DA Investigator in City Manager DUI Case Alleges Corruption
by Jesse La Tour

On May 26th, Orange County District Attorney investigator Abraham Santos filed a claim for damages against the county, alleging that he was removed from his investigation into the DUI hit and run case against former Fullerton City Manager Joe Felz, when his findings claimed that former Fullerton Police Chief Dan Hughes "had criminally obstructed justice."

In the early hours of November 9th, 2016, police responded to a neighbor's call that a car had crashed into a tree and was attempting to flee the scene. When the driver was determined to be City Manager Joe Felz, the responding officer called Chief Dan Hughes, who sent another officer to drive the City Manager home without arresting or breathalyzing him.

Shortly after this, both Chief Hughes and City Manager Felz retired. Hughes continued on page 5

Coyote Hills Open Space Park Gets Another Chance
by Angela Lindstrom

The Friends of Coyote Hills continue to fight to save all 510 acres of West Coyote Hills as a park and preserve for now and future generations. In February we filed an appeal of our Measure W lawsuit to defend the people's right to refer to our City Council's approval of Chevron-Pacific Coast Homes' development proposal. Our state constitution gives us the right to overturn our government's legislative decisions through the referendum process. If they approve, we get to overturn that approval. The legal teams on both sides of this issue will be filing written court briefs for the next few months, but an appeals court decision may not happen until 2018.

In 2001, Connie Spenger founded the Friends of Coyote Hills to save all 510 acres of the last natural open space in North Orange County. Through the years, our unwavering mission to save this precious natural habitat has evolved from a radical idea to a desired outcome by our community. Measure W to overturn the development approval prevailed with a 61% vote in 2012. Chevron-Pacific Coast Homes became a willing seller of the property in 2015 (for the right price). In late 2015, when the City began seeking funding for a partial acquisition, they were pleasantly surprised at the keen interest state agencies had for our Coyote Hills.

Last November's election resulted in political support for Coyote Hills the likes of which the Friends has not seen in the past. Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva returned to office after a 2-year absence. State Senator Josh Newman won his first term. Both of our state leaders immediately took significant actions to help save Coyote Hills. Assemblywoman Quirk Silva introduced AB-510 to set aside state funding for the acquisition of West Coyote Hills. Senator Newman is also working diligently to help with funding. First term Fullerton City Councilman Jesus Silva voiced support for saving all of Coyote Hills.

When the community, elected officials, property owner, and funding agencies are aligned, we will absolutely achieve a $10-acre Coyote Hills park. We have come a long way and we are headed in the right direction.

For more information on the work of this group and how you can help visit: www.coyotehills.org

The Gas Tax: Costs & Benefits

For the past few months, local residents have been accosted by signature-gatherers outside grocery stores, urging voters to sign a petition which the gatherers claim is to repeal the "gas tax." This is not, in fact, the case. The petition is to recall local state senator Josh Newman, who voted for the "gas tax." For those residents who believe that recalling a democratically-elected official for voting on a single bill is grounds for a recall, we at the Fullerton Observer thought it might be helpful for voters to understand exactly what the so-called "gas tax" actually entails. Here's a brief summary of the bill, whose real, official title is "SB-1: Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017."

(Note: much of this is taken verbatim from the bill itself.)

Background

Over the next 10 years, the state faces a $59 billion shortfall to adequately maintain the existing state highway system in order to keep it in a basic state of good repair. Similar cities and counties face a $78 billion shortfall over the next decade to adequately maintain the existing network of local streets and roads. Statewide taxes and fees dedicated to the maintenance of the system have not been increased in more than 20 years, with those revenues losing more than 55 percent of their purchasing power, while costs to maintain the system have steadily increased and much of the underlying infrastructure has aged past its expected useful life.

California motorists are spending $17 billion annually in extra maintenance and car repair bills, which is more than $700 per driver, due to the state's poorly maintained roads. A funding program will help address a portion of the maintenance backlog on the state's road system and will stop the growth of the problem. Modestly increasing various fees can spread the cost of road repairs broadly to all users and benefit all of the road network without overburdening any one group. Improving the condition of the state's road system will have a positive impact on the economy as it lowers the transportation costs of doing business, reduces congestion impacts continued on page 2
Orange County Veterans Cemetery & West Coyote Hills Successes vs. Misinformation Campaign

by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva

One of my proudest accomplishments as a state representative is authoring Assembly Bill 1453 in 2014, which put us on a path toward state and federal approval of plans that will lead to the reconstruction and operation of Orange County’s very own veterans cemetery.

A veterans cemetery in Orange County for veterans is not a “pet project.” It is a necessary and important project and will serve all our veterans, especially those in southern California. The state funds in question were secured for a cemetery that all veterans have earned. It’s shameful that some would try to disrupt the funding for a veterans cemetery. Ironically that stealth campaign to disrupt the funding for the Orange County veterans cemetery, by the so-called Strawberry Fields. I have left any decision of a location up to the City of Fullerton. The last month, I organized a tour of both sites that were being considered, and invited along all concerned local leaders and California Governor Brown, in order to gather information and move forward with creating a memorial in Orange County, for veterans.

Last month, some of you may have been bothered by a sleazy texting, email and robocall campaign in Fullerton that has been operating in order to misinform veteran public opinion against the veterans’ cemetery, saying that “Orange County money would be spent on a pet project in Spring Valley” which is outside the 65th Assembly District. A resting place for California’s veterans.

As your representative, I have also been moving forward with an extensive legislative package that fights for the interests of our community. The bills I have authored in the first half of 2017 include a range of issue areas; community safety and public safety, veterans affairs, health and human services, education, environment, business and more.

For further information, I invite you to visit my website at http://www.asmdc.org/a5/.

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The federal government estimates that increased spending on infrastructure creates more than 13,000 jobs per $1 billion spent. Well-maintained roads benefit all users, not just drivers, as roads are used for all modes of transport, whether motor vehicles, transit, bicycles, or pedestrians. Well-maintained roads additionally provide significant public health benefits by preventing injuries and deaths due to crashes caused by poorly maintained infrastructure.

Where the Money Will Go

The law provides the following funding to local governments over the next ten years:

• $15 billion for state highway maintenance and rehabilitation.
• $4 billion for highway bridge and culvert maintenance and rehabilitation.
• $83 billion for high priority freight corridors.
• $2.5 billion for congested corridor improvements.
• $800 million for parks programs, off-highway vehicle programs, boating programs, and agricultural programs.
• $275 million for the interregional share of the State Transportation Improvement Program.
• $320 million for freeway service projects.
• $70 million for transportation research at the University of California and the California State University.

Where the Money Will Come From

A $0.12 per gallon increase in the motor vehicle fuel (gasoline) tax.
A $0.20 per gallon increase in the diesel excise tax.
A varying fee between $25 and $175 based on vehicle value.
A new $100 annual vehicle registration fee applicable only to zero-emission vehicles model year 2020 and later.

Planning for the Future

The goal is that by 2027:

• 90 percent level of service achieved for congested corridors.
• 90 percent of culverts in good or fair condition.
• 90 percent of the transportation improvement projects.
• $0.15 billion for state highway maintenance and rehabilitation.
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These funds are to be used only for transportation purposes necessary to improve state highways, urban roads, protect the economy, and protect natural resources. This act also advances greenhouse gas reduction objectives and other environmental goals by expanding funding for climate change-related projects, improvements in transit and active transportation.

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Link to the final version of SB 181: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB1

Need Better Bus Service to St. Jude

Due to a 30% decrease in ridership, OCTA recently made adjustments to their bus routes, eliminating some and increasing the frequency of others. Unfortunately they seem to have overlooked a major destination in Fullerton: the St. Jude’s Hospital area. There is a wonderful limited line Harbor Blvd. bus called the Bravo 543 which runs every 12 minutes during peak hours but it only goes south from the Fullerton Transportation Center. You can get the bus in Fullerton (running every 20 minutes) north on Harbor but only as far as the North OC Court House. From there you can walk north on Harbor to St. Jude’s but you lose the side walk (scary!) A few minutes later, in 145, stops at St. Jude’s but it only runs every hour and fifteen minutes.

With the many employees of, and visitors to, the hospital itself and the surrounding conveniences - homes and doctors’ offices, there seems to me to be great potential for increasing bus ridership. Some (or many) of the tenants of the large apartment buildings already built or being planned downtown will work in or visit this area. Understandably, few would want to rely on a bus with very few riders, running every 20 minutes. Hopefully, OCTA will take a look at this area with an eye to making bus ridership more convenient.

To the Editor: I have written to OCTA Customer Service about this but I doubt that one person will have much influence. Do you know if a bus group or other group will ever lobby or elsewhere in Orange County which makes suggestions about routes?

PH Fullerton

Weird Aggressive Petition Gatherers at Ralphs Gas Station

I pulled up to Ralphs Gas station on Harbor and was accosted by two very aggressive men to sign a petition supposedly to reverse the gas tax just passed by the California State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Brown. When I refused - one of the men yelled something about how he was proud to have voted for Trump and I should have voted for Hillary. I can’t believe Ralph’s would allow such people to accost their customers. Anonymous Fullerton

The Gas Tax: What it’s About

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OUT OF MY MIND  
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COMEDY V TRUMP & TRUMP V REALITY

So it’s come to this: American political discourse now consists of a titanic debate over the ever-widening political aisle of “Liar Liar Pants on Fire!” Not very dignified but facts or just ill-informed. This is people than Obama’s. Maybe he believes, on his inauguration as having more evaluation of the state of the world is safer if he’s a liar rather than simply detached from reality. Truly a piece of cake. Trump praises and constructs expectation of hearing the truth from him.

