, appearance on the school sites, and vandalism issues.

Student School Boardmember Maya Chen asked if it would impact parking capacity and would there be room to renovate or update the collectors or batteries if more efficient models become available, and what would be the reflective impact on surrounding neighborhoods if the solar cells are installed.

Bucher was unable to answer the questions but said they would be answered after board approval of the item.

If the trustees approve this project, the next move will be to have community input sessions. Contact Superintendent Dr. Scott Scambray at (714) 870-2801 or Mr. Todd Butcher at (714) 870-2818 to get additional information and share your questions.

#### Facilities bond project updates

Mr. Butcher also presented a Bond project update.

•**The FJUHSd Stadium**, located on the FUHS school site is usable, but not yet completed since the new ticket booth, fencing, and snack booth are still under construction. Completion is expected to occur in July 2018 simultaneously with the Little Theater renovation.

•**BPHS** is now renovating the Theater and projected to begin stadium and agri-

cultural classroom construction in late spring.

•**SOHS’s** new gymnasium has broken ground.

•**The LHHS Theater** project has begun demolitions and site preparation.

•**SHHS and TRHS** have completed aquatics facilities and SHHS also has a completed gymnasium renovation.

•**The Plummer Auditorium** received matching prop 51 funds from the state so the proposed seismic retrofit can begin.

#### Honoring School Counselors

The trustees officially recognizing the contributions of the FJUHSd’s school counselors for all the student support they provide in areas of education and often times emotional well-being - does not change the fact that from around 2010 to the present, the district has reduced the number of counseling staff so that the ratio is now around 500 students to one counselor (the national average is 480:1, state average is 822:1, and the American School Counselor Association recommends 250:1).

This reduction was part of the draconian education cuts from the Great Recession. Student School Boardmember Maya Chen made a gracious statement about how underappreciated the counselors are for all the good work they do for all the students they serve reflecting their dedication to students.

School counselors are integral to student success. The counselors are in attendance and interacting with students and their families at every school site and at every school event. They support school clubs and do their best to accommodate students’ education needs as much as humanly possible.

A single counselor from every high school attended to pick up a copy of the resolution and shake hands with the Board President Marilyn Buchi.

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**Kids Rule!** by Francine Vudoti © 2018



*The Ladera Vista Junior High culinary team exhibited pancake creations with their Pancake Bot (They made Francine a Hello Kitty pancake)*

**STEM or STEAM?**

Science helps us understand how life works. It helps us answer questions like 'How does the sun give out Vitamin D?' Technology makes life so much easier even for the "greatest generation" (a.k.a. our grannies).

Engineering marvels are seen around us, such as the buildings and bridges in our city. Math helps us compute how much money we need to earn to pay the rent of our desk in school (yes, we pay for the rent of our desks using digital money which we earn by doing jobs in class like accounting, material management, etc.). These are only a few of the many ways science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) make life so much easier and enjoyable for us.

Ten years from now, I want to become one of those innovators/inventors and create amazing things such as a 'smart door' which checks for any virus or bad bacteria you are bringing into the house so that it can run a program that can disinfect you before you enter. Whenever I read about the many innovators and inventors, I tell myself, "Wow..I want to be one of these people who help build the future!"

On a less geeky note, I think STEM is pretty amazing. I have already watched some of the Neil deGrasse Shows (like *Cosmos* and the *Universe*) and it's cool to know about the universe. It makes me wonder if we will ever find folks like us out there. I have also read about Elon Musk's (the Space X guy who manufac-

tures the Tesla cars) upcoming projects, like the flight to Mars in 2024. It's something to watch out for. Meantime, Space X recently sent it's Roadstar Tesla car into orbit which is fun to watch since a car has not been sent into orbit before.

Earlier this month, I attended the Innovation Experience at Ladera Vista Junior High. Among the projects I checked out, I loved the 'PancakeBot' exhibited by Ladera Vista's culinary team. PancakeBot is the world's first food printer capable of printing pancakes by automatically dispensing batter onto the griddle ([www.pancakebot.com](http://www.pancakebot.com)). Pancake designs are loaded into the pancakebot by using an SD card. It's amazing how robots can customize your daily breakfast. However, I don't think it's going to be in every household's kitchen just yet. That's because it costs about \$300 while the regular iron griddle costs only about \$30. Another downside is the PancakeBot takes longer to cook pancakes than the regular griddle because the batter is slowly released into the griddle based on the programmed design.

I also had fun at the Vex Robot booth exhibited by the teachers and students of Nicholas Junior High. I'm on a mission to build a fierce and mighty robot that can topple the enemy in the next Robot Nation competition.

I definitely like STEM. Personally though, I like it when A is added to it (STEAM) to include the Arts because while I like STEM, I also love the Arts and I think it is the missing link that would make STEM less stressful for those who work in this field.

I think bringing the Arts and STEM together will provide a happy balance.

The PancakeBot at the Innovation Experience is a perfect example of Art blending happily with STEM to turn it into STEAM.

*The Vex Robot booth exhibited by the teachers and students of Nicholas Junior High.*



**HeartWalk Friday, March 2nd Leads to Annual All the Arts Auction Gala Supporting Art in Schools**

by Caitlin Orr & Julie Dickey

Wondering why it's more colorful downtown? All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation has installed two gorgeous large hearts, created by Kim Angers and Judyann Parker, the mosaic animal totem (a collaborative work by Sue Ferrante, Julie Dickey, Myra Allen, and Carol Towler) and the armchair, created by Katherine England, on Harbor Blvd between Wilshire and Amerige!

In time for Art Walk, Friday, March 2nd, all of the 18" hearts will be delivered to the businesses that have so generously sponsored them. There they will be on display until the Auction in April.

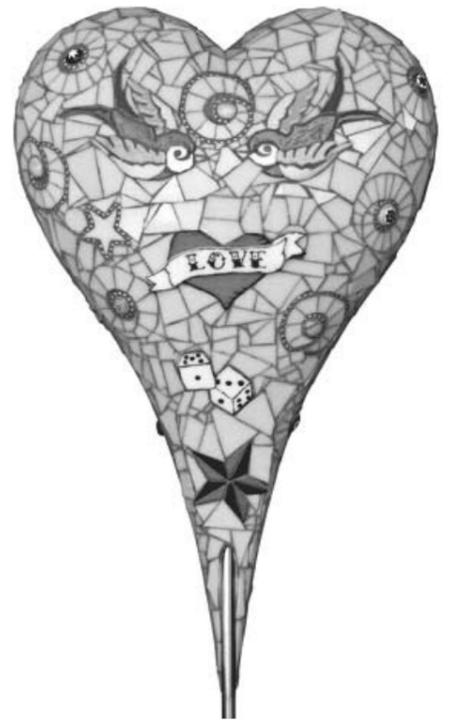
Start "Heart Walk" by picking up your "Heart" map from the Fullerton Museum Center or any of the sponsoring businesses listed below. Use the map provided to visit each of these incredible pieces of art. This is a great opportunity to walk around downtown Fullerton with family and friends. When you have seen all the amazing small hearts and filled your map with stamps from each location, be sure to return it to the Fullerton Museum Center where it will be entered in a drawing for two free tickets to the Auction Gala on the night of April 21st at Hangar 21 at the Fullerton Airport.

All the Arts Foundation would like to express its profound gratitude to all those who have contributed their time and creativity to help this event be the best one ever.

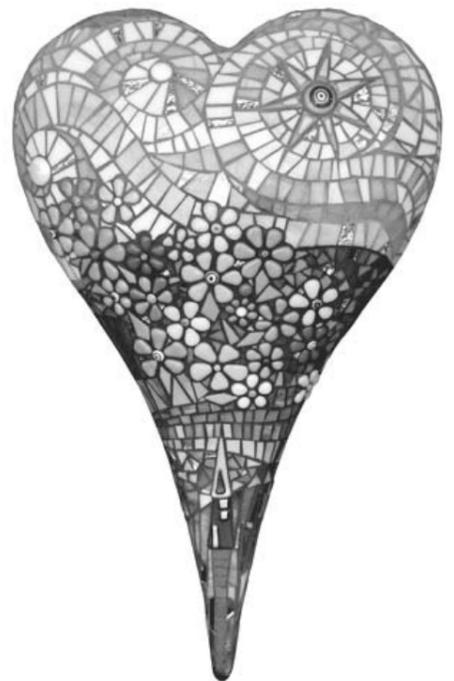
Small heart artists: Jim Towler, Carol Towler, Angie Stoll, Aya Kinoshita, John Rose and Corliss Rose, Connie Leff, Akiko Saito, Myra Bryon, Nancy Francis, and Katherine England.

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It's not too late to get involved in this year's Gala Event. All the Arts still has sponsorships available at all levels. Every \$25 the Foundation raises provides art lessons for one child in the Fullerton School District for an entire year. Sound interesting? You can host a table, advertise in the catalog, volunteer the night of the event, donate items for the silent and live auctions - vacations, airline tickets, golf packages, gift certificates and more! All sponsorships are tax deductible.



