Hillcrest Park Renovations: What’s Really Needed?

Story and photos by Jesse La Tour

On May 16th, Fullerton City Council voted 3-2 (Whitaker and Sebourn, “no”) to approve funding for Park, which includes restoration of the fountain, the Great Lawn, widening of the sidewalk along Harbor Blvd. and construction of a bridge across the barranca, all of which will cost around $4 million.

Residents who spoke at the council meeting were divided over these new renovations, particularly the proposed bridge (which will cost $85,279, not including installation), and the fact that most of the money thus far (including the recently-built $1.6 million stairs at Lions Field) has been spent on new structures, when the park needs restoration of existing features, such as the riparian stream in front of the park.

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Over 2,500 Homeless People Live on the Street in OC

According to the 2017 Orange County Point in Time Count summary, a total of 4,792 individuals are homeless in the county. Of that number, 1,248 are housed in emergency shelters, 960 in transitional shelters, and 2,584 are without shelter of any kind. This represents a 7.6% (340 people) increase in homelessness since the last count in 2015.

A recent op-ed by Norberto Santana Jr., publisher of VoiceOfOC.org, notes Supervisor Shawn Nelson’s suggestion of opening up county property for legal campgrounds. Santana challenges city officials to locate a campground in their city as a temporary fix until affordable housing can be built. He also suggests a county housing bond to end homelessness.

Lack of affordable housing, including for those working full time at minimum wage, is a key factor in homelessness. The HUD calculated fair market rate of a one-bedroom apartment in Orange County is $1,324 (while the actual rate is $1,730). An individual working a 40-hour week for minimum wage earns $20,800 per year but an hourly wage of $25 is required to afford a 1-bed apartment.

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SCAM ALERT:

A job asking for a Caregiver for elderly woman with dementia was accepted for publication in the Fullerton Observer mid May 2017 classified section. The ad appears to be from a scammer trying to collect personal information. A google search found that other publications nationwide have also accepted the ad. If you respond to the email to “Molly,” given in the ad you receive an email back saying you got the job and will be sent a $400 check. Then the email asks you for various personal information. If you ask for a phone number the person says that they are out of the country so everything must happen by email. DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS AD. If you have already responded to the ad, call police to report the instance.

School Districts Respond to the Concerns of Undocumented Students

Elementary/Jr High District Brochure

The Fullerton School District sent a brochure to all students on remaining safe in school during this time of immigration enforcement actions by the federal government. The brochure (summarized below) lists frequently asked questions about the rights of students. Contact your school site or call the district at (714) 447-7450 with questions.

• What student enrollment information does the district and after school program providers collect? The district collects proof of residence or employment within district boundaries or service areas. NO Social Security numbers, legal residency or family immigration status information are collected.

• What are procedures for collecting documentation for age and place of birth? You will be asked if you would like to have copies of your child’s birth certificate, baptism, passport, etc. placed in the record or if you would prefer to complete the Affidavit for Proof of Legal Name and Age of Minor form.

• What if a federal agent comes to the school office requesting to see student documentation? Federal agents can not come on campus except under special circumstances. No student information is released without a court order. No immigration status is released without a warrant or subpoena from a federal judge.

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ON BANISHING TRUMP

What the hell is there to investigate about Trump, his campaign or his administration? Why is there a Special Counsel investigating the Intelligence Committees of both the Senate and the House? Why is the House Oversight Committee looking into the behavior or misbehavior of the Trump White House? What facts don’t we know? What is actually being covered up – other than his tax returns? Yes, he lies. Yes, he sends out bizarre stories that have only a modest connection to the truth. But then he undercuts them and destroys the attempted cover-ups himself. The issue is not if he lies. He does. However, most politicians lie. It’s not Trump’s lying that will be politically fatal; it is, ironically, his truth-telling.

What’s no investigation? He told both Lester Holt of NBC and the Russians in the Oval Office that he was trying to relieve the pressure on him concerning Russia by firing the head of the FBI. On these two occasions he confessed to impeding a federal investigation, acknowledged his Russian problem and revealed a stunning lack of probity, judgment and sense of history.

With an active investigation of his relationship with Russia, he invites the Russian ambassador (Already involved in General Flynn’s fall) and the foreign minister into the Oval Office. He spills a code word level secret to the Russians and assures them that he’s not under investigation and besides he took the pressure off by firing that “nut job” Comey. He betrayed an ally, Israel, and demeaned our intelligence services from the Oval Office to an adversary; if not an enemy. Oh, he just said, while in Israel, that he never said “Israel” in the Oval Office. Probably true. Now hear. He is reported to have named a city not country. So not Israel but Tel Aviv.

And if that were not enough (though I believe it’s more than enough), right after conjuring the ghost of Richard Nixon by alluding to possibly having taped his dinner with now former FBI Director Comey, he receives former Nixon cabinet member Henry Kissinger in the Oval Office. Blatant? Shameless? Shameful? In your face? Or just clueless? I don’t know. But in the unfortunate words of Hillary Clinton, “What difference does it make?”

Donald J Trump should not be the President of the United States. No, I’m not an embittered Hillary supporter or a diehard Bernie Bro who wants to delegitimize the election results. Trump won the electoral vote, and even if our system is irrational, those were the rules when the election was held. Nor do I want Trump gone from office because of Putin.

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When did driving through a red traffic light become routine? Am I mistaken, or are more and more people blindly keeping their foot on the gas pedal once the light has turned red? More often than not, you can’t proceed across the intersection when the light turns green because one or two or three cars barrel through in front of you. I realize that these reckless and dangerous driving habits are not exclusive to Fullerton, but the police could make an attempt to enforce traffic law in our city. Children and teenagers and immigrants learn driving habits by watching others. They see this free traffic light becom e routine? Am I right? But now I’m not even sure that Putin wanted Trump as much as he wanted to humiliate Hillary for missing in Russia’s internal politics and flooding with his election.

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Even as I write this, with all the media attention focused on growing scandals and his magical mystery tour, he has dispatched a second aircraft carrier battle group to Korea. Was being great unifiers, at least at their start, Trump may be seeking a unifying distraction.

He is ungracious in victory and frighteningly pressng when pressed. Whether he is impeached for corruption, obstruction of justice or simply violating his oath of office “to protect and defend the Constitution,” or removed under the 25th Amendment for his inability to fulfill his duties, he must go.

But first a word of warning: He cannot be forced out by Democrats. Impeachment needs only a majority in Congress but conviction and removal take two thirds in the Senate. And the 25th Amendment has to start with the Vice President and carry the Cabinet. Republicans must be on board. Therefore, if Democrats get too shrill and partisan, if Democrats go after Vice President Pence, Trump will survive. (Well there is his weight, diet, temper and sleep deprivation.)

With all his political flaws, Pence is not a hacking-dog mad. Yes, a low bar but none-the-less important for the survival of the nation.

Re: Dobrer & Rosen Articles

In the mid May 2017 Fullerton Observer, your mind is so open that all your common sense has fallen out. This is the most moral and decent administration we’ve had in eight years! We Christians are grateful for a president who is so forgiving and a Christian-penned peddlers are pushing other businesses! Beware when it’s used like a lion in Fullerton.

Beth Dieckhoff Fullerton

Please People Pick Up After Your Pets!