Personally, I’m not convinced that Trump knows when he’s being counterfactually wrong or if he actually sees the pictures of his inauguration as having more people than Obama’s. Maybe he believes, as he told the G7 delegates two weeks ago, that he is an environmentalist and has received many environmental awards. Maybe he believes that millions of illegals voted and that they all voted for Hillary. Maybe he believes that Obama is not a citizen and the people he sent to Hawaii to investigate ‘are finding amazing things.’ If he believes all this, he’s delusional. I am now wondering if the world is safer if his liars rather than simply detached from reality. Truly a Hobbesian’s Choice.

In an exchange of charges of lying, Comey is going to win. For whatever reason, Trump has a line of relation with the truth. Maybe it is character. Maybe sanity. Maybe it is a history of being a salesman and the life-long habit of publishing this is the best beer in this country. This is a lose win situation.

This is the most beautiful golf course in the world. This was an amazing beautiful piece of cake. Trump praises and condemns in ALL CAPS and SUPERLATIVE. Everything is beautiful, wonderful, great or disgusting, a disaster or a catastrophe.

America elected a non-politician and a salesman. Maybe we have no legitimate expectation of hearing the truth from him.

Now of course Comey is not a perfect person. I believe it was an error of judgment when, after listing all of Hillary’s sketchy behavior around her private server and emails, he announced that he wasn’t recommending indictment. Non-actions are seldom announced in news conferences. I believe it was an honest, though very damaging, mistake when he announced, re-entering the email investigation shortly before the election.

I wrote at the time that I thought it was wrong but not maliciously motivated. He made a mistake in Congress. He told them informed and kept that promise—even though it conflicted with the directive not to act in ways likely to influence an election within 90 days. He had a conflict and, in my opinion, chose wrongly. He was certainly factually incorrect when testifying under oath that Hillary’s behavior was worse. Human error has been rampant.

I miss the good old days when Republicans were tough on Russia and accused Democrats of being soft.

Response to “The Firing of James Comey”

I offer the following in response to Jon Dobrer’s mid-May editorial in the Fullerton Observer titled “The Firing of James Comey”.

To characterize Mr. Dobrer’s columns as inaccurate hysteria would be an understatement. Even considering it an opinion piece is woefully short of anything but opinion – the facts were few and far between.

First, Mr. Dobrer equates President Trump’s undiluted legal authority to fire the director of the FBI as a “shot fired at our Constitution”. How the firing of the director of a government agency that didn’t exist until 1908 could be conflated as an attack on the Constitution defies rational explanation, especially considering the Constitution survived for 132 years fully intact without the FBI even in existence.

Secondly, Mr. Dobrer claims the just thought that Mr. Comey did not handle the Hillary email investigation well as a “naived and blithely”. Nonse. There is plenty of evidence that Mr. Comey botched the investigation, including statements made by Mr. Dobrer later in the article where he says “He made mistakes, serious mistakes”. Which is it Mr. Dobrer? Did Mr. Comey do a good job or make serious mistakes? It can’t be both.

The hysteria continues as Mr. Dobrer claims that Mr. Trump is waging an “attack on one of our checks and balances against despotism”. Apparently, Mr. Dobrer believes the firing of the former acting Attorney General Sally Yates and replacement of other employees within the Executive Department is evidence of this attack. It would seem that Mr. Dobrer is suggesting the president is attempting to overthrow the executive branch of government, the very branch he is in charge of running by virtue of the Constitution itself. This is more nonsense. The thinly veiled claim that Trump is acting as a despot is pure partisan hyperbole.

I usually find Mr. Dobrer’s columns to be entertaining but this one went over the top. He even managed to conflate the image of a dragon knocking “over the edge of the world”. Wow! That’s drama.

Kevin Pendergraft Fullerton

No Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions in “Trumppcare”

RE: Early June letter page 3 about Dobrer & Rumen Articles

I am traveling out of town but with a few quiet moments and the blessings of wifi, I decided to take a look at the early June online edition of the Observer.

I was shocked by the letter which was so misinformed about the lack of pre-existing condition coverage in the Trump healthcare plan.

I would love to tell this lady what I know about pre-existing conditions.

I bet she never had a 16-year-old with cancer who couldn’t get anything but “high risk” coverage for many years.

High risk coverage, as I am sure you know, just means high cost and almost no coverage which is what Trumpcare offers. It’s just not good enough.

I really have a problem putting T---- and ‘Care’ in the same sentence, much less the same word...... There’s nothing caring about IT.

Anonymous Fullerton

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June 6 Council Meeting

Next Council Meeting is Tues., June 13 at 6:30pm.

Come see your local government in action!

- CLOSED SESSION: Before every City Council meeting, there is a "Closed Session" in which members of council meet with various parties outside view of the public. According to the minutes, the closed session was about the status of the parking study.

- City Council voted 4-1 (Mayor Whiteraker "no") to approve the 2017-2018 budget. The city’s total budget is $192 million. Due to increases in the CalPERS retirement rates for public employees, the city faces a $2.6 million deficit for 2017-18, and projections indicate that number will increase to $5 million within three years as the growth in expenditures outpaces revenues. In order to offset this projected deficit, this budget contains strategies for expenditure reductions including elimination of 5.5 jobs ($800,000), increases in fees for service ($200,000), and renegotiation of employee health care benefits ($2,000,000).

- Another ongoing problem is funding the retirement of an ambulance billing program ($1,000,000), and a new fire station. Mayor Whiteraker, the only opponent, said that the city faces a $10-12 million deficit and that more revenue is needed to maintain, but not improve our road conditions.

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Rents Burdened by Parking Restrictions

For the past year, Fullerton’s historic overnight parking ban has been the subject of much discussion, as renters, landlords, and Council have discussed the problem it creates for renters in areas where there is no adequate parking. The Council’s approach thus far has been piecemeal, reserving the ban in certain areas where a majority of property owners agree to do it.

The problem with this system is that it unfairly gives preference to property owners, as renters do not get to vote on reserving the ban in their neighborhoods. The only recourse for renters has been to speak at council meetings, voicing their grievances, hoping to gain a sympathetic ear. At this meeting, many apartment renters from the neighborhood around Citrus and Porter Avenue expressed their dismay over the amount of parking tickets they get simply because there is no overnight street parking.

Council had previously decided to temporarily suspend enforcement of the overnight parking ban, but now it seems that has ended, and Fullerton parking enforcement has been ticketing with a vengeance. Donna Anderson, who owns some apartments in this area, spoke on behalf of her renters, describing how recently 45 tickets were issued in a single day. Several renters who live in this area spoke of their grievances.

Cesar Figueroa, a renter, said that he has received ten tickets in the past month. Another renter named Adriana said that the ticketing is “getting out of control. It’s not just once in a while. It’s every day and every hour. We don’t have any place to park...I feel like it’s abuse of us. Eventually we’re not going to be able to afford this. Please help us.”

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At the request of City Council, the Transportation Circulation Commission (TCC) is currently conducting a study of parking issues city-wide. Council Member Silva, expressing concern for the renter’s situation, asked about the status of the parking study. City manager Roedder said that the commission is “on target to come back to council with initial recommendations at the end of next month.”

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Homeless Veteran Housing Struggles

Local resident Curtis Gamble, a homeless advocate and a veteran, spoke of the difficulty he had finding an apartment complex that will accept VA vouchers. Though he has qualified for the vouchers which provide him with rental assistance, he has thus far been unable to secure permanent housing because most local apartment owners will not accept these vouchers.

Gamble’s last place of residence, the Hudson Ridge apartments, does not accept these vouchers. “As a veteran,” Gamble said, “I should be able to live there.” He asked the council help make this happen by encouraging apartment owners to accept VA vouchers. “As much as we’ve done for veterans, we should be able to work this out.”

Gamble is not alone in his situation. Many veterans are homeless and, even though they qualify for housing assistance, they encounter great difficulty finding a place that will accept them.

“My concern is for other people like myself who are veterans,” Gamble said. “I think that all rental properties should be honoring the VA vouchers. ‘You should not accept these vouchers.”

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Fullerton Remembers Its Fallen Soldiers
by Jesse La Tour

On Monday, May 29th, the City of Fullerton and the American Veteran’s Memorial Association held its 79th Annual Memorial Day ceremony at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton, in which flags and crosses were placed at the graves of nearly 4,100 veterans buried there. Many local residents, including hundreds of veterans and their families, attended this popular annual event.

This year’s program featured the presentation of service flags by local JRROTC cadets from Fullerton High School and Troy High School, patriotic music by Kristen Romero and Dave Denu, the ceremonial laying of wreaths at the cemetery’s Veteran’s Memorial monument, a “roll call” of departed veterans, a gun salute by the Fullerton Police Honor Guard, in honor of both local and national departed veterans.

Throughout the ceremony, the American flag was flown at half-staff, “to remember the more than one million men and women who have given their lives since the birth of our nation,” Brigadier General Dawkins explained.

Among the 4,100 veterans buried at Loma Vista Memorial Park are servicemen from each of the past three centuries, including William F. Strock (who served in the Civil War), Les Clever (who served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam), and Jeffrey Twineham (who served in Iraq). Jim Howland, a World War II veteran who gave the closing prayer, comes from a long line of American servicemen. His great uncle was a captain in the Civil War (and an aid to General Uluseppe S. Grant).

His father served in the Spanish American War, his father-in-law served in World War I, and his son served in Vietnam. Howland said the Memorial Day event is “Great because it gets the citizenship involved. We need the kids to learn that those who went before us brought us what we have. It’s not just them that sacrificed, but it’s their families too.”

Local resident Kenny Gallete, who lost a brother in World War II, said, “I’ve been to every national cemetery. People don’t realize what that generation did.”

Veterans in the audience were asked to stand and be recognized for their service.

