



NICE DAY FOR A WALK:

Join a free Nature Walk led by Friends of Coyote Hills naturalists who will point out the special features on Saturday, April 11 at 9am. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

Should this land be an open space park or housing development? Meet for the walk along the trails at West Coyote Hills at the Equestrian gate at Laguna Lake Park, on Lakeview off Euclid in north Fullerton. Visit www.coyotehills.org for more information - PHOTO BY IRA McNABB

What is Happening with Coyote Hills?

What is happening in the closed door negotiations between the city and Chevron, ongoing since the 2012 vote on Measure W, which over-turned previous council approval of Chevron's development plan for the 510-acre West Coyote Hills property?

At the February 25, 2015 Planning Commission meeting it was announced that an item would be coming up possibly at the March 25th meeting to consider an application for a Tentative Parcel Map for West Coyote Hills. Why would such an item be considered when the development plan was rejected by voters?

The battle between Fullerton citizens interested in seeing the property remain open space, and Chevron and its developer arm Pacific Coast Homes which would like to see the property built out with homes, has been going on for over 35 years.

During this time some of the environmentalists from the original group CHOOSE, which was founded to save the hills, have moved to the other side of the battle. They say they negotiated for years and got the best deal they could which saved some vista points, added 12 miles of trails maintained in perpetuity, preserved more open space, and added a promised interpretive center to the Bob Ward Open Space Preserve, but also allowed Chevron to build 710 homes.

That plan was turned down by a previous city council in 2010 partly due to lack of water in a convoluted water deal involving water shares moving from the City of La Habra to Fullerton. After the plan was turned down, Chevron sued the city for \$1 million. That lawsuit is still moving through the courts.

In July of 2011 the city, under threat of the Chevron lawsuit, approved the plan. Friends of Coyote Hills, the preservation group which took over the effort to save the hills as open space, went to work and gathered signatures to put a referendum on the November 2012 ballot.

Despite Chevron pouring over \$1.5 million into glossy mailers and robo calls trying to convince voters that a yes vote on Measure W was actually a vote for a park, 60.8% of voters turned down Chevron's housing development plan by voting no on the measure.

Since that public vote the city and Chevron have been negotiating in order to find a win-win solution, according to officials. However, one of Chevron's requests was that the public could not be informed of what was being negotiated. This leads the public to distrust the kind of deal that would require such secrecy.

In 2010 West Coyote Hills was named in OCTA's Measure M2 environmental mitigation program as a "Group 1" property. This is the highest designation, but without a willing seller the grant application could not go forward.

Many other opportunities for grant funding to buy the property have been lost due to Chevron's unwillingness to be a willing seller. And, although representatives announced last year that Chevron had agreed to be a willing seller, the necessary documents, which would allow grant applications to be filed, have yet to be signed.

Unanswered questions include:

- 1) If a fair deal is being made why is it secret?
- 2) Has Chevron signed the willing seller letter so applications for grants can be made? If not - why not?
- 3) Is the city applying for any of the available grants? Time is wasting - the next round of M2 funding is coming up. Applications with a willing seller have to be made.
- 4) Has an independent appraisal been done? What are the results? Who did the appraisal?
- 5) Why should the vacant property be priced as though it is built out?
- 6) Did the vote of the people who live here mean nothing to those who run the city?

Possible Homeless Shelter Location Found

The Orange County Board of Supervisors, at the March 24 meeting, gave staff directions to begin negotiations on any promising property for a year-round multi-service homeless shelter. One possibility was identified as 1000 N. Kraemer Place in Anaheim.

Two previous county attempts to create a large year-round multi-service emergency center for the homeless, one in Fullerton and one in Santa Ana, failed due to community opposition about locations being too close to schools and homes. The Kraemer location is at the edge of an industrial area bordered by the Riverside Freeway.

Fullerton Mayor Protem Jennifer Fitzgerald urged supervisors to accept the location which she said brings multiple cities together. Both Fullerton and Anaheim councils are expected to consider a resolution to accept the site at upcoming meetings.

According to the 2013 Point-in-Time count there are 4,300 homeless persons countywide, (40% live on the street; 60% live in shelters or transitional housing).

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Burglary Suspect Sought

Police are searching for a suspect in two residential burglaries that occurred around 9pm on Tuesday, March 24 in the 2800 block of Ashberry Court. The first call came from a mother who encountered a male in dark clothing with a ski mask or hooded sweatshirt covering his face, in her son's bedroom. The suspect fled with cash and the victim's purse before police arrived. He entered through an unlocked window. In the second case the suspect entered through an unlocked door on the second story balcony and ransacked the home. A neighbor found images of the man on his surveillance camera.

The investigation is on-going. Contact Fullerton Police at 714-738-6821 with information or provide a tip anonymously by calling OC Crime Stoppers at 1(855) TIP-OCCS or online at www.crimestoppers.org.

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PASSION FOR JUSTICE

by Synthia Tran

Unnecessary Wars

Whenever someone says something against the wars that the US is involved in or considering being involved in, the war-mongers in Washington accuse that person of betraying the sacrifice of our brave men and women in the military.

An example was when John Kerry (then a US Senator) was derailed from his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination after a decades-old photo surfaced showing him with Vietnam War protesters. They called him a “traitor” who betrayed our military.

We must learn to distinguish between the war and the soldiers who fight in the war under the order of their commanders. The reality is that after being sworn in as military personnel, soldiers have no choice but to follow orders, no questions asked. Whereas the war protesters protest the policy makers who send our fine young men and women to die.

Flashback to history if it helps our leaders to make better decisions in the future wars. Look at Iraq, what it was, and what it is now. Yes, Saddam Hussein was a dictator, and a minority ethnic group was suffering under his regime. But the United Nations kept a watchful eye on this group’s safety by establishing a no-fly zone over their territory. Iraq was a country intact, with no suicidal bombers, no destroyed buildings, and no constant wars.

I have always thought that the Iraqi War was President George W. Bush’s personal agenda. He wanted to get revenge on Saddam’s attempt to assassinate his father, President George H.W. Bush because the older president had helped liberate Kuwait from Iraqi invasion. President Bush’s statement in a TV interview stuck in my mind “He (Saddam) was about to kill my dad.”

We over-estimated Saddam Hussein’s ability. There were no chemical weapons, and while we offered a huge reward of \$25 million for Saddam’s capture, our military found him in a cave with no electronic communication devices, nothing of a threat. And what happened after that? Saddam was executed in an inhuman way!

It’s puzzling to see our leaders’ policy and direction. With US involvement, we suffered over 4,000 deaths, over 32,000 wounded along with over \$800 billion wasted. Iraq lost a half million lives in the war and continues to lose more lives as we speak.

In the Vietnam War, the US suffered the loss of over 58,000 young lives and over 150,000 wounded along with \$140 billion in war costs. That is not counting economic loss, and post-war and social problems. There were over 200,000 Vietnamese soldiers and almost 30,000 civilians who died during that war. After the war ended, a million more people died in attempts to escape to freedom.

An estimated 300,000 former military and government personnel of the South were imprisoned in re-education camps; out of these, about 50,000 prisoners died by abuse, hunger, and disease. Some elderly mothers collapsed and died during the long and hard trip up the mountains in North Vietnam, in their attempts to visit their beloved sons in the re-education camp.

The victorious North Vietnamese government also engaged in a vengeful economic policy. They invented “Super Taxes” imposing a huge amount that was impossible for people to pay, and then they arrested business owners for not following orders.

Family members were kept away from each other for interrogation. In one case, they told the wife that “Your husband told us where you guys keep the gold, now you better tell the truth.” The wife fell into the trap, “We buried it under the stairway.” Voila, the gold became government’s property!

One day, all business owners in our city were told to go to the main church for a meeting. Father left at 8am, and at 10am two soldiers came to our home and asked where he was. We told them he went to a meeting. “Where is the meeting?” “At the church” I said. The two soldiers sat in our living room until father returned home at noon. Father nodded at the soldiers and walked straight to the back of the house. One soldier left for lunch and one remained.

We had soup ready for our lunch, but nobody was hungry. Father looked at us with tears rolling down on his skinny face: “I have worked hard all my life to save for you guys and my old age, but with this situation, we will have nothing left.” We all cried. The first soldier had now returned and the second one left for lunch.

That night, they slept in our home to make sure nobody moved anything in or out of the house. The next morning, two government officials came and ordered father to open the safe. They took out all the gold, jewelry, cash, and miscellaneous valuables. They counted and listed everything on a piece of paper and then carried everything away, leaving us with nothing but tears.

Fortunately, father had previously hidden away some gold under the sewage line, which he used later on to pay for our escape.

On April 21, 1975, facing the imminent defeat, South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu called American President Gerald Ford for assistance but didn’t get it; he then transferred power to Mr. Duong Van Minh, and fled the country. He eventually resided in England with his family.

Nine days later, President Duong Van Minh ordered surrender. His voice was loud and clear over the radio broadcast: “This message is for the military of the Republic of Vietnam: To all branches, all ranking officers and soldiers; please lay down your weapons and stay where you are...”

My family looked at each other, speechless, frightened, and thought we were having a bad dream. Suddenly, we heard a loud “bang,” so we ran to the balcony and looked down at the street corner where a soldier had been standing guard a minute before, now we could only see blood and flesh scattered everywhere. The soldier had committed suicide with a grenade. He probably felt angry, betrayed, and humiliated by his superiors. I looked at the bloody scene with tears in my eyes as I thought of his family, who would be wondering where he was.

If the US hadn’t escalated the war, but instead had just supported the South Vietnam government, we would now have North and South Vietnam, like Korea. I would have been able to grow up in peace, get a good job, marry, and would have lived a comfortable life.

I haven’t been back to Vietnam since father passed away almost 10 years ago because I can’t handle the painful feeling of not seeing him coming with my cousins to greet me at the airport. But, I have friends still living there who tell me about the bankrupt culture; for instance, the government is letting an idiot change Vietnam’s epic National Poem, “Truyen Kieu”, written by Nguyen Du in 19th century, to his liking! It’s the same as if we were to change William Shakespeare’s masterpiece to the way we thought it should be!

Have the war-mongers in Washington learned anything from past experience? We should know better than to let American leaders push us to war relying only on the military strength but having no plan to sustain peace. Better yet, we should stop being the world police and take care of our own problems at home.

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Bravo Synthia on 47 Senators

BRAVO in regards to Synthia Tran’s article, “Passion for Justice”, appearing in the Mid March issue of the *Observer*.

I agree with every word she wrote describing the absurd action taken by 47

Republican senators in their letter to the leader of Iran. Will this infighting in the legislature EVER end?

Dick Blake
Fullerton

Tran and Dobrer

I usually enjoy Ms. Tran’s comment columns as she shares some of her insights. But her last column was quite troublesome. Clearly she doesn’t understand the nature of a Republic or the role that elected legislators play in it.

If she believes that the best government is one run by one person (a dictator) and the role of the legislature is to follow in

lock step behind that person, then I submit there are many governments in the world to choose from. Possibly she would like the president to issue an executive order abolishing legislators (*especially the GOP ones*). I suggest she read Mr. Dobrer’s column in the same issue.

Thanks,
Nilo Niccolai Fullerton

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OUT OF MY MIND

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Obama May Have Sabotaged Iran Deal

The attempt to make a meaningful agreement with Iran to curb its nuclear program is doomed. It's doomed because Iran won't agree to a meaningful, enforceable and verifiable inspection-dependent deal. Yet, there is one scenario in which a bad deal is better than no deal. That scenario is that the Iranian program is slowed down enough, delayed enough for the Iranian people to get rid of the Mullahs. It is not at all certain that they can. They tried a few years ago, and got close to toppling them, but failed.

Trying to slow down the development of Iran's nuclear program, while lifting some sanctions in the hope that the people will rise up, and this time succeed, is not crazy. But neither is it likely. It may, however, be preferable to an actual shooting/bombing war. It is important to know that we are already at war with Iran.

We, along with Israel, didn't simply hack Iran's computer servers with Stuxnet; we sabotaged their centrifuges, took control of them and sped them up till they failed. Also, some nation or nations have been involved with assassinating Iranian nuclear scientists. Draw your own conclusion on whom.

So, while I believe that our stated intent for an agreement with Iran is farcical, there could be benefits beneath the cover story. However, as much as Obama wants

to blame Netanyahu and Israel if these talks fail, Obama himself may have wrecked any chance of a deal.

Some months ago, the Obama Administration released information confirming Israel's nuclear program and successful development of nuclear weapons. Everyone knows Israel has such weapons. It's an open secret. Deterrence doesn't really exist unless the other side knows you

possess the deterrent. However, making it official and documenting the program, puts Israel's nukes on the table. Iran has been complaining about Israel's nuclear weapons (as well as Israel's existence) but Israel and the United States have always played coy and not officially acknowledge the stockpile.

With our official revelation of the program, Iran is now forced to demand a nuclear free zone in all the Middle East. They will likely insist that Israel make its program open to inspection and regulation. Be assured, Israel will not agree, and these talks could very well founder on this issue. If they do, we will have no one either to blame or to thank for their failure than the Obama Administration's clumsiness.

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However, it may be preferable to an actual shooting - bombing war

Letter to City Opposing Zone Change That Would Allow a 41-Unit Condo Project

Melia Homes requested a zone change from Medical Office to Residential for the property at 433-459 W. Bastanchury. Following this request, they held a community presentation to discuss their housing proposal on February 12, 2015. This letter is written on behalf of our neighbors. To date, we have reached over 100 individuals who are directly affected by this proposal.

Due to our many concerns, we held a meeting to discuss the proposed development. Approximately 30 of us met on March 12, 2015 for several hours to review the Melia Homes presentation.