I have noticed with some alarm that there is more and more excrement on side walks and grass. As I walk my pet; if 80 old eyes can bend over in pain to pick up, then all people can bend over and pick up and put the poop in bags and dispose of them in trash. Leaving pet poop to infect other pets with disease! It gets on shoes and is tracked around! Sometimes I use a walker and it can get on wheels, of not existing conditions” is not fact based or totally true. It misleads the public and creates unnecessary fear and panic. I encourage you to go to www.dobrer.com and see the full version of an anti-tax strategy is always a Republican-paid peddlers are pushing. Beware when it’s used like a lion in Fullerton.

San Diego’s City Council and lost in Congress, has launched the recall case that revealing his/her name would be a problem.

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Humans seem to want to destroy the whole planet with plastic and poop. Thank you so much.

Florence McFarlane Fullerton

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The Cosmetology Department of Fullerton College is supporting our veterans by offering free haircuts starting June 5th. Veterans may make an appointment Monday through Friday during both day and night sessions by calling 714-992-7123, but walk-ins are always welcome. Veterans just need to show a military ID. While there they may additionally want to treat themselves to a facial, manicure or some hair color for under $10.

City Council approved funding for new low-income housing project in the Richman Park area of Fullerton, to be built by Jamboree Housing, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.

The project will have 14 apartments with rents subsidized at 30% of area median income (AMI), seven apartments at 55% of AMI, 5 apartments at 60% of AMI, and 19 apartments at 60% of AMI. The funding will come primarily from city housing bonds, federal tax credits, and loans.

Council member Greg Sebourn said, "I really don't support the city using its funds to subsidize low-income housing, but these funds are earmarked [so] there's nothing else we can spend them on…" Mayor Whittaker said he would like to have seen rehabilitation of existing buildings, as opposed to building new ones, for efficiency reasons.

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fences and stone structures, bathrooms, and plant life. Resident Dorian Hunter, who lives near the park, said, "I’m opposed to the bridge, basically because we’re putting this tremendous amount of concrete in the park.” Phyllis Copp, another neighbor suggested that instead of the bridge, council put money toward reviving the riparian stream that runs through the barranca, and taking more of an "inside out" approach to restoration.

Mark Peterson also suggested that the city should focus on restoration and preservation, and not adding new structures. "Don’t we have enough concrete in this world?” he asked, “if you want concrete, you can go to the mall. But where do you go to lose yourself in our community? Why don’t we water some grass, plant some trees, fix the broken stuff, and save the millions of dollars for keeping it maintained!”

Resident Jane Reifer said, "The money spent on the bridge is not part of the historic fabric of the park, it’s not part of a restoration or rehabilitation…I think we should spend money on the pressing needs that we have in the park,” such as the riparian stream.

Karen Lang-McNab, a member of Parks and Rec commission, raised questions about cars not being able to stop in front of the bridge along Harbor, stating that the front ‘entrance” which will be created isn’t really an accessible entrance.

Resident David Curlee questioned the sustainability of the renovations, if they don’t include funding for park maintenance. "Why should we believe that the park will have adequate funding for maintenance after all these improvements are done? If there’s no funding for that, then these improvements will be made and it will just fall into disrepair all over again,” he said.

Kay Miller, a member of the committee which oversaw many phases of the project plans, supported the renovations, saying, “This is a chance to bring the park out, beautify it, and make it noticeable…this is a gem of a park and it certainly deserves to be polished.” Gretchen Cox, a Parks and Rec Commissioner, spoke in support of the project, calling it “beautiful, functional, and logical.”

Resident Joshua Ferguson showed pictures of the recently-built Hillcrest stairs (which cost the city $1.6 million), showing fresh graffiti on the untreated wood surface of the stairs, cracked concrete structures not built to code, and lack of fencing to protect children from falling down the hill. “This looks like a DIY project from Home Depot, and it’s insulting that we spent 1.6 million on this,” Ferguson said.

Council member Greg Sebourn asked, “Can we get a refund for the stairs? Some of those pictures are appalling.” He said he supports the next phase of renovations, with the exception of the bridge.

Council member Jennifer Fitzgerald said that it would not be practical to remove the bridge, because all the plans are connected. "The problem is that all of these prices include all of these elements, so we are going to have to rebid the entire thing if we start deleting elements," she said.

Mayor Whitaker said, “My concerns mostly have been the focus on hardscape over natural conditions in the park… I agree with those who are concerned about too much concrete, too much hardscape. It does create ongoing maintenance and graffiti targets. The more that we add those types of amenities to the park, the greater the burden going forward trying to keep them nice.”
A Day in the Life of Downtown

Mornings are easy, always an open parking space. Shopkeepers are often outside, sweeping the sidewalk, putting signs out, sleepy workers are making their way to their office or shop with coffee in hand, ready to take on the world.

FACT-FINDING

Seems counterintuitive, but a simple, overused and under-thought “How are things going?” or “What’s the latest?” helps get this column started. For years now, those have not been dead end questions, but have revealed some useful information. Maybe that is because people know someone actually wants to know what they think.

“Things are good, we have been busy the past few weeks.”
“Have you been to the new….yet?”
“Where are our new leaders?”
“When are they going to fix our….?”
“Our 10th anniversary is coming up.”
“What is reality?”
“Have you heard the one about….?”

The same people who have always had good things to say continue to inspire and be inspired. Some who in the past immediately thought of something to complain about seem less ready to head down that path now. Have we gotten used to the busy nature of Downtown and the issues that traffic creates, or have things evolved and even improved?

WINDOW SHOPPING

I see a dozen or so people as I look out my window on East Amerige today at 3pm. It is often like this now, the new normal. Anyone with a business sees this as an improvement, here in the “Central Business District.” Others who live downtown may be irked by the constant buzz of activity but maybe that’s just life now in the medium city.

It is now 3:12 and I see even more people, and keep in mind, this is a side street. They all seem to be walking with a purpose, meaning they are going somewhere specific. I will step outside and see if I am correct.

SURVEY SAYS

Four people are headed into the Burger Parlor. They have a rear entrance facing the parking lot to the east, so does Night Owl, and three headed in there.

One stopped at Chopping Mops for a haircut or a shave or both. Two are headed South on Harbor, three are headed North, three crossed Harbor heading East, and one spotted another one going into Lost Levels retro gaming store from the parking lot behind me. Some just parked out front and went into Pro Desk Space, which is right next door to us.

Nobody seems to be shopping for an Ad Agency or an aerial photo today, so no walk-in business here, which is not how things work in advertising, so as far as I can see, today is a good day. I will return later and see how that goes.

EVENING HAS SPOKEN

There is no convincing some that we’re a haven of eateries and fun places for all ages, mostly because of the antics of the late night crowd, but I am looking at a very wide demographic right now, leaning towards the more ‘mature’ crowd with some younger people filling in the spaces.

A Fullerton police officer tells me many know where to go at night without issues, but of course at times some places seem to be magnets for out of towners who do not respect our fair town.

The southwest corner of Harbor and Commonwealth is busy at all times of the day. Further east gets busier as the evening goes on - to the west and east, retail business is winding down and the after work crowd is on the way.

Kids are here learning how to dance, play a musical instrument, master one of the martial arts. They are here picking up a comic book or a game, coming and going to the library. Yes, they still do that.

Train commuters are out and about. Clothing stores are getting their second wave of customers. Office workers are heading home and opening up some parking spaces. The regular crowd shuffles in.
Confusion Over District Voting
by Jesse La Tour

In November 2018, amid important national and state mid-term elections, Fullerton will be holding the first phase of a brand new district voting system, in which council members from two districts will be elected based on the area in which they live, as opposed to the city at large.