Free Haircuts for Veterans
The Cosmetology Department of Fullerton College is supporting our veterans by offering free haircuts. Veterans may make an appointment Monday through Friday during both day and night sessions by calling 714-582-7123, 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.

DA Investigator in Felz Case Alleges Corruption

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and Felz now faces OCDA charges of DUI and attempted hit and run. He has pled not guilty, and his trial is scheduled for June 20th, 2017.

Abraham Santos was assigned by the OCDA to investigate the Felz case, and his findings “led him to conclude that Chief Hughes had criminally obstructed justice,” according to his claim (Santos’ lawyer says they have audiovisual recordings from the Felz incident). According to Santos’ claim, when he presented this information to Assistant DA Ebrahim Baytieh, he was told “I am friends with Chief Hughes and we are only going to be investigating the DUI and not anything else.” Santos further claims that, when he expressed resistance, Baytieh threatened to take the case away from him. On February 22 of this year, Santos was taken off the case completely.

Santos’ claim states that “he has been the unwilling victim of false sexual harassment rumors and concocted disciplinary actions” by his supervisors at the OCDA who now perceive him as a “whistleblower” and a ‘partner’ of fellow DA Investigator Tom Conklin who, according to his own separate claim for damages, has also been the subject of adverse employment actions as a result of his “whistle-blowing” activities related to his investigation of former Cypress Police Department Investigator Susan White (who was alleged to have committed perjury in the Stephenson Chos Kim capital case) and the more recent Daniel Gidanian case.

These allegations have been made in the context of a District Attorney’s office which is currently under investigation by Department of Justice for allegedly illegal- ly using jailhouse informants to secure evidence and convictions. This scandal was the subject of a May 21st segment on 60 minutes entitled “Snitches.”
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The Halls Are Alive

Leaving Union Station in LA last Thursday was, as always, interesting. But this time, more so, as an upright piano was being played by an excellent and very young talent whose efforts filled the halls and reached people from all over the world with what we call the universal language.

You will find great Day of Music Fullerton info on the back page of this issue. For now, from all of us who have spent many months organizing DOM, please do one thing for us; make every effort to come down and spend some time appreciating the talents of hundreds of musicians playing every type of music and instrument known to humankind in the halls, hills, restaurants, parking lots, sidewalks, parks and more.

Please clear your Wednesday afternoon and evening and prove to all of us that it was well worth the effort. Day of Music, June 21st, all over our musical city. FREE

Fullerton Photo Quiz

Last Issue’s
Photo Quiz Answer

Where is the lot above located?
The first one to identify the photo above as the lot on East Amerige was Observer Zack Nelson. Good eye Zack!

This Issue’s
Photo Quiz Question

Where is the activity in the photo above taking place?
Yet another new dirt lot in Fullerton? Send your answers to Mike at AllMedia@sbcglobal.net

A Missing Pepper Tree

The Otto Des Granges house, built in the 1870s, was one of the first in Fullerton. A pepper tree was saved from destruction when apartments were built at the site of the old house at 2000 East Wilshire but it later started to deteriorate, then bees moved in. When I went to see it, all I found was the rock and plaque pictured above, which was dedicated in 1987. What if we had a pepper tree to give, would they want it? We have one, will ask, and follow up next time.

Torch Run: Fullerton police officers participated in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run through town on June 5. Over 1,100 athletes from across Southern California competed in aquatics, track & field, basketball, bocce, golf and gymnastics events on June 10 and 11 at the CSU Long Beach campus.

A Confusion Food Restaurant Opening

Oh wait, my mistake, poke fusion is giving way to tacos, thought for a minute there was a new fusion cuisine being invented right here in good old Downtown Fullerton. But no, instead, the Poke craze has a casualty and hopefully others serving similar food will live long and prosper.

We ran into the general contractor and he was amused to find that the location was once a Taco Bell. Sure, you remember, the original design with the fire pit in front, and for a while, if memory serves, it was open even after the another Taco Bell opened on Pomona and Commonwealth.

Not really sure what happened with the Mexican/hamburger place that was there before Fins Poke – it was crowded every time I went there. Maybe nobody went there anymore because it was too crowded. (Quote courtesy of Yogi Berra)

So, the big question, when will Pedro’s Taco’s open? Three weeks is the estimate, so we’ll be looking for breakfast burritos, ‘super fresh’ soft tacos, burritos and quesadillas soon.

Sequoias

Take Over Fullerton

After we planned our 3rd high sequoia (we will be looking for a good place to transplant in two or three years) I ran into a friend who told me there was a big one growing near her house, (see below).

Do you know of any others in Fullerton? If so, let me know and I will start a map. I know there is a grove in Carbon Canyon and I think I have seen others here in Fullerton, so I am on the lookout. Just for fun.

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Torch Run: Fullerton police officers participated in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run through town on June 5. Over 1,100 athletes from across Southern California competed in aquatics, track & field, basketball, bocce, golf and gymnastics events on June 10 and 11 at the CSU Long Beach campus.

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The Orange County Board of Supervisors will decide the fate of the Orange County Human Relations Commission and the non-profit Council at their Tuesday, June 13 meeting at 9am. The meeting is held in the boardroom on the first floor at 333 W Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana. Those who can't make the meeting but who would like to make a comment to the OC Board of Supervisors on this issue may by sending an email to responses@ocgov.com.

Of the over 200 audience members in support of the OCHR public/private partnership at the June 6 OC Board of Supervisors meeting, fifty spoke urging the board to accept the non-profit's winning bid of $256,000 a year to continue services.

The non-profit OCHR Council was founded 26 years ago to raise funds to support the OC Human Relations Commission at no cost to taxpayers. The non-profit has raised over $8 million over that time which has funded the county commission's staffing, various award-winning prevention programs in communities and high schools designed to promote understanding between Orange County's diverse population, plus mediation training, crisis intervention, and hate crime and incident tracking. Visit www.sohumanrelations.org to read the annual report and for more on programs.

Speakers included civic, business, religious and civil rights leaders, law enforcement, and individuals - all of whom told of the benefits received from the OCHR Council and Commission's work to reduce tensions, prevent hate crimes, and build community. Most noted that OCHR is especially needed now.

Supervisors Michelle Steel and Andrew Do, who formed an Ad-Hoc committee to investigate the nature of the private/public partnership, object to it because they say it is not accountable to the board. They directed staff to notify OCHR that they would be evicted June 30 unless the board voted to continue the contract. Then they dropped the agenda item to discuss continuing the contract. Supervisor Todd Spitzer re-instated the item for the June 6 meeting and, also, over the objections of Steele and Do, put it on the agenda for the June 13 meeting when the fifth supervisor Shawn Nelson will return from vacation.

Riverbed Homeless Encampment

About ten passionate speakers at the OC Board of Supervisors' June 6th meeting urged the board to approve an item brought by Supervisors Todd Spitzer and Andrew Do, which discussed a $756,000 six-month contract to fund services for the people living at the homeless encampment along the riverbed.

The item was passed unanimously and directs county CEO Frank Kim to contract with private groups that will provide restrooms, clean water, transition to shelter, and other services for the homeless. The money will also fund law enforcement to ensure safety of bike path users and those living at the riverbed.

Supervisor Lisa Bartlett made a motion to add $5 million in funding for permanent supportive housing to the item because, as she said, the homeless alone the riverbed will need somewhere to transition to or they will just return. The money will come from the $182 million in available unspent Mental Health Services Act funds.

28th Annual Fireworks Show

The City of Fullerton’s free 28th annual 4th of July Fireworks Show will be held Tuesday, July 4, 2017 from 5 to 7pm.

The festival is located at the Fullerton Union High School football fields, on Lemon, between Berkeley and Chapman. The event includes live music by the Soundbytes and other entertainment, kids’ activities like bounce houses and face-painting, and food for purchase from numerous non-profits. The evening ends with a fireworks display at 9pm. Call (714) 738-6545 for more information.
SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS
by Jan Youngman
Fullerton School 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.fsdlk12.ca.us or call 714-447-7400

June 6 FSD Meeting
(Next Board Meeting is June 20)

NEW PROGRAMS OFFERED
The high school district is implement-
ing a new program for A.P. Biology pro-
gram students. FSD students must take a special biology class in the 8th grade in order to qualify for this program.

Fullerton School District will offer a summer course covering the 8th grade science curriculum before the state testing begins.

The Genius/Academy Program is a special program open to advanced students in the STEM areas (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Students will attend the program this summer either from June 19-30 or July 17-28.

BUDGET: A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF STATE FUNDING
The State’s “final” budget is due June 30. FSD’s budget is based on the Governor’s May Revision, but a state budget is not expected to change signifi-
cantly. So far, the district has approved a 2% FETA (classified/teachers) raise. All other employees’ raises have been imple-
mented. While this budget is not project-
ed to be generous, FSD feels it is looking at an increase of between 2-3% next year. Unfortunately, the governor is proposing to hold all funds until May 2019.

The district continues to keep a large unrestricted Ending Fund Balance of $29,458,291 (about 21%). Also the cate-
gories grants are typically not completely spent.

Why so large a reserve when the state only requires 3%? This is all due to past failure of the state to fully fund education as promised. There is some concern about the Prop 98 promise and proposed sus-
pension of some of the funding. As point-

ed out by the staff, what is promised is often not provided (ie, the years 2008 through now). Meanwhile, expenditures continue to rise.

On a positive note there is an increase in per pupil funding for FSD of 2.60% or $202. Currently, the District’s ADA (Average Daily Attendance) per student is $48.

Projected Total Revenues for 2017-18 are $128 million. Projected Expenditures are $151.4 million.

Budget Additions: Add additional grade level to Dual Immersion Program; Increase Instructional Aides for all day kindergarten programs; and other educa-
tional needs. There was a $5.4 million decrease from Estimated Actuals in 2016/17 mainly due to loss of one-time revenues and the decline of 138 students was reflected in the decreased ADA funding from the state. Plus there was a 1.56% Federal and State COLA (Cost of Living Allowance) increase.