As a result, the group came to the unanimous decision to oppose any zone change. No one saw merit in allowing this property to become residential. While change is inevitable, change also needs to be in alignment with the greater good, and this project does not serve as a catalyst for enhancing the quality of our neighborhood. Sunny Hills is a distinct neighborhood with character and charm, and with homes built on half acre lots, not crammed together. We, as a community of residents, seek to preserve this charm which also appears to be in alignment with one of the City's own guiding principles - 'to ensure new development is compatible with surrounding neighborhoods.'

Specific issues related to the proposed development:

The negative impact of 41 high density two and three story units on existing home values that can easily exceed \$1,000,000. Our homes are our most significant assets and we do not wish to see their values erode.

The proposed setback from Bastanchury is minimal - built as close to the street as possible to accommodate 41 units. The volume of traffic, noise and its speed would present a variety of health and safety issues for potential owners and their families.

The removal of ALL trees which line Bastanchury, and side property. There are over 15 mature trees (Sycamore or similar). These beautiful trees have become an integral part of the landscape surrounding the neighborhood and part of Fullerton's image about being a "Tree City."

Our group is very concerned and distressed by this proposal. If Community Development intends to allow this zone change to proceed, we will make every effort to reach out to every home in our neighborhood, along with surrounding neighbors, to be sure they are well informed and aware of this potential development.

We would greatly appreciate your support in denying the request for a zone change and letting us know of your decision. We hope the city of Fullerton will honor one of its guiding principles - 'to value and protect its heritage as it strives to preserve neighborhoods.'

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your reply.

Signed by:
Carol Edmonston
Josh Newman
Barbara Rosen
Irene and Mac McCormick
Khosroo Esfahlani
representing the entire group

OBSERVERS AROUND THE WORLD



SHIRLEY BERRY IN CUBA

In January the *Observer* was one of the first home town papers to bridge the gap from USA to Cuba. On a people to people cultural exchange with Shirley Berry, the *Observer* traveled to Cuba and visited the cities of Havana, Cienfuegos and Trinidad. "The people were so wonderful; they are so culturally enriched with their

music, arts, and literature. They are a nation of warm and welcoming people. I had the pleasure of open and frank discussions on their government and how life is today in Cuba. It is hoped that soon we will be able to respect each others administrations and work for mutual benefits," says Shirley Berry.

Urgent WATER Emergency

January 2015 was the driest January since the late 1890s. Reports from the government and the media say California has one year of water left.

Approximately eighty percent of California's water is used by our farmers, ten percent by our general industries and the remaining 10 percent is used by the people.

The government confirms that the central farming valley is sinking. The central valley farmers have come up with a new plan to make money, sell our water to us.

Ration the people's water? Fifty to seventy percent ration on ten percent of the water supply is literally a drop in the bucket. It will not have an impact on our water supply.

Not all California farm products are essential to our bread basket. Other states can produce nonessential farming products and ship them to California. And farmers can leave the state and raise crops in wet states.

Oil fracking will destroy millions of gallons of our drinking water for cash in the next 12 months. It needs to be stopped immediately.

The solution is to shut down non-essential farms; take out water heaters; shut swimming pools; let green belts die; outlaw the sale of our water and kill any existing or pending bills that don't push water

to the people. Pushing water to the people must be Sacramento's only job.

We have a governor that is more concerned about his chu-chu than our water. \$1 Billion for water and \$100 Billion for his train. Where is the leadership in Sacramento? Clayton Carver Fullerton

Community Hospital

I noticed an article by Robert Dale commenting on "selling city hall," (*Mid March page 2*) in which he comments on the city council selling "our community hospital." First, the city had no connection to the hospital, it was privately owned, and second, the hospital was not "non-profit." Get your facts straight Mr. Dale. The hospital has been gone for quite a few years now, it closed sometime around 2000.

Robert Hanna La Habra
retired administrator of the hospital

Tax Money Wasted on District Voting Issue

Why is our city funneling our tax money to lawyers' salaries - to block the effort to break the city into districts for better representation? Why not put the issue on the next ballot and let voters decide?

LR Fullerton

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CITY COUNCIL NOTES

by Jacqueline Mahrley

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MARCH 17 COUNCIL MEETING (NEXT MEETING APRIL 7)

•**A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** was presented to Thom Babcock, former representative on the Metropolitan Water District Board, in recognition of his service representing Fullerton on the board.

Mr. Babcock made clear the seriousness of the water problem in the state of California (snowpack down to 19% of normal, Lake Mead down over 90 feet from normal level, Diamond Valley Lake, the largest reservoir in California is at half of its capacity). Allocation to southern California is at 24% of normal. It is the responsibility of every person to help conserve water.

•**A PROCLAMATION** was presented to members of state and county surveyors offices in recognition of the National

Public Comments

•**COLLEGE TOWN CONCERNS:** Sean Paden spoke of his concerns about the College Town Specific Plan, in particular the possible closing of Nutwood, a major street in the area. An alternative to closure is not feasible due to a potential transit hub, according to the Specific Plan. What is the transportation hub? Council previously went as far as to approve a trolley, Mr. Paden said, yet the majority is not in favor. Therefore, this item should be taken back to the council so it can be voted on and defeated. In addition to the trolley, two bus lines would need to be added, leading to decreased flexibility in the area. He asked the council for clarification in these areas.

•**VACCINATIONS & WATER:** Sonia Townsend with California Nurses for Ethical Standards attended this meeting to encourage individual voters to contact their California representatives about SB 277. She believes that this bill should be congruent with the American Medical

City Council/Successor Agency/Staff Communications

Councilmember Chaffee mentioned the following events: the March 11 groundbreaking at Woodcrest Park; commemoration of the U.S.-Korea free trade agreement, now in its third year; St. Jude's charities; Fullerton Union High School District's All Alumni Pow Wow; and, the Fullerton Rotary Club's Concert.

Councilmember Flory briefly spoke about Airport Days on May 9th and the restaurant that will open there in early summer. She also asked that Item 7 be pulled.

Councilmember Whitaker pointed out that the season of West Fullerton Little League had opened and the fifth anniversary celebration of the Fullerton Art Walk had passed. Twenty trees will be planted in Rolling Hills Park in honor of Arbor

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•**BASQUE YARD WELL DESTRUCTION:** Except for Item 7, which was pulled, the balance of the consent calendar was approved unanimously. Item 7 was about the successful remediation of the contamination and shut down of the well. approved 5-0.

•**LANDMARKS:** Request to Designate 155 Hillcrest Drive and 210 West Truslow Avenue as Local Landmarks presented by Joan Wolff, Acting Planning Manager. After brief public comment honoring George Moreno's preservation of the Truslow property. The owner of the Hillcrest property, Todd Warden, spoke about his property restoration. The property will be on the Fullerton Heritage Home Tour this year. Council passed the recommendation unanimously.

•**PRESERVATION ZONE:** Request to Rezone Hillcrest Neighborhood to Preservation Zone: Joan Wolff spoke before the council, this time asking them to rezone the properties in the Hillcrest Neighborhood from residential to residential, Preservation Zone. Over 51% of the neighborhood requested the rezoning, which is enough to adopt the reclassification. This would help assure the maintenance and restoration of homes there.

The majority of the public speakers urged the council to support the recommendation, stating that it is a unique neighborhood, well worth preserving. Only four property owners were opposed.

Cliff Ashcroft, (*who subdivided the former Chaffee property he owns*) on the other hand, was concerned about the legal ramifications, such as the specific requirements for homes build 100 years apart and whether it would be more difficult and costly to make improvements.

Fullerton Heritage advocacy chair Kate Dalton said that she is willing to give up a bit of property rights in order to live in both a lovely and cohesive neighborhood.

Councilmember Whitaker voiced his concern about a neighborhood where the owners are not unanimous about a project. He was concerned about the property owners' rights to appeal. Acting Planning Manager Wolff said that there was flexibility and plans would be looked at on an individual basis as to materials and housing style etc. and decisions could be appealed if necessary.

Mayor Pro Tem Fitzgerald said the zone change adds value to the city. She also said that while the owners may not unanimously agree to a Preservation Zone, the 72% majority consent echoes many decisions made in this country. Councilmember Flory said the consent in this case was driven by Mr. Ashcroft's subdivision of his lot. She said that one of those opposed now supports the zone change making it 75% agreement. Councilmember Chaffee spoke lovingly of growing up in the Hillcrest neighborhood and made the motion. Mayor Sebourn stated that understanding neighborhood identity is one of his issues as mayor. Passed 4-1 (Whitaker, no).

•**ANNUAL HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRESS:** Council voted 5-0 to receive and file the 2012, 2013 and 2014 reports.

•**DEVELOPMENT FEE WAIVERS:** City Manager Felz informed the council that the fee waivers will be brought up as part of the budget discussion in June. In the meantime, staff would like direction. Fee amnesty, Councilmember Whitaker said, would provide incentives and lower barriers for home improvement projects that owners would like to do within a three-month period. He also recommended dropping penalties. Benefits include increased property valuation, jobs and increased buying of building-related products. Councilmember Flory said she wanted to see what the effect on the budget would be. Staff was directed to provide more information, explore expeditious ways of processing the fee waivers and also obtain a one month window amnesty to catch up on tardy business registration.

•**SIDE LETTER** to Memorandum of Agreement Between City of Fullerton and Fullerton Firefighters' Association Regarding Career Enhancement Pay. As this had been presented and discussed at numerous previous meetings there was no presentation, no public comment and no discussion. This item passed 5-0.

•**CITYWIDE SPEED SURVEYS:** Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer, presented this item. Councilmember Whitaker asked that attention be given to normalizing speeds at Fullerton's boundaries with neighboring cities. Item passed 5-0.

•**DRAFT 2015 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM:** City Manager Felz asked the council to approve the draft brought back after last meeting's discussion. Many bills on the state level will be coming forward. The only item discussed was the High Speed Rail. Councilmember Chaffee said it was a boondoggle and asked the city oppose it. Mr. Felz said that HSR is happening. The draft will delete references to the HSR. This item passed 5-0.

This meeting was closed in memory of Janet Terpening.

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Anaheim Poverty Task Force Community Forum Discusses Solutions to Homelessness

A meeting of the Anaheim Poverty Task Force with OCCCO (a non-profit group of congregations and community groups working to better the community) took place on March 24 at the Anaheim Community Center to educate the public and talk about options and opposition to homeless shelters.

“Ending homelessness is achievable. Housing is the solution,” said APTF leader Bob Cerince. “Orange County is the largest metropolitan area without a homeless emergency center.” He said that though there are lots of service provider groups who do good work in helping the homeless by providing food and clothing, they have been unsuccessful in ending homelessness. “We must focus on a multi-service emergency center and rapid rehousing and give people incentives to come up with solutions rather than try to stop solutions. Giving elected leaders a reason to stand up and back a solution would give them bragging rights for fixing the problem.”

A panel of people working to find a solution spoke at the meeting.

“Homelessness is not illegal and can’t be deterred by punishment,” said Sgt. Mike Lozeau of the Anaheim Police Department. “In Anaheim there were 505 calls for service per month in 2012-13. We had to find a solution and created a Homeless Outreach Team of 12 officers dedicated to connecting homeless people with the help they needed. We partnered with Coast to Coast and other outreach programs and that seemed to work where enforcement did not. Fullerton was the first city to do this. We learned from them.” He said, “people complain about the homeless urinating, defecating, hanging out and sleeping on the streets, but we are not providing facilities for these things that we know everyone has to do.”

Retired Sgt. JD Caprio who launched the Homeless Liaison program in Fullerton and now works with Coast to Coast, was in the audience. He said that the homeless are here and the numbers are getting larger. He suggested talking to business owners affected, but who are resistant to locating a shelter nearby. “Ask them how will the situation improve if we do nothing? What will it look like in five or ten years from now?”

Brad Fieldhouse of the non-profit City Net which has contracted with the city to help coordinate service groups working on homelessness said his group set out to “create a virtual emergency service center before we have a building.” He said that statistics show it takes about \$1,500 to

take care of a person on the street. “That money could be used better. A shelter is not a permanent home but it is a stepping stone.”

Robin Keeble, who now works with City Net as a liaison, said she uses her experience of once being homeless to connect to clients who are resistant to getting help because they distrust the system. “People don’t want to be homeless,” she said, “they are trying to make the best of it. They want help but there isn’t a structure set up in Orange County.”

James Brooks of the non-profit Mercy House, which operates the Santa Ana and Fullerton Armory shelters, said they house 200 people per night from December to April when the program is open. He said there was a lack of funding to keep the shelter open year round. Other problems include shut down of the shelters when the National Guard needs them for training purposes. “We don’t own the buildings, we pay rent and are only allowed to operate from 6pm to 6am.” He said many of the homeless have some form of income but only about \$800 a month and that is not enough to afford rent.

Jennifer Lee-Anderson co-founder of CLA & Associates, a group which works on public policy planning on homeless issues, said “Homelessness is a public health emergency. The homeless are heavy users of public services.” She said a multi-service year-round shelter would centralize services in one area and include the goal of moving clients to permanent housing within 30 to 90 days. A successful program in Salt Lake City, Utah is on the verge of housing everyone. In addition, they found it was cheaper to house everyone than to continue providing services and enforcement to tackle the problem.

Terry Lowe, director of Anaheim Community Services said, “The homeless are a small number compared to the many people we help.” He said we need to be efficient and make our resources go as far as possible. To those who oppose shelters he asked, “Is it acceptable the way it is now?”