*Above: Heart by Connie Leff  
Below: Heart by Carol Towler*



Information on how to purchase tickets for this event and tickets for the opportunity drawing to win one of the 18" hearts will be posted online soon at [allthearts.org](http://allthearts.org). You can also follow the Foundation on Instagram @alltheartsfound or on Facebook -All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation. Between now and the auction, artists will be interviewed, pictures of hearts will be posted and, as always, they will be sharing the accomplishments of the kids!



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## JUDGE ORDERS COUNTY TO OFFER SHELTER TO THOSE EVICTED FROM RIVERBED

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On February 6th, during their closed session, Fullerton City Council, along with other cities, decided to file an "amicus brief" lending their support to the County, and against the Weitzman/OC Catholic Worker lawsuit seeking to stop the evictions.

That same evening, Federal Judge David Carter ordered the County to stop the evictions along the riverbed, pending a formal hearing.

"The Court is concerned that persons who leave or are evicted from the Riverbed may subsequently be cited by Defendant Cities under those Cities' anti-camping or anti-loitering laws, even though those persons may not be able to find a shelter or other place to sleep," Carter wrote.

On February 8th, the Legal Aid Society of Orange County filed a second lawsuit against the County, on behalf of seven homeless individuals with disabilities living along the riverbed.

On February 13th, after a lengthy hearing, Judge Carter said that the County may proceed with the evictions beginning February 20th, but must provide anyone who wants shelter with a motel voucher for at least 30 days. Additionally, the County must provide transportation and assistance to those with disabilities.

During the hearing, Judge Carter scolded county officials for having a reserve of around \$700 million in unspent federal tax money that could be dedicated to alleviating homelessness. Carter played a video of Supervisor Todd Spitzer saying that "The county has hundreds of millions of dollars to spend on assisting the homeless and it has not spent those monies. That's shameful."

"We're done with chipmunking this money...an accumulation of \$700 million," Carter said, "I'm wondering why this money couldn't have been spent earlier to alleviate this problem."

(See chart at right showing breakdown of the \$700 million for the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year, all of which is used to support the listed programs each year.)

On February 14th attorneys representing the county and the seven individuals and the Catholic Worker discussed issues and a stipulation was mutually agreed upon, accepted by Judge Carter, but still required approval by the OC Board of

Supervisors which did so at a special board meeting held Thursday, February 15.

### The Agreement is as follows:

1. The County will provide a motel room for a minimum of 30 days for approximately 400 homeless persons presently encamped on the Santa Ana Riverbed between Ball Road/Taft Avenue and Memory Lane, provided they agree to abide by the Agreement for Services Motel Support.

2. During this 30 days, the County will complete a clinical assessment with each individual of the person's needs and appropriate resources, including shelter, housing, and other support services;

3. Persons accepting placement in a motel will continue to receive services from County staff who will make service visits to the motel locations and ensure that transportation is available to any medical, social service, or housing appointments during their stay at the motel;

4. For persons accepting placement in a motel, the County will make provisions for access to County and community based food resources.

5. For persons moving from the SA Riverbed into motels or other shelter, transportation will be provided. Persons will be permitted to bring as much property that will fit into the trunk of the transporting vehicle. If people have more property than they can take with them, voluntary free storage of property will be provided for 90 days, provided they agree to sign and abide by the terms of the Short Term Storage Agreement. No building materials or unreasonably bulky items, nothing flammable, toxic, wet, soiled, illegal, or anything that could reasonably be expected to present a threat to health, safety, or property will be stored.

6. For persons with pets who are accepting motels or other shelter options, pets will be permitted where allowed.

7. The County has posted the Notice on February 14, 2018. This Notice was posted in regular intervals between Ball Road/Taft Avenue and Memory Lane in the Santa Ana Riverbed.

8. At the conclusion of the 30 day period, appropriate resources, as deemed by the clinical assessment will be provided.



Yuba County, California created "tiny homes" for some of its homeless population in 2016. The houses are a collaboration with the city and Habitat for Humanity. This could be a model for what Orange County can do.

**"\$700 million... I'm wondering why this money couldn't have been spent earlier to alleviate this problem."**

*--Federal Judge David Carter*

## About that \$700 Million

The disturbing \$700 million figure mentioned by Judge as being available for homeless services that could solve the problem of inadequate shelter space - came from a 2016 report by County Director of Care Coordination Susan Price and is available online at [http://bos.ocgov.com/ceo/care/HOMELESS%20ASSESSMENT%20DCC%20REPORT\\_10.18.2016.pdf](http://bos.ocgov.com/ceo/care/HOMELESS%20ASSESSMENT%20DCC%20REPORT_10.18.2016.pdf),

The report includes state and federal resources for fiscal year 2016-2017 to serve the residents of the 34 cities in Orange County. The various resources included have specific eligibility criteria so though some homeless will be included the reach is much broader than just homeless people. For instance participants in Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs and General Relief programs (over \$400 million) may or may not be homeless; of the emergency shelter resources 71% are for

families, single mothers, or pregnant women; some resources are just for mental health care, etc. All of the funds are being spent on the programs listed and while not dedicated to homeless only may have prevented some in those categories from becoming homeless.

In addition, the county committed nearly \$25 million from its general fund to acquire and build the Courtyard Transitional Center in Santa Ana and the Bridges Shelter at Kremer Place in Anaheim and continued operation of the two seasonal armory shelters in Fullerton and Santa Ana.

### Dedicated v. Available

In the chart below the "Dedicated" figure shows the amount being used just for services dedicated to the homeless.

The "Available" figure shows what is in the fund altogether to serve all 3.1 million residents in the 34 cities.

DEPARTMENT & Program/Grant Title	DEDICATED Resources (\$)	AVAILABLE Resources (\$)
<b>OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES</b>		
•Continuum of Care	22,025,895	0
•Vet Affairs Supportive Services	7,400,000	0
•Tenant Based Rental Assistance	500,000	970,970
•Housing Choice Voucher & Other	2,461,600	146,374,480
•Affordable Housing Development	0	8,000,000
<b>HEALTH CARE AGENCY</b>		
•Public Health Services	2,692,859	46,040,483
•Outreach	5,522,342	290,650
•Mental Health Treatment	21,423,095	40,199,693
•Mental Health Residential Care & Housing	4,064,147	5,386,222
•Mental Health Full Service Partnership	5,813,868	21,965,931
•Substance Abuse Treatment	6,325,173	1,675,931
•Medical Safety Net	0	2,300,000
<b>SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY</b>		
•Mobile Unit Response Vehicle & Outreach	119,298	0
•Medi-Cal Application Intake	323,074	152,265,160
•CalFresh	123,763	30,688,415
•CalWORKS (includes assistance payments)	3,437	226,816,625
•Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants	0	42,215
•Refugee Cash Assistance	0	456,382
•General Relief (includes assistance payments)	83,625	8,623,961
<b>SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT</b>		
•Homeless Liaison Officers	890,000	0
<b>OC PUBLIC WORKS</b>		
•Land Management Encampments	1,500,000	0
•Santa Ana Transit Restroom Maintenance	57,600	0
•Portable Restrooms at Civic Center	59,412	0
•Additional Maintenance Costs	51,000	0
<b>FUNDING FOR THE DEDICATED SHELTERS</b>		
•One-Time Cost - Acquisition & Improvement	8,136,509	0
•One-Time Cost - Mental Health Clinic Space	1,200,000	0
•Annual Operating Costs	3,607,527	0
<b>TOTAL COUNTY RESOURCES</b>	<b>\$94,384,224</b>	<b>\$692,097,118</b>

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### Sailor of the Year Shamia Briscoe

Legalman 1st Class Shamia L. Briscoe was named the 2017 Naval Legal Service Command Sailor of the Year.

The Navy's JAG, Vice Adm. James W. Crawford III was joined at the event by Rear Adm. Carol M. Lynch, deputy JAG and deputy commander in recognizing six finalists for the prestigious awards, highlighting their professional and personal accomplishments.

Briscoe is currently the leading petty officer and staff judge advocate paralegal. Her leadership of nine sailors resulted in one being selected as Blue Jacket of the Quarter, two receiving associate's degrees, three pursuing bachelor's degrees, and three receiving Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medals. She processed over 290 cases and supported 75 tenant commands with 754 command service calls. She organized the first administrative separation bootcamp, training 21 legal representatives from 14 commands. While assigned to trial department, she managed 31 cases, prepared 25 discovery requests, and drafted 17 charge sheets.

There were 26 nominees for Legalman of the Year and 13 nominated for NLSC



Sailor of the Year. "Being nominated as NLSC Sailor of the Year is humbling," said Briscoe.

"LN1 Briscoe immediately stood out amongst her peers when I took command in 2016," said Capt. Meg Larrea, commanding officer of RLSO SW. "She has my absolute trust in everything she does."

### Dr. Mary Sieu Finalist for 2018 National Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Mary Sieu, a Fullerton resident for over 20 years, is also the Superintendent of the ABC Unified School District in Cerritos. She is the first female and first Asian selected as one of only four finalists nationwide for 2018 National Superintendent of the Year.

Dr. Sieu's vision of, "Demographics do not determine destiny," has become a reality for many students in ABCUSD and is now earning national attention.

