



## Arson at Fullerton High

by Jere Greene

The administration offices of Fullerton High School were damaged by an arson fire in the early morning of Tuesday, August 27th. After gaining entrance by breaking through the glass door, a trophy case was vandalized and a fire was set on one of the desks. Damage is estimated at \$20,000. The fire department responded rapidly and contained the fire which could have been much more serious. Efforts to clean up the offices continued into the morning, but classes were unaffected and school opened as usual. Philip Fleming, Facilities Supervisor for the Fullerton Union High School District, said that the authorities are investigating and that when the arsonist is arrested, the cleanup bill will follow.

## Understanding The Water Rate Increase

What is the price we are willing to pay for clean, abundant water? An upcoming public hearing takes place on Sept. 17 at 6:30pm at City Hall on the confusing water rate increase. See page 11 for more information.



**Above** modeling vintage uniforms are Madeline Crisp, Hannah Rhode, Ruby Muir, Peyton Crisp, Julia York, Gracie Rhode and Isabella Meza from Fullerton Junior Troop #2668 and Brownie Troop #1455.

## Scouts Earn Bronze for Organizing Vintage Show

by Jane York

Members of Girl Scout Troop #2668 and Brownie Troop #1455 modeled 14 vintage Girl Scout uniforms in a fashion show they organized called "Girl Scouting Through the Years," for a packed house at a local senior

living community. The oldest uniform in the show was from 1919, and the oldest Girl Scout in the audience was 102!

The members organized the show to complete their requirements for a Bronze Award, the highest a Girl Scout can earn.

## ARMED BARRICADED SUSPECT ARRESTED

Shortly after 6am on Sunday, Sept. 1st, Fullerton Police were called to the area of State College and Fender Ave. regarding the theft of a cell phone and a suspect who had allegedly brandished a firearm at the victim.

The victim had his cell phone stolen during a vehicle burglary in Costa Mesa on July 14th, 2013. On Sept. 1st, he was able to track his cell phone to the area of State College and Fender, where he located a suspect and a confrontation took place.

During the confrontation, according to the victim, the suspect produced a handgun, threatened him, and then fled in a silver Acura. He called police, who immediately responded. The suspect fled eastbound on Fender Ave., which is currently a dead-end street due to construction at Placentia Ave.

With Police in close proximity, the suspect ran from the vehicle and entered a business in the 2500 block of Fender. Police surrounded the building and after a lengthy standoff, the suspect, Edgar Otto Espana, 24, of Costa Mesa surrendered to authorities shortly before noon. A second subject, George Avila, 33, of Santa Ana, was located in the business and was interviewed to determine his involvement.

Police served a search warrant on the business and located a loaded handgun, rifles, ammunition and a half pound of methamphetamine, plus packaging materials and a scale. The victim's digital tablet and a computer were also recovered.

Espana and Avila were arrested and face charges of possession of stolen property and charges related to the items found. Evidence will also be presented to the OCDA for possible charges against the business owner.

## TICKETS FOR BEING HOMELESS

by Jane Rands

Fullerton Police are doing such a great job with homeless people that, "Other cities are coming to our city to be trained on how to deal with the homeless," said Chief Dan Hughes at the August 20 city council meeting.

The Fullerton Police Dept. increased the number of homeless liaison officers from one to four in response to Michael Gennaco's "Systemic Review of the Fullerton Police." In that 2012 report, commissioned by the city council following the fatal police beating of a homeless man, Kelly Thomas, Gennaco recommended that Fullerton train more officers to have "a deeper understanding of the homeless population" and to serve as an example to other officers.

Was issuing citations for violating a 1992

Fullerton City Ordinance (7.105.020) banning camping in public, what Mr. Gennaco had in mind for these specially trained officers when he penned the first of his 59 recommendations?

Councilmember Jan Flory put Chief Hughes on the "hot seat" to respond to complaints from the public regarding the department's stepped-up efforts to issue camping citations to the homeless.

"We do not want to issue citations," said Chief Hughes. We offer resources, though there are "not always places for them to go to." The liaisons "issue citations only when people are uncooperative, which is to say, not going to go anywhere."

But this was not what two chronically homeless people experienced just after midnight the night before.

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## What Police Oversight Looks Like

by Jane Rands

Anyone anticipating a City Council discussion on Civilian Police Oversight options has a long wait. Three months ago in "Police Oversight Overlooked" (early June *Observer*), I asked why the Council was waiting until August for the follow up study session it had asked for in March. That study session never happened and it isn't planned anytime soon. Instead, that long-lingering "Police Oversight" item on the Agenda Forecast will be a "Regular Business" item at the September 17 City Council Meeting, according to City Manager Joe Felz. No study ses-

sion has been scheduled.