Eve Garrow, an ACLU Research and Policy Analyst, said that the idea that homelessness is a choice that people make for themselves is a statement that just gets us off the hook by blaming the homeless for their own condition. “It is a misdiagnosis of the problems. If housing was inexpensive and/or wages were higher there would be very little homelessness.”

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OC Supervisors gave the OK to start negotiations on property at 1000 N. Kraemer Place located in an industrial area bordered by the Riverside Freeway in Anaheim as OC’s first year-round homeless shelter at their March 24th meeting.

Possible Homeless Shelter Location Found

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The county has \$6.05 million in potential funds available for acquisition and rehabilitation of a facility and \$1.6 million potentially available for annual operating costs.

Part of the report drawn up by OC Community Services included the alternative of smaller scale shelters. Friendship Shelter contracts with Laguna Beach to operate the Alternative Sleeping Location which offers a home, three meals daily and a wide range of support services for 32 men and women. The total cost to the city is \$363,000. In 2014, 367 individuals were served at an average annual per person cost of \$989. But, to make the Laguna model work countywide, each community would have to commit to funding the development and operation of a small community Shelter/Multi-Service Center. This was discussed at the January 16th Commission to End Homelessness group where the consensus

was that the majority of communities might not step up due to development and operating costs, and community and political challenges.

The Commission recommended the county build or rehabilitate large shelters with the following parameters: 1) Low-threshold emergency shelter/multi-service center(s) with the flexibility of up to 200 beds in one to three sites; 2) Program operator will submit operational plan with array of services in a multi-service center, which will include placement services for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing; 3) Ownership to remain flexible; 4) Flexibility in geographic location with consideration of county-wide needs; and, 5) Release a Request for Proposal or Qualification to select a provider(s) by May 1, 2015.

The supervisors agreed that a large center would conserve costs and be the best option. Staff was directed to pursue negotiations for any location that appears promising.



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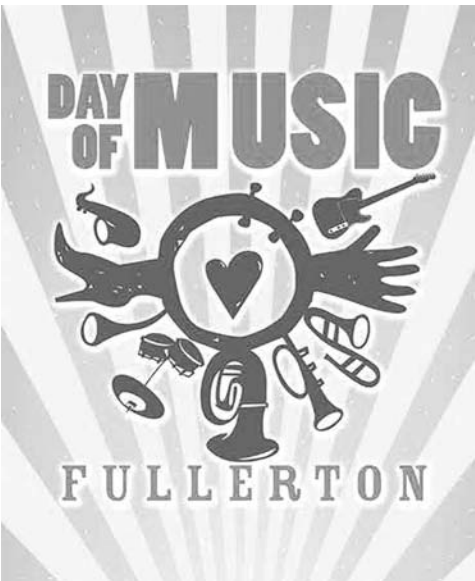
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Upcoming

THE DAY OF MUSIC, promotional banners went up early Saturday morning on Harbor Boulevard, hope you have noticed and please make plans to join us on June 21st, music will be performed in various locations all over Fullerton.

SEE YOU AT THE MARKET: Yes, it's that time of year, the Thursday Fullerton Market will open for the season on April 2, it's free, it's from 4pm- 8:30pm and I know you know all about it so see you there.

Anniversaries

STEAMERS TURNS 20: I can easily picture Terence Love back then, his ponytail competing with mine and a few others for the most impressive exhibit of follicle dominance. He was going to open a Jazz Club on Commonwealth, when nightlife here was scarce, but he had the vision. Those days have faded away, the hair is now businessman sharp, and Terence and Steamers are still going strong. We are very fortunate to have a place like his in our Downtown, stop in again soon. It's all in the timing.

BRIAN'S: Not downtown? So what- Brian and his wife Liz are seen out and about in our downtown all the time and everybody loves Brian's in East Fullerton so hooray for the crew for making it to, what- the 34th anniversary!? Holy cow! Way to go everyone.

New in Town

PIE DOG: NYPD Pizza went back to the Bronx or someplace similar a long time ago but it has now been replaced by Pie Dog- "The perfect place for imperfect people"- so heck yea, I am in. They have created a very inviting space with a menu to match. Expect 20 sausages, house smoked bacon, hamburgers, homemade drinks and sodas, fries, wings, a nice assortment of craft beers and for veggie heads, look for the made in house vegetarian burger. Head to 229 East Commonwealth and check it out.



Fullerton Union High School Pep Band provided music.

DOWNTOWN ON THE AIR

We have mentioned before that a number of film and video projects have been shot in our downtown over the years. "The Purple People Eater" included some scenes shot in our downtown. "Vanilla Sky" was all set to shoot here when a few things backfired in the production so they ended up elsewhere.

As you readers know, a recent Dominoes Pizza shoot, some music videos, and occasional segments for TV shows and other movies have taken place here as well. Ah, but this one was different.

On Wednesday morning March 25th from 7am to 9:30am, The Night Owl Coffee Shop/Performance Venue on Harbor was ground zero for Channel 11 and Good Day LA. We were all there, letting So Cal know what's up Downtown.

The "Coffee Shop Takeover" was percolating, with lines out the door and happy faces all around as nothin' but positive vibes took the place of what we normally are exposed to with our cup of morning news. No bullets, no wars, no traffic, no arguments, no know-it-alls.

First up, after ogling a fantastic 1952 Fender Guitar, we were treated to a great cup of Joe from Joe Rosati, the owner of The Night Owl, who told us the Fox crew has been working on this event for about a month. Footage that was taped and edited in advance included essays on Leo Fender and G&L Guitars, Fullerton Airport, Fuoco Pizza, Patty's Cakes, The Fox Fullerton and other familiar Fullerton locales.

Top Right: Fox TV Crew

Center Right:

Joe Rosati with the Batmobile

At Right: Mayor Seaborn and Mayor Protem Fitzgerald with Corky Neponuceno of Fullerton Foundry and Day of Music fame at center holding the Day of Music poster

We headed out the door to take in the live music and visit with many sleepy eyed Fullertonians along with many Channel 11 viewers who came from all over Southern California to see and be seen. The Fullerton Union High School Pep Band and The Johnny Love Band provided the tunes- horns and reggae- what a way to start the day!



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Vintage Fullerton Photo Quiz



ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE’S VINTAGE FULLERTON PHOTO

EGG ON OUR FACE: Hmm, last issue’s photo (above) only yielded more questions. Was that Fullerton, or Long Beach? Why was the road that should have been in the background missing? Apparently the definitive info we thought we had was not for sure so take another look, somebody out there must know! Yea, I should know the answer, but this one was different, we were looking for answers since we did not have them ourselves, better not do that again.



What very important traffic control/safety devices are missing from the corner of Spadra and Wilshire in the vintage postcard above? There are at least three that we can find. Send your answer to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net

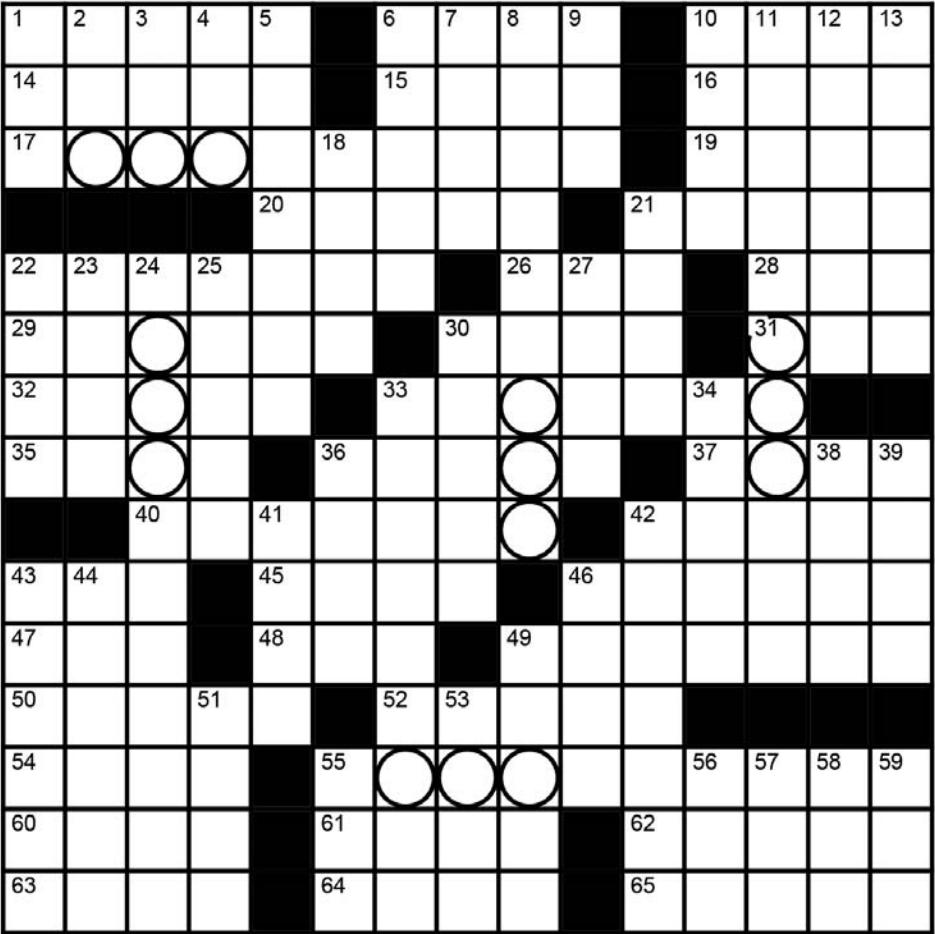
Mosquito Warning

The ongoing drought and warm weather decrease the time required for mosquitoes to develop and they are breeding ahead of schedule at an alarming rate in Orange County. Last year there were 282 human cases of West Nile virus and seven deaths attributed to bites from infected mosquitoes.

Residents are urged to continue to inspect and maintain their properties to reduce future outbreaks; eliminate standing water; make sure screens are in good repair; wear repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR 3535. Contact OC Vector Control about dead birds or neglected pools at 714-971-2421 and visit www.ocvcd.org for more info.

OUR TOWN CROSSWORD

“The Hunt is On” by Valerie Brickey (answer key on page 19)



ACROSS

- 1. Potato chip, to a Brit
- 6. “Hey, over here!”
- 10. Kindergarten basics
- 14. Of the moon
- 15. Elevator inventor
- 16. Wyle of “ER”
- 17. Jackson’s moment?
- 19. “Heartburn” author Ephron
- 20. Part of TNT
- 21. Procrastinator’s word
- 22. Affects
- 26. PBS supporter
- 28. Filmmaker Spike
- 29. French-speaking Canadian province
- 30. Unwanted e-mail
- 31. Finale
- 32. Black cattle breed
- 33. “Strap on the old ____”
- 35. Living quarters, slang
- 36. Killjoys

- 37. Sonny & Cher’s “____ You Babe”
- 40. Shouting
- 42. Swap
- 43. Bien’s opposite
- 45. Relieve
- 46. Mailer-____, undeliverable email
- 47. Prefix with cycle or lateral
- 48. Pen filler
- 49. Embers
- 50. Numbskulls
- 52. Response to “How ya doin’?”, maybe
- 54. Actor Brad
- 55. “Family Guy” character voiced by Mila Kunis
- 60. Tied after reg. play
- 61. Salinger title character
- 62. Unsophisticated
- 63. Sicilian erupter
- 64. ____-bitty
- 65. Like some communities

DOWN

- 1. Brand of hard-water stain remover
- 2. Regret
- 3. Gerund’s end
- 4. Droop
- 5. Harry and William
- 6. “Ghostbusters” co-star Annie
- 7. Mix
- 8. “Shaun of the Dead” star
- 9. “The Waste Land” monogram
- 10. Oscar winner Paquin
- 11. Illegal Minecraft?
- 12. Speed out-of-control
- 13. Split
- 18. Some claim this on IRS forms
- 21. Son of a ewe
- 22. Intelligence commercial?
- 23. Tax-free bond, briefly
- 24. “The Mod Squad” actress
- 25. Treat badly


- 27. He plays Stokes on “CSI”
- 30. Paris’s river
- 33. Most playful
- 34. Broadcast
- 36. Think ahead
- 38. Stench
- 39. Some bills
- 41. Luau souvenirs
- 42. On a losing streak
- 43. Mississippi ____ (chocolate dessert)
- 44. Designate
- 46. Christian name
- 49. Evasive
- 51. Blues singer James
- 53. Execs.
- 55. 2015 “Top Chef” winner Lin
- 56. LAX regulators
- 57. In shape
- 58. “____ got it!”
- 59. Homer’s neighbor


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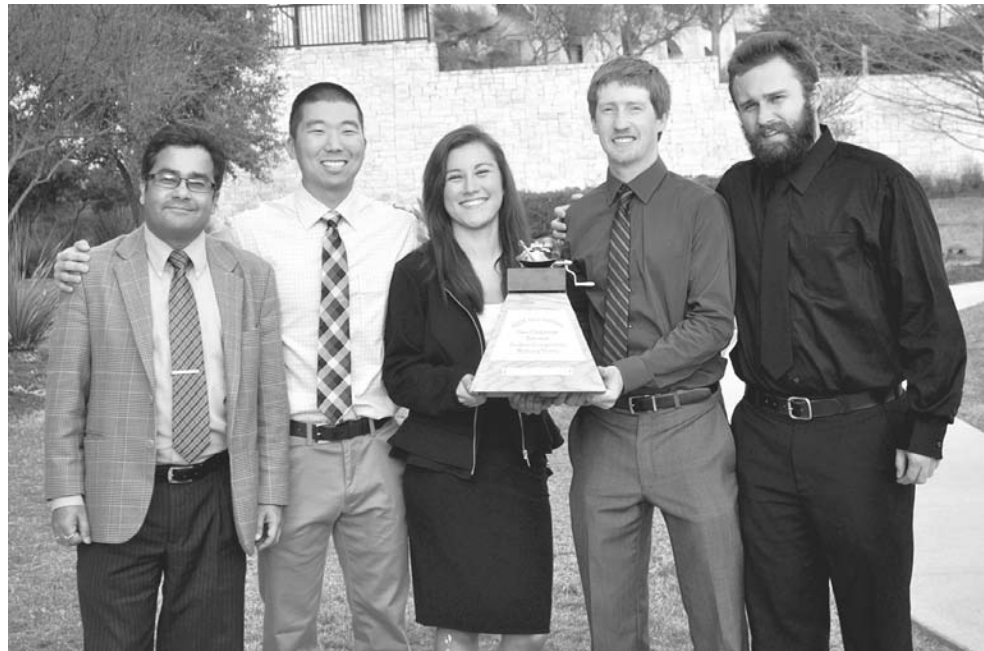
April 2 – Bubba and the Big Bad Blues

April 9 – The 44’s featuring Kid Ramos

April 16 – Deke Dickerson and the EccoFonics

April 23 – Jason James and the King of Clubs

April 30 – Jann Browne Band



Cal State Fullerton engineering Professor Binod Tiwari (left) with students Eric Kim, Shelley Rodriguez, John Stapleton and John Thurlo, the Titan engineering team that won first place in the national "geo-wall" competition.