Dr. Sieu personally understands the demographic challenges that are faced when climbing the mountains of life. As the daughter of an immigrant family from mainland China, Dr. Sieu did not speak English when she arrived in the US, and lived in the back of the laundry service where her family worked. However, this young girl with a tenacious spirit would dedicate her life to making a difference in the lives of others and helping them to understand that anything is possible.



### \$67,000 Raised in Pathways of Hope Fundraiser

Pathways of Hope raised \$67,000 in its recent Look Who's Dancing fundraiser held at the Fullerton College Campus Theatre February 8th.

Eight dancers participated in the event and were judged by a panel including Betsy Azariah, Jack Bedell, and William Lett. The dancing championship went to Dena David, owner of Vino Nostra who danced a Waltz and a Cha-Cha. She also raised over \$19,000.

Other dancers included Minard Duncan dancing a Jitterbug; David Gillanders, Pathways executive director,

performed a Tango; Tracy Hanson, a volunteer performed a Lindy Hop; Linda Holman, president of the Women's Club of Fullerton performed Disco; Jason Phillips, a pastor danced a West Coast Swing and played guitar to wild cheers; Dr. Greg Schulz, president of Fullerton College danced a Hustle; and Fritz von Coellin, a long time supporter won the People's Choice award for choreographing his own routine.

Learn more about Pathways work to rebuild lives of the hungry and homeless by calling (714)680-3691.



### CSUF Students Win Awards at National Media Arts Festival

Cal State Fullerton students in the College of Communications collected two awards in the student film and video, and the news divisions in the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts competition.

Abbey Fernandez, (pictured above left) a senior studying communications, won second place in the television feature category for her video "Horror Bootcamp," which aired on Univision and the CSUF student-produced Spanish-language newscast "Al Día."

Cassidy Jo Fortin (pictured above right) and Nathan Jeffers won an award of excellence for their entry, "Welcome Video

2017," in the promotional video category. Fortin is a senior studying cinema and television arts and journalism, pursuing a minor in sociology. Jeffers is a graduate student studying communications.

The festival received more than 1,540 entries for its 15 competitions. The national competition's winners will be honored at BEA's annual convention in April in Las Vegas.

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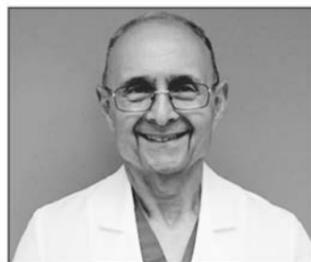
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## VIDEO OBSERVER

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### Santiago Oaks Regional Park Recovering From Fire

Although Fullerton's regional parks were left untouched by the Canyon Fire 2 back in October 2017, Santiago Oaks, located in East Orange, was one of the regional parks damaged in the fire. The Canyon Fire 2 burned more than 7,000 acres of Orange County parkland. Though the burned park landscapes may appear lifeless, natural recovery is already underway.

According to the park's website, the land that is now Santiago Oaks Regional Park was once part of a Spanish land grant, Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana. The County purchased ninety-five acres of the land in 1976. Limited public use of the area began the following year. In 1981, a ranch house built by the Windes family, who were former residents of the area, was opened as the park's Nature Center and in 1988, the Smith home, a private residence within the park's borders, was purchased for use as the park office. The County later bought additional land to expand the park to more than 900 acres.

Entering Santiago Oaks, I noticed that the park's official sign had been burned. The normally green piece of wood was blackened. I drove up to a booth past the sign, where I was greeted by a friendly ranger. After paying the three dollar entrance fee, I was handed a pamphlet with a map of the park. Quite a few of the trails were closed to the public and clearly marked in order to keep people out of the burned areas. The flyer said that going off-trail increases erosion, compacts soils, damages recovering plants, contributes to non-native plant invasion, and further traumatizes displaced animals.

After finding a place to park, I walked over to the park offices, where there was a small grassy area with a gazebo for weddings. Behind the offices was an orange grove with a sign in front of it that read, "Sunkist Grower." It turns out that the land surrounding Santiago Oaks Regional Park is known as a banana belt. Since temperatures rarely drop to 32 degrees, it's the perfect place to grow frost-sensitive citrus. Even though fire and flood altered the park's agricultural activity during the 1960s, five acres of the Windes' original citrus grove still remain standing.

As I was hiking down Windes Trail, the path crossed Santiago Creek. In order to

get to the other side of the trail, visitors had to walk across some large, natural stepping stones placed across the creek.

Historically, Santiago Creek has provided both water for agriculture and sand and gravel for construction. Back in 1879, local landowners wanted to improve agricultural productivity by damming the creek. At a location within the present-day park, a clay dam was submerged to the bedrock floor to force more groundwater to the surface where it was diverted for irrigation and domestic uses. When that submerged dam was destroyed by flooding a few years later, it was replaced in 1892 with one made of river rock and concrete.

**The park is a nature lover's paradise and remains open to hikers, bikers, families and outdoor enthusiasts.**

The Windes Trail connected to the Towhee and Wilderness Trails, where the path made its way up a mountain vista. There was obvious fire damage to both sides of the hiking trail. Blackened trees and brush stood in front of healthy fields of grass with colorful trees. Since periodic fires are a natural part of Southern California's ecology, many native plants have adaptations for natural recovery. According to a pamphlet, periodic fires can allow native seeds and new plant growth to receive sun, water and nutrients. Historically, it is estimated that these communities burned every 30 to 120 years. The heat of fire activates germination for many seeds. The first plants to appear after a post-fire rainy season are often colorful wildflowers, including poppies and lupines.

I made it to the top of the hill where I was able to capture a gorgeous panoramic view of the regional park. In the distance, I could see the Villa Park Dam towering over the shady grove of trees at its base. Visitors can also look out at the surrounding foothills and peer down at the closed part of the park where the Nature Center and historic Heritage Oak tree were located.

When the nature center reopens, visitors will be able to see exhibits on the natural and human history of the area, as well as wildlife displays. The Heritage Oak tree, which is estimated to be more than 250 years old, burned down during the Windy Ridge Fire in 2007. Thought to be dead, new growth emerged from the remaining stump, but it appears that the October blaze finally killed it off.



Above: Steps allow hikers and bikers to walk across Santiago Creek

Below: Reaching a depth of 19 feet, this submerged dam was designed to cut off the flow of Santiago Creek underground and force it to the surface.



Oaks anchor the landscape of Santiago Oaks Regional Park. These trees provide food and microhabitats for animals, especially small animals like squirrels and birds who travel along the branches rather than the ground to avoid predators.

Recently, 200 Coastal Live Oak trees were planted to enhance the native plant habitat which will benefit the native animals.

The Sage Ridge Trail and Hawk Trail ran along the top of the mountain, where I encountered several bicyclists who were struggling to climb the slope. The trails continued on into the foothills, but it was getting around noon, so I turned around, retraced my steps and walked back the same way I came. There was a small canyon on the way back with a colorful rock formation that looked like it belonged in the Painted Desert in

Arizona. As the trails came to flatter ground, I also ran into several horseback riders.

Santiago Oaks Regional Park is a nature lover's paradise that still remains open to hikers, bikers, families and outdoor enthusiasts despite its many burned areas.

Land managers are working to reopen all of the park's trails for public access as soon as it is safe and feasible for visitors and habitat. The regional park is open daily from 7:00 am until sunset. To find the park, turn off East Katella Avenue onto Windes Drive, which should take you directly to the entrance.

To see a video of my hike through Santiago Oaks Regional Park, visit the *Fullerton Observer's* website, click on the "Videos" tab and click on the words "Emerson Little YouTube Channel," which will take you directly to my page.

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## HITS & MISSES

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### DARKEST HOUR: *Two Hits*

Seldom has a title been more fitting—the days between May 8 and June 4, 1940 were darkest for most of Western Europe and inevitably for Great Britain. Hitler had invaded Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, and was now invading Holland, Belgium, and France. British troops were retreating to the north of France, hoping to be transported from Dunkirk back to England.

In the first scenes of “Darkest Hour,” leaders in Parliament are debating who will be the new Prime Minister now that they have lost faith in the appeaser, Neville Chamberlain. Reluctantly, the Conservatives choose Winston Churchill (Gary Oldman) only because they know the opposition party will support him. When King George VI (Ben Mendelsohn) hears that Churchill is their choice, he reflects back on the Gallipoli disaster of World War I and comments, “His record is a litany of catastrophe.”

Even Churchill, who has wanted to be Prime Minister his entire life, wonders if at 66 he is up to the task. His only champion is his wife, Clementine (Kristen Scott Thomas), who sees his need for power and reassures him that he has the intellect, tenacity and political acumen to take over the reins of government even as “the ship seems to be sinking.” She also cautions him to use his power wisely and reign in his “unbridled emotions.”

Very much the way that President Lincoln placed rivals in his Cabinet, Churchill appoints two of his most vocal critics—Chamberlain (Ronald Pickup) and Viscount Halifax (Stephen Dillane)—to his Cabinet. With much of the British army in defeat at Dunkirk, these two leaders are eager to negotiate a treaty with Hitler before the Germans invade the unprotected British shores. Even after Churchill is turned down by President Roosevelt in his request for tanks and planes, Congress having just passed a non-interference bill, Churchill insists, “You cannot reason with a tiger when your head is in its mouth.”