This change was the result of a lawsuit alleging that Fullerton’s “at-large” system violated the California Voting Rights Act, after which voters passed a 2016 local ballot measure to divide the city into districts.

This process has been fraught with controversy and confusion, from the creation of district maps, to the selection of which district map to use, to which district seats will be up for election, as all those elected in 2016 will finish terms as “at-large” representatives.

As it stands now, two districts (3 and 5) will be up for election, and the remaining three districts will be on the 2020 ballot.

Originally, City Council voted to place Districts 2 and 5 (which will not have current council members running in them) on the 2018 ballot. This seemed fair and logical choice.

However, in a surprising “flip-flop” Mayor Bruce Whitaker urged council to change their decision to districts 3 and 5, where both Council Members Jesus Silva and Greg Sebourn live, citing “fairness” to Greg Sebourn, who is often Whitaker’s political ally on council votes.

The change was passed in a 3-2 vote (Whitaker, Sebourn and Fitzgerald voting “yes” and Chaffee and Silva voting “no”).

This decision will force the newly-elected 2020 council members to make a hard decision on who to appoint a fifth seat, it will create a situation in which Council only has four members, instead of five, allowing them to appoint a fifth member. This is inherently undemocratic.

This problem could have been avoided if Council had stuck with their original decision to place districts 2 and 5 on the ballot. Ironically, in the originally-proposed District Map 2B, Sebourn was in District 2; however, Council chose the gerrymandered, last-minute map 8A to place him in District 3, which has now created this confusing result.

Fullerton City Council may have created an unnecessary, and undemocratic outcome which appears to be in the interest of no one but Council Member Sebourn.
**Agents of Discovery in West Coyote Hills**

Fullerton School District's pilot program with Agents of Discovery (AD) took place May 9 at West Coyote Hills. Students headed to the West Coyote Hills to challenge each other to learn about the local ecology with the AD ed-tech platform. AD uses Augmented Reality (AR) mobile-gaming technology similar to Pokemon GO to engage kids with real-world concepts. Think Pythagoras's theorem and pine trees instead of Pikachu.

Students played AD along the Nora Kurtnner Recreational Trail from 9:30am to noon.

The way kids engage with technology today is always changing. Innovative schools are reaching students with educational technology to get them engaged with the curriculum. AD provides educators with the platform they need to create a fun lesson plan that gets kids actively learning.

Visit www.discoveryagents.net for more info on the program.

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**$10,000 Surprise Scholarship**

by Jan Youngman

Dane Soaper, a 7th grader at Parks Jr. High School, thought he was going to a regular student assembly on May 23. What he did not know was that this was going to be all about him! Once all the students were seated, two representatives from Lockheed Martin Space System Company were introduced. They asked Dane to come forward and (much to his surprise) congratulated him on being the winner of the Lockheed Martin Spacecraft Competition.

Over 300 students across the U.S. had submitted entries for the Lockheed Martin Generation Beyond Video Challenge. Students were asked to come up with their most creative ideas for living quarters for the spacecraft that will take the first human crew to Mars in the 2030s. They were then to be submitted in the form of an movie.

The Lockheed Martin Generation Beyond program seeks to excite students with technology to get them engaged with the platform they need to create a fun lesson plan that gets kids actively learning, careers in deep space exploration and offer deeper understanding of how STEM learning is vital to the world's innovation future.

Not only was one of award presenters a Lockheed Martin Executive V.P., but also a video of Lockheed Martin’s CEO was featured congratulating Dane for his amazing submission.

Dane’s concept was to create a four-sectioned spacecraft containing every conceivable crew need that would be sent into Mars’s orbit and constructed by the crew as they were in orbit. He even presented a contingency plan in the event something failed enroute to, or returning from Mars.

The competition was judged by a field of experts in science and communications. The submissions were judged on scientific feasibility, creativity, and the student's quality of communication and overall presentation.

Dane was presented with a check for $10,000 and VIP trip to the Kennedy Space Center with his parents.

You can view Dane's winning video online at the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1z29EFbh06MDVrkJUJDUFNinQTA/view

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**Sore Loser?**

by Francine Vudoti © 2017

It was a scorching hot Saturday. My team, together with the competitors from other schools in the Fullerton School District, have been making trips between two buildings of Ladera Vista Junior High School all day.

The first building served as the arena where students from the Fullerton School District participated in the 2nd Annual Robot Nation Competition last month.

The second building served as strategy room where we worked with our robots.

Call time was at 8am and by 1pm my team was already exhausted and feeling sore. The soreness and tiredness was amplified by the fact that we lost in the final stage of the battle of the bots. We were almost there and were getting really excited when our robot got defeated in the battle.

Our hopes crashed!

This is actually my second time in the competition and second time to lose. I would be lying if I said I’m happy to lose. No one goes to a competition to lose so when the other teams were proclaimed winners, you sort of felt sad somewhere in your heart. It didn’t last that long though.

My thoughts returned to my first year in the competition. Our robot broke in half in the preliminary round last year. This time, we managed to make it to the finals. That was already a milestone. This year, I have also improved in my coding. If my family doesn’t travel too much this summer, like we did last year, I will have more time to learn how to code. Someone told me that this is one of the jobs that pay more money so I think I want this kind of job.

I have also learned a lot about teamwork. Before being teamed up as a group, I actually had a misunderstanding with a teammate. We worked together as a team for another project two years ago. We couldn’t get along. Surprisingly, this time, we worked seamlessly as a team and it was something I was happy about. I guess we have become more respectful of each other.

I may have lost in the competition but if you think about it, I also gained valuable things like improving my coding, learning that even if we had issues with other people in the past we could still end up being great teammates and even friends by being more respectful, and lastly, even when it feels sore to lose to another team, we will grow to be a better person if we accept defeat gracefully and congratulate the winner. In our PE class, our teacher calls it good sportsmanship.

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**Kids Rule!**

by Francine Vudoti © 2017

Dane Soaper with his parents and Rick Androse, Executive Vice President of Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company

**francine with teammates Sue Oh, Cameron Fok, and Lucas Nguyen at the 2017 2nd Annual Robot Nation Competition.** (Photo by Frank Blassing)
Every day we work hard to make our schools safe places for learning for each and every one of our students who arrive at our schools, regardless of their life situation. Here are Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the legal/district response.

**Student Rights: What Rights do Undocumented Students Have?**

Undocumented students between the ages of 6-18 not only have a right to attend school in California but are mandated to attend school pursuant to the compulsory attendance laws. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that no state may deny access to a basic public education to any child residing within the state, whether residing in the U.S. legally or not. [Plyer v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202 (1982)]

**What Student Information do Schools Currently Collect, and Would it Provide Insight into Immigration Status?**

School districts are not required to collect information regarding a student’s immigration or legal status. Schools are only required to collect information to satisfy certain admission requirements, such as proof of residency, none which require the provision of legal immigration status or social security numbers.

If we receive a Public Record Act (PRA) request for student data, what information are we obligated to share and protects?

Federal Law (FERPA) supersedes the Privacy Act of 1974 (PA) for data collected in the educational environment and to ensure the safety of school districts. FERPA generally prohibits law enforcement from accessing student records. Schools may vary in their fingerprinting policies for volunteers. Some require that all volunteers undergo fingerprinting, while others only require the fingerprinting of parent volunteers where the volunteer is not under the direct supervision of a district staff member. Parents should be reassured that the purpose of the fingerprint requirement is confidential, solely for the use of the district to ensure the safety of students and staff (i.e. that the volunteer has not been convicted of a sex or drug offense with a minor).