Titan Engineers Two-Time National Champs

Cal State Fullerton student engineers captured the first place Geo-Challenge trophy in the national "Geo-wall" competition held March 17-18 in San Antonio.

Titans finished ahead of the University of Texas at Arlington (second), and the University of Arkansas (third), making this their second consecutive win in the annual competition run by the Geo-Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

"Our hard-working Titans surprised the geotechnical community one more time. I

am personally very proud of our students, who each exemplify Titan Pride," said faculty mentor Binod Tiwari, associate professor of civil and environmental engineering.

The four-member team, who built and tested its design of a stabilized earth wall, are: graduate student and team captain John Thurlo of Chino Hills, senior Eric Kim of Fullerton, junior Shelley Rodriguez of Buena Park and sophomore John Stapleton of Fullerton.

Top CSUF Research Contest Projects

Ten CSUF student researchers will advance to the 29th annual CSU Research Competition May 1-2 at Cal State San Bernardino. The finalists were selected from over 50 of their peers who took part in a campuswide contest in February. The top three finishers received monetary awards:

•First place-\$300, Brenna Biggs, senior chemistry major, "An Alternative Energy Device to Convert Carbon Dioxide to Power." Mentor: John L. Haan, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

•Second place-\$200, Tara Johnson, senior art-entertainment art/animation major, "A Re-Imagining of Little Red Riding Hood, Set in Imperial China." Mentor: Cliff G. Cramp, professor of art.

•Third place-\$100, April Nakagawa, environmental studies graduate student, "Infanticide and Spontaneous Abortion as Reproductive Strategies Among a Wild Population of Gelada Monkeys at Guassa, Ethiopia." Mentor: Nga Nguyen, associate professor of anthropology.

Other undergraduates selected for the CSU contest are:

•Kyle Hess, biological science, "Decoding the Human Cellular Stress Response One Mutation at a Time." Mentor: Nikolas Nikolaidis, associate professor of biological science.

•Carina Sandoval, biological science, "Investigating the Activation of the

Solanum Lycopersicum Tm 2-2 Immune Receptor in Response to its Pathogen the Tomato Mosaic Virus." Mentor: Melanie A. Sacco, assistant professor of biological science.

•Evangeline Sheridan, art-creative photography, "Folding Topographies: Altering Perceptions of the LA River." Mentor: Bryan W. Cantley, professor of art.

•Joshua Silva, biological science, "Disruption of the TRPML1-TMEM163 Interaction Results in Abnormal TMEM163 Protein Trafficking and Intracellular Zinc Metabolism." Mentor: Math P. Cuajungco, associate professor of biological science.

•Gregory Weisberg, geography and earth science, "Using Derived Weather Patterns to Define Seasons and Identify Climate Change." Mentor: James Miller, associate professor of geography.

Other graduate-level finalists competing are:

•Baqer Alhabeeb, mechanical engineering, "Put a Pipe In It: Optimizing Under Floor Heating Systems." Mentor: Chean Chin Ngo, assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

•Mitzi Avila, sociology, "Aún Hay Machos? Understandings of Machismo Across Two Generations of Mexican Men." Mentor: Patricia E. Litterte, associate professor of sociology.



Kitiny Phumchun, Rachel Romo, Zach Turner, Joseph Phillips, Sarah Benedict, and Michael Lee

Fullerton College Debate Team Wins Top Honors in Nationwide Tournament

Fullerton College debaters Rachel Romo, Michael Wu, Zach Turner, Kitiny Phumchun, Sarah Benedict, and Joseph Phillips took top honors at the National Educational Debate Association's championship tournament in Dayton, Ohio on March 13 and 14.

Rachel Romo and Joseph Phillips defeated a team from Capital University of Columbus, Ohio, to win Novice Policy. Phillips won top speaker, while Romo was

3rd best speaker. In Open Policy debate, Zach Turner and Kitiny Phumchun were 3rd overall; Michael Wu and Sarah Benedict, were fourth.

The team competed against 20 other colleges and universities. The topic of debate was "Local police departments should be demilitarized."

Fullerton finished 2nd overall in Sweepstakes, and was awarded Top New NEDA program in the nation.

COMPARING AMERICAN & KOREAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

by Joon Bae

South Korea and the United States have been great friends since the Korean War in the 1950s. After the war, South Korea made many improvements including to the education system. Parts of the U.S. educational system were adapted into the Korean system, but some features still differ such as extracurricular activities, and focus.

School-life is both similar and different in the two countries. Elementary schools in both countries have only one teacher for all subjects such as language arts, math, science, etc. Subjects are taught by different teachers at the middle and high school levels in six to seven periods a day in both systems. However, in Korea, students are treated more strictly by teachers than the students in the U.S. because Asian ideals are based on the values of Confucius which require more respect and obedience. Moreover, in the Korean system there are only two chances to bring up grades: the mid-term and the finals. If one fails those two massive tests there are no extra credit opportunities, chapter tests, or quizzes, to help bring up one's GPA. U.S. schools have significantly more tests and quizzes, require more participation in class, and assign a bunch of homework, unlike the Korean system.

The extracurricular part of the education system of the two countries also contrast each other. U.S. extracurricular activities are focused on outside-school sports teams, volunteering, and a student's individual areas of interest. In Korea, most of the extra activities are related to studying to achieve better grades or for college preparation. Students go to academies and tutors right after the end of school and come back home around 10pm. So, typi-

cal Korean students have no access to outdoor activities except through physical education class in school. This leads to more time sitting, getting various obesity-related diseases, and also decreases a student's physical abilities and stamina.

Education requires lots of money. In both countries education from elementary through high school is provided by the federal or central government. Also, free-reduced lunch is provided to those in need of help, so students can eat and study harder. While there is no need to pay for basic education until after high school graduation, money is spent in different areas. In general, a Korean family can pay up to 1/3 of the total family income on tutoring and outside school classes. In comparison, the American education system encourages people to spend more money on active programs such as clubs and sports teams. The amount of money spent on education can be very close, but the way it is used is very different.

South Korea, approximately 6,000 miles away, is very westernized by American influences, but the culture has altered the education system. Korean education is more conservative and strict, with a focus on entering a good college, while the U.S. is more liberal, which allows students to follow their interests and learn more about what they will do in the future.

Author Joon Bae has experienced the education system of both South Korea and the US. Although he had finished 7th grade in Korea and had been studying English, he entered the US school system as a sixth grader in second semester to make sure his English was up to par. He is currently in 10th grade IB classes, gets good grades and has a passion for writing. He wants to be a politician or a doctor in the future.



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HIGH SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS *by Vivien Moreno*
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., Fullerton 92833. 714-870-2800. See the agenda at www.fjuhsd.net

MARCH 10 FJUHSO BOARD MEETING (NEXT MEETING APRIL 14)

Superintendent Search

At the March 10th FJUHSO board meeting, the trustees approved the next step in the process for finding a permanent replacement for recently retired district superintendent.

The trustees approved the published job requirements for the new superintendent which is basically a "wish list" of qualities that boardmembers, students, parents, community members, teachers and staff have requested that a candidate have for the position.

I attended three of the parent interview sessions (Dave Long and Associates ended up interviewing about 240 people over a three day period and received additional written comments) about what they would like to see in a superintendent, and I think they captured a description that reflects the requests very well.

This job opportunity will be published nationwide, so it will be interesting to see the pool of qualified applicants that it produces. Qualified applications will be accepted until mid-April, the trustees will review candidates by late April and interview the finalists around mid-May.

Future Farmers & ROP

The trustees celebrated the Future Farmers of America this month and again showed their support for strong ROP/CTE programs.

Interim Budget Report

The board approved the 2nd Interim Budget Report with a positive certification to be sent to the OC Board of Education. The report shows that through fiscal prudence, FJUHSO will be able to fully fund the upcoming year's expenses. This gives the district a higher credit rating and a better position for selling the first round of bonds.

The budget included a list of deficit spending reductions that include streamlining mail delivery systems, additional reductions of classified staffing positions, ongoing special education budget reductions, and moving dean positions around within the district rather than hiring additional personnel. The necessary 2.5 million dollar reductions are listed on the website under business services, 2014/2015 budget information, under 2nd interim report. The reduction spending is listed on page 18 of the report.



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 or call 714-447-7400

Next FSD Board Meeting is April 14

Kids Rule! *by Francine Vudoti*



Fullerton Fit Families

The thing that attracted me to the Fullerton Fit Families (FFF) event was the scavenger hunt. Once there I was surprised to find that there were other fun activities, too. There were educational booths that taught me how to be healthier in different ways! So awesome!

The Fullerton School District sponsored the FFF to encourage us to live healthy lifestyle with tips on eating better food, exercising and developing healthy habits like washing of hands often. As we walked along the trails to find the scavenger hunt treasures, we were able to exercise with our families. We each got to wear a watch called a pedometer that recorded the number of steps we took during the scavenger hunt.

I learned new things when we went to all the booths. My favorite booth was the one that taught me how to wash my hands. They had glitter representing germs, and hand sanitizer, lotion, water and soap as the cleaning tools. First they put the glitter on my hands to pretend that they were germs. Then they let me wash with water to test if it could wash out all the germs (glitter). It didn't work. Next, I tried the hand sanitizer and lotion but they, too, didn't work. They then let me wash with soap and water for 20 seconds....and it worked! Finally, all the germs (glitter) were gone. Lesson learned: it is best to wash our hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.



Above: The hand washing station
Below: The Water Station. -PHOTOS BY F. BILANGEL



Another booth that I went to taught me the type of juice that I should drink. I learned that most juices have lots of added sugar that can interact badly with my body. It is best to pick 100% juice because the sugar is not added but comes naturally from the fruit.

I also learned that I should watch the yogurt I eat because some yogurt can have lots of sugar. I should pick the one with the least sugar and more protein. Plain yogurt is better than flavored yogurt because the flavoring is processed. I can just add real fruits for flavor.

I love my flavored yogurt so much and it tastes so good but probably I should eat plain yogurt instead and just add fruits. But wait, they did not talk about live cultures, the good bacteria in some yogurts, that my mom tells me are a great help to my body. Mom makes sure that my yogurt has live cultures.

I also visited the booth where I learned that I should be drinking four glasses of water based on my weight. I guess I am

doing just fine. I bring my water bottle to school everyday and it is equivalent to two glasses of water. In the morning, I drink water before taking my breakfast because mom said it will clean the insides of my body and activate my organs. I also take juice and milk everyday.

In the last booth, I wrote the things that I will do in order to reach my goal to become healthier. I put it in the envelope with my school's name on it. It will be delivered to my teacher who will check with me to see if I am working on my goals.

I had so much fun and I have not even shared how I was surprised with the scavenger hunt. It was not the usual game I know. It was totally different but awesome. I will write about it in my next article.

Francine is an 8 year old local student and a prolific writer.

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A CLIMATE CHANGE FIX

Both the Left and Right Can Embrace

by Sarah Mosko

Studies abound linking the increase in extreme weather-related catastrophes in recent decades, like droughts, floods, hurricanes and blizzards, to global climate change.

Some climate experts stress the urgency of addressing the problem now, predicting cascading economic and political, social and environmental upheavals worldwide if action is delayed. Since the dawn of the industrial revolution, the CO2 content of Earth's atmosphere has shot up from 275 ppm to over 400 ppm, already well above the 350 ppm limit some scientists believe is a safe level above which we risk triggering irreversible consequences out of human control.

Most Americans agree with the climatologists who believe that climate change is happening and likely caused by greenhouse gases produced by the burning of carbon-based fossil fuels. Asked if "the federal government should act to limit the amount of greenhouse gases U.S. businesses put out," 78% said yes in a national poll which appeared January 20 in *The New York Times*. This reflects 60% of Republicans and 87% of Democrats polled.

Yet Congress is still home to a cadre of climate change deniers. Even among the majority in Congress that don't dispute it, previous legislative proposals to price carbon emissions can be counted on two hands and all died in committee, revealing a glaring lack of political will to tackle this perceived global threat. This comes as no surprise given that fossil fuel industry lobbyists are well represented among the paid lobbyists on Capitol Hill which outnumber members of Congress 4-to-1.