Instead, he orders the Naval Commander to call on all civilian ship owners with vessels 30 feet or longer to cross the English Channel and rescue the troops at Dunkirk. (This evacuation is detailed in another Academy Award nominee, “Dunkirk”). Churchill’s ringing rhetoric reaches the English public with his “we will fight them on the beaches” speech and he garners the people’s support, as well as the support of King George VI.

The scenes between the King and Churchill are particularly effective as we see cooperation and mutual respect grow between them. George VI seeks Churchill’s counsel as he ponders a plan to evacuate the royal family to Canada before the inevitable bombing of England begins. Churchill cannot ask him to stay but his strength of leadership wins the King’s confidence and the Royals remain in England.

Screenwriter Anthony McCarten (“The Theory of Everything”) is particularly effective at personalizing Churchill, whose outsized personality must be reduced to small moments. We see the playful side of him when he banters with Clementine; his love of pleasure and comfort reflected in his ever-present cigar and glass of whiskey; and his gruff, demanding, but inevitably kindly treatment of his secretary, Elizabeth (Lily James).

Looking not a bit like Winston Churchill, whose facial features are now iconic, Gary Oldman endured hours of prosthetics and make-up applications along with voice training and movement coaching. Five minutes into the movie, we are comfortable that we are watching an accurate portrayal of the real historical figure. Of course, credit has to go to director Joe Wright, who had the courage to make a movie about a pivotal moment in history whose ending we know but whose conclusion might easily have been disastrous.

“Darkest Hour” received several Oscar nominations: Best Picture; Gary Oldman (already recipient of a Golden Globe) for Best Actor; Bruno Delbonnel for cinematography; Jacqueline Durran for costume design; and a crew for make-up and hair styling.

**Two Hits: Don’t Miss It!**

**A Hit & A Miss: You Might Like It.**

**Two Misses: Don’t Bother**

#### TUES, FEB 20

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council Meeting** at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth. New Bee Keeping Ordinance and other items on the agenda. See full agenda at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com)

#### WED, FEB 21

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park, next to the DMV on Valencia between Euclid and Highland in Fullerton. Fresh produce including fruit, vegetables, eggs, flowers, plants, baked goods, nuts, and more from the farmer.

•**3:30pm-4:30pm: Read with the Dogs Golden Hour** at Fullerton Public Library Children’s Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. School aged kids read their favorite books to two golden retrievers from the Pet Prescription Team. Free.

•**6pm: Alzheimer’s Effective Communication Strategies** at Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. Communication includes receiving messages through attitude, voice, facial expressions and body language. Free but register by phone 800-272-3900 or [jwills@alz.org](mailto:jwills@alz.org).

•**7:30pm: Seismologist Dr. Lucy Jones on Earthquake Safety** at Rio Hondo College Wray Theater, 3600 Workman Mill, Whittier. Free

#### THURS, FEB 22

•**11am-1pm: Lunch with League Judge Maria Hernandez** speaks about the fight against the trafficking of children and women in Orange County & modern day slavery. Coyote Hills Golf Course, 1440 E. Bastanchury Rd., Fullerton. Call 714-254-7440 to RSVP. \$20 includes lunch.

•**6:30pm: Dr. Nancy Yuen on Reel Inequality: Hollywood Actors & Racism** in a free lecture at Central Library, 7344 Washington Ave., Whittier

•**8pm: Joanna Mendelson on The Normalization of Hatred & Bigotry** a free lecture (the 2018 Feinberg Lecture) at Whittier College Villalobos Hall, Whittier

#### FRI, SAT, SUN, FEB 23-25

•**8am-1pm: 58th Annual Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts** at Hillcrest Congregational Church, 2000 West Rd, La Habra Heights. [www.hillcrestfestivaloffinearts.com](http://www.hillcrestfestivaloffinearts.com)

#### SAT, FEB 24

•**8pm-11pm: Hibbleton Film Series presents “The Color Purple”**. A free screening of the iconic film based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Alice Walker. A discussion will follow the screening. 223 W. Santa Fe Ave. Fullerton.

#### SUN, FEB 25

•**3:30pm: Ying String Quartet** in a free concert presented by Fullerton Friends of Music at Temple Beth Tikvah, 1600 N. Acacia, Fullerton. [www.fullerton-friendsofmusic.com](http://www.fullerton-friendsofmusic.com)

#### MON, FEB 26

•**12:30pm-2:30pm: Free Screening “Selma”** at Fullerton College UMOJA Center, Room 513, 321 E. Chapman Ave, Fullerton. A chronicle of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. See the film and stay for the discussion. Call (714) 992-7155. Free

•**7:30pm: Violinists Keven Miura & Danielle Belen** presented in concert by North OC Community Concerts at Fullerton First United Methodist, 114 N. Pomona Ave. \$20/Adults; \$10/students. Tickets at the door. Call 714-535-8925

#### TUES, FEB 27

•**10am-11:30am: The Importance of Black History for Everyone: A Personal Perspective** presented by Jerry Hunter, chancellor emeritus of North OC Community College District in the Mackey Auditorium of Ruby Gerontology Center, CSUF, 800 N, State College Blvd., Fullerton. Free but parking is \$2 and hour or \$8 per day. More information by calling OLLI at (657)278-2446.

•**4pm-7pm: Beat Cafe Open Mic** at Fullerton College Student Center, Room 214, 321 E. Chapman Ave, Fullerton. Calling all poets, singers and musicians to perform. Free coffee & tea. Call (714) 992-7086 with questions.

•**4:30pm-6pm: Free Resume Workshop** at Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. Put your resume to the test and see what experts think. Free

#### WED, FEB 28

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park, See Feb 21 listing.

•**12noon-3pm: Free Screening “I am not Your Negro”** at Fullerton College Center, Room 228, 321 E. Chapman Ave. “I Am Not Your Negro” envisions the book James Baldwin never finished, a radical narration about race in America, using the writer’s original words, as read by actor Samuel L. Jackson. Contact Arnetta Smith at [ASmith@fullcoll.edu](mailto:ASmith@fullcoll.edu) with questions. Free

•**3:30pm-4:30pm: Read with the Dogs** at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. Kids read to two golden retrievers from the Pet Prescription Team. Free

#### THURS, MARCH 1

•**2pm-4pm: Friends of Library Book Sale** for those needing special accommodations. Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth.

#### FRI, MARCH 2

•**Noon-4pm: Friends of Library Book Sale** for general public. Fullerton Public Library Children’s Library, 353 W. Commonwealth.

•**6pm-10pm: First Friday Downtown ArtWalk** with numerous venues showing art all within walking distance. Free

•**6pm-10pm: Student Filmfest at Fox Fullerton** on corner of Harbor and Chapman in downtown Fullerton. Showcase of films created by Fullerton College students - including hand-edited 16mm reels, projected the way they were meant to be seen.

#### SAT, MARCH 3

•**7am-10m: Troop 97 Annual Pancake Breakfast** for general public at Morningside Presbyterian, on corner of Raymond and Dorothy Lane. Scouts cook all you can eat pancakes, sausage, & eggs. Tickets: \$6 at the door helps raise money for the troop’s activities. Questions? Visit [www.troop97ocbsa.org](http://www.troop97ocbsa.org).

•**10am-4pm: Friends of Library Book Sale** for general public. Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth.

#### SUN, MARCH 4

•**1pm-4pm: Friends of Library Half Off Book Sale** for general public. Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. From 3:15-4pm books go for \$2 a bag.

#### TUES, MARCH 6

•**1pm-2:30pm: Going Green in 2018** series of classes to learn about power foods and what research says about the benefits. Fullerton Community Center, 340 W. Commonwealth. Call 714-738-6575

#### WED, MARCH 7

•**8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market** at Independence Park, See Feb 21 listing.

•**6pm: Free Screening Blade Runner** for adults. Officer K (Ryan Gosling), a new blade runner for the LA Police Dept. unearths a long-buried secret that has the potential to plunge what’s left of society in chaos. Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth.

•**7pm-9pm: Dr. Paulyne Liang on Use of Technology to Improve Communication with Physicians** at Morningside Retirement, 800 Morningside Dr., Fullerton. An OLLI-sponsored event. Free

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## Day of Music Pre-Event Pop-Up Concerts

Day of Music Fullerton (DOMF) is approaching fast and leading up to the citywide festival on June 21, and the organizers are hosting fun, promotional Pop-up Concerts all around Fullerton. The next event is set for Wednesday, February 21, from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at Classic Rock Coffee Co. located at 1015 N Harbor Blvd, Fullerton (at the south edge of the shopping center across from Hillcrest Park).

The Indie rock band *True to the Universe* will be performing so it is guaranteed to be a fun night. Purchase Day of Music Fullerton merchandise to earn a chance to win some DOMF bling. Day of Music organizers will be in attendance ready to answer any questions regarding DOMF or any of the upcoming events.