For a more detailed budget report go to the FSD website or contact the FSD Business Office.

STUDENT AWARDS
• Anaheim Ducks, Parks Jr. High School Staff and Jamie Ann Hopkin, Principal, Golden Hill School received Above & Beyond Awards.
• Southern California Railroad Plaza Association 13th Annual Railroad Safety Poster Contest Winners:
  • Lower grades: 1st-Taylor Garcia, Laguna Road; 2nd-Ashley Hong, Brandt; 3rd- Karol Ulrich.
  • Upper grades: 1st- Isabella Jacobs, Laguna Road; 2nd- Aubrey Kaneko, Laguna Road; 3rd- Reena Chow, Acacia.
  • Honorable mention was awarded to Adam Zibell, Golden Hill.
• 2017 FSD Film Festival Winner: Ewan Nuk, Laguna Rd.

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COACH MORPHY’S 28TH ANNUAL RAIDER SKILLS CAMP
BASKETBALL CAMP 2017
Sponsored by National Junior Basketball
Two Sessions: • June 26-30 • July 10-14
Boys & Girls entering 1st to 8th grade learn fundamentals of shooting, dribbling, rebounding, offense and defense 9am to 1pm ( Supervised earlly drop off at 8am and dismissal at Noon)
Session 1 & 2: $175 registration fee includes Basketball Camp T-Shirt Coach Morphy has taught basketball for over 30 years and has over 600 w inns.
SIGN UP: 562-266-2193 or 714-400-6601
or go to www.raiderbasketballcamp.com
SONORA HIGH SCHOOL GYM, 401 S. PALM, LA HABRA, 90631

Kids Rule! by Francine Vudosi © 2017

Summer Travel: Are You Ready to Have the Best Time of Your Life?

Summer. Everyone just can’t wait for this time to come. Not because of the hot days ahead but because we get to travel and explore new places. But, wait! Have you prepared enough to make sure you will have the best time of your life?

On the last day of school, I flew with my parents to Colorado Springs to cele-
brate my 11th birthday. This city, also known as the Rockies, is my birthplace. We moved to Fullerton before my 2nd birthday and I wanted to come back and visit my hometown again.

TIP #1: Check the local weather of the place you are visiting.
When visiting a place, it is important to check the local weather because if it is hot, you would not want to bring a thermal wear. Instead, you would prob-
ibly like to bring some sunglasses, sun-
friendly clothes, and other stuff that might be useful when traveling on hot days.

If you were to travel to a cold place, you would not want to wear your lucky speedos. You would want to bring a jacket and clothes to keep you warm.

During our trip, the forecast for Colorado indicated that it was going to be rainy and cold, the kind of weather we had in Fullerton last winter. So, I had to bring my winter wear again from hibernation and packed my jack-
TIP #3: When visiting beautiful tourist spots, make sure you have enough time to enjoy them.
Our schedule was divided between meeting friends and visiting tourist spots. We took a fun bonding trip with friends but we did not have enough time to enjoy some of the beautiful attractions in Colorado Springs, especially the Seven Falls. The place was breathtaking. It is actually a park with seven falls. A staircase has been built to go up the different levels of the falls and enjoy the scenery. There is also an elevator for those who do not want to climb the stairs and a restaurant within the park. Unfortunately, we only took a little chunk of time to explore half of the place then we had to go. That was just an epic waste of money, paying for the entrance fees and the tram.

TIP #4: Capturing the best memories with the selfie camera option using the bigger screen of iPad or any tablet.
We used to take turns taking pictures using the selfie stick. However, we discov-
ered that it is better to use my iPad because of the bigger screen. We put on selfie mode and positioned it against the scenery we wanted to capture. Then, we positioned ourselves within the frame. The bigger screen of the iPad helped us decide if we like the way we were going to look in the picture. Lastly, we set the camera on 10-second delay to allow us to pose nicely before the camera shoots automatically. It was so much fun. I was able to make a camera trick that allowed me to look like a giant bending over Colorado’s Rocky Mountains.

TIP #5: Beware Of Toll Fees Rip-off
A few days after we returned home, I heard my mom talking to the credit card company complaining about toll fees charge. She said we didn’t pass through any toll booth nor saw any toll sign on the road. The credit card representative asked if we had been to Denver recently and used E-470 highway. We did. The rep said that it was a toll road and that a lot of people pass this road without knowing they would be charged tolls. I checked on the internet and I saw a Facebook page dedicated to warning people not to drive the E-470 Denver’s ripoff toll road.

Kids Rule! looking like a giant bending over the huge rocks at the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs.

Photography by Francine Vudosi

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2016/2017 actuals budget to be approved

Accountability Plan (LCAP) and the $5.3 million unaccounted for funds

June 6 FJUHS District Board Meeting
Next Board Meeting is June 20

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Next Board Meeting is June 20 the 208-page budget is on-line at www.fjuhsd.org under business services if you care to read it.

Budget
The district expects to end this year with a $40 million end balance which equals out to a 24% reserve that includes restricted and unrestricted funds. The $5.3 million unaccounted for funds (around $5.3 million from old categorical accounting practices and unused one-time money) reported last November after last year’s audit seem to have made its way into a revised restricted deferred maintenance fund specifically for the replacement of artificial turf with a budgeted balance of $6 million dollars. This fund will be used to replace artificial turf warranted from 7-10 years which is in the process of being installed at Fullerton High stadium.

For the past five years the state mandates three year projections has indicated that the district will be in deficit spending with no reserves. At the end of the 5 years, the end of year balance steadily increased to $40 million. Failure to replace counseling, teaching, and staff positions, as well as low salary increases, are met with increasing disbelief when the $5.3 million unaccounted for funds in last year’s audit has disappeared, but a new $6 million-dollar restricted fund to replace artificial turf pops up in this budget.

Why current taxpayer dollars are allocated to a restricted fund to replace a sporting bond project, that should last a decade before replacement, was not questioned by any of the board members during the presentation.

Bond Projects
During the Facilities update, Director of Facilities and New Construction Todd Butcher announced that current projects are progressing on time but due to increasing construction costs, expenses are higher than initially projected. The update is available online at www.fjuhsd.org -under Board of Trustees-agenda June 6-5.1. For example, the Fullerton High stadium project costs increased from $7.1 million to $10.3 million. Mr. Butcher promised to monitor rising costs and mitigate wherever possible. He also looking into $24-$32 million in additional outside funding sources to prop up the lost money due to inflated construction costs.

The new rules for the artificial turf were announced during the presentation and are as follows: no food, no gum, no seeds, no vehicles (including emergency vehicles), with the exception of golf carts on the field. Any person or group wishing to utilize the new field will receive more thorough information before they enter through the new fences and gates that will surround the updated Fullerton stadium.

Local Control Plan
Director of Educational Services Steve Zamora presented an overview of the 2016/2017 Local Control Accountability Plan. The LCAP explains how the budgeted money reaches students directly. Around 80% of the district’s budget is allocated to restricted funds, and the LCAP explains how teachers, community liaisons, mental health coordinators, and office staff interact and support our children throughout the school year. It explains programs that provide restorative justice (Think Again) and academic intervention, (AVID, HS-step, Coyote Howl, iPath to name a few). Also listed is the wide breadth of programs the schools offer at multiple sites like AP/B, Visual and Performing Arts, Career Technical Education, etc. The plan records numerous types of data, like that reflecting student engagement through the attendance rate of 96% and lowered suspension and expulsion rates.

The LCAP will not be on the website until after June 20th, but it is a public document and you may call the district office at (714) 870-2800 or contact Mr. Zamora at szamora@fjuhsd.org to request a copy to read prior to the June 20th board meeting in order to make any comments on the plan. All written comments will be answered by Superintendent Dr. Scambary.

Updated Board Policies
Executive Director of Administration, Dr. Jennifer Williams announced the district’s updated tobacco policy now prohibits e-cigarettes and vaping products. She presented a state required updated student protection policy. All staff will receive professional training on how to recognize signs of self-abuse and possible suicidal tendencies in youth and young adults, how to respond to a student who shares these feelings and appropriate next steps to get students help and keep them safe. Trustee Montoya asked if the district’s substitute teachers would also receive some information on this topic and was informed they would include a handout in the substitute folder. No questions or clarification was made concerning the training of walk-on and temporary coaches in this new policy, but it seems like the details are still being worked out.

Con Artist Alert
Trustee Singer mentioned that in the past few weeks various young men, unconnected to any district school, have been soliciting donations for high school sports programs door to door. These people are perpetuating a scam. The so-called students say they represent one of the district high schools. The district requests that you do not support these door to door con artists.

Friends of the Fullerton Public Library
Used Book Store
Open 10am to 4pm Monday through Saturday
Fullerton Public Library
353 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton
714-738-3143

The Importance of Treating a Tooth Infection
When chewing or tapping on a tooth causes it to feel tender, it may be a sign of “atypical periodontitis,” inflammation at the root’s tip that is most often caused by tooth decay. To relieve the pain and treat the underlying infection, patients undergo “root canal” or “endodontic” treatment, during which the inflamed or infected pulp is removed and the inside of the tooth is carefully cleaned and disinfected. It is then filled and sealed with a rubber-like material (gutta-percha). After that, the tooth is restored with a crown or filling.

Your Dental Health
by Paul E. Nelson, D.D.S.

This treatment addresses the localized infection and inflammation, but new research reveals that it may also reduce the risk of coronary artery disease, thereby benefitting the heart as well. According to Finnish researchers, patients with untreated atypical periodontitis were found to be 2.7 times more likely to have acute coronary syndrome than patients with no infection.