Enter the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization populated by volunteer citizens with a single mission: Create the political will in Congress to pass a real solution to climate change, palatable to politicians across the political spectrum.

CCL's legislative proposal is elegantly simple, just two pages, and dubbed "Carbon Fee-and-Dividend." In the first year, the CO2 content of fossil fuels would be charged a \$15 per ton fee at the points of entry into the economy (i.e. coal mines, oil wells and ports). This begins to level the playing field for all sources of energy. However, the fee would rise annually by \$10 per ton of CO2, providing a competitive stimulus for industry to move to cheaper, renewable energy.

Because industry would pass the resulting increases in producing carbon-heavy products on to consumers, 100%

of the collected fees would be returned to American households as monthly cash dividends in amounts commensurate with household size. This would increase demand for products with a lower carbon footprint.

The plan's universal appeal stems from the facts that it puts money back in the pockets of consumers, is 100% net revenue neutral for industry, and allows market forces to pick industry winners and losers over time. Plus, it does not ask members of Congress to violate any pledges made to block new taxes adding to government coffers.

CCL members' lobbying-style emphasis on listening to the concerns of congresspersons has been key to building relationships on both the left and right.

The organization provides volunteers with supportive training so they feel competent when meeting face-to-face with members of Congress or writing letters to politicians and newspapers. Volunteers are armed with the compelling results of a nation-wide economic model done in 2014 which analyzes the impacts of Carbon Fee-and-Dividend on CO2 emissions and the economy.

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This analysis was performed by Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) which, as the name implies, models economics in a designated region - in this case 160 industries encompassing the U.S. economy. The 20-year predictions include a 50% reduction in CO2 emissions below 1990 levels, addition of 2.8 million new jobs to the U.S. economy, cumulative additional Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth exceeding \$1.3 trillion, and 227,000 fewer premature deaths from air pollution.

A family of four could expect over \$3,000 in annual dividend income, and it's estimated that two-thirds of Americans should break even or net a profit.

CCL contends that the reason predicted outcomes of previously proposed carbon taxes have been less rosy (like the 2013 one done by the Congressional Budget Office) is because they lack the key feature of 100% dividend to the American people.

REMI has performed modeling in 47 different states for high profile clients in both private and public sectors without ideological bias. The full CCL-commissioned analysis can be accessed on CCL's website.

CCL's ultimate goal is to set-off a global domino-effect fee on carbon, with the U.S. in the lead. Consequently, a carbon fee "border adjustment" is proposed, aimed at discouraging U.S. businesses from relocating to countries with lax CO2 emissions standards while also incentivizing other nations to place their own fee on carbon. The border adjustment would be imposed on imports from nations failing to set their own carbon pricing mechanism and returned to U.S. manufacturers as reward when they export to those nations.

Mark Tabbert, co-founder of CCL's Newport Beach Orange County chapter, believes that, in reality, the border tariff will never be imposed, as the threat alone will bring other nations along.

By design, the border adjustment complies fully with the two rules set by the World Trade Organization (WTO). The one known as "most favored nation" requires that tariffs treat all nations equally, and the "national treatment" rule specifies that tariffs treat domestic and foreign products the same.

The first U.S. CCL chapter was established in 2007 by just three citizens. The organization has grown to 249 local chapters across all 50 states, organized by congressional district, and boasts 1,086 lobby meetings in 2014 alone. Their first-Saturday-of-the-month meetings are efficient, educational and task-oriented. They begin with an international, educational listen-in, followed by within-chapter reports of accomplishments over the last month and planned actions for the next. The city of Brea hosts the North Orange County CCL chapter.

There are chapters in 15 other countries too. All CCL members are encouraged to attend the upcoming international CCL conference in Washington, June 21-23, at which the goal is have meetings with all 535 members of Congress.

Read more articles by Sarah Mosko at www.boogiegreen.com

Joint Senate Committee Hearing Reveals Missteps in Oversight of Oil and Gas Injection Wells

At a joint hearing of the Senate Committees for Natural Resources & Water and Environmental Quality, Secretary of Natural Resources John Laird cited bad decision making" at the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) dating back to 1983, and vowed to get tighter control of the state's Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program. Laird spoke in response to concerns regarding oversight of the UIC program and potential impacts to drinking water.

DOGGR runs the UIC program under an agreement with the U.S. EPA. At the EPA's direction, DOGGR and the state water boards have been reviewing oil and gas injection wells since July 2014, in order to ensure compliance with water quality protection laws. Thus far, their review revealed that 2,533 wells, primarily located in Kern County, were permitted to inject fluids, including wastewater, into protected sources of drinking water.

Twenty-three oil and gas injection wells have already been shut down. While all of the 2,533 injection wells will be reviewed, the first to be examined are 532 wells that impact, or may impact, aquifers containing water that could be put to beneficial use. The initial focus is on a subset of 176 wells.

Oil and gas wastewater, called "produced water," is the byproduct of both traditional drilling and oil-well stimulation activities, like fracking. It is typically high in salt and has been shown to contain chemicals hazardous to human health. By law, it can only be injected into aquifers containing water that is unsuitable for human consumption. These aquifers are deemed "exempt," and there is an established process for obtaining exempt status. Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director for the State Water Resources Control Board, stated at the hearing that his agency believes these waste fluids have contaminated non-exempt aquifers, although an instance of contamination has not yet been found in adjacent active drinking water wells.

Mark Nechodom, Director of the Department of Conservation, which oversees DOGGR, blamed DOGGR's lax oversight on an outdated data management system, a reallocation of staff resources on other issues, and a lack of qualified personnel. He said he intends to work "aggressively" to automate the data system and hire more hydrogeologists to ensure isolation between oil activities and aquifers.

SB 248, which I introduced this year, calls for more comprehensive and transparent reporting of oil and gas well drilling activity. This bill addresses the serious deficiencies in DOGGR's implementation of the UIC program, and will help protect the state's drinking and irrigation water sources from oil and gas well wastewater disposal. SB 248 will require full reporting of any activity or injection into an oil or gas well, and will require the data is made readily available to the public and regulators.

We cannot allow our precious groundwater resources to be compromised by negligence. Protecting our water becomes even more critical in our current drought situation.

Measure M2 Open Space Restoration Projects Update

The Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) will convene on Wednesday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m. at the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), 600 South Main Street in Orange. The EOC will receive a status update on OCTA's funded restoration projects. The presentation will focus on the New Irvine Ranch Conservancy's three projects.

In preparation for the release of the Resource Management Plans (RMPs), the EOC will discuss the next steps in


addressing the public access concerns and questions that were submitted during the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) public comment period. RMPs are being developed for each OCTA preserve and will guide the stewardship and operations of each preserve.

Focus group meetings are being planned in advance of the RMP release in order to review the NCCP/HCP and RMP goals and requirements and discuss and help develop potential options

for public access. Future public meetings will also be scheduled so the public can comment on the plans, which will identify how sensitive plants and animals are protected and also what, where, and when public access will be allowed for each preserve.

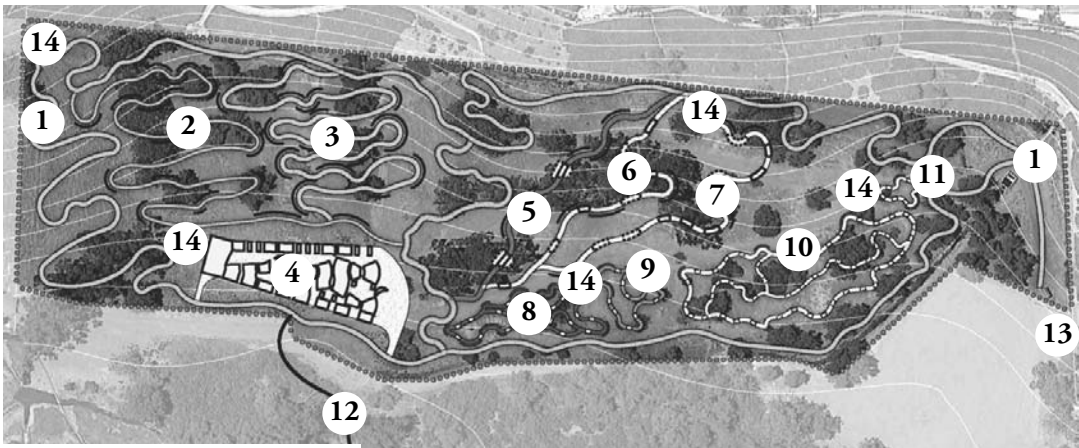
RMPs for Ferber Ranch, O'Neill Oaks, Saddle Creek South, and Hafen are expected to be available for public review in the summer.

For more information, please contact Marissa Espino at 714-560-5607



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) Multi-Use Cross Country Loop

2) Easy Flow Trail

3) Intermediate

4) Multi-Level Dirt Jumps

5) Multi-Level Drop Trail

6) Intermediate Slopestyle

7) Advanced Slopestyle

8) Intermediate Pump Park

9) Easy Pump Track

10) Multi-Level Skills Track

11) Tot Track

12) Improved Creek Loop Trail

13) Restroom

14) Ramada/Picnic Table

Craig Bike Park Conceptual Plan

by Jane Rands & Denny Bean

On March 18 at the Fullerton Community Center, OC Parks, the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), Stantec Design, and SHARE Mountain Bike Club, hosted a follow up Design Visioning Workshop to present the Conceptual Plan for a Bike Park at Craig Park based on input gathered at the January 28 workshop. (See the Early February Observer.) This second meeting was nearly as well attended as the first, with 50 people, including residents of Fullerton, local mountain bike riders, two park rangers, owner of Jax Bicycle Centers, Dave Hanson and Tuan Richardson from OC Parks.

Since Dave Hanson initiated the idea in 2013, the park planning effort has won a \$10,000 grant from IMBA's "Bike Park Initiative" and matching funds from OC Parks. The proposed 10 acre bike facility on Army Corp of Engineers land behind the Fullerton Dam is already leased by OC Parks as part of Craig Regional Park. The site was selected for its accessibility and proximity to a large number of Orange County residents.

A bike park would encourage exercise, help to develop biking skills that can translate into more people riding to school or work, as well as learning an appreciation for the outdoors. A video of a bike park on Belle Isle in Richmond, VA showed how a bike park can support a variety of ages and abilities and provide opportunities for children to practice riding bicycles in a safe environment.

The refined conceptual plan has twelve trail types for all rider levels ranging from a multi-

use loop, to a tot track, to dirt jumps and everything in between. Some tracks allow riders to "flow" through the turns while others, called "pump" tracks, require more effort. The "expert" track would have jumps, logs, and rocks to add to the excitement. Shaded picnic tables and restrooms are also in the design to support up to 500 people visiting the area.

Residents near the park noted that this portion of the park is currently underutilized and more parking may be needed for people who will drive rather than ride to access the facility. Residents who frequent the park also noted that the area often becomes soggy after rains. The park rangers said that County Parks have a policy of closing for a few days following a rain to prevent damage to wet trails. Soil sampling and proposed remediation will also be included in the final plan to reduce erosion due to weather and wear over time. There were also suggestions for communicating rider etiquette to prevent conflicts with pedestrians and cyclists within other sections of the park.


The funds to build the park are not yet identified, but may include local healthcare providers or other sponsors. County approval and construction plans are still to come. Volunteers may help reduce the construction costs and give the community a sense of stewardship.

To view the plan and presentation and to give your input, please visit http://ocparks.com/about/projects/craig_park_bike_facility . Public comments may be sent to CraigParkBikeFacility@ocparks.com

LOCAL FICTION AUTHORS' DAY at the Library April 18


The Fullerton Public Library will host local fiction authors on Saturday, April 18, from 1pm to 5pm in the Community Room. The event is free. The library is located at 353 W. Commonwealth. Call 714-738-6327 or visit fullertonlibrary.org for more information. The authors include:

Carol Snow




Author of teen and adult fiction. Called "an author to watch" by Booklist, Carol Snow is an American author of contemporary women's fiction and young adult literature. After graduating from Brown University with a degree in psychology, she spent many years writing literary short stories before turning her attention to crafting humorous, heartfelt stories, Berkley/Penguin published her first novel, *Been There, Done That*. Since then, she has written four more books for adults, *Getting Warmer* (2007), *Here Today, Gone to Maui* (2009), *Just Like Me, Only Better* (2010), and the newly released *What Came First* (2011). Carol has also written two young adult books for HarperCollins, *Switch* (2008), an ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers, and *Snap*. <http://www.carolsnow.com/>

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Author of YA and New Adult Fiction for 20-30 year olds. *A Bonafide Detective*: It's 1960. The Russians have nuclear missiles off the coast of Florida. The Sexual Revolution is about to send the world spinning. Intellectuals are predicting the death of God. All that aside, fifteen-year-old Dewey "Doc" Ruggles has real challenges to deal with. He needs to find a babysitter for his little sister, Snowball, so he'll have time to solve his hometown's most chilling cold-case murder. It's his chance to be a local hero and attract evil's opposite: true love.