**If a Parent is in Custody as the Result of Immigration Enforcement, Are Districts Required to Release the Student to ICE or Other Immigration Officials?**

No, school districts are not required to release students into the custody of ICE if their parent is in custody as the result of an immigration enforcement action. Parents with such concerns should make advance arrangements with relatives or friends to ensure that their children are released to an authorized caregiver or adult, and should ensure school districts are aware of this arrangement in the emergency information card submitted to schools.

The Department of Homeland Security has a policy that is designed to ensure that enforcement actions do not occur at or are focused on sensitive locations such as schools and churches unless (a) exigent circumstances exist, (b) other law enforcement actions have led officers to a sensitive location as described in the “Exceptions to the General Rule” section of this policy memorandum; or (c) prior approval is obtained.

**Creating a Family Immigration Emergency Plan**

Some parents at risk of deportation may be reluctant to develop an emergency plan or even to talk to their children about the risk of separation. However, developing a plan can help ease anxiety of the unknown, increase the chances of families being able to stay together should separation occur, prevent children from unnecessarily entering the child welfare system, and disrupting the child’s education. Parents should create a plan and share as much of that plan as possible with their children.

**Steps to Minimize Disruption to the Student’s Education**

1. Identify willing caregivers and write down their complete contact information.
2. Collect important documents for children, such as passports, birth certificates, Social Security cards, and school and medical records.
3. Consider establishing a power of attorney for a designated caregiver, authorizing that adult to care for your child under age 18, to make educational and medical decisions. You may obtain a power of attorney letter from the Assistant Principal of Student Services or designee at your high school.

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**FJUHSD Undocumented Student FAQ Sheet**

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The sensitive locations covered by the Department of Homeland Security policy include, but are not limited to the following:

- Schools (including preschools, primary schools, secondary schools, post secondary schools up to and including colleges and universities, and other institutions of learning such as vocational or trade schools);
- Hospitals;
- Churches, synagogues, mosques or other institutions of worship, such as buildings rented for the purpose of religious services;
- The site of a funeral, wedding, or other public religious ceremony, and
- A site during the occurrence of a public demonstration, such as a march, rally or parade.

The policy is not intended to categorically prohibit lawful enforcement operations when there is an immediate need for enforcement action as outlined below:

- The enforcement action involves a national security or terrorism matter;
- There is an imminent risk of death, violence, or physical harm to any person or property;
- The enforcement action involves the immediate arrest or pursuit of a dangerous felon, terrorist suspect, or any other individual(s) that present an imminent danger to public safety; or
- There is an imminent risk of destruction of evidence material to an ongoing criminal case.

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**Fullerton School District Honors Classified Employees**

Schools work and students learn through the teamwork of diverse and dedicated adults. Fullerton School District’s classified employees perform a variety of jobs that are often “behind the scenes” but, without their work, the District would not be able to function. Classified employees drive buses, prepare and serve meals, run the school and District offices, clean and maintain the facilities, and so many more that there is not enough space to list them all. Please join us in honoring and celebrating the valuable contribution of our classified employees during

**Classified Employees Week**

May 21-27, 2017

We Love Our Classified Employees
Any history of a human settlement must begin with "first families." In the history of Fullerton, this "first family" is often considered to be the Amérigos, the brothers George and Edward, two commodities merchants from Boston who "founded" Fullerton in the year 1887.

But this was not really the first family here. The landscape they found was not empty or devoid of people or history. In fact, the Amérigos brothers were relative latecomers to this region. Before they arrived, there was another lengthy history, involving pioneers, great expeditions, wars, and conquest.

The true "first families" in this region were Native Americans, specifically the Kith tribe (also called Gabrielinos or Tongva), who had many settlements in the landscapes that would become Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

In 1769, the first Europeans passed through what would become Orange County—it was the expedition of Gaspar de Portola, the Spanish soldier sent to make the first explorations and settlements of California, which was then a part of New Spain.

By 1781, another group of settlers arrived to found the town of Los Angeles. Among the settlers on this expedition was a farmer from the Sinaloa region of Mexico named José Antonio Ontiveros.

José’s grandson, Juan Pacífico Ontiveros, would in time become a very important landowner and rancher in the area that would become Orange County. His Rancho San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana included the land that would become Fullerton.

The Founding of Los Angeles

When Los Angeles was founded in 1781 by a group of settlers from Mexico, Spanish settlement in California was sparse, and so the government financed financed pasajeros (migrants) to arrive from the port city of Veracruz because a sovereign nation, and the Mexican government for a land grant, and ultimately got the 36,000-acre Rancho San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana, whose boundaries contained the present-day cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, Brea, and Placentia.

What did this landscape look like? It’s a world almost completely lost in our day. The last remnant of it in Fullerton is probably Coyote Hills. In her book The Ranchos of Don Pacífico Ontiveros, local historian Virginia Carpenter, paints a vivid picture: "The ocean, 20 miles away, could be seen and occasionally heard. Fairly level, there were hills on the northern part and in the east where it included part of Brea Canyon."

The soil varied from sandy (the map shows a large sand wash through the center) to red clay near the Brea end. It was covered with chaparral (low bushes), mustard and large patches of cactus. The wildlife included snakes, gophers, ground squirrels, rabbits, coyotes, wild cats and mountain lions, quail, ducks and geese during their migrations. Bears and deer stayed in the canyons. There were many, many insects from fleas to ants. Trees were so few that they were used as landmarks, there were sagebrush and poplar where there was water, and live oaks in the canyons."

Regarding life on the rancho, Carpenter writes: "Families arose about three a.m. prayed and ate breakfast...The boys and young men slept out of doors...As the Indians did all the work, the rancheros had only the management to do...Men talked and gambled and rode over their land—Boys practiced riding and roping skills and played games, while women had much work to do. Older women dressed in black, as there were so many deaths to mourn in the large families...The important things were births and deaths, weddings, everyday and seasonal events and always the church.

There were no schools, so few people could read or write...There was hunting, particularly bear hunts; but no fishing, all their sports being on horseback...The father, as head of the family, ruled it. He often arranged his children’s marriages and what they would do.

All houses were made of adobe. Everyone, even women, carried their own water...Juan Pacífico lived quietly on his rancho taking little part in public events."

Also, this way of life was not to last long, for already American businessmen had set their sights on southern California markets and real estate.

Stay tuned for Part II of the Ontiveros Family Saga, in which California becomes part of the United States, following the Mexican-American War, and the family struggles to hold onto their lands.

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A Visit to Sister City Morelia and a Mural

By Pam Keller

Fifty years of friendship, 476 years of incorporation and 100 years of educating. Three great reasons to celebrate. The City of Fullerton, California and the City of Morelia, Michoacan forged a friendship back in 1965. Over the years, they have exchanged junior ambiguou students, diplomats and students capable to share in each other's culture, build meaningful relationships and contribute to building world peace and understanding.

On Friday May 20th, representatives from both cities gathered at Universidad Michoacan de San Nicolas de Hidalgo to celebrate. University President Dr. Medardo Serna Gonzalez joined muralist Roberto Rivera Novoa who was there to unveil his latest mural of the link between our two cities (see photo at right) and to celebrate the centennial year for the university. In 2014, Novoa unveiled a mural at Fullerton College.

Mayor of Morelia, Alfonso Martinez Alcaraz, remembered how his grandfather, a former Morelia mayor, was involved in nurturing the friendship between the two cities. The magnolia trees on the east side of city hall was planted to commemorate that first visit of Morelia's mayor to Fullerton.