Visit your dentist and hygienist regularly for check-ups and professional cleanings. To schedule an appointment call 714-992-0992.

30 Year Fixed Mortgage Loan Rates

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Driving down Brea Boulevard on the way to downtown Brea, it's easy to miss a small, white building on the corner of Elm Street with the word, “MUSEUM” in big capital letters across the front of it. David Pflaster, an avid reader of my column, recently suggested in an email that I check out the museum and find out what's inside.

Located in historic City Hall Park, the Brea Museum, home to the Brea Historical Society, has more than 15,000 items of historic significance, and much more. According to their website, the Brea Historical Society was formed by Dr. William J. Craig and his father, Dr. William J. Craig Sr., both Brea residents, realizing how much the city had changed in their lifetimes, began collecting objects and photographs that documented the city's history.

The group continued to expand in number and in 1971, formally organized into the Brea Historical Society. In the 1980s, the Brea Historical Society first opened the Brea Museum at the old City Hall with displays of old artifacts and photographs. A couple of years later, the museum moved to its current location in the old American Legion Hall at the intersection of Brea Boulevard and Elm Street.

A plaque on the first floor of the building stated that it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984 and became the permanent home of the Brea Museum and Heritage Center on April 19, 2002. A set of wooden double doors at the front of the building opened into an entryway, where visitors could either climb upstairs or downstairs. As I made my way upstairs, I was greeted by Linda Shay, the friendly curator of the museum, who briefed me on the history of the museum and directed me to follow Jack Smith, a docent who has lived in Olinda and Brea since 1945 and was a Brea building inspector for 41 years.

The first display to catch my eye was a saber-toothed cat skeleton in the corner of the upstairs room. The museum bought the fossilized skeleton from La Brea Tar Pits. Stepping into the next room, I found myself looking at a brightly lit panoramic picture of the Brea sign which hung over Brea Boulevard for many years until it was hit by a truck and the framework was damaged. Smith said, “After it burned, the city acquired the sign for $50,000 and needed to reassemble the structure.”

The display also showed a work in progress by the museum, a picture of the old Brea airfield, a picture of the old Brea airfield, and a picture of the old Brea airfield. A plaque on the wall of the museum noted that the building has been designated as a historic landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 19, 2002.

The first floor of the museum was the desk of an early business manager. The building has been designated as a historic landmark and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places on April 19, 2002.

Heading downstairs, I found myself in a narrow hallway. To the left of the stairs was a small jail cell, which was used as a holding cell by the Brea Police in the 1920s. It looked like a cell from the 1920s, with a stuffed machein wearing the stereotypical black and white striped prison uniform on a bunk bed. There are still heavy bars on the doors to prevent escape.
The Ontiveros Family: When Fullerton Was Part of Mexico (Part 2) by Jesse La Tour

In the last issue of the Fullerton Observer, I began telling the story of the Ontiveros family, who owned the land that would eventually become Fullerton.

This family came north from Mexico in 1781 and helped found the city of Los Angeles, back when California was part of the Spanish empire. After settling in Southern California, and after Mexico (which originally included California) won its independence, Juan Pacífico Ontiveros successfully obtained a land grant called Rancho San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana, which included the present-day cities of Fullerton, Placentia, Brea, and Anaheim.

Alas, with conflicts between Mexico and the ever-expanding United States on the horizon in the mid-19th century, things were about to get difficult for the Ontiveros family. In this article, I conclude the important (and oft-forgotten) Ontiveros saga.

Dunn Yankees!

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

As early as the 1820s, Yankees were immigrating to California. In her book The Rancho of Juan Pacífico Ontiveros, local historian Virginia Carpenter writes: “They came for business, a new market. The New England clipper ships built to bring tea and spices from the Orient stopped in California and found that the vast herds of cattle were a source of tallow for candles and for the leather needed by the eastern shoe factories.

Many of the Anglos who came in the late 1820s and ’30s stayed and became Mexican citizens so that they could own land; they married Spanish girls and thereby inherited shares in ranchos as well. They opened stores and loaned money on cattle and land at ruinous rates, foreclosing when payments could not be met. The easy-living rancheros knew nothing about Anglo business methods, nor compound interest.”

One of these immigrants was an Italian named Giwanni Bariste Leandri (or, as he was called in Mexican California, Juan Bautista Leandry). He moved to Los Angeles in 1827, became a citizen in 1839, married a Mexican woman named Francesca Uribe, and bought Rancho Los Coyotes from the Nietos.

Next, Leandry brought suit against Juan Pacífico Ontiveros over the boundary between their ranchos, and managed to get a valuable water spring. Leandry died in 1843, but more losses were on the horizon for the Ontiveros family.

Between 1846-1848, there was the Mexican American War, which Ulysses S. Grant called ‘one of the most unjust ever waged by a stronger against a weaker nation. It was an instance of a republic following the bad example of European monarchies, in not considering justice in their desire to acquire additional territory.”

This war ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, in which Mexico was forced to cede half of her country to the United States. This included California, which was admitted to the Union as a free state in 1850.

Conquest by Bureaucracy

In 1849, in the intermedia period between the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the Statehood of California, Bernardo Yorba (owner of the neighboring Rancho Canón de Santa Ana) bought an area of the Ontiveros rancho called Cañada de la Brea (which included modern day Brea Canyon). Yorba paid $400 for the land, which amounted to about 30 cents per acre.

This sale was actually part of a more complex land deal, in which Yorba then traded Canada de la Brea to an Englishman named Isaac Williams, who’d married into a Mexican rancho family, and been given Rancho Santa Ana del Chino. If things start to get confusing at this point, I’m sorry. After the American conquest of California, things got notoriously confusing when it came to land ownership.

Carpenter explains the new and unfortunat situation for rancheros like Ontiveros in the early years after California became a part of the United States, an era which I will call Conquest by Bureaucracy: “The greatest difficulty which the rancheros experienced was to be in the matter of their land titles. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo guaranteed Mexican citizens possession of their property, but the United States did not consider a declaration of ownership sufficient; there must be official records.

A Board of United States Land Commissioners [was] appointed to settle private land claims in California and every ranchero was ordered to present proof of his ownership and the location and size of his rancho. This was difficult for many of them and contributed to the break-up of the rancho system, because of the casual way the grants had been handled and their indefinite boundaries. Few of the rancheros could read or write, so a man’s word had served in business, and as many had lost their papers, most of the claims had to go through the courts, a time-consuming and expensive process...The Land Commission of three men handled over 800 cases between 1852 and 1856.”

In 1854, the United States Land Commission rejected Ontiveros’ claim to the rancho he’d owned for 20 years. He appealed the decision and, in 1856, the Court of Appeals reversed the Land Commission’s decision. But the attorney for the Land Commission didn’t give up. He took the case all the way to the U.S. Supreme court, who in 1857 upheld Ontiveros’ claim.

The End of the Rancho

In 1856, Juan Pacífico Ontiveros purchased another rancho called Tepusquet near Santa Barbara. Within a few years, he would sell off all of his Rancho San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana and move to his new rancho. In this era, we see the birth of the present-day towns of Anaheim, Placentia, and Fullerton.

First, Anaheim. In 1857, Ontiveros sold 1,165 acres of his rancho to a George Hansen, who was employed by a group of Germans in San Francisco who were interested in forming a colony to raise grapes. These Germans formed the town of Anaheim.

Second, Placentia. In 1863, Pacifico and his wife freed 3,900 acres of their land to their tenants, sons Pedro and Juanito. Family tradition says that these brothers lost the land in a gambling debt to their brother-in-law, Augustus Langsdorfer. They sold the land to a man named Daniel Krameter, who was one of the founding members of Placentia.

Then Fullerton. In 1863, Juan Pacífico sold the lion’s share of his rancho to Abel Stearns, who (at the time) was the largest land owner around in Southern California. He paid $6,000 for 30,672 acres. In 1868, beset by financial problems, Stearns and his friend Alfred Robinson, along with businessmen from San Francisco, formed a syndicate called the Stearns Rancho Company. It was from the Stearns Rancho Company that George and Edward Ameigh, two merchants from Boston, in conjunction with the Santa Fe Railroad, purchased the land upon which they founded the town of Fullerton in 1887.

Conclusion

Carpenter writes, “The orange groves and mainly rural life remained until the 1960s when the boom made Orange County the fastest growing county in America reached the area. The five towns grew until their borders touched and the trees were pulled out to make way for houses, apartments, condominiums, business and industry. The price of land has increased even more than the population which has grown from one family to over 400,000. Juan Pacífico Ontiveros paid nothing for his land; the first purchasers $2 per acre; Langenberger in 1864 only: 93 cents per acre; Daniel Krameter the next year, $1.87; McFadden four years later, $10. By 1876 the price had risen to $50; orange groves were hundreds, then thousands of dollars an acre and now the price of an acre is in the hundreds of thousands and lots grow smaller.”

Juan Pacífico Ontiveros died in 1877 on his Rancho Tepusquet. According to the existing records, Pacifico had 88 grand-children and 103 years elapsed between the birth of the first child and the death of the last one. Thus they lived through California’s history from its Mexican days to modern times.
Boys & Girls Club Swimming Safety
by Jere Greene story & photos

Over 100 youngsters joined the four-day ZAC Camp at the Boys and Girls Club to learn water safety. Featuring presentations by Fullerton’s Police and Fire Departments and the local FAST water safety members, the students learned floating, swimming, and life-saving skills. Lifeguards and ambulance crews explained additional issues regarding the beach and boating.

This is the fourth year Fullerton has hosted this program with a grant from the Zac Foundation to provide water safety training to children who are three times more at risk of drowning.