Other upcoming Pop-ups planned include Post Tropic and Lucky & Love on March 2nd at 9pm at the Magoski Arts Colony, 223 W. Santa Fe Ave., and Crystales & Chai on March 10 at 7pm at



Burger Records, 645 S. State College.

Keeping with the theme of free music for everyone, there is no cost for DOM Pop-up Concerts. For more information on the Day of Music and future events visit website at [www.thedayofmusic.com](http://www.thedayofmusic.com) or email [info@thedayofmusic.com](mailto:info@thedayofmusic.com)



## Ying String Quartet in Free Concert

Fullerton Friends of Music will present the Grammy winning Ying String Quartet in a chamber music concert on Sunday, February 25 at 3:30pm at Temple Beth Tikvah located at 1600 N. Acacia in Fullerton. Admission is free.

Now in its third decade, the Ying Quartet has established itself as an ensemble of the highest musical qualifications. Their performances regularly take place in many of the world's most important concert halls.

The Ying's ongoing LifeMusic commissioning project, created in response to their commitment to expanding the rich string quartet repertoire, has already

achieved an impressive history. The 2017-18 season will see the Quartet continuing its work in the relatively new field of medicine, music, and healing with the staff at Houston Methodist, while simultaneously maintaining its busy touring schedule.

The Ying is quartet-in-residence at the prestigious Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, ensemble-in-residence at the Bowdoin International Music Festival and at Arizona State University, and from 2001-2008, the members of the Ying Quartet were the Blodgett Artists-in-Residence at Harvard University.

For additional information call 562-691-7437 or 714-526-5310.

## UNAPOLOGETICALLY BLACK @ CSUF Clays Performing Arts Center

Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton  
Tickets: 657-278-3371 or [pac-boxoffice@Exchange.fullerton.edu](mailto:pac-boxoffice@Exchange.fullerton.edu)

Misty Monroe's show "Unapologetically Black" blends her two favorite worlds: Theatre and Education. The show reveals how she progressed through the "Stages of Nigrescence" to achieve a healthy Black identity, which was especially challenging for her as a Black child growing up in both white suburban neighborhoods, and drug-riddled areas of South Central Los Angeles.

She shares her own family's painful struggles with drug addiction and how she was able to achieve her goals in spite of it. She hopes to inspire and educate others to overcome their own challenges and struggles. Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 6pm. Free admission (but tickets required).



Rachel Federoff Suzanne Whang Beth Sussman Phil Varone

## VAGINA MONOLOGUES @ The Muckenthaler

1201 W. Malvern Ave., Fullerton  
Tickets: [www.themuck.org](http://www.themuck.org) (714)738-6595

Come join the movement to end violence against women and girls! A benefit performance of Eve Ensler's revolutionary masterpiece with a cast of prominent, fascinating and infamous citizens including actress Suzanne Whang (*Las Vegas*, *Cold Case*, *Two and a Half Men*, *Nip/Tuck*, and the host of HGTV's *House Hunters*,

among other roles). And also including Rachel Federoff from Bravo's *Millionaire Matchmaker*, Phil Varone Drummer for Skid Row & Saigon Kick and special guest performer Beth Sussman. Saturday, February 24, 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. Special Ticket price - \$30. The show has mature content.

## CRIMES OF THE HEART @ Stages Theater

400 E. Commonwealth Ave.  
Tickets: call (714)525-4484 [www.stagesoc.org](http://www.stagesoc.org).

The warm-hearted irreverent 1981 Pulitzer Prize winning *Crimes of the Heart* tells the story of how its young characters escape the past to seize the future. Written by Beth Henley, and directed by Steven Biggs the play opens March 2 thru March 31st, Fri & Sat at 8pm, Sun at 2pm. The three Magrath sisters have gathered in Hazelhurst, Mississippi, to await news of the family patriarch, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital. Lenny is unmarried at 30; Meg is back after a failed singing career; and Babe is out on bail after having shot her husband. Their troubles are highlighted by their cousin Chick, and by the young lawyer who tried to keep Babe out of jail.

## ELVIS '68 @ Maverick Theater

110 E. Walnut Ave. Fullerton  
Tickets: call (714)526-7070 [www.mavericktheater.com](http://www.mavericktheater.com)

*Elvis '68* relives a historic moment in music history, leather suit and all. This stage recreation of the crooner's 1968 live comeback special explores a pivotal moment in the life and career of Elvis Presley. At the time, Elvis hadn't played a live show in seven years and his popularity was fading. But what was meant to be a safe Christmas concert turned into an intimate jam session. This show features 20 of Elvis' hits with storytelling and audience interaction. Starring Casey Ryan as Elvis Presley, Rob Downs as Steve Binder. Written & directed by Brian Newell. Plays through Feb 25th

Coming up March 16-April is the West Coast Premiere of *Holmes and Watson* written by Jeffery Hatcher, and directed by Brian Newell.

## VIOLET at Chance Theater

5522 E. La Palma Ave. Anaheim  
Tickets: [www.chancetheater.com](http://www.chancetheater.com)

A Tony-Award-winning musical set in the Deep South during the early days of the civil rights movement, this powerful musical tells the touching story of a young woman accidentally scarred on the face as a child. Hoping that a TV evangelist can cure her, Violet embarks on a long bus ride from her sleepy North Carolina town through Memphis to Oklahoma. Along the way, she meets two young soldiers who teach her about love, courage and the true meaning of beauty. Book and Lyrics by Brian Crawley. Music by Jeanine Tesori, directed and choreographed by Kari Hayter, musical direction by Robyn Manion. Recommendation: Ages 13 and up. Contains adult language. Plays through March 4, 2018.

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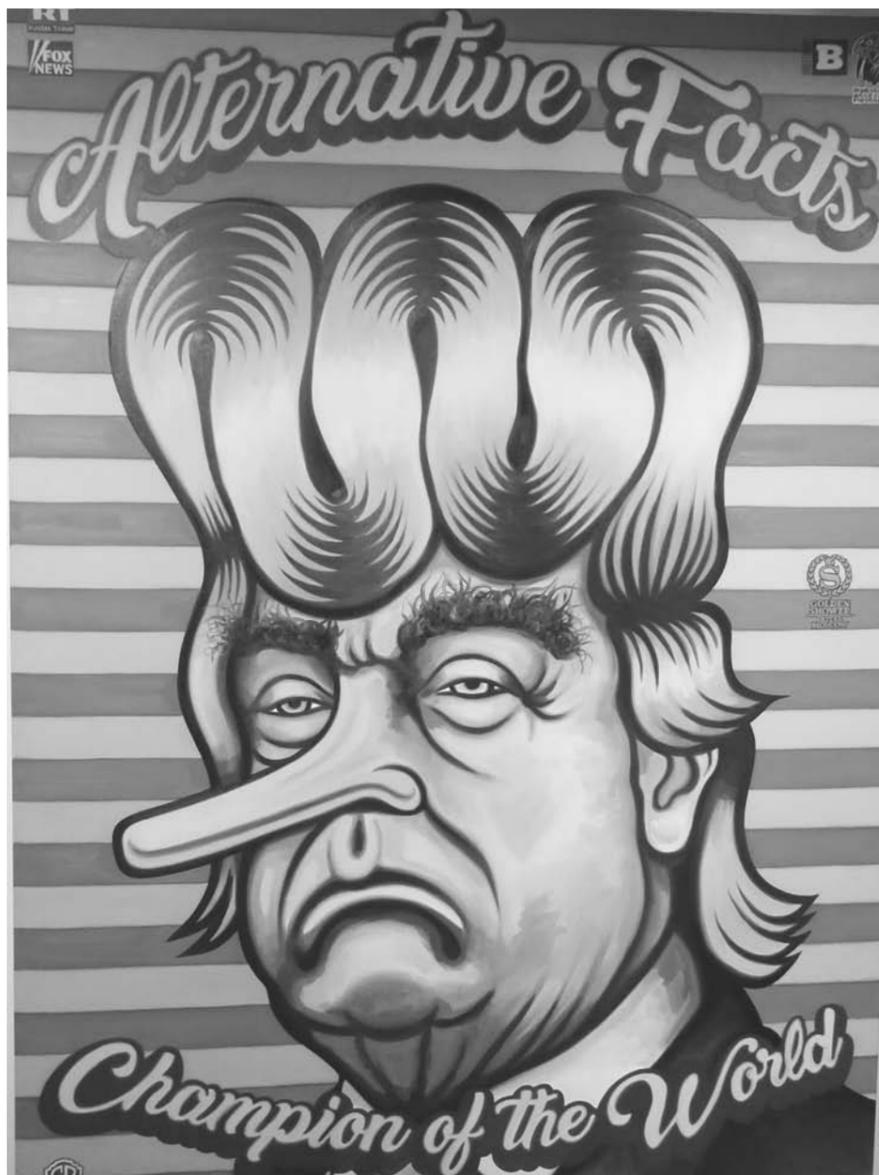
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*Alternative Facts by Gomez Bueno, oil on canvas*

## Visual Resistance @ Fullerton College Art Gallery

321 E. Chapman, Fullerton (in the 1000 building facing Chapman)

The first show of the year at the Fullerton College Art Gallery, *Visual Resistance* runs through February 21 and features provocative social and political commentary by four artists:

**Narsiso Martinez** is an immigrant and works on farms to pay for school. He uses produce boxes, and field workers as the subject.