Mayor Alcaraz's father was a junior ambassador to Fullerton in 1968 and remembers his trip fondly. He also mentioned how thankful their city has been since Fullerton donated a fire engine to Morelia. The engine was in use for over 45 years. It is currently being refurbished and will be put on display in a prominent location.

A small delegation representing Fullerton at this historic visit included Councilmember Adriana Delgado, Fullerton College President Josh Newman, Fullerton Sister City Program Manager Patrick Kreeger, and City Manager Jaime Hayek. The delegation presented Mayor Alcaraz with a certificate signed by the Mayor’s office and Mayor Alcaraz returned the visit of Fullerton’s mayor.

The report “An Assessment of the Homeless Veteran Program” stated that more than 10,000 veterans stay in emergency shelters and other accommodations on any given night in the United States. The report also states that for every 100 veterans staying in shelters, there are 30 veterans who are sleeping on the streets.

The HUD fair market rate is used in developing Section 8 vouchers, permanent supportive housing and Continuum of Care rent subsidy programs. But even after qualifying for the subsidy, one can have problems locating housing that is affordable. In the absence of a voucher, one will have to pay the voucher. In 2016, almost 90,000 people were on the waiting list for just over 21,000 Section 8 options county-wide.

“Wages are not keeping pace with housing costs,” according to a report presented by Susan Price, the director of Care Coordination for the county. The report “An Assessment of Homeless Services in Orange County” also found a lack of resources to financially assist to single men and women who are chronically homeless. According to the report, 71% of resources are being used for families, single mothers or pregnant women though the vast majority (99.8%) of the unsheltered population are single adults.

“The best leaders try to include in any change a transformational and permanent housing solutions and encouraging increased development of affordable housing units, and options, adopting a Restaurant Meals Program, implementing a Social Security Administration program to increase access to financial assistance for homeless adults, targeting homeless veterans, improving regional coordination of services, and deploying resources in a systematic manner. Some of the recommendations in the report since it was released have since been approved by the OC Board of Supervisors:

• Over $25.5 million committed to providing over 100 shelter options including The Courtyard in Santa Ana; the Bridges at Kraemer, the county’s first year-round emergency shelter and mobile service center in Anaheim opened to 100 people this month and adding an additional 100 beds in late 2018; and ongoing funding for the Armories in Fullerton and Santa Ana providing cold-weather emergency shelter for up to 400 individuals from December to April of each year.

• The Permanent Supportive Housing program issued a notice of funding in 2016 to provide up to $8 million for the acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation of permanent housing for extremely low-income homeless household.

• The Continuum of Care program provides $22.3 million in funding to nonprofits to provide permanent supportive housing to individuals and families. And a state grant program provides $1.1 million to nonprofits to provide shelter and rapid rehousing services.

• A Restaurant Meals Program providing $250,000 per year was approved by the board that will enable CalFresh recipients who are homeless, disabled and/or elderly and without food storage or preparation resources to purchase meals from participating restaurants.

Despite these steps in the right direction the problem of homelessness persists with people being regularly removed from ‘illegal’ camp sites.

The full report 2017 OC Point in Time will be released on June 23rd.

Classifieds

Four Honored for Affordable Housing Work by A Community of Friends

The non-profit A Community of Friends honored four individuals at the 15th annual “Beyond Perceptions” event on May 24th at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Anaheim.

• LA City Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr., for leading the effort to fund affordable housing in Los Angeles through prop HH which passed with voter approval and will provide $1.2 billion over a ten-year period to construct affordable housing for the homeless.

• Watt Companies President Nadine Watt, for continuing her family’s legacy in addressing LA’s affordable housing needs as the first female chair of the Los Angeles Housing Business Council, leading that body in promoting balanced housing policies to ensure livable communities for LA’s workforce.

• Osborne Place tenant James Puntar who spoke at the event about the need to end homelessness from his own experience in transforming his life from homelessness, addiction and incarceration to becoming a certified drug and alcohol counselor.

• Rusty Kennedy received the Advocacy Award for the efforts made to support a permanent supportive housing project in Fullerton located at Orangethorpe and Raymond and working to create inclusive communities by implementing programs to combat prejudice, intolerance and discrimination in Orange County through his position as CEO of OC Human Relations.

Also mentioned was the legacy work in fair housing, civil rights, and farmworker support issues of Rusty’s parents Ralph and Natalie Kennedy. Rusty was joined by his family and friends at the event including Fullerton City Councilmember Jesus Silva. A Community of Friends’ CEO Dora Leong Gallo said, “All of us have a responsibility to do what we can to address the affordable housing crisis and homelessness in our communities. These honorees are outstanding examples of what one person can do to bring change in their communities.”

ACOF’s goal is to create a stable housing environment where persons with special needs can build independent lives. Visit www.acof.org for more information.
Muckenthaler Car Festival

For the past five years, I’ve attended the Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival with my grandpa. Part of Transportation Days in Fullerton, the two-day event is the oldest and grandest car show in North Orange County. This year, I decided to make a video out of the experience, covering both the Hot Rods on Saturday and Concours D’Elegance on Sunday.

The festival started in 1994 and has continued ever since, featuring beautiful and rare automobiles on the lawn of the Muckenthaler Mansion. The judging staff of the Festival “seeks to recognize those vehicles that demonstrate the best originality and authenticity while valuing design, styling, and elegance.”

On Saturday morning, as we turned onto Chapman, I noticed some colorful old cars driving by. When we arrived at the Muckenthaler, more cars were driving through the entrance and onto the lawn. My grandpa and I parked in a nearby residential neighborhood and walked to the entrance where signs were posted, notifying visitors that an admission fee of five dollars was required to view the festival. After receiving a warm welcome and paying the entrance fee, we made our way across the lawn.

The first vehicle that caught my attention was a bright turquoise 1949 Flxible Clipper. Restoration of the automobile began in 2004 and it took 3 years to get it back on the road, according to a card handed out by the judges.

Stepping around the Flxible Clipper, we walked down the first aisle of cars where we ran into a 1932 Ford Roadster painted black. The hood was open for visitors and judges to examine the engine.

Further down the aisle was a red Ford parked in the shade of the old trees. Clearly, each vehicle had been cleaned and waxed before the show. Fullerton had also set up a booth with a couple of their classic cars on display.

Walking past the booth, we came across a red 1971 Chevrolet Corvette with a V8 engine. There was also a section of 1950’s Mercury vehicles with flames painted on the sides. Most of the cars featured at the show on Saturday were Ford Roadsters.

On Sunday morning, at the Concours D’Elegance it was hard to find parking on the side streets by the Muckenthaler. As my grandpa and I were walking in, I heard the faint sound of the original 1960’s Batman theme playing. Looking down the street, I saw the Batmobile, painted black and red, cruising into the Muckenthaler driveway. We weren’t sure what type of engine was on the Batmobile but it sounded like a jet engine as it made its way onto the lawn. Trailers behind it were Model T’s, Ford Model A’s and other classic cars. It was quite a spectacle as the cars pulled into the show. Photographers with professional cameras were lined up at the foot of the parking lot as the owners drove their cars into their reserved spots on the lawn.

Once the vehicles had parked, a brief opening ceremony commemorating the armed forces was held. Everybody stopped examining the classic cars to listen to the singing of the national anthem and looking toward an American flag near the back of the Muckenthaler.