The Fullerton Zac Camp - named in honor of 6-year-old Zachary Archer Cohn who drowned as the result being entrapped in the suction of a swimming pool drain – is part of year five of a national partnership initiative undertaken by The Zac Foundation and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America to bring lifesaving water safety skills to thousands of Club members (aged 5-9) across the country. The Boys and Girls Club of Fullerton was selected through a rigorous application process and chosen based on its commitment to advancing water safety locally.

New Bike Trail Opens in Brea
by Denny Bean

Brea opened segment three of the six trail segments of the Tracks Trail. Two others are still being completed. This is a rails-to-trails type project with Whittier already completing five miles ending at a high embankment above the 605 Freeway.

La Habra has yet to begin, but they are stymied by a working section of track. Fullerton has four miles of abandoned rail that could join the La Habra section when it is completed. This section is in the area of the old Beckman plant and ends near the former Hunt Wesson facility.

At Left: The new trail features both a dirt walking path and a paved bike path. Photo Denny Bean.
TUES, JUNE 13
•8am: Support Our Human Relations at the OC Board of Supervisors meeting. County Hall of Administration, 333 Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana. Page 7 story. WED, JUNE 14
•8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Fundraiser: Hire a model for a 10 minute photo session at the DMV park next to the DMV on Valencia between Euclid and Highland in Fullerton. Fresh produce includi
ning fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants, baked goods, nuts, and more straight from the farmer. •10am: Annual Flag Day Ceremony at All disabled students at the Fullerton Library Conference Center, 353 W. Commonwealth. See page 7.
THURS, JUNE 15
•4pm-8pm: Downtown Market craft vendors, hot food, fresh pro-
ducts, flowers, kids activities, beer & wine garden, and beginning at 6:30pm live music at the Downtown Plaza on E. Wilshire & Pomerona drive. Call (714)738-6545 for info. Continues every Thursday through Nov. 2.
•6pm-10pm: LA Screening the Emmy Award-win-
ning documentary follows the story of three Latina immigrants working in LA’s garment district, and their battle against their employer to win basic labor protec-
tions and the impact on each women’s life as they are gradually transformed by the experience. Followed by a discussion with author, writer and Fullerton native, Whitwood Elementary, 10537 Santa Gertrudes, Whittier 90603. Free.
FRI, JUNE 16
•7pm: Acoustic Concert Friday presents “Old Dogs, New Tricks” A Laguna Beach based bluesgrass ensemble draws heavily from thetraditional styles of the Appalachian Mountains. Museum Auditorium, Fullerton Museum Center, corner of E. Wilshire & Pomerona in Fullerton. Call (714)738-6545 for more information. $10.
SAT, JUNE 17
•7am-10am: Boys & Girls & Kiwanis Club 5K Walk starts with onsite registration at the Fullerton Community Center, 340 W. Commonwealth.
•1-4pm:30pm: Ragtime Society Free Concert features wonderful pianists like Andrew Barrett, Shirley Case, Vincent Johnson, Paul Osri and Ryan Wirtsher at Fullerton Civic Light Opera rehearsals have topped 218 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton.
M O N D A Y, JUNE 19
•8pm: Overnight Parking Ban Special Meeting of the Transportation and Circulation Commission will take place at fullerton city Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth. Residents inter-
ed in this issue may put them-
selves on the agenda and may take a survey by visiting www.cityoffullerton.com/overnight parking. The unfortunate time of the meeting in the afternoon of a work day for most people may change. Call Guillermina Torrico (714)738-5377.
TUES, JUNE 20
•6:30pm: Fullerton City Council Meeting at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth. On the agenda: Early morning parking on various streets; parking amendment; resident only permit parking a non-inclusion; the registered lot acquisition for neighborhood park; Appeal of hearing officer’s recommendation; Amendment to code of ordinances to add parking on Hughes Drive Bike Lane; and more. Visit www.cityoffullerton.com click on “View Council Meetings.”
WED, JUNE 21
•8am-1pm: Every Wednesday Farmers Market and Downtown Market (see listing for June 14).
•Noon to 10pm: 3rd annual Day of Music Various venues around town feature live music for a special day. Check for more info. Visit thedayofmusic.com to sign up to perform or offer a venue to musicians. 
•6:10pm: Day of Music “Vietro” at Plummer Auditorium, 201 E. Chapman, Fullerton. Free screenings of all 12 episodes with guest appearances by CSUF Grand Central Art Center Director John Spik, composer Lisa Biewal, Vero lead River Sahada and tenor Ryan Joseph Glover and more.
THURS, JUNE 22
•6pm: Downtown Market (June 15 listing).
SAT, JUNE 24
•8pm: Spotlight Music Night Craig Regional Park, Fullerton. “The Princess Bride.” Pack a picnic, blankets, and beach chairs. Show starts around sunset or sell on the 22nd.
M O N D A Y, JUNE 19
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THEATRE & MUSIC

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Friday July 14, at 8pm

• SLIGHT INDULGENCES: Burton LeParge, secret agent extraordinaire, is taking a break to romances the exotic Serena and Antoniette. But wait! Complications arise as Burton’s new fictional extension of Bradley Ames, hack writer extraordinaire! Through swashbuckling Burton, Bradley immerses himself in a lifestyle far more exciting than his own. All the women Burton romances are merely fantasy creations based on Bradley’s real-life secretary, Ann Marie. Now it is up to the fictional Burton and Antoniette to help Bradley realize his love for Ann Marie and to start living his life.

• THE BETTER GENTLEMAN WRITTEN: Elias is a young aristocrat in 1920’s New York City. The expectation of society is for him to find and marry a lady of equal status, but he is hesitant. For young men of his status, the only way to help one, who’s profession is unique in a world where the upperclass wear masks of politeness, old pain often leads to new wounds, and true love is difficult to decipher. Written and Directed By: Hannah Jepsen

• GAL PALS: “How many differences does one have to be close to someone? Gal Pals explores the relationships shared between three female best friends who mean more to one another than they themselves realize as we follow them in an evening of booze, laughter, connection, and self-discovery. Directed By: Matthew Calabresi Written By: Sara Duran

Saturday July 15, at 8pm

• THE WEDDING FEAST: At the wedding feast of Dionysus and Ariadne, various Ancient Greek deities come together for one magnificent evening to celebrate, conspire, seduce, and threaten each other, the bride’s mortal family, and one caged wedding planner. Directed and Written By: Chelsea Anne

Professionals, amateurs, mentors, and students are all welcome to this experiential forum for directors.

Thursday August 3, at 8pm

• SISTER MARY IGNATIUS EXPLAINS IT ALL: “Who made you?” “God made me.” Sister Mary Ignatius and her young student, Thomas, lecture the audience and answer questions about Catholicism when she receives and unexpected visit from her past students. Things spiral out of control when Sister Mary learns what these children of God have grown up to be. Directed By: Jessica Ameza.

• KRAPP’S LAST TAPE: Krapp, a 69-year-old man makes an autobiographical tape he made on his 99th birthday. Directed By: Lizzy McCabe

Friday July 21, at 8pm

• LONG WALK TO FOREVER: Nev and Catharine are childhood friends who grew up next door to each other. They have not seen each other in over a year. There had always been playful banter, and a comfortable warmth between them, but neither anything physical or talk of love. Nev is in the Army, and Catharine is about to get married to another man. A week before the wedding, Nev decides to go to a W.O.L. from the Army to take her on one last walk, a walk that will forever decide both of their futures. Directed By: Loressa McGowan

• JUSTICE DELAYED: A powerful One Act revenge drama that explores the harsh realities of racial profiling and police brutality in the black community. “...and that’s how 800 people break into the home of the neighborhood watch captain whose ignorance sent her unarmored little brother into a coma. Just how far will she go to avenge her brother?” Directed By: Ryan Gatus.

• JEFFREY AND THE VOICE OF GOD: What would happen if God didn’t have it all together like we think he does? This piece shows the struggles a boy faces with his love and the struggles a deity faces just trying to get along. Directed By: Timothy Coyle

• BUREN THING: “If you could repeat first impressions, would you?” “Just a ring of a bell, two people get the chance those bad lines and terrible jokes, all to find the perfect connection that they missed out on the first time. And the second. And also the third. This might take a while...” Directed By: Brandon Burns
FEMME FEST @ PLUMMER AUDITORIUM
A Celebration of Female Talent on the Day of Music

On June 21st, as part of the city-wide Day of Music Fullerton event, Plummer Auditorium, at the corner of E. Chapman and Lemon, will be hosting “FemmeFest: A Celebration of Female Talent.”

This multi-media event features: An art exhibit in the lobby featuring by-invitation local artists depicting music and/or female empowerment in their pieces. Featured artists include Monica Carmen Birakos, Myra Bryan, Sarah Eakins, Melinda Hagman, Nancy Johnson, Wendy Kubak, Shannon LeClair, Valerie Lewis, Jennifer Miller-Hernandez, and more.

The exclusive SoCal screening of the opera film, Vireo, from award-winning composer Lisa Bielawa, visionary director Charlie Otte, and acclaimed librettist Erik Ehn. This groundbreaking episodic opera weaves a tale of witches, doctors, priests and one girl’s journey of self discovery.

Filmed in 12 parts, Vireo’s story takes viewers to iconic locations across the country and features performances by world-renowned musicians Kronos Quartet, violinist Jennifer Koh, soprano Deborah Voigt, and many more, and introduces Rowan Sabala as Vireo.

The screening will feature a Q&A by composer Lisa Bielawa, lead soprano Rowen Sabala, tenor Ryan Glover, and co-producer and CSUF Grand Central Art Center director John Spiak.

FemmeFest will also feature live bands at the outdoor stage featuring The Aquadolls, Ariel View, The Love Inns, Previous Kid, Quiet Girl, Sparkling Watergape, The Delos, and Titan Radio

Parking is at the Fullerton College structure.