Melissa Buell



Author of childrens and YA books. Melissa has always had a vivid imagination and would fall asleep to scenes she would make up. That then turned into writing those scenes out which turned into a novel. She graduated with honors from CSUF with a B.A. in English, emphasis on Secondary Education. She is now a junior high and high school English teacher. www.authormelissabuell.com/

LANCE CHARNES



Author of the political thrillers *DOHA 12* and *SOUTH*, Charnes says, "I've been an Air Force intelligence officer, information technology manager, computer-game artist, set designer, Jeopardy! contestant, and now an emergency management specialist. I've had training in architectural rendering, terrorist incident response and maritime archaeology, although not all at the same time. I tweet (@lcharnes) on shipwrecks, archaeology, art crime and scuba diving." Also visit the author's blog at <http://www.wombatgroup.com/>

DENNIS DUNNIGAN



Author of detective mystery *Dead Case*: Janie Ross has Fullerton police detective in her blood. Raised by her uncle Dan and his friends, Ben Ryland and James Reed, all recently retired Fullerton Detectives, she is eager to make a career name for herself. Janie gets a chance to assist one of Fullerton's more seasoned and respected detectives with a new murder case. Janie realizes that not only does she have a personal connection to the victim, but also the crime scene is proof that Fullerton's infamous Screwdriver Killer has returned. Janie jumps head first into the case to catch the one killer her uncle was never able to. Time is of the essence for the female rookie detective as she faces off against a clever serial killer, police politics, and her first partner.

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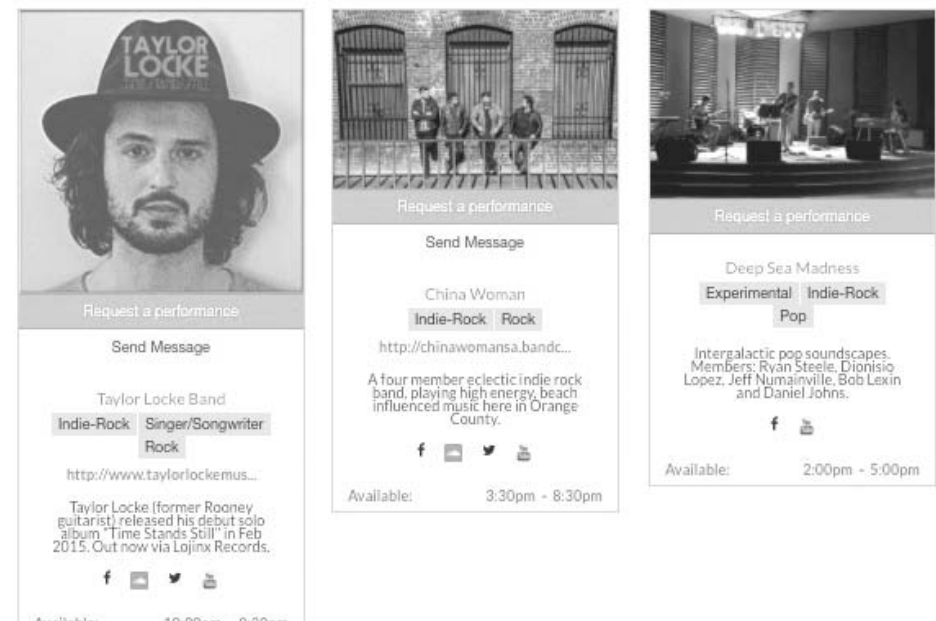
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Just a quick visit to register on the Day of Music website will help musicians and venues find the perfect match for their performances for the citywide music festival.

Day of Music Seeking Musicians & Venues to Participate in Citywide Music Celebration

by Carol van Ahlers

The Day of Music website is now up and running with an easy to use match-making tool to bring together musicians and venues for the inaugural Day of Music Fullerton on Sunday, June 21, 2015, the summer solstice.

Up until now, the website was primarily informational, getting the word out about the exciting event which will bring music to the streets, free for all to enjoy.

“We are really excited about this software addition to the website,” said DOM boardmember and website designer Corky Nepomuceno. “It was designed by our partners at the Make Music Alliance and has a proven track record. The goal is to make it as easy as possible for participating musicians and venues to find a perfect match for their performances.”

The Day of Music Fullerton joins cities in more than 110 countries around the world on June 21 to celebrate music of all genres and styles performed by anyone who wants to take part, enjoyed by everyone who wants to attend. Local performers will range from amateurs and professionals, unknowns and rising stars. Musicians of all ages, creeds, and musical persuasions — from hip hop to orchestral, blue grass to punk rock, reggae to indie rock — are all encouraged to participate.

Countless free concerts will take place in art galleries, restaurants, bars, retail stores, places of worship, parks, parking

lots and streets throughout Fullerton.

“We are looking for musicians who want to perform and locations who are willing to host a performance. They need to make their way to our website, enter their information and let the matchmaking begin,” said Nepomuceno. “We have a lot of area to cover in Fullerton and want to hear music in every corner of our city.”

Musicians seeking a place to play; venues in search of musicians; and volunteers eager to lend a hand have until May 31, 2015 to sign up with the Day of Music Fullerton organizers at www.thedayofmusic.com to become part of the festival.

Detailed information on all aspects of the Day of Music Fullerton can easily be obtained by visiting the website or emailing info@thedayofmusic.com.

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Heroes & Villains

The Fullerton Museum Center invited Don Lagerberg, professor emeritus of art at Cal State Fullerton to lecture about the current exhibit, “Heroes & Villains, The Comic Book Art of Alex Ross,” on Sunday March 22.

Professor Lagerberg’s one hour presentation was an amazing, informative and thought provoking lecture, and in good professor form, he started out with a handout on an 11” x 17” sheet of paper printed on both sides in 10 point print.

The charts contained a wealth of information with a timeline from 1890 to present listing creators of comics in newspapers to comic books - paralleled with world events such as wars, depressions, and assassinations. Perhaps there is a need for superheroes for a culture in distress.

Lagerberg’s chart included the listings:

- The “Golden Age of Comics @ 1935-50s emphasized Superman, Wonder Woman, Captain Marvel, Batman, Tarzan and more.
- The Silver Age of Comics @ 1956-70 emphasized X-Man, Spiderman, Silver Surfer, Shield etc.,
- The Bronze Age of Comics @ 1970-85 emphasized Conan, Ghost Rider etc.
- The Modern Age of Comics @1985-2015 emphasized Mini Dark Age, 90s, Dark Knight returns.

Alex Ross, illustrator, the focus of the Fullerton Museum exhibition, was born in 1970 with a passion for drawing comic characters starting from when he was three years old!

His mother was an illustrator who studied with the outstanding draftsman, Andrew Loomis, at American Academy of Art. Alex Ross followed in his mother’s footsteps, also studying at the American Academy of Art in Chicago.

He skillfully uses the gauche medium to paint powerful images of Superman, Spiderman, Batman, Wonder Woman comic characters.

You can view Heroes & Villains at the Fullerton Museum though May 10, 2015. Phone: 714-738-6545.

This exhibition has been organized by the Andy Warhol Museum, one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh.

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Artist Alex Ross working in his studio.

photographs and sculptures from Ross’s personal collection organized by the Andy Warhol Museum.- thru May 10.

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Full-time faculty members teaching in the Cal State Fullerton Visual Arts Department will exhibit their most recent works ranging from oil paintings, drawings, watercolors, animation character studies, cast glass sculpture, videos, glass, ceramics, graphic design and kinetic artwork.

The exhibition opens with a reception on Sat., April 11 from 5pm to 8pm in the Begovich Gallery in the Visual Arts Department, Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Phone the Begovich Gallery at (657) 278-3262 for more information. - thru May 16

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**DEAD MAN'S CELL PHONE** at Stages

An incessantly ringing cell phone is enough to annoy even the most understanding person, but in a darkened theater where the slightest sound from a cell phone is nearly intolerable, STAGES theatre, illustrates how the everyday palm-sized device catapults Sarah Ruhl's oddball comedy *Dead Man's Cell Phone* into the airwaves with a quirkiness that is both utterly bizarre and profoundly thought-provoking.

Dead Man's protagonist is twenty-nine year old Jean (Kerri Hellmuth) who is peacefully reading in a quiet café when she hears a man's continuously ringing phone at a nearby table. She has finally "had it" as she politely saunters over to ask the "sleeping" man if he is going to answer his phone. Only, the dead guy isn't sleeping, responding to her, nor answering the phone. That's right; he has downed his last meal - and it wasn't the lobster bisque he was craving just moments before.

In the meantime, that cell phone of his is still ringing. It's a predicament, all right. Would you suppose that Jean finds the waiter? Calls 911? Or, answers the dead guy's phone? You've guessed it, and she picks up the phone answering with a trepid "Hello?"

Moments later, she asks the person on the other end if she can "...take a message?" Oddly drawn to her ideal of the dead man, Jean becomes his personal and devoted secretary and she holds on to his phone as though she believes it's her right and also her heroic duty to do so. This life-changing gesture begins her odyssey into learning more about the dead guy, Gordon Gottlieb (Keith Bush), than she ever wanted to know and here also begins her embroiled entanglement with the newly departed's circle of family, friends, and business acquaintances.

Jean tries to maintain her integrity, is always looking to do the best for others, and as Gordon's phone calls keep coming in, Jean feels compelled to im-

provise as she answers his calls, telling the callers what she thinks they want to hear. Among the people Jean encounters as she delves deeper into his life on Earth are Gordon's highly critical and pampered mother, Mrs. Gottlieb (well-played by Kimberly Wooldridge), his miserably unhappy widow, Hermia (Jennifer Pearce), his exotic mistress (Katelyn Schiller, also portraying the mysterious stranger), and his lovelorn brother, Dwight (Wesley Chavez).

Bush kills it as the dead guy, and his brilliantly delivered acerbic monologue from the "other side" describing events leading up to his death, both emotive and comically amusing, is hands down, the highlight of the show. The ensemble is great, and as Jean, Hellmuth is the very glue that holds the story together. Hellmuth has a very strong presence on stage. She not only takes the audience on an absurd journey, she also is fun to watch, and in a well-choreographed and very funny unexpected combat scene she shares on stage.

An absolute "must mention" is the production team's technology-driven quality projection as it quietly transforms the scenic backdrop from glorious full-length stained glass church windows to peach-colored flocked wallpaper to walls of brightly colored reams of paper and beyond producing a rich, larger-than-life magical setting from scene to scene. Most of us know the entrapment of the latest iPhone or similar contraption, but the irony is that this ever-evolving invention keeps us all closely connected as we become increasingly out of touch.

Dead Man's Cell Phone is a fun ride and leaves plenty of room for contemplation and a face-to-face discussion long after the show ends and the departed truly depart. Director/Sound Design/Costume Design: Brian Johnson; Set Design: Jon Gaw; Light Design: Kalen Cobb.

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•**CYRANO DE BERGERAC** by Edmond Rostand, adapted & directed by Nathan Makaryk plays thru April 4th. Despite his swashbuckling heroism and rapier wit, Cyrano thinks himself unworthy to be loved by the beautiful Roxane due to his huge nose. He uses his gift for language to woo her for his comrade-in-arms, Christian. Good for 10 & up.

•**LES MISERABLES** by Alain Boubill & Claude-Michel Schönberg, lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer opens April 10 and plays thru May 31st. Set in early 19th-century France, this Tony Award Winner musical is the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant and his quest for redemption after serving 19 years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a kindly bishop inspires him by a tremendous act of mercy, but he is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists make their last stand at a street barricade.

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•**LOOSE ENDS** by Michael Weller, directed by Mark Ramont plays thru April 26 in the Hallberg Theatre. Paul is a Peace Corps dropout and Susan is in freefall when they meet on a beach in Bali. Fast-forward to their married life and she is a successful photographer, he a prominent film editor and trouble threatens their relationship. Set in the raging 1970s, this is a powerful drama.

•**SPRING AWAKENING** adapted from Frank Wedekind's *Spring Awakening*, music by Duncan Sheik, book & lyrics by Steven Sater, directed by Richard Israel, opens April 17 and plays thru May 3rd in the Young Theatre. "Broadway may never be the same again!" wrote The New York Times and this luscious, passionate, electrifying journey from adolescence to adulthood fuses morality, rock & roll and teen angst in a way that audiences find unforgettable. Winner of 8 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, *Spring Awakening* invites you to join this group of late 19th century German students in their celebration of youth, rebellion, self-discovery and coming of age anxiety. Adult content. \$22

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•**AFTER THE REVOLUTION** by Amy Herzog, directed by Oanh Nguyen. SoCal Premiere opens April 10 - thru May 10. Young brilliant Emma Joseph carries the torch of her family's Marxist tradition by devoting her life to the memory of her famous blacklisted grandfather. When history reveals a shocking truth about the man himself, the family is forced to confront questions of honesty and legacy.

•**SAMSARA** by Lauren Yee, directed by Benjamin Kamine. West Coast Premiere opens April 30 - thru May 31. What to expect when you're expecting someone else's baby. Americans Katie and Craig are having a baby with Suraiya, a surrogate from India. As all three "parents" anxiously await the baby's due date, Katie and Suraiya are attacked by flights of their imagination. Hilarious journey into 21st century parenthood.

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HITS & MISSES

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McFARLAND, USA: *Two Hits*

Yes, McFarland is predictable and yes it verges occasionally toward sentimentality, but this movie about a small town in California's Central Valley rises above these problems with a strong lead performance by Kevin Costner and an authenticity that anchors this story about a section of California that most of us never see. It also enhances the drama to know that the story, set in 1987, is true and probably reflects the real life experiences of many who still live and work in the agricultural fields of the San Joaquin Valley.

As an actor, Costner is moving gracefully into middle age and fits comfortably into his role of parent, teacher, coach, and well-meaning—if at times distracted—husband. Costner carries enough gravitas for us to see his character's flaws, and still root for him to succeed. Also, as an actor, Costner works smoothly with the rest of the cast, all of whom are less famous than he, yet he allows them to hold the screen as vividly as he does.