After the opening ceremony concluded, my grandpa and I walked down the aisles, starting at the far right of the lawn under the trees. This time, Jaguars with different colors were arranged on the grass with their owners sitting behind them on lawn chairs.

There was also a navy blue Cadillac from the late 1940’s, and a lot of old Model T’s. We walked up and down each row, viewing cars ranging from a 1936 Beester with stick- ers, to an orange and gray Volkswagen. The Beester was created specifically for the 2007 Great Race. At the end of each day, awards were handed out by the judges.

The Concours D’Elegance awardees for last year’s show were listed in the booklet for the Monocar Festival and should be online. Categories ranged from vintage 1915-1924 to British sports cars to Post-war cars.

As we were leaving, I stopped to look at some small campers. There were also trail- ers parked at the edge of the lawn with their doors and windows open, giving viewers a glimpse inside. One painted blue and gray reminded me of the one in the movie The Long, Long Trailer.

Every year, it’s always a new experience for me, getting to see the cars with my grandpa.

My video of the 2017 Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival is now available on YouTube. All you have to do is visit the Fullerton Observer website, click on the “Videos” tab and click on the words “Emerson Little YouTube Channel,” which will take you directly to my page.

If you have a suggestion of an interesting event or location to feature in the video column send an email to me at littleemerson1@gmail.com.
A QUIET PASSION: Two Hits

Director Terence Davies’ two-hour film about one of America’s greatest poets manages to slow down the pace of our 21st century lives as he moves us into the shaded visages. Edward gains greyer hair and deeper facial lines while the Dickinson family has expressed strong, pro-Union sentiments after the firing on Fort Sumter. Emily labeled a “no-hoper,” the off-camera voice reads, “This is the story of Emily and Vinnie.”

To purchase tickets, go to the Fullerton Public Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. Limited to 200 attendees.

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Musical Theater’s Griff Duncan

Griffin Duncan, co-founder of Fullerton Civic Light Opera, died peacefully on May 21. He was 84. Since co-founding FCLO with his wife Jan in 1972, the company staged over 150 musicals, many at the Plummer Auditorium.

After they stopped producing musicals in 2010 they continued running their set design and costume warehouse located on Commonwealth which provided costumes and sets for theater groups throughout California. Duncan was also known for FCLO’s John Raitt Awards for Youth which he founded in 2009. The awards and scholarships encouraged young musical theater performers at the high school level. The day before he died he and Jan watched the John Raitt Awards for Youth ceremony from their home. At the event daughter, Marilyn Moore Gianetti, presented a beautiful tribute to her father. The founder. Griff is survived by his wife Jan, four children (one deceased son), seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A service will be held Friday, June 2 at 11am at Fullerton 1st United Methodist, 114 N. Pomona. Donations to the John Raitt Awards for Youth via the FCLO Music Theatre, 218 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton CA 92832.

Nouveau Chamber Ballet

Nouveau Chamber Ballet presents “A Few Of My Favorite Things” on Saturday, June 24th at 8pm at the Curtis Theatre in Brea.

Artistic Director Lois Ellyn has chosen some of her personal favorite pieces, and one of her favorite choreographers, to present an evening of ballet, both classical and contemporary, along with a pair of story ballets, including her newest work “The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks” that features a new and original ballet score by Kimo Furumoto, conductor for the Rio California State University at Fullerton Symphony. Principle dancers Renée Bharath Kim and David Kim will lead the cast.

Joseph Gutterrrez, Renée Bharath Kim, David Kim, and Joseph Gutterrrez, will reprise Lois Ellyn’s “Valse Triste,” a dark and tragic interplay between two lovers and Death himself, set to the music of Sibelius. Scott Anderson will present a new contemporary dance piece based upon Viking warriors and Nordic lore. It is an aggressive work with quick movements, featuring three male and seven female dancers, and promises to be powerful and exciting. Lois Elly’s own “Shostakovich Movements 3 and 2” will be presented. It is a strong contemporary piece presented by an amazing group of dancers, led by the returning principals Theresa Knudson and Edgar Nikolyan, dancing to music by Dmitri Shostakovich, a composer who had a profound impact on classical music.

The ballet “Goldilocks and the Three Bears,” with music by Daniel Dorff, will be offered with humorous narration, telling the classic story in music and dance.

Also in the program is the charming “Broom Dance,” set to the long and lush overture to the opera Hanel and Gretel, written in 1892 by Engelbert Humperdinck. The Curtis Theatre, located at 1 Civic Center Circle at Brea’s City Hall Plaza, is a familiar venue for Nouveau Chamber Ballet. It features a 199-seat theater with an advanced lighting and sound system and excellent sight lines. Complimentary deserts and beverages will be available at intermission. Reserved seating tickets are $30 by check or cash. If you are paying by credit card, this will be handled at the door the night of the production for an additional $2 charge per ticket. Please call Lois Ellyn at Nouveau Chamber Ballet to arrange for tickets prior to the production at (714)526-3862.
Upcoming and Ongoing Exhibits

Fullerton ArtWalk
Friday June 2
6pm to 10pm
Last of venues showing art all within walking distance of each other in Downtown Fullerton
See map at: fullertonartwalk.com

Fullerton Museum Center
Audio’s Visuals:
The Photography of Henry Diltz
Henry Diltz’s photos have graced hundreds of album covers from James Taylor’s pensive gaze on Sweet Baby James to the Eagles dressed as outlaws for their album Desperado. Through July 9th, 301 N. Pomona Ave. (714) 738-6545.

Pollack Library
Voces de Liberación: Latinas & Politics in SoCal
A Spoken-Word exhibit features the oral histories of nine Latina community activists including Rose Espinoza, Theresa Smith, and Michele Martinez. Through June 21st. Cal State Fullerton, 800 N. State College Blvd.

Hibbleton Gallery
“Anytime Brother”
Tyler Wheeland, Cameron Crowe, and fifteen close friends spent two months on the road last year riding around the USA on motorcycles and documented their adventures in photographs, a book called “69 South” and a film by Kyle Ransom.

Floral Capital Corner 1980 sculpture
Misage 1970 Painting

The Opening Champagne Reception is Thursday, June 8, 3-5 pm
A closing reception will take place on Friday, June 23, 3-5 pm, though the exhibit is up through June 30.
Gallery hours are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 3-6 pm or by appointment. Call (714)525-6576 for more information or to make an appointment.

Full Circle: The Art of Fay Colmar
A Retrospective with Champagne Opening Thursday, June 8, 3pm-5pm
Full Circle: The Art of Fay Colmar opens with a champagne reception on Thursday, June 8, from 3pm to 5pm at the Leo Freedman Gallery in the Visual Arts Complex at CSUF, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton.
Fullerton artist Fay Colmar launched her career after completing her BFA in 1971 and MFA in 1973 from California State University Fullerton (CSUF).
Colmar’s painting imagery evokes clouds, water, mountain vistas, florals and patterning found in nature. She adapts age-old ink and paper techniques with a contemporary twist, airbrush.
In the 80’s she pushed this imagery further by tearing paper and laying in ways that become bas-reliefs she calls Tidepools and Florals Rising. Painting them in eye-popping colors, she soon attracted dealers that provided their corporate and hotel lobbies with exploding walls of leaf and flower forms. One of her biggest clients, the Sheraton Hotels regularly chose her artwork in their Orange County, Palm Springs, Fort Lauderdale and Denver locations.
Eventually her paper constructions segued into combinations of painting, folded paper collage with branches and tree bark. Now she is happy to work in smaller formats that fit in the homes of friends and family.
Grateful for the tutelage of beloved professors and advisors, her love affair with her alma mater continued through extensive service to the CSUF Art Alliance on the Ways & Means Committee, as Scholarship Chair, and as President in the early 2000s. Now forty-five years after graduating, Fay returns to CSUF to complete the circle with this retrospective show.