“Annie Lennox: This Boat is Sinking” by local artist Melinda Hagman will be on display in the lobby of Plummer Auditorium as part of FemmeFest.
Griff Duncan
March 25, 1933 – May 21, 2017

Griff Duncan co-founder of Fullerton Civic Light Opera Music Theatre passed away at home with his wife Jan by his side on May 21.

Griff was born on March 25, 1933 in Spring, Ark., a small town nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. He was the fourth child of Grace and Walter Duncan.

He is survived by his wife Jan, his children: Gregg Moore (Laurel), Marilyn (Randy Gianetti), Laura Duncan PhD, Kyle Duncan (Qing), grandchildren: Ryan Nemetz (Marisel), Sean Nemetz (Lora), Alison (Seth Alexander), Elizabeth Moore, Samantha Gianetti, Megan Duncan, Joshua Duncan and great-grandchildren: Jacob Nemetz, William Roy and Richard Alexander.

He is also survived by his brother, Conley Duncan MD, sister, Patricia (Bill Medley), sister-in-law, Juanita Duncan and numerous nieces and nephews.

Griff was always a country boy at heart. It was that country boy charm and down-home sincerity that was at the core of his success.

His journey to California began during the Korean War. After graduating high school he attended Arkansas Tech, but his education was interrupted when he joined the army in 1952 and was stationed in Northern California. He never left the Golden State.

After the war, he went to Chico State and graduated with a degree in Business. He spent many years working as a Human Resource Personnel Manager and as a union arbitrator for General Motors, and later Hunt-Wesson.

In 1959 he married Jan, and began his family in Walnut Creek, California with Jan’s three children, Gregg, Brett and Marilyn. In 1961, his daughter Laurie was born, his son, Kyle, in 1963.

In 1963, he and Jan founded the Contra Costa Musical Theatre, which is still in operation today. In their first production, Griff played Harold Hill, in The Music Man, which to his last day remained his favorite role.

The family moved to Fullerton in 1968, when Hunt Wesson transferred Griff to their Fullerton-based affiliate, the Glass Container Corporation. He worked there for over twenty years before moving on to Carrier Corporation. But that was only his day job.

From 1968-1971, Griff was actively involved in theater and choir at the United Methodist Church and the Fullerton Footlighters.

In the early ’70s with the help of the City of Fullerton, he and Jan founded the Fullerton Civic Light Opera, where their first production of “Fiddler on the Roof” was performed in Plummer Auditorium in February of 1972. They would continue to produce musical theater at the Plummer for the next 40 years.

In 2009, Griff founded the John Raitt Awards for Youth (JRAW) awarding excellence in High School Musical Theatre serving Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside Counties. The JRAW’s, named after Fullerton’s own Broadway legend, John Raitt, offers college scholarships, trophies and medallions in celebration of outstanding student achievements at the annual JRAW Award Ceremony. From there, two winning participants are sent to New York City for special classes and to showcase their talents before casting directors and agents in association with Broadway Artists Alliance. Several JRAW winners have gone on to successful professional careers in Broadway theatre and with national touring companies. As the heart and soul of JRAW, Griff’s wish is that his legacy of FCLO Music Theatre lives on in JRAW and support of scholarships for youth in continuing education.

To keep his dream alive the family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Griff’s memory to: JRAW c/o Michele Leighton 230 Palmer Street, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

A funeral service was held on June 2, at First United Methodist Church in Fullerton followed by burial at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton.

Length of the Tongue & War
by Thom Pari

So it came to pass
That when God was fed up
With all the fighting between the races
All the people of the planet Earth
Woke up one morning to find themselves purple
But man has learned a long time ago
Not to be defeated by God
So men took to fighting
Over the length of the tongue
Those with long tongues
Were considered to be superior to those
With short tongues
So once again war was declared
Those with short tongues
That were captured had their tongues cut out
By their tormentors
Those with long tongues
That were captured had their tongues shortened
By their tormentors
Soon the Military hospitals
That had been filled with soldiers
With missing limbs & pus filled wounds
Now found themselves filled
With men without tongues or short tongues
Tongues of no use to the men trying to talk
So a whole new science was born
Developing replacement tongues
Of course all wanted a long tongue
Such arrogance is man
Norma Bastanchury’s 100 Year Birthday

Norma Bastanchury celebrated her 100th birthday on June 2nd.

She moved to Fullerton with her family when she was 8 years old. She is the middle daughter of Frank and Hattie Holmes five daughters.

Norma attended Fullerton schools and graduated from Fullerton High School.

One of her fondest memories is of being selected as the first (and only) May Day Queen honored by Fullerton High.

Norma married Joseph A. Bastanchury in July 1940. He was a grandson of the pioneering Domingo and Maria Oxahart Bastanchury who settled in the Fullerton area. They moved to the Imperial Valley in 1943 where they raised their three daughters.


Norma had a long career in real estate in Orange County specializing in Fullerton real estate.

Her daughters Jo Anne Camony Hofmeister and Mercedes Szarka say their mother is a very happy and well-loved lady. They attribute her long life to her attitude of always being a gracious and upbeat person who always sees the bright side.

Norma also has daughter Mary Mc Inerny Hickey and son Mike Mc Inerny, children of George Mc Inerny. She has thirteen grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren, and other family members who love her.

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Observers Around the World

Happy Sweet 16th Zoe!
We Love You!
And Happy Fathers Day & Mothers Day
to Zac & Kristi

Happy 19th Birthday
to Saoirse
Congratulations on Passing the Test!
We Love You

Coco Graduates from Space Camp

Coco Standley of Fullerton recently attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center’s Official Visitor Center.

The weeklong educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), while training students and adults with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem solving.

Coco was part of the Space Camp program, which is designed for trainees who have an interest in space exploration. Coco spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated space mission to Mars. The crew participated in experiments and successfully completed an extravehicular activity (EVA), or spacewalk, and returned to Earth in time to graduate with honors.

Space Camp operates year-round in Huntsville, Alabama, and uses astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of STEM subjects. Trainees sleep in quarters designed to resemble the International Space Station and train in NASA-inspired simulators.

More than 750,000 trainees have graduated from Space Camp since its inception in 1982, including STS-131 astronaut Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger, European Space Agency astronaut, Samantha Cristoforetti and NASA Expedition 48 astronaut Dr. Kate Rubins. Last year, children and teachers from all 50 states and 60 international locations attended Space Camp.

Interested in training like an astronaut? Visit www.sascamp.com or call 1-800-637-7223.

About U.S. Space & Rocket Center:
The U.S. Space & Rocket Center, a Smithsonian Affiliate, is home to Space Camp and Aviation Challenge, the Apollo 16 capsule, the National Historic Landmark Saturn V rocket and world-class traveling exhibitions. USSRC is the Official Visitor Center for NASA Marshall Space Flight Center and a showcase for national defense technologies developed at the U.S. Army’s Redstone Arsenal.

To learn more about the exciting programs and activities at the USSRC, go to www.rocketcenter.com.

United We Dream
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https://actionnetwork.org/forms/immigrants-are-here-to-stay

Messages to US from Berlin

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Statue of Liberty

Fullertonians Jila Navah and husband Ali Hosseinzadeh (pictured above) visited New York City. The couple own two local businesses: Portal Languages, a language school at 110 Wildshire Ave suite 500, downtown, which offers instruction to adults and children in 14 different languages taught by native speakers; and La Belle Cuisine, a fusion of French and Mediterranean food which is open every day and serves delicious homemade crepes and gyros and also has vegetarian and vegan options in the Brea Mall food court.
I returned home last week from a 7 day trip to Iceland. More and more tourists are visiting Iceland, especially Americans, who find that it is cheaper to fly to Iceland than to fly from one coast of the US to the other. I purchased my ticket for $240 in November, to fly in May.

I had never flown on WOW airlines before, and the flight would certainly be a challenge on this no frills, bare bones airline, as I have always been used to upgrading and travelling on Business Class on some of the world’s best airlines. On WOW, there was nothing to upgrade to, except a larger seat at the front of the cabin, an upgrade (both ways) that would cost me more than the cost of the ticket. WOW is definitely no frills, as you pay extra to select your seat, for checked luggage, and a larger cabin bag. Only a small bag the size of a small backpack is free. What scares you most are the negative comments online that give it just one star, and calling it the world’s worst airline. I was actually looking forward to my flight of eight hours from Los Angeles, as it is far less than the 22 plus hour flights I am normally used to.

Check-in went smoothly, as I had checked the rules regarding baggage, while many had not. Two people ahead of me in line had brought large cabin bags and had to pay the steep fee. My backpack was cleared and tagged, so that ground personnel at the gate would know that it was authorized. I had also paid for a suitcase that I had weighed at home and was definitely less than the permitted 44 lbs.

Boarding was the same as all other international airlines, and my aisle seat was in the first row. While the seat was similar to any American airline, there was a power outlet in between your seat. I found no way to recline the seat until some passengers from Spain (frequent WOW travelers, of course) pointed out the location of the secret handle that could be accessed by removing the seat cushion. I did not recline my seat very much as a courtesy to the extremely tall passenger that was seated in discomfort behind me. There were no individual reading lights, inflight entertainment, or air vents. The temperature was controlled by the cabin crew.

Since meals and drinks had to be purchased on board, I had brought an empty water bottle with me that I filled up from the drinking fountain after I cleared the TSA check. I also purchased a sandwich after I had been security cleared. After take-off the trolley was wheeled into the cabin where food and drinks were sold. Payment was by credit card only. If you had planned on bringing your own tea bag and cup and asking for hot water, you would be out of luck as hot water was not available and your hot drinks had to be paid for. On my trip back, I did purchase a hot chocolate and a coffee, which cost me much less than what it would cost from Starbucks! The cabin lights were kept on throughout the night flight as there were no reading lights. Some passengers were using their jackets to cover themselves as a blanket and pillow cost $18, but you could take it home with you.