**Dwora Fried** is a child of survivors of the Holocaust. Her artwork reflects her perspective as a gay Jewish woman who often feels like she's the "odd one out."

**Bueno Gomez** is into politics, pop

culture, the surfer and skating communities, and the "alternative facts of the new world."

**April Bey** creates mixed media art related to a range of themes including feminism, Neocolonialism, Afro-Futurism, incorporating elements of black history and culture overlap categories.

*The Fullerton College Art Gallery is open Monday to Thursday, 10am to 12pm, and 2pm to 4pm. Special evening hours on Feb. 21 from 6pm-8pm.*

## 200 Artists @ Hillcrest Festival of Fine Arts

2000 West Road, La Habra Heights  
[www.HillcrestFestivalofFineArts.com](http://www.HillcrestFestivalofFineArts.com)

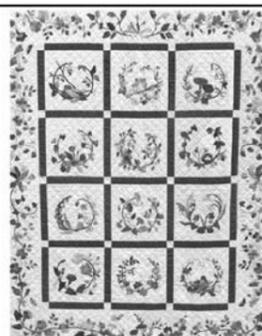
The 58th annual Arts & Crafts Festival features music, workshops, food trucks, and 200 artists selling watercolor, oils, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass, woodwork, jewelry, handwoven clothing.

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## Chaos & Order @ Hibbleton Art Gallery

223. W. Santa Fe, Fullerton (in the Magoski Art Colony)

Chaos & Order opens Friday, March 2nd with a reception from 6pm to 10pm during the Downtown Fullerton Art Walk.

Artists in the exhibit explore the dichotomous relationship between these two domains. Visual attempts at reconciliation reveal the nature of this opposition and the necessity of balance to mediate the human experience. Lines of polarity call into question the relationship between abstraction and representation, as well as the tradition of oil painting and contemporary experimentation.

The resulting survey provides a harmonious space for distinct works.

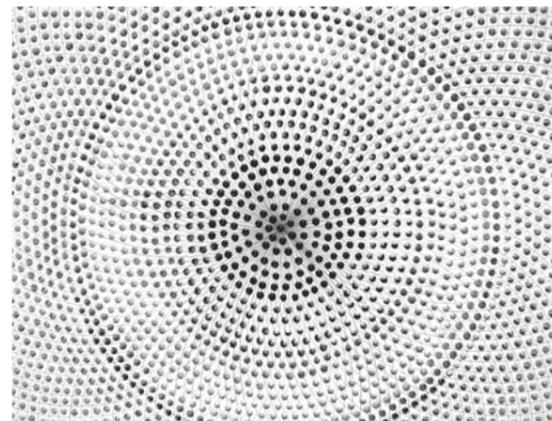


*Featured artists include:* Andrea Patrie, Audrey Higa, Briana Meli, Janan Abdelmuti, Janelle Howerton, Kadie DiCarlo, Katrina Rocha, Lisa Trimm, and Ray Finlayson.

## Ruminare @ Begovich Gallery

800 N. State College Blvd on the CSUF campus

*Ruminare*, an exhibition of neo-minimalism, is a global interdisciplinary examination of four living neo-minimalist artists: Hadi Tabatabai, Anna Bogatin, Gregory Hayes and Joseph Cohen, known for their meticulous and innovative use of materials. *Ruminare* expands upon and contextualizes current neurological research which indicates that the proliferation of the internet in our daily lives has produced



a culture that values perfunctory thought and self-adulation.

This exhibit demonstrates that through the abandonment of the superfluous and with heightened focus on materiality, craftsmanship, and process, Neo-

Minimalist art can provide an alternative to our culture of superficiality by encouraging viewers to look inward and think deeply. The exhibit continues through March 8. Open Mon-Thurs, and Saturdays from 12pm to 4pm.

## Electricity @ Fullerton Museum Center

301 N. Pomona Ave.,  
(at Wilshire Ave.) Fullerton.  
(714)738-6545

In the 18th century, scientists like Benjamin Franklin began to understand the basic principles of natural electricity.

Today we use electricity in our everyday lives, from lighting our homes to powering our cell phones.

This exhibit explores how power is harnessed and what happens when we flip on a switch. Thru April 8th.



## H2OMG! Watercolor Gone Wild @ the Muckenthaler

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[www.themuck.org](http://www.themuck.org) (714)738-6595

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*Rest in Peace • We Remember You***Roberta "Jean" Brown**

Jean Brown, 85, a longtime resident of Fullerton, died peacefully on January 27, 2018. She was born in Fullerton, on December 12, 1932.

Jean worked at GTE for 30 years. After retirement she loved to play cards and go to movies and lunch with all her many friends. She attended Calvary Chapel East Anaheim faithfully for many years, and we know she went to heaven to be with the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Delphia Scranton of Fullerton and Grandmother Belle Cassidy of Fullerton.

Jean is survived by her three children, Debi (Gary) Walters, Darren Brown, and Denise Hodge; and 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Jean's life was held at McAulay & Wallace on February 8. Graveside service followed at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton.

**Yvonne Palacios Garcia**

May 28, 1956 - February 7, 2018

Yvonne "Evie" Palacios Garcia, 61, a lifelong resident of Fullerton, passed away on February 7, surrounded by her loving family. She was employed by Big Lots of Fullerton for 25 years. Yvonne was preceded in death by her parents Narciso & Ramona Palacios, and brother Raul Palacios. She is survived by Steven Archambault, her loving partner of 27 years; siblings Yolie, Ralph, Dannel, Michael and Lisa; and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Mass was held on February 16 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Fullerton.

**Donna Deck**

Donna Deck, born 11/25/59, has gone home to be with the Lord after a long, courageous battle with a series of illnesses including West Nile Virus, diabetes, lung and liver cancer. Donna was a CSUF graduate. She wrote poetry and dabbled in art during her spare time. Donna is most fondly remembered through her love of animals. Her favorite pastime was barrel racing on her quarter horse in the hills of Orange. She was a strong-willed woman who rarely, if ever complained about her circumstances. All of her siblings were with her when she passed. Donna is survived by her sister Judy and brothers Mike and Dennis. She is pre-deceased by her parents Donald and Ginny. Graveside services are at 10am February 23 at Cathedral Memorial Gardens, Garden Grove. Donations may be made to the ASPCA in Donna's memory.

**Robert Randal Schou**

Robert Randal Schou, 78, of Fullerton, passed away on January 30, 2018. Bob was born on July 18, 1939 to Hazel (Maxine) & Clifford Schou. In 1956, Bob served in the United States Navy at the Eleventh Naval District in San Diego, until being honorably discharged in July 1960.

Bob worked for Chevron for 35 years as a Construction & Maintenance Representative. He belonged to the Ford V8 Club and the Veteran's Club in Brea, California. He loved playing golf and restoring his 1941 Ford Coupe.

Bob is survived by his wife Kristy, his children Tom Schou and Kelly Wilson, six grandchildren -Tristyn, Brandon, Randi, MacKenzie, Brittney & CJ, his brothers Frank & Terry Schou, his sister Barbara Turley along with several nieces, nephews & cousins. He was preceded in death by his son Robert (Bobby) Schou. Services have been held with burial at the Riverside National Cemetery.

**Daniel Suh** *October 24, 1978 - January 20, 2018*

Daniel Suh, 39, passed away on January 20th, 2018 surrounded by loved ones. Daniel was a successful business owner for over 10 years and a born leader for 39 years. Daniel was a loving son, brother, husband, father, uncle, and friend. He enjoyed life to the fullest and touched the lives of so many. Family was the most important thing in Dan's life and you saw it everyday, watching him with his children; Karen and Keira, or hanging out with his brothers; Mark, Simon, and Robin. Dan loved eating out, ice cream (any sweets), and UFC. He will be tremendously missed by all who knew him. Dan is survived by his parents, Karen and Simon, his wife, Kei, daughters, Karen (18) and Keira (9), his brothers; Mark, Simon, and Robin, sister in laws, Kerry and Christine, and nephews, Matthew, Kane, and Carson, and nieces, Hailey and Kaly. Services have been held with interment at Loma Vista Memorial Park, 701 E. Bastanchury Rd. in Fullerton. Donations in memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**SELECTIONS FROM LOCAL POETS****POETS 4**  
by James Haddad

The music comes on  
the stove is cooking dinner  
the music plays  
the oven is warm  
the music plays  
you pass by me  
I touch your arm  
you turn, and the first step  
of the dance is performed  
we dance the minutes  
from the hours of our lives  
the music plays  
and approaches the end  
a twirl or two  
and now, dinner is ready.

I don't sleep well at night,  
so much to worry about  
how do you place the one, the two,  
the three in order  
they look the same,  
they say only look at one, finish it,  
then two, then three and so on yet,  
which makes one,  
when they are all one,  
oh forgive me father  
I haven't sinned,  
I just can't imagine a better world  
to come - is it all too late?