Muckenthaler Cultural Center
California Palms

Upcoming at Fullerton Arboretum
6/8 - Backyard BBQ Blowout
6/24 - Star Spangled Brisket, Bacon Tasting
6/25 - Nature Photography
Saturday Yoga Classes
9:00am - 10:30am
For more info: www.fullertonarboretum.org (657) 276-3407

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www.nouveauchamberballet.com
Fred Switzer
Fred Emmet Switzer passed away peacefully in his home where he resided for 56 years surrounded by his four daughters and many loved ones. He was born on April 17, 1922 to Maude and Emmet Switzer in the small town of Fromberg, Montana.

In June of 1930, Fred and his family moved to San Diego, California and in 1931, they headed north to Berkeley, California where his father purchased a drug store. Fred graduated from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy in October of 1943 and obtained his California State Board of Pharmacy license in March of 1945.

During his college years he met the love of his life, Shirley Ida Martin, who became his wife on September 17, 1944. During their engagement, Fred attended US Navy Reserve Midshipmen’s School at the University of Notre Dame. In May of 1944, Fred was appointed ensign and was ordered to San Diego for indoctrination aboard S-Boats.

Following their wedding, Fred and Shirley moved to New London, Connecticut where Fred completed his junior and senior-grade. Following the war, Fred and Shirley lived in Berkeley where Fred became part of his wife at Switzer’s Pharmacy. In April of 1952, Fred and his father, Emmet, became equal partners in the business. Following Emmet’s death that same year, Fred continued to run the pharmacy. In 1955, Fred sold the pharmacy in order to join his brothers, Joe and Bob Switzer, in Cleveland, Ohio to work for Switzer Brothers (eventually DayGlo Color Corporation).

In the fall of that same year, Fred moved with his wife and three daughters, Linda, Judy, and Shelly, to Lynnhurst, Ohio where they lived for four years. In 1959, Fred and his family headed west for the purpose of expanding DayGlo to the west coast and a small branch plant was opened in El Monte, California.

Fred and his family settled in Redondo Beach, California in the fall of 1960 where his fourth daughter, Janet, was born.

Fred served as a vice-president and eventually president of DayGlo until his retirement in 1986. During his retirement years, Fred remained very active playing golf, hiking, vacationing with his wife and family, and preserving family history and memories. He spent many hours converting his slides to digital images, creating a 3 1/2 hour documentary titled Documentary of the Lives of Maude Etta Stoyan and Emmet Bert Switzer, and organizing all his photos into albums including family photos dating back to the mid-1800s.

Fred also enjoyed serving on the board of The Switzer Foundation, an organization founded in 1986 by his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Patricia Switzer. He often spoke about the foundation and how proud he was to be involved in an organization that focused on bringing about positive environmental change. Fred is survived by his four daughters: Linda Clopton (Bill), Judy Summers (Larry), Shelley Campbell, and Janet Sanders (David) and his eleven grandchildren: Tommy Anderson (Brian), Jeff Summers (Michele), Brandi Wallin (Marc), Michael Summers (Andrea), Jason Clopton (Andrea), Dominick Clopton (Ashley), Brian Campbell, Laura Campbell, Shirley Wallin (Dan), John Sanders (Shauna), and Daniel Sanders, and numerous great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Shirley, in December of 2015.

Fred’s kindness, warmth, genuine interest in others, interesting and engaging conversations and stories, sense of humor, smile, and love for family and friends will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial and celebration of life was held at McAulay and Wallace Mortuary and, in November 21, we will be taken to Redondo Beach Memorial Gardens during the summer. Contributions in Fred’s memory may be made to three of his favorite organizations: The Switzer Foundation, The Sierra Fund, and Habitat for Humanity.

WAR COSTS in Life & Money
California leads the nation with 3,972 soldiers wounded and 737 dead in wars since 2001.

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Cost of Military Action Against ISIL: $15 billion
Cost of US military operations in Iraq: $34 billion

TOOTH INFECTIONS LINKED TO HEART DISEASE
Regular dental checkups and conscientious oral care at home can pay big overall health dividends. The largest piece of evidence of these benefits comes from a study's finding that “acute coronary syndrome” (sudden blockage in the blood supply to heart tissue) is 2.7 times more likely among those with infections at the tip of a tooth root, even if there are no actual tooth symptoms. Dental examinations of people suffering from acute coronary syndrome (with symptoms of shortness of breath, chest pain, weakness, and nausea) revealed that over half (58 percent) suffered from inflammatory lesions at a tooth root tip, called “apical periodontitis.” An estimated one person in four suffers from at least one tooth infection, with cavities as the most common cause. Apical periodontitis is caused by bacterial invasion of the pulp of the tooth, which may be detected on dental x-rays. Regular dental health habits can lower your risk of both gum disease and heart disease. And, if you already have one or both of these conditions, can help reduce their impact. To schedule an appointment call 714-992-0092.

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2017 Leon Owens Foundation College Scholarships

The Leon Owens Foundation is proud to present the 2017 College Scholarship recipients. Congratulations to each one of them as they begin their journey in college. Each of the scholars are strong academically, leaders at their schools and very involved in their communities. We know they will continue these strong attributes in college and beyond.

The recipients will be honored during the Awards Banquet at the LOF Annual Charity Golf Tournament and Scholarship Fundraiser on June 5, 2017 at the Alta Vista Country Club in Placentia.

The foundation also thanks all the donors who impact the lives of the next generation by making college dreams through the annual scholarship program a reality.

Visit www.LeonOwensFoundation.org for more on this local non-profit and its events or call (714)687-5520.

From Above Far Left: Arthur Braval/Fullerton College Jonnice Quintero /San Francisco State Abigail Floral/Orange Coast College Joyce Logapi /UC Irvine Jasmine Garcia /Cal State Fullerton

At Left: Elizabeth Macias/ Westmont

Troy High Team Grand Champions at 33rd Science Olympiad National Tournament

The student team from Troy High School in Fullerton took top honors at the 33rd Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament at Wright State University on Saturday, May 20, 2017. "We are proud of the achievements and know their schools and communities will welcome them home like champions," said Dr. Gerard Putz, Science Olympiad president and co-founder. "These students and teachers exemplify the best America has to offer in science, technology, engineering and math."

One of the nation's most prestigious science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions, the Science Olympiad National Championship brings together over 60 high school teams that have each advanced by winning state-level competitions in their respective states. Rigorous hands-on and lab events led by experts from government agencies, top universities, industry and Science Olympiad state chapters cover topics in robotics, physics, epidemiology, astronomy, chemistry, meteorology, coding and engineering.

Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization with the mission to improve the quality of science education, increase interest in science, attract more students to science careers, foster teamwork, emphasize the problem-solving aspects of science and develop a technologically literate workforce. It has produced a generation of alumni who fill the hallways of top universities and corporations around the globe.

A full list of 2017 national tournament award recipients and official tournament results, including event-by-event scoring is available by visiting: https://www.usnic.org/2017-national-tournament

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Indivisible Rally for Independent Investigation

by Renee Villalobos

On the evening of May 17th, over 100 constituents of the 39th district rallied in support of an independent investigation in front of Rep. Ed Royce’s Brea office.