Jim White (Costner), a coach with anger-management problems, has been fired from several teaching jobs, including his last job as football coach at a Boise, Idaho, high school. We briefly see him venting his rage as he throws an object across the room and accidentally injures a student. Fired from this position, White gets his next job as a combination science teacher and assistant football coach at McFarland High School. This necessitates moving his family from their comfortable home and community to the tiny, mostly Hispanic McFarland, 25 miles north of Bakersfield, California. His wife Cheryl (Maria Bello) adapts nicely, but his two daughters, Julie (Morgan Saylor) and Jamie (Elsie Fisher), are hoping that Dad loses this job and they can move again.

The football team is doing poorly and the head coach resents White's greater knowledge of the game. But McFarland's patient and pragmatic principal (Valente Rodriguez) explains that the two must get along because it's hard to find a coach who can also teach science. White takes a razzing from his students, who often call him Blanco and sense that he is out of place at this high school, but one day he notices how fast one of his football players can run. Then he learns that most of his students rise at 4:30 a.m. to pick crops in the fields and then have to run back to school in order to get there on time.

So White approaches the principal with a plan to form a cross country track team at McFarland, but the principal and others remind him that good track teams come mainly from rich communities like Palo Alto. Principal Camillo finally gives him grudging permission to pursue the idea. White starts with Thomas Valles (Carlos Pratts), the school's fastest runner, and the two manage to put together a fledgling team even with the handicap of an "anchor," a heavyset youth willing to run in order to be with his friends. Recruiting the team also means convincing parents that their sons can spend time away from the fields to participate in this "rich man's" sport.

The camera work by Adam Arkapaw is especially effective as White's rag-tag group of teenagers run through the flat farmland and around the large prison facility with razor wire fencing not far from where they go to school. Losing their first meet because they have never experienced running on hills, White has his team run up and down mounds of shelled almonds covered by large tarps. Bonding between coach and team grows slowly until a small change finally occurs when the boys stop calling him Whitey or Blanco and reflect their respect by calling him Coach.

"McFarland" also does a nice job of getting us inside the homes of the hardworking Hispanic families. We observe both the generous and joyous side of their lives as well as some of the darker and more violent moments. The film is directed by New Zealand director Niki Caro, whose earlier film "Whale Rider" brought her considerable international recognition for artistically juxtaposing personal drama against challenging landscapes. She also makes a gratifying decision at the end of the film to update the audience on the lives of each of the movie's characters, reaffirming the reality of this true tale.

Two Hits: Don't Miss It!
A Hit & A Miss: You Might Like It
Two Misses: Don't Bother

MON, MARCH 30

•**7:30pm: Jennie Oaks Baker violin** performance presented by North OC Community Concerts at the First United Methodist, 114 N. Pomona (at Commonwealth). \$20; \$10/students. 714-535-8925

WED, APRIL 1

•**8am-1pm: Fullerton Every Wednesday Certified Farmers Market** at Independence Park, 801 W. Valencia Dr. (next to the DMV). Fresh produce, plants, nuts and more. Year-round rain or shine.

•**11am-10pm: Fullerton Day of Music Fundraiser** at the Matador Cantina in downtown Fullerton. 20% of sales go to support Fullerton's first Day of Music. Visit thedayofmusic.com for full details.

THURS, APRIL 2

•**4pm-8:30pm: Fullerton Downtown Market Opens** at the Museum Plaza on E. Wilshire, between Harbor and Pomona, in downtown Fullerton. The popular market includes fresh produce, hot food vendors, craft vendors, kids' activities (for nominal fee) including bounce houses, trackless train rides, carnival games, and arts and crafts. Live music starts at 6:30pm, and there is also a beer & wine garden. This event continues every Thursday through October 29. Admission is free. Call 714-738-6545 for more info.

SAT, APRIL 4

•**9am-noon: Vintage Caboose Tours** at the Fullerton Train Depot, 120 E. Santa Fe Ave. features free guided tours of a 1929 Santa Fe Cupola Way Car and a 1961 Southern Pacific Bay Window Caboose. Led by Railway Plaza Association. 714-278-0648

•**10am: Free 25th Annual Egg-stravaganza at Hillcrest Park** in Fullerton. Over 10,000 eggs hidden throughout the park. Besides including a variety of prizes including toys, trinkets, and coins, ten golden tickets are hidden. The lucky finders of the golden tickets receive a basket of surprises, \$20, and entry into a raffle to win a \$500 savings bond. The event is free to all children from preschool to fourth grade. (There is a separate egg hunt for the younger kids.) Bring a basket or bag. Hillcrest is located between Harbor and Lemon with parking on Valley View. The event is sponsored by Fullerton South Rotary.

•**10:30am: LEGO Stop Motion Animation** at Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth. Learn how to make your own stop motion animated films using Lego. Free

TUES, APRIL 7

•**10am-1pm: Fullerton College Veterans Career & Resource Fair** at the Fullerton College campus quad brings various resources for veterans to the college's 700 veterans and dependents. RSVP to coordinator Aghabi Khalil at veterans@fullcoll.edu or call 714-992-7102 or drop by the center in room 518 at Fullerton College, 321 E. Wilshire, Mon, Wed, & Thurs 8am-5pm; Tues, 8am-7pm; Fri, 8am to noon. The fair is free and includes free lunch & parking.

WED, APRIL 8

•**8am-1pm: Fullerton Every Wednesday Certified Farmers Market** see April 1st entry.

•**9am-11:30pm: Free Chronic Illness Class** at the Fullerton Community Center, 340 W. Commonwealth. The free six week class developed by Stanford University is conducted by public health nurses and designed to help people with chronic illnesses learn to manage and control the symptoms and conditions of their diseases. Class size is limited so registration is required. Call 714-738-6305

•**4pm & 6:30pm: Learn to Digitize** at Fullerton Public Library History Room, 353 W. Commonwealth. Learn how to digitize your photos, slides, and other documents on the library's high-tech scanner and computer. 30-minute instruction & 15 minutes hands-on. Then you will be ready to sign up to use the scanner on your own. Free but registration is required. Call 714-738-6342 (bring 5 items to practice scanning on.)

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THURS, APRIL 9

•**7pm: Sierra Club Southern California Trails Night** at Coco's Bakery, 1250 E. Imperial Hwy, Brea. Dinner at 7pm; program at 7:30pm. Learn all about the great hiking trails available throughout Southern California. A slideshow and maps, descriptions, and stories presented by Charles Geller. Includes trails for all ability levels.

SAT, APRIL 11-SUN, MAY 24

•**Arts OC Imagination Celebration** features 50 free family-friendly events across Orange County. Visit www.sparkoc.com to see the listings of events.

SUN, APRIL 12

•**9am-11:30am: Sunday Brunch at the Elks Club** features all you can eat omelets, bacon, sausage, waffles for \$12. Proceeds support Elks Club charities. 1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton (top of the hill off Brea Blvd. across from Hillcrest Park). 714-713-1991

WED, APRIL 15

•**8am-1pm: Fullerton Every Wednesday Certified Farmers Market** see April 1st entry.

•**6pm-8pm: Measure J Community Forum** Fullerton College Wilshire Auditorium on Lemon at E. Wilshire, Fullerton. College is seeking input from community on proposed new building locations made possible by the \$575 million bond passed by voters. RSVP at <http://fullcollbuild.eventbrite.com> or 714-732-5054. Repeat forum will be held April 21 from 6pm-8pm at building 200, room 224, Fullerton College, 321 E Chapman Ave.

THURS, APRIL 16

•**9:30am: Oil & Gas Production Wells Public Workshop** at South Coast Air Quality Management District headquarters, 21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar. The workshop will present information and solicit suggestions from the public regarding proposed amendments to oil and gas production rule 1148.1. Copies of the PAR 1148.1 can be found on the AQMD website after April 16 at www.aqmd.gov. Comments can be emailed to Dario Moody at dmoody@aqmd.gov. Call 909-396-2333 or 909-396-2039 with questions.

FRI, APRIL 17

•**7:30pm: Outdoor Movie Screening of Captain America: The First Avenger** at Fullerton Museum Center Plaza, on Wilshire (between Harbor and Pomona) downtown Fullerton. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, picnic. Free admission, popcorn & soft drinks available for purchase. 714-738-6545

SAT, APRIL 18

•**7am-1pm: MOTAL Yard & Boutique Sale** at Village Art Center, 529 N. Harbor, downtown Fullerton. Art, jewelry, books, housewares, toys, electronics, small furniture, clothing and Boutique Vendors, Jazz and poetry. Proceeds support the Museum of Teaching and Learning. Gently used items can be dropped off in the parking lot beginning Wed. April 8th. Call Mary at 714-390-0905 or Greta at 714-814-4221. (tax receipts for donations)

•**8am-1pm: Annual Fishing Derby** at Laguna Lake starts out with a learning presentation by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. It's the perfect opportunity for kids ages 3 to 15 to learn how to fish. Fishing poles are provided or you can bring your own. Lunch is available for purchase from food trucks and there will be arts & crafts booths, raffle prizes and more. The event is free but space is limited and registration is required. 714-738-6575 to register or visit www.fullertonconnect.com. Laguna Lake Park is located on Lakeview off N. Euclid in Fullerton.

•**9am-noon: Free Shred-a-Thon** at Credit Union of Southern California, 230 W. Wilshire Ave, Fullerton. Safely dispose of up to 3 boxes or bags of paper documents while you watch. Free

•**9am-noon: Vintage Caboose Tours** at the Fullerton Train Depot, 120 E. Santa Fe Ave. features free guided tours of a 1929 Santa Fe Cupola Way Car and a 1961 Southern Pacific Bay Window Caboose. Led by SoCal Railway Plaza Association. 714-278-0648

•**8pm: Dancers @ De Pietro** presented by Nouveau Chamber Ballet at the De Pietro Performance Center, 809 N. Main St, Santa Ana. \$25. Call 714-562-3862 for tickets and more information.

SAT-SUN, APRIL 18-19

•**10am-4pm: Green Scene Plant & Garden Show** at the Fullerton Arboretum features a wide variety of plants and hand crafted garden art and pottery plus mini-classes on garden topics by prominent speakers, a landscape art exhibit and food court with beer garden. Visit www.fullertonarboretm.org for full schedule. \$10. 1900 Associated Road, (off Yorba Linda Blvd.)

Louis Caldarelli

Louis Caldarelli, 92, long-time Fullerton resident, chemical engineer and musician, passed away peacefully March 4 at his home, surrounded by family and friends.

Born in Raton, NM, youngest son of Settimio and Maria (Benedetti) Caldarelli from Spoleto, Italy, Louis graduated from Purdue University and served in the US Army during WWII as an engineer with The Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, NM. After working for Firestone in PA, Congoleum-Nairn in NJ, and 3M Company in LA, Louis co-founded Coral Industries Inc., Santa Fe Springs, serving as owner/President/CEO for over 45 years. The annual Pasadena Parade of Roses, uses the company's adhesives exclusively in all float construction.

Louis was also a highly-respected, much-loved saxophone/woodwind musician and band arranger who played in private and public events in the Southern California area, including Disneyland, and who helped co-found the Society for Preservation of Big Bands. He was a member of St Mary's church in Fullerton, MENSA, American Chemical Society, SFS Chamber of Commerce, and Musicians' Local #7.

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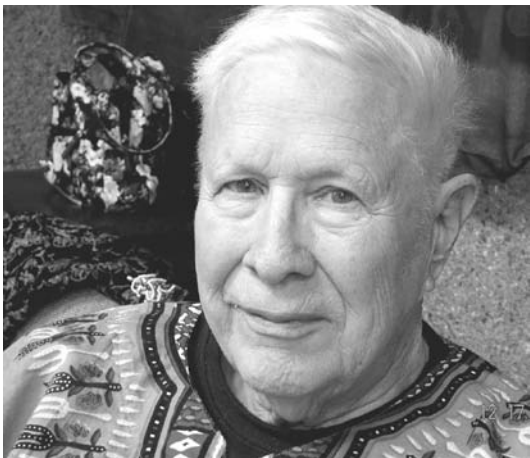
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The demise of Ralph Kuttner moved several clubs into deep mourning. Webmaster for 3 non-profit organizations, a folkdancing enthusiast, gentle DJ, volunteer leader in water exercises at the YMCA pool for more than five years, editor for Fullerton equestrians publication, and computer geek. Beloved great grandfather of two bundles of joy and a devoted husband, this scientifically-minded guy's 87 years of life's journey finally gave up to the Great Reaper on March 16, 2015 after a long, courageous battle with diseases as a complication from his chemotherapy and fight against leukemia and pneumonia.

Surviving him are his wife, Betz, children Ken, Bill and John, and their wives Laura, Kristine and Cheryl, and grandchildren Amber and Hall, Brett, Ted and Kristina, Iaian Lee and Clara Nora. Newly delivered great grandkids Eleanora and Quentin joined the family before Christmas last year. A celebration of Ralph's life will be held at dates to be announced later at different clubs to which he was a member and to thank all the guardian angels who helped him live a fruitful and beautiful existence.

Kathryn
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Kathryn graduated from UC Berkeley in 1945 and has been a resident in Fullerton since 1955. She is survived by six children, twenty grandchildren, thirty-four great-grandchildren, and ten great-great-grandchildren.



Kathryn on her wedding day
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The guest speaker for this lecture will be Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, Chief Rabbi of Efrat, Israel and is titled “Building Bridges: Moving Beyond Denominational Judaism.” Rabbi Riskin is one of the leading voices in the modern orthodox Jewish world and has been instrumental in promoting women’s involvement and leadership within traditional Judaism and creating a cadre of Jewish spiritual leaders worldwide. The lecture is free of charge and is open to the public. Kindly RSVP to Temple Beth Tikvah in order to ensure adequate seating and parking to: info@tbtoc.org or 714-871-3535.