My wife treats me as if  
I'm her pet dog  
she pats me on the head,  
scratches behind my ears  
woof woof, woof woof.

**TROY HIGH ORACLE LIT MAG 2018**

I am not a millennial,  
I am not a boomer,  
I am not of the greatest,  
I am a product of  
centuries of worldwide turmoil,  
But this poem isn't about  
government and "big oil",  
This poem is about MY generation.  
A product of the 24 hour news cycle,  
A product of a constant  
bombardment of information,  
My generation is the generation  
of not caring,  
Not out of apathy but necessity.  
For if my generation gasped or cried  
at every act of terror and atrocity,  
We wouldn't get anything else done.  
Homework incomplete,  
tests and quizzes failed,  
and essays forgotten.  
My generation is the generation  
of apathy,  
And it seems all trivial to me.  
Because I care,  
And others care,  
And one day the oil shall  
rise to the top of the water.

-Joseph Alcaraz, junior

Tiny fleeting birds fly around my  
head pecking and flirting with my  
thoughts consuming everything until  
all I know are strands of waterfalls  
draped on rich soil, Beauty that  
makes the heavens shudder  
And cry down fallen stars so that  
their tears may light up your eyes.

Shreeya Jayabharathi, freshman

I want to shoot for the moon  
I want to reach up high  
To pluck that light from the heavens  
But I know what happens If I miss  
I do not land among the stars  
Because the space is much more  
Vastly populated by a dark abyss  
The emptiness where nothing travels  
And everything suffocates

-Anonymus

I am a spectre always standing  
on the outskirts  
Observing the winds and the music  
they carry on their backs  
Inhaling each puff  
like a died out cigarette  
With each breath, colors  
add to the painting of society  
Some bright as day, others darker  
than the nebulous abyss

As the melodies attempt  
to harmonize in spontaneous order  
Mine is nowhere to be heard  
or criticized

As I fear it will get lost and broken  
in life's symphony  
Will my notes make a difference  
or be shot into infinite oblivion?

These verses are an attempt to  
explore the opportunities  
The risks I take to soar  
To set my word out into rough waters  
With no fear whether  
it returns or not

-Kaila Ganzon, senior

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## FULLERTON'S FIRST INHABITANTS: *First European Contacts*

by Jesse La Tour

For thousands of years, the native Americans who inhabited the Los Angeles basin and North Orange County, including Fullerton, (called the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians Kizh Nation, or just Kizh) had no documented interactions with Europeans. Beginning in the 1500s, waves of explorers, conquistadors, settlers, and missionaries would forever alter their way of life. Here are three of the first recorded contacts between the local tribe and Europeans.



### The Portola Expedition (1769)

150 years would elapse between the Vizcaino expedition and the next one, which occurred in 1769, led by Gaspar de Portola.

The impetus for the expedition was concern by the Spanish crown that English and Russian explorers would encroach on "their" territory (Alta, or upper, California).

The Portola expedition was the first attempt at actual colonization, not just exploration. Portola was accompanied by soldiers and Franciscan missionaries, including Father Junipero Serra.

This was also the first land expedition into California, during which the settlers established two outposts at San Diego and Monterey. This was also the beginning of the establishment of California missions by Serra.

Three members of the expedition kept journals: Portola, Miguel Constanoso, and Father Juan Crespi.

Crespi often commented on the friendliness of the Kizh. On one occasion, he wrote, "the Indians from a village in the valley came to visit us. They came without arms, and with a friendliness unparalleled; they made us presents of their poor seeds."

On another occasion, he wrote that the Spanish made camp near "a populous village of Indians, who received us with great friendliness. Fifty-two of them came to the camp, and their chief told us by signs which we understood very well that we must come to live with them; and that they would make houses for us, and provide us with food."

The arrival of the Spanish onto native California land coincided with heightened ritual activity and earthquakes. In his book *The First Angelenos*, William McCawley writes, "The expedition coincided with a period of extraordinarily frequent earthquakes, which undoubtedly increased the awe, and perhaps the apprehension, felt by the Indians."

With the Portola expedition of colonization came the beginning of the Mission Era, which would ultimately prove disastrous for the Kizh and many tribes of California.

*Stay tuned for my next installment, in which I discuss how the Kizh fared under the California missions, specifically Mission San Gabriel and San Fernando.*



### The Cabrillo Expedition (1542)

The first recorded contact between the Kizh and Europeans is the 1542

expedition of Spanish explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, who led a crew of sailors up the California coast, perhaps searching for a waterway across North America.

First contact happened at Avalon Harbor on Catalina Island. According to one account:

"As the boat was nearing land a great number of Indians came out of the bushes and grass, shouting, dancing, and making signs to come ashore. As from the boats they saw the women fleeing, they made signs to them not to fear; so shortly they became assured and

put their bows and arrows on the ground. Launching into the water a fine canoe containing eight or ten Indians, they came out to the ships. These were given some beads and presents with which they were well

pleased, and shortly went back. The Spaniards afterwards went ashore and both the Indian men and women and everybody felt very secure. Here an old Indian made signs to them that men like Spaniards, wearing clothes and having beards, were going around on the mainland. They remained at this island only until midday." (*Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo: Discoverer of the Coast of California* by Henry R. Wagner, 1941)

The next day, they landed at a place they called the "Bay of Smokes" (likely present day San Pedro harbor). They called it this because of smoke coming from Kizh fires.

The Spaniards took some natives aboard their ship and tried to communicate with them. Then they headed north to Monterey. Cabrillo died during this expedition.



### The Vizcaino Expedition (1602)

The next recorded contact between Spaniards and the Kizh happened 50 years later in 1602, with an expedition led by Sebastian Vizcaino, who was seeking a northern harbor for Spanish galleons returning from Manila.

The expedition stopped at Catalina Island. The Kizh welcomed them warmly and "began to raise smokes on the beach, and when they saw they had anchored, the women, children, and old men began to shout and make demonstrations of joy in proof of their happiness. They came running to the beach to receive the guests

who were arriving." (*Wagner*)

Accounts of this expedition were written by both Vizcaino and Father Antonio de la Ascension, who admired the natives' plank canoes, fishing tools, baskets, and pitchers.

Father Antonio records an interesting interaction between the Spanish and the Kizh, which demonstrates a certain degree of religious intolerance, which would come to characterize Spanish-Native relations. Near a cove on Catalina, the Spanish found a Kizh place of worship. He describes the following scene:

"They had what we would call an altar, there was a great circle all surrounded with feathers of various colors and shapes, which must come from the birds they sacrifice. Inside the circle there was a figure like a devil painted in various colors, in the way the Indians of New Spain are accustomed to paint them. At

the sides of this were the sun and the moon. When the [Spanish] soldiers reached this place, inside the circle there were two large crows larger than ordinary ones, which flew away

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when they saw strangers, and alighted on some nearby rocks. One of the soldiers, seeing their size, aimed at them with his arquebus [matchlock rifle], and discharging it, killed them both. When the Indians saw this, they began to weep and display great emotion. In my opinion, the Devil talked to them through these crows, because all the men and women held them in great respect and fear." (printed in *Spanish Voyages to the Northwest Coast of America in the Sixteenth Century* by Henry R. Wagner, 1929).

Basically, these Spanish soldiers shot two birds which the natives considered sacred.

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## Climate Change & Economics

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Secretary-General's Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction, Robert Glasser expressed concern that climate change, combined with poverty, eco-systems destruction and inappropriate land use are pushing more people to leave home.

"We need increased levels of ambition to reduce greenhouse gas emissions combined with concrete actions to reduce disaster risk especially in least developed countries which contribute little to climate change," he underscored.

"Seventeen of the 18 warmest years on record have all been during this century, and the degree of warming during the past three years has been exceptional," Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of WMO pointed out, stressing: "Arctic warmth has been especially pronounced and this will have profound and long-lasting repercussions on sea levels, and on weather patterns in other parts of the world."

The upward trend in global temperatures marked by record-shattering warmth in 2015 and 2016 kept pace last year, with the United Nations weather agency warning that the continued pressure on the Arctic in 2017 will have "profound and long-lasting repercussions on sea levels, and on weather patterns in other parts of the world."

"The long-term temperature trend is far more important than the ranking of individual years, and that trend is an upward one," said Taalas.

A WMO analysis showed that while measuring 1.2°C above the preindustrial era that 2016 holds the warmest year record, 2017, which measured approximately 1.1°C above the pre-industrial era, was the warmest year without an El Niño,

which can boost global annual temperatures.

Describing the accelerating pace of climate change as "an existential threat to the planet," Glasser, said, "A three-year streak of record hot years, each above 1° Celsius, combined with record-breaking economic losses from disasters in 2017 should tell us all that we are facing an existential threat to the planet which requires a drastic response.

"We are getting dangerously close to the limit of the 2°C temperature rise set out in the Paris Agreement and the desired goal of 1.5° will be even more difficult to maintain under present levels of greenhouse gas emissions," he underscored.

"Temperatures tell only a small part of the story. The warmth in 2017 was accompanied by extreme weather in many countries around the world," Mr. Taalas continued, saying that the United States had its most expensive year ever in terms of weather and climate disasters, "whilst other countries saw their development slowed or reversed by tropical cyclones, floods and drought.