On the return trip to the US, I was upgraded for free to the XL seat at the front of the cabin. The seat was much wider, with a wider armrest in between seats, and a shortened footrest. However, if the seat in front of you was reclined, there was little room between the footrest and the seat. The crew on both my flights provided great service, and were pleasant. This was definitely not the world’s worst airline, and it was definitely better than our local Frontier and Spirit!

If you are interested in receiving information on mistake fares and low fares, and are on Facebook, send your information to me at mail@serendipityntravel.com and I will send you an invitation to my members only travel group. I am not a travel agent and I do not sell anything. All I do is providing you the information of where to find the fare.
Fullerton Police completed a 2-month long investigation into allegations that a 26-year-old male, later identified as Vincent John Conti of North Hollywood, lured a 13-year-old girl from Fullerton into a sexual relationship through an online chat site. He was arrested for unlawful sex with a minor on June 3.

Conti met the victim on www.youons.com, a website designed to help parents discover talented broadcasters, watch live streams and video chat with people from around the world. Conti arranged to meet the victim at a pre-arranged location. When he arrived, he was confronted by police and fled on foot to a nearby flood channel where he was arrested.

The police department is reminding parents that, while there are many legitimate websites, there are people that use them to prey on children. The only way to defend against predators is by educating children on the potential dangers, communicating with them regularly, and supervising their activities.

The investigation is still on-going. Detectives believe that there may be more children who are undetected victims. Anyone who has more information about Conti’s illicit activities is asked to contact Fullerton Detective L. Garcia at (714) 738-6558 or Sgt. J. Ema at (714) 738-6580 or provide anonymous information by calling Orange County Crime Stoppers at (855) TIP OCES or online at www.occrimestoppers.org.


A Cautionary Message to Parents: 26-Year-Old Suspect Arrested in Meetup with 13-Year-Old He Met Online

Overnight Parking Survey & June 19 Transportation Committee Review

On Monday, March 27, 2017 the City Council authorized the Transportation and Community Services Commission to appoint an ad hoc Overnight Parking Advisory Subcommittee of no more than three members to conduct a study, including an examination of community engagement process, of the city’s existing overnight parking policies and develop recommendations for revisions.

Residents who are interested in providing input are encouraged to visit the website www.cityoffullerton.com/overnight-parking and join the mailing list.

The information gathered during the public outreach process (which consisted of unadvertised booths at three grocery stores for part of a day, and an online survey, also unadvertised) will be used to develop recommendations and be presented at a special meeting of the Transportation and Circulation Commission at 4pm, Monday June 19 at Fullerton Civic Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.

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Call 714-525-6402

CAREGIVER AD SCAM

The Caregiver Needed for elderly woman with dementia ad that appeared in the Mid May issue lures readers to be scammed. If you answered the ad call police who are looking into it. To ensure advertisers are who they say they are the Fullerton Observer: “Contact us” for a business license. Sorry, we do not accept ad, get rich schemes or financial ads of any sort. Call 714-525-6402 for details.

The cost of a classified is $10 for 50 words or less per issue. Payment is by check only.

Items and services that are free and lost and found item and lost pet listings are printed for free as space allows.

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

Call City Hall at (714) 738-6531 to report about business licenses. For contractor license verification go to the California State Contractor License Board website at www.cslb.ca.gov. Once there click on the red link on the left of the page which will take you to a screen where you can enter the name, contractor number, or business to make sure they are legit.

Thank You!

CITY JOBS OPENINGS
Visit www.cityoffullerton.com and click on the "How Do I" tab and then "City Employment". Apply online by clicking on the "Apply" link or visit Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave.

• Deputy City Clerk (part-time), Part-time/regular: $23.94-$30.56/hr. 20 to 25 hours per week.

• Electrician/Full time, $14.72-$15.50/monthly performs journey level work, installation, repair and maintenance.

• Permit Technician/ Full time, $23.17-$4,106/monthly performs complex and responsible technical and clerical work involving substantial public contact.

• Fire Dept. Utility Worker, Non-regular, non-benefited, $10.50-$12/hr.

• Community Services Specialist $11.25-$12/hr. Non-benefited.

• Community Services Leader $10.50-$11/hr. Non-benefited.

• Police Dispatcher, (non-regular/non-benefited) $23-$30.52/hr. Must be POST certified.

• Police Officer Lateral/Academy Trained, $5,489/monthly. Performs sworn police duties in prevention of crime & enforcement of law and order.

• Police Officer Trainee. Full time. $5,868-$6,469/monthly.

• Police Cadet, (non-benefited/ at will) $11.50/hr. A non-sworn, non-regular position with exposure and training in all divisions under direct supervision.

Be Gentle to All

We are often good at treating others with compassion, but not so good at treating ourselves as kindly. I often ask clients whom I feel have been judging themselves harshly if the same rules apply to their spouses, children, friends, etc. The answer is almost uniformly “No!” What is the difference between what we often have an incomplete understanding about how to behave and what makes a good human. We absorb these rules through a child’s lens, which means that we often have an incomplete understanding. In our family, the love may have been conditional. We may have felt that the only way we could continue to be loved was to “be good,” to follow the rules to the letter. We then take that incomplete childhood understanding and apply it to ourselves as adults. We can see how unfair the rules are when we apply them to others. For instance, “I must always be perfect and never make a mistake in any area of my life to be a good person.” I then ask what is the difference between what you require of yourself and what you require of others?

Be gentle to all including yourself. Treat yourself with compassion. Have the same rules for yourself as you have for your loved ones.

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Thank You!

BALANCE & CHANGE

Be Gentle to All

We are often good at treating others with compassion, but not so good at treating ourselves as kindly. I often ask clients whom I feel have been judging themselves harshly if the same rules apply to their spouses, children, friends, etc. The answer is almost uniformly “No!” What is the difference between what we often have an incomplete understanding. In our family, the love may have been conditional. We may have felt that the only way we could continue to be loved was to “be good,” to follow the rules to the letter. We then take that incomplete childhood understanding and apply it to ourselves as adults. We can see how unfair the rules are when we apply them to others. For instance, “I must always be perfect and never make a mistake in any area of my life to be a good person.” I then ask what is the difference between what you require of yourself and what you require of others?

Be gentle to all including yourself. Treat yourself with compassion. Have the same rules for yourself as you have for your loved ones.

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On June 21, 2017, Fullerton will be hosting its 3rd Annual Day of Music. This event is free and is open to all ages. There will be over 150 performances of all genres in 30+ venues all over town, mainly in the downtown area.

The Fullerton Day of Music is part of The Fête de la Musique, also known as World Music Day, an annual music festival taking place during the Summer Solstice in over 800 cities around the world. The festival is currently celebrated in 110 countries.

From morning to night, musicians of all ages and musical persuasions will perform in musical venues, shops, bars, restaurants, plazas, churches, parks and parking lots. From high school bands to established musicians/bands DOMF is open to anyone who wants to take part, enjoyed by everyone who wants to attend. Some of this year’s highlights include:

**Femmefest: A Celebration of Female Talent @ Plummer Auditorium**

Live bands at the outdoor stage featuring The Aquadolls, Ariel View, The Love Inns, Previous Kid, Quiet Girl, Sparkling Wingeratge, The Delors, and Titan Radio DJs. Exclusive SoCal screening indoors of the opera film, Vireo, a highly unusual, modern opera. Art exhibit in the lobby featuring local artists depicting music and/or female empowerment in their pieces.

**Mass Appeal Events Around Town**

What is a Mass Appeal? Mass Appeals are musical events where anyone can participate if they have an interest in learning a new musical instrument, participate with others or just plain having fun. Mass Appeals, part of Make Music Day, bring together thousands of musicians from all over the United States - of all levels and ages - to make music in large, single-instrument groups. Some of this year’s Mass Appeal events include the following: Learn the Blues on Hohner Harmonica @ Mo’s Music, UkeF ull Play Along @ Feed Park, Boomwhackers @ Fullerton Museum Center, Bucket Drumming with Councilman Greg Sebourn @ Fullerton Community Center.

**Black Hole Records**

Featuring Reinventing Your Exit, 390, Walker Glass, and Just Because

**Burger Records Showcase @ Fullerton College**

Fullerton’s world-class record label Burger Records will host free concerts featuring Deep Sea Madness, The Greater Good, The Oil Pans, Bud Overdose, Bad Antics, and White Night.

**Moonroom @ Revolution Cantina**

Featuring performances by Liond, Te Adoro, The Black Heartthrobs, Kinkly & The Nymph.

**Music Mobile @ Fullerton Museum Children’s Park**

Brought to you by the OC Philharmonic Society and the Museum of Teaching and Learning, with Greta Nagel.

**Roadkill Ranch**

Featuring The Ded Hedz, Ukulena & Her Smitten Kittens, Niantic, and Frank Cope

**Villa Del Sol**

Featuring Los Dos Saxos, Kathy Sanders, Dan, the Saxophone Man, Dassi Trio, and Chris Halo

**Fullerton Museum Plaza**

Featuring Rhythm Mariachi Kids, Supid Flanders, Niantic Art, and Starpool

For more information visit www.thedayofmusic.com

**You can Take a Stand against hunger and homelessness by hosting a creative fundraiser this summer!**

Memorial Day – Labor Day

Join us for our **Take a Stand Kickoff Party!**

Get inspired to Take a Stand while enjoying an afternoon full of free activities, food and fun for the whole family.

**Sunday, June 25th, 2017 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.**

Richman Teen Center
410 S. Richman Ave.
Fullerton, California

You have the power to make a difference in the lives of our county’s most vulnerable residents.

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