Over one hundred local 39th district constituents rallied in support of an independent investigation in front of Rep. Ed Royce’s Brea office.

County Seeks Ethics Commissioners

The Orange County Board of Supervisors is now accepting applications for commissioners for the County’s Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission.

The Commission will consist of five appointed members, one appointment by each Supervisor. Commissioners shall serve terms up to three years and may not serve more than two full terms.

For a full list of qualifications and the online application visit the website: http://www.ocgov.com/pcfo/ocethics/about. Proposed commissioners must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Board.

On June 7, 2016 the voters established a Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission with the purpose of providing oversight of the County’s Campaign Reform Ordinance, Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Ordinance, the Gift Ban Ordinance and Sections 6 and 9 of the County Code of Ethics and Commitment to Public Service (“Code of Ethics”). The Commission will also ensure that ethics training is provided to newly elected and appointed county officials.

The Board selected Denah Hoard as the Executive Director of the Office of Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission. Hoard started on April 10.

In addition to the Office of Campaign Finance and Ethics, the County of Orange has a fraud hotline intended for use by county employees, the general public, or vendors reporting suspected waste, fraud, violations of county policy or misuse of county resources by vendors, contractors or county employees. The County Fraud Hotline number is (714) 834-3608. For more information visit http://www.ocgov.com/services/raud.

Free Legal Clinic for Veterans

On April 18, 2017, the Orange County Veterans Service Office and the Veterans Legal Institute received a grant award in the amount of $40,000 from the State of California Department of Veterans Affairs. The money will be used to develop a new monthly, free legal clinic at the OC Veterans Service Office which is located at 1300 S. Grand, Ave, Room 247, Santa Ana, CA 92705.

Monthly clinics for veterans and their families will start on July 12, 2017 and run through June 2018. They will be held every second Wednesday of each month from 9am to noon.

Learn more by visiting the Orange County Veterans Service Office’s website at www.veterans.ocgov.com.

Citizen Lawsuit Opposing Edison Plan to Bury Nuclear Waste at Local Beach Nears Possible Settlement

In 2012, a radioactive leak at the San Onofre nuclear power plant forced an emergency shutdown. The plant was fully closed by June 2013. Nuclear waste remains toxic to humans for 2500 centuries (over 40 times all recorded human history to date).

A California Coastal Commission permit was granted in October 2015 to SoCal Edison for its plan to bury 3.6 million pounds of highly radioactive nuclear waste from the closed plant in thin stainless steel canisters within 100 feet of the ocean at San Onofre beach.

Citizens Oversight filed a lawsuit against the Coastal Commission and SoCal Edison in November 2015 arguing that this area is unsuitable as a waste storage due to risks of corrosion, high water table, earthquake faults, tsunami and more. Not only does the plan risk contamination of the ocean and neighboring beach cities like San Clemente but an accident would affect the 8.4 million people within a 50 mile radius (including Fullerton). SoCal Edison failed to research alternative storage locations such as its co-owned Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station located near Tonopah, Arizona where nuclear waste is already stored in a remote desert area.

Judge Judith Hayes of the Superior Court heard arguments and in April 2017 SoCal Edison announced it would enter negotiations to reach a settlement. The next court date is July 14, 2017.

For updates on this issue visit: http://citizensoversight.org/StopNukeDump.

OCCC Cleans Up Homeless Encampment

The OC Conservation Corps provides training, work experience, and education to at-risk young people. In February, an OCCC crew under the supervision of Julio Lopez, was hired to clean up the Santa Ana River bed along the 57 freeway. It was a challenging task amidst law enforcement, news crews, and protestors who threw rocks. Christian Padilla, Janet Delgado, Daphne Soto, Wilmer Urbina, Alex Lopez, Andres Lopez, Jesus Martinez, Sean Kelly and Nicholas Williams completed the difficult task in 30 days.

The class of 2017 will be graduating on June 2, 2017 at Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton. Contact the OCCC at http://www hiresouth.com.

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Auto vs. Bicyclist

On May 12th, a man riding his bicycle on Wilshire west of Harbor Boulevard was hit by a car leaving him pinned under the vehicle.

Fullerton Fire Department Truck 1 and Care Rescue Ambulance were able to extricate, stabilize and treat the man for an arm fracture and possible head trauma. The bicyclist was quickly transported to a nearby hospital in stable condition.

The deadline is June 15 to submit an application for the position of CEO of the non-profit OC Human Relations. The CEO handles a wide range of duties including developing relationships and partnerships with officials, and leading a team in raising funds to support the work of creating innovative programs to prevent hate crime and help people understand and respect each other.

The Fullerton Observer provides space for NEIGHBORS to advertise. To participate you must have a local phone number. Contractors must provide valid license. Editor reserves right to reject any ad not considered suitable for our family newspaper.

The Fullerton Observer usually requires prepayment in check form. Unfortunately we made an exception and took this ad with our family newspaper.

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The Observer assumes no liability for ads placed here. However, if you have a complaint or comment about a service, please let us know at (714) 525-6402.

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by Thom Par

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Now a week away and the television screen is filled with hours of advertising on deals for bedding, lounge chairs, and sofas as big as Trump Tower.

The newspapers are filled with ads for dining sets we all need pillows we got to have and a footstool you cannot live without. So instead of watching racing or eating a freshly grilled dog or burger while consuming vast amounts of beer I will be visiting one furniture store after another seeking that one piece I need to make my home a castle.

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A Visit to the Anza-Borrego Super Bloom

The So family were hosts to two junior ambassadors on a visit to Fullerton. Haruka Suzuki and Hana Matsuurra are from Fullerton’s Sister City Fukui, Japan.

Pictured at the back of the sign during a trip to see the super bloom at Anza Borrego Desert State Park in March are Haruka Suzuki, Katherine So, Felice Vu (who as a Fullerton Junior Ambassador visited Japan in July 2016), and Hana Matsuurra.

In front of the sign are younger sister Emily So, mom, Ellen Lim, and dad Albert So and the family dog, Bailey - who also enjoyed the hike.

A Kayak Get-Away on the Black Canyon

Gennifer Gatan, one of the Observer’s copy editors, recently tested a TRAK folding kayak on a short expedition-style kayak-camping trip on the Black Canyon of the Colorado River. Red canyon walls (hence, “Colorado”), Nevada to the west and Arizona to the east, flank this tributary fed by the Hoover Dam.

A busy wife and mom with a career, Gennifer also is part of a kayak club whose members go on many adventures. This time, Gennifer’s friend - another kayak enthusiast - from San Francisco joined her.

Michael & Candace in La Habana

Artists Michael and Candace Magoski of the Violethour Gallery in the Magoski Arts Colony, 223 West Santa Fe in Fullerton visited Havana, (La Habana in Spanish), “Cuba is the most amazing place I have ever gone to; and not because they have the best ‘this’ or ‘that’. Cuba is the dystopian dream of a post apocalyptic America we all have - only the people aren’t killing and robbing each other. They just all keep it working. I have never seen a more resourceful, resilient and free thinking people. "I kept asking myself, "Wait a minute here. I live in the democracy and this is the communist totalitarian country; and yet, somehow it seemed that the people in this place are all really are working with each other for a better tomorrow. I could go on and on. Everyone is trying to make the best of their circumstance and not be jealous of others, not be envious of those who have more... everyone really seemed joined in the effort to make the world better.”

- Michael Magoski