In March, WMO will issue its 2017 full Statement on the State of the Climate, which will provide a comprehensive overview of temperature variability and trends, high-impact events, and long-term indicators of climate change such as increasing carbon dioxide concentrations, Arctic and Antarctic sea ice, sea level rise and ocean acidification.

The final statement will include information submitted by a wide range of UN agencies on human, socio-economic and environmental impacts as part of a drive to provide a more comprehensive, UN-wide policy brief for decision makers and the Sustainable Development Goals.

## CSUF Researcher Leads Study Fighting Spreading Parasites

Insects called triatomine bugs, or "kissing bugs," are carriers of the Chagas disease, which causes heart disease and is also linked to strokes in humans.

Once found only in Latin America, the Chagas disease is spreading to the United States and Europe. Parasite researcher Veronica Jimenez, assistant professor of biological science at Cal State Fullerton, is working with a student team to fight the disease.

With more than 300,000 reported cases in the United States, Jimenez and her team are seeking to identify drug targets that can lead to the elimination of the parasite. Due to the lack of research on such tropical diseases, Chagas disease is one of five parasitic diseases targeted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for public health action.

"It's important to study this parasite to pinpoint a potential drug therapy because currently, there is no FDA-approved drug to cure Chagas," she explained. "The disease's spread is raising concerns regarding its globalization and epidemiological importance," she added.

To further her faculty-student investigation of the disease, Jimenez has secured grant funding totaling more than \$1 million, including awards from the American Heart Association and National Institutes of Health.

She is studying "the mechanisms of adaptation to environmental conditions that allow the parasites to survive in changing conditions. The idea is to understand which are the essential mechanisms for the survival of the parasite and to exploit them as therapeutic targets," said Jimenez.

Her interest in pursuing research on parasites that cause human disease was sparked while she was working at public hospitals in Argentina.

"I saw newborns and adults infected with *Trypanosoma cruzi*, the causing



Veronica Jimenez, assistant professor of biological science at Cal State Fullerton, is working with a student team to fight the Chagas disease, caused by "kissing bugs."

agent of Chagas disease, and in some way, that motivated me to pursue a research career in biomedical sciences," she said.

Jimenez and her research team also are studying another parasite, *Trypanosoma brucei* — the African trypanosome, causing sleeping sickness, which she reports affects millions in sub-Saharan Africa. The students leading that project are graduate students Monica Hernandez and Tiffine Pham and undergraduate Kristy Nguyen.

Jimenez and her students are preparing to make presentations at the Parasitology Symposium to be held in May as part of at the Southern California Academy of Sciences annual meeting in Pomona. Jimenez is president elect of the Southern California Society of Parasitologists and a member of the symposium organizing committee.

She earned her Ph.D. in biomedical sciences from the University of Chile and joined the CSUF faculty in 2013.

## OC Restaurant Meals Program

The pilot phase of the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) officially launched in Orange County on February 1, 2018 in participating restaurants in the cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana. Upon launch, Orange County will become the ninth county in California to offer this program to eligible participants.

The program allows elderly, disabled and homeless CalFresh recipients and their spouses who do not have a place to store and prepare meals to use their Golden State Advantage (EBT) card to purchase prepared meals from participating restaurants.

## Congressmen stepping Down Rather than Run for Re-election

The Congressional Office of Compliance released overall settlement payouts from 1997 to 2017 due to violations of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 which covers issues of sexual harassment, racial discrimination, American Disability Act and Fair Labor Practices. The total was \$17 million. Names were not made public. Payouts listed per year spanned a low of \$39,429 in 1997 to a high of \$4,053,274 in 2007 to \$934,754 in 2017. 29 Republicans and 19 Democrats have stepped down or have announced they will not be running for re-election.

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Often in this world we are put down, we are told that we are not worthy, not valuable. But when we acknowledge someone's birthday, we are, instead, telling them that they are worthy and valuable to us.

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### ANSWER KEY

At left is the answer key to the crossword puzzle on page 7: "YEAR OF THE DOG"



Fullerton-born resident Valerie Brickey has been constructing puzzles for numerous years. She has agreed to keep us entertained with more in the future!

## Comment Now to Preserve Clean Water in Fullerton

On January 9th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed to list the Orange County North Basin Site on the National Priority List (Superfund). This is the beginning of a long process to clean up the contamination of toxins that threaten the water supply of over 500,000 residents in the North Basin site, located in Fullerton, Anaheim, and Placentia.

The EPA is now accepting public comments through March 19, 2018. To comment online, visit [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and type EPA-HQ-OLEM-2017-0603 into the search bar. Once there, you can submit a comment by clicking the "Comment Now" button in the upper-right corner of the page.

In addition to cleaning up the contaminants now threatening our water, the listing of the North Basin on the NPL, brings the power of the EPA to require Potentially Responsible Parties to fund the clean-up, instead of ratepayers.

The North Basin site contains a five-mile long plume of contamination, that has taken five drinking wells out of service so far. The pollutants were spilled into the ground from past manufacturing activities. Fortunately, residents' drinking water

is monitored and currently safe. However, the contamination is moving toward the deep aquifer of the Orange County Groundwater Basin. The North Basin cleanup effort will prevent the spreading of these compounds to deeper areas from which the water for our area is pumped.

To help stop these toxic plumes from spreading, Orange County Water District (OCWD) constructed Extraction Well-1, at the site of the most serious pollution feeding the plume, but much more is needed. Water pumped up and discharged from this well is piped to the OCWD's Groundwater Replenishment Plant in Fountain Valley, treated through a purification process, and then put back into the groundwater basin for reuse.

The OCWD will be looking to those responsible for the pollution to reimburse this process through collaboration, litigation or by order of the EPA.

The ground water contamination investigation being conducted by OCWD, under EPA oversight, will be completed around summer of 2020. The data collected as part of this study will provide the information needed to develop a remedy that will prevent further toxic migration to other areas.

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by Paul E. Nelson, D.D.S.

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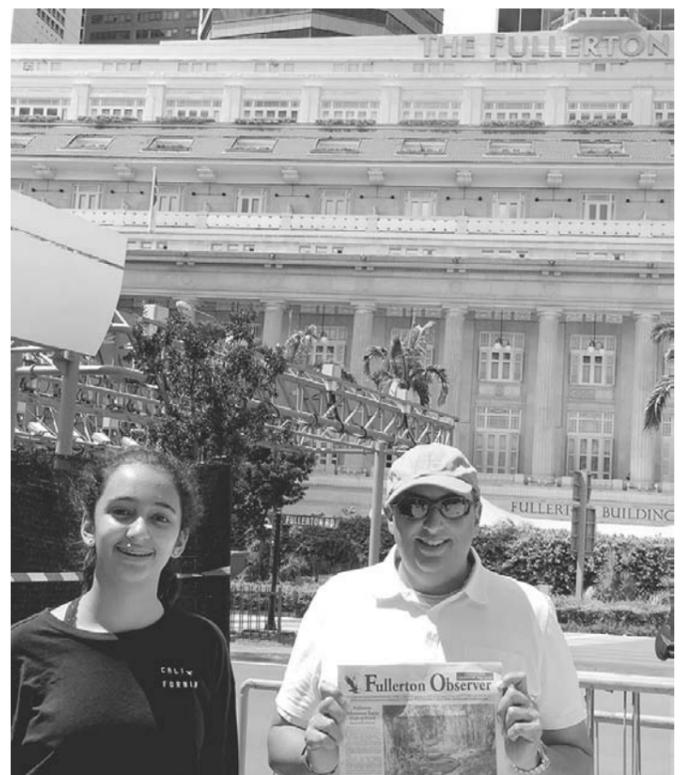
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Above: Ria and her dad Jay Shah in front of the iconic Fullerton Hotel in Singapore. Above Left Ria Shah pictured with rickshaws at back in Gujarat, India.

**The Shah Family Visited Singapore and India** during winter break. In India they saw all types of animals including camels, elephants, monkeys and mules roaming through the villages. In Singapore they enjoyed the luxurious Fullerton Hotel.



**Gary & Kevin Underwater in the Maldives** enjoyed diving and took their *Observer* with them! They also visited Thailand for sightseeing and relaxation from their busy Fullerton lives.



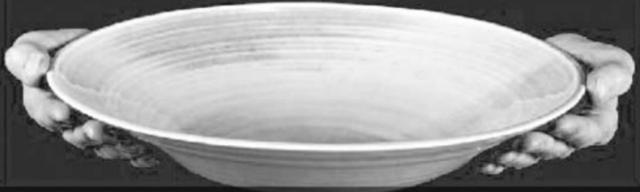
**Ed & Lois in Wisconsin** in the Brrrr - 15 degree weather for Ed's aunt's 100th birthday. Above Ed and Lois Smith are pictured with their cousins and the birthday girl Anna Schirmer seated on the right.



**Chris & Janny in Mexico**

The Meyers visited Zihuantanejo, Ixtapa, Mexico with friends and family. At left they are at their favorite La Ropa Beach enjoying the food, beaches, weather and the people.

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