The Asa family and Temple Beth Tikvah are sponsoring this lecture in Rabbi Asa’s memory as a way to kick off the temple’s 50th year anniversary celebrations (go to the temple’s website for more information: www.tbtoc.org) and to spearhead a unique relationship between Temple Beth Tikvah and the Zemer HaZayit congregation in Efrat, Israel which will have a synagogue building constructed and dedicated in memory of Rabbi Asa. For more information about the synagogue building project and to make a donation, please go to: www.buildzemerhazayit.org In addition, the Asa family would like to invite all those who knew Rabbi Asa to the unveiling for the headstone on his grave which will take place on Sunday, May 3 at 1pm at Pacific View Cemetery in Corona Del Mar. A gathering with refreshments will take place at 2:30pm at Temple Beth Tikvah for people to share their memories and stories about Rabbi Asa. To RSVP for the gathering, please contact Elaine Asa at 714/871-6172.

Helping Victims Start New Chapter

Throughout the years Crittenton Services for Children and Families has been fortunate enough to have dedicated staff that has the expertise of handling some of the toughest cases involving child abuse an the aftermath of repeated complex trauma and human trafficking. Martha Jasso, Director of Communications, said, “It’s always a sobering reality to know that we simply do not have the resources or the funding to help all young victims of trafficking.” Anyone who is interested in helping a good cause may make donations to help fund Crittenton’s InSight Program please contact the Crittenton Development Office at 714-680-8218.



Assistance League members Wei-ling Louie and Deanna Hill. PHOTO JERE GREENE

Assistance League Provides School Clothing & Supplies

by Jere Greene

Operation School Bell is a program operated by the Assistance League of Fullerton. They provide elementary school children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade with clothing (uniforms where required), shoes, hygiene kits, backpacks and books. The backpacks, hygiene kits, and books are contributed by their professional women's auxiliary.

Volunteers help the children select their clothing. For many of these children, these are the first new clothes they have ever received.

The children are selected by school nurses and teachers from 22 schools in the Fullerton, Buena Park, Placenta, Brea Olinda, Yorba Linda, and La Habra School Districts. For the 2014-2015 school year the Fullerton Chapter has served 1,180 children as of January 28, 2015.

The program is supported in part by proceeds from

the Assistance League Bargain Box Thrift Store at 233 W. Amerige in Fullerton. Call the store at 714-525-1041.

In addition to Operation School Bell, the Assistance League holds Vision Screenings at local schools providing funds for glasses when needed, serves as a community support group for La Vista Alternative High School, assists in a reading/mentoring program called ACT 1 to help children improve their reading skills, and through Operation New Start provides clothing and household items for women and children leaving an abusive environment as they embark on a new life. The group also provides holiday help for families in need.

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Renick Subaru Donates \$7,500 to Meals on Wheels

by Jere Greene

Recently Renick Cadillac Subaru located at 1100 S. Euclid in Fullerton made a \$7,500 donation to Meals on Wheels.

Meals on Wheels is a non-profit with over 300 volunteers who provide and deliver meals to individuals who are physically unable to shop for, and prepare their own meals. These include 91 elderly, disabled or convalescing clients on seven routes.

Two meals are provided five days a week. The meals are prepared at St. Jude Medical Center, Morningside Senior Assisted Living Center and at the Feedback Foundation. The cost for a regular diet is \$3.60 per day. Special diets are also available and cost \$3.90

per day. Since 1994 Meals on Wheels has provided 1,175,102 meals.

Meals on Wheels depends on the donations of businesses, individuals and charity organizations. National Charity League and Assistance League of Fullerton are major contributors and supporters. Subsidies are funded by Meals on Wheels, the Feedback program and the City of Fullerton, through the Community Development federal grant program.

The non-profit group operates out of an office donated by the Assistance League of Fullerton in their building on W. Amerige. Call them at 714-871-2200 for more information, to make a tax-deductible donation, and for volunteer opportunities.

Cathy Gach Honored at Rotary

Cathy Gach, Rotary Club of Fullerton and former Fullerton Joint Union High School District principal, has been honored by the Rotary Foundation as a “Major Donor.” The award from the Trustees of Rotary International Foundation, was presented by Club president, Bill Schenk.

“Today, the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation and I have the honor to express appreciation to an individual who has made a substantial contribution toward the goal of international understanding and peace,” explained Schenk.

“In doing so, she supports and honors the humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation that make a difference in the lives of others. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Cathy Gach has made contributions to the programs of the Rotary Foundation that qualify her as a Major Donor at the Diamond level.”

The honoree, Gach, received a commemorative crystal award expressing the Foundation’s congratulations and appreci-



Fullerton Rotary President, Bill Schenk, presented the Major Donor award to Fullerton Rotary member, Cathy Gach.

ation. The Crystal is engraved with the honorees name and depicts doves bearing olive branches – Universal Symbols of peace.

Cathy retired as principal at Fullerton Union High School in 2013 after 11 years of service and a nearly 40 year career as an educator. In addition to her service in Rotary, she serves as a board member for the Fullerton Academy of the Arts Foundation.

The Great Compost Giveaway by Betz Kuttner

Fullerton gardeners (and non gardeners) lined up at Independence Park on W. Valencia Drive as early as 6am on Saturday, March 14, to receive their share of free compost from MG Disposal headed by Mark McGee and assisted by Mr.

Mario Hernandez. Workers in yellow and green jerseys shoveled 23 tons of composting materials into various sized containers brought by the residents. Another MG Disposal employee Nita Robles assisted in the distribution of leaflets to recipients on



how to properly use the compost.

The 100% organic compost soil is carefully composted for 120 days. Only clean green materials were used, without use of biosolids. However, caution is advance is putting them directly near plant stems.

Workers load a truck with compost.
PHOTO BY BETZ KUTTNER

Congratulations Eagle Scout Adam Parker

Mayor Greg Sebourn presented a City of Fullerton Certificate of Commendation to Troy High School student, Adam Parker Pacheco, on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout through Boy Scout Troop 811. The presentation took place on March 15 at Pacheco’s Eagle Scout Court of Honor, which was held at the St. Angela Merici Church Hall.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scout of America program. Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges and demonstrating Scout Spirit through service and leadership.



This includes a service project that the scout plans, organizes, leads and manages.



VeggiePalooza was a big hit at the Arboretum among local gardeners. Next garden event is the Green Scene. PHOTO BY LIZ MARCHANT

GREEN SCENE AT THE ARBORETUM

The annual Green Scene Plant & Garden Show is coming up at the Arboretum on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19 from 10am to 4pm. This event features garden related exhibitors with unique plants and hand crafted garden pottery.

There will also be mini-classes on garden topics led by experts and a food court with beer garden. Admission is \$10 (\$5 for Arboretum members.

Remember to bring your own wagons, carts, and bags. And remember to bring cash as many vendors do not accept cred-

it cards. A presale for members only takes place on April 12 from 9am to 10am. You can become a member at the gate.

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CHANGE & BALANCE

by Michelle Gottlieb

Embracing Change



Things change and, as humans, we hate that. We typically do not like change and fight it for all that we are worth. We marry our spouse thinking that he or she will stay the same. And yet they change. Our bodies change; oy, how they change! Our children change almost daily. Everything changes.

Change can be very scary. We knew how to deal with the old rules, the old way of being. We are not sure that we know how to deal with this new way. We felt competent before. We feel unsure and possibly like we will fail now.

I want to reassure you that we are capable of incredible change and

growth. For instance, we adapt on how to parent our children. We do not parent our 16-year-old the same way that we parented our 2-year-old.

If you observe nature, change is almost constant, and it is a beautiful thing to watch. We can watch the lights and colors change with a sunset. We can watch a rose bloom. We can watch the rain fall. Change keeps things fresh and new.

The message here is that change is good and that you can handle it. Take a deep breath. Get some education if you need it. But you can handle this. Believe in yourself and embrace the change!

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ANSWER KEY

At left is the answer key to the crossword “The Hunt is On” on page 7.



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

Where's The Biggest Chair in Town?

The oversize chair, as tall as a door, sits in front of Rosie's Upholstery at 1108 W. Commonwealth, just west of Euclid.

While there, stop in across the street for the least expensive gas in town! -Jere Greene



FREE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CLASSES

A new session of free Community Emergency Response Team classes will be held from 8am-5pm on Saturdays, April 11, 18, & 25 at the City of Fullerton Maintenance yard, 1580 W. Commonwealth. Class size is limited so registration is required. Contact the Fire Department CERT office at 714-773-1316 or email CRV@fullertonfire.org



Your Dental HEALTH

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



ROOT CAUSE AND EFFECT

In the event that tooth decay penetrates the tooth's crown and pierces the root chamber, the root becomes infected with all the attendant pain. At this point, the patient has the choice of having the tooth extracted or undergoing “root canal treatment.” Extraction is a quick fix that poses two drawbacks. The first is that the gap left behind must be filled. The second is that, when teeth are extracted, the supporting bone under the gum shrinks. Thus, as a general rule, it is best to keep the roots of natural teeth as long as possible. A tooth with an infected root can usually be saved with root canal treatment, after which an artifi-

cial crown can be set in place.

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Visioning Meeting

The Visioning Meeting planned for March 32 was canceled after no one showed up to take part. Although the group failed to alert the newspaper about the event, invitations to attend the session were posted on bulletin boards around town. Organizers said that because of the lack of turn-out they would be using their own vision.

Street Repairs Put on Hold

Last year the City of Fullerton received 472 complaints about potholes, cracked and worn surfaces, raised areas and other imperfections in our city streets and as many Fullertonians have noticed, work has been taking place in various locations to correct the situation.

Berkeley Street has been completely resurfaced and has reopened, but if you have been near the side streets just south of where Berkeley meets Harbor, you may have noticed a variety of upgrades/repairs and road work taking place there as well.

However, since 473 complaints have been received complaining about the repair work, all future road repairs have been put on hold, so as not to inconvenience anyone. The City of Fullerton has since received only 471 complaints about the work stoppage so as of now, the complaints for repairs that led to the work being started have been exceeded by complaints against and not overturned by complaints about the complaints that created the work stoppage that was being complained about. *-Rich Meeto*



What's Wrong With This Picture? - PHOTO JERE GREENE

HUGE CASINO BRINGING JOBS TO FULLERTON

by Rich Meeto

A recent excavation near the corner of Malvern and Bastanchury uncovered an agreement between Caspar de Portola of Spain and the Gabrielinos Tribe who lived in that area in the late 1700s when de Portola and his troops came through this part of Fullerton on their way to establishing a series of missions.

The Gabrielinos village was located on prime land originally designated as a potential mission site so a Spanish Land

Grant giving title to a plot of land to the northwest was approved for the tribe. It is not known how or why the deed and other official paperwork were buried there but the evidence has been proven to be authentic and the legality "Close enough."

Since no descendants of the tribe could be found, a Norwegian investment company was able to step in and purchase the land and the rights to develop the 15.67 acres. We can only guess on the purchase price but we do know that the original

offer of \$14 and some beads was deemed not acceptable, despite evidence that such deals have taken place in the past.

Construction will begin soon on the first building, which will be constructed of interlocking blocks and gears that are said to be so versatile, nearly any type of building can be created using just a few basic shapes.

All furniture will arrive in boxes with a complete set of instructions. The owners of the casino say this will create hundreds of desperately needed low-income jobs. A boon in the economy is also predicted, as those leaving the casino will stop in town for clothing after having lost their shirts while enjoying the various games of chance.

If you thought casinos were just for grown ups, think again, also included in the plan is a petting zoo! Yes, just bring in your unwanted pets and they will put them in their petting zoo. This will come in real handy about a month after Easter each year when those bunnies, baby chicks and duckies turn into rabbits, chickens and ducks. Also good for those cute little pot bellied piglets, you know what they turn into!

Little or no traffic issues are expected as hiking, hitch hiking, biking, skateboarding, skydiving, cruise lines and Ubering will be the only allowable ways to enter the casino property. As far as water, sewage, power, and etc. etc. etc. goes, everything will be self-contained and 'off the grid'.

Chevron Agrees to Sell Coyote Hills

Negotiations between the city and the multi-billion dollar oil company, ongoing behind closed doors since voters rejected its development project, have resulted in a plan to allow the public to raise the money to save the 510-acre property as an open space park. Appraised at \$8.1 million per acre, the public will be given six months to raise the funds. "We applaud the city's fair decision on this," said Mr. Chevron, who having recently become a person, said he would become one of the first residents of the new development.



Above: A bird with large eyes has been found nesting in the trees at Hillcrest Park. As a result the trees will be chopped down and replaced with artificial trees which will have the added benefit of dropping less debris on the artificial turf.

At Left: A dangerous and belligerent herd of a new mutant species has also been discovered at the park.

New Species of Animals Found in Hillcrest Park

Several new species of animals have been discovered making their homes in Hillcrest Park on N. Harbor.

Due to this development a series of actions have been launched to pave over parts of the park habitat to discourage the animals from making the park their permanent home. In addition, to save water, artificial turf is planned along with a coffee

shop and a stone stairway connecting the sports park to an area within the park which will be cleared for a parking garage.

"A park is for people, parking, coffee, and war memorials, not animals," said the mayor at the annual combination prayer luncheon, State of the City Address, Chamber of Commerce fundraiser.

Three hundred people paid \$75 each

to hear the mayor's comments at the event held at the new Community Center. All proceeds go to support the Chamber in its lobbying efforts to reduce minimum wage, get rid of healthcare, privatize water and support development, except affordable housing. An abbreviated State of the City Address is scheduled at an unknown date for the masses unable to attend.