Mr. Felz is not forthcoming as to what the "Police Oversight" item will be in late September. But before considering any decisions about things that may be devised to sound like civilian police oversight, the Council should request a complete discussion of what oversight is, how it works, and what it looks like.

A year ago the Police Oversight Proposal Committee (POPC) started a dialogue when it hosted a community meeting with an impartial presentation of oversight options by two CSUF Public Administration Masters students.

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## Fullerton's First Building

Constructed in 1887, the one-room, wood-frame Amerige Brothers Real Estate Office, now located in Amerige Park on W. Commonwealth next to the Fullerton Community Center, was the first building in the new town of Fullerton, founded by brothers George and Edward Amerige. After many months of hard work, restoration of the historic building was completed and celebrated with ribbon cutting festivities on July 16. The restoration was coordinated by Fullerton Heritage, a local nonprofit preservation group. Donors and volunteers, including 18 individuals and 24 businesses, were recognized at the June 30 Fullerton Heritage annual meeting. Learn more by going to [www.fullertonheritage.org](http://www.fullertonheritage.org)

**At Left:** As other officials and volunteers watch, Fullerton Heritage president Ernie Kelsey and Mayor Whitaker cut the ribbon opening the restored building.  
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## Response to "A Too Hasty Zimmerman Verdict"

This is in response to SD's letter "A Too Hasty Zimmerman Verdict."

First and foremost, it is a tragedy that Mr. Martin lost his life. To have his life end with so much to look forward to is heartbreaking to his family, friends, community and to our nation. I offer my sincere sympathy and condolences.

As a result of the facts of the case, initially and even to the end of the trial, being misrepresented and or skewed by major media networks in support of Mr. Martin, it became a nationwide "high profile case." Case in point, was NBC editing out crucial comments by Mr. Zimmerman to his office dispatcher as he was initially surveilling the scene, so they made it appear that Mr. Zimmerman was racially profiling Mr. Martin. The major networks also down-played the injuries sustained by Mr. Zimmerman throughout the case which were caused by Mr. Martin. On that evening, Mr. Zimmerman was simply carrying out the responsibilities of his job in an area where there had been numerous robberies, etc.

It also was not necessarily a "quick verdict" by jurors. In the jurors' deliberations, they took into consideration the facts of the case. By eye witness accounts. Mr. Martin was observed as the aggressor. He was seen on top of Mr. Zimmerman beating him and banging his head on the concrete.

Mr. Zimmerman responded to the beating by Mr. Martin in self-defense. The only way at that moment in time that Mr. Zimmerman could save his own life was to shoot Mr. Martin. Very sadly, Mr. Martin died.

In relating the Zimmerman trial to the upcoming trials of the three former Fullerton police officers charged in the death of Kelly Thomas - in America we have a nation of laws and someone charged with an offense is innocent until proven guilty even if the evidence is very clear. I am not denying that the officers may be guilty, but by SD stating that the officers "caused the death of Kelly Thomas," he has placed himself or herself as the officers' jury and judge. I would not want someone like SD on the officers' jury. As citizens are selected for this sad, high profile case, I trust that the selected jurors will dutifully consider all the evidence, then deliberate, and come to their verdict.

DJ Fullerton

**ED:** It is interesting how people can see the "facts" in the case so differently. One correction though Mr. Zimmerman was not on a job and police told him to not follow Martin.

## CORRECTIONS

• **FLAGS:** An article on page 19 of the August issue "Rolling Hills Drive's 70 signs gave the incorrect information about the movement's founder Esther. She was born on the 4th of July in Indonesia. She says that she hopes her "In God We Trust," message along with flags will be posted in everyone's yard citywide and nationwide to encourage people. If you would like a sign for your yard you can contact Esther at 714-357-7565.

## Water Rate Increase: Don't be a bystander!

Fullerton residents have received the Notice of Hearing on Multi-year water rates increase, and it provides us the opportunity to protest by filling out the Protest Slip attached on the last page. The deadline to submit the protest is Sept. 17. Be advised, emails don't count; neither stating your opinion at the Council meeting. Only protest slip with your address and signature will count. If not enough Fullerton residents respond, the increase will go forward; the City Council will approve it!

Many of my neighbors said they didn't receive the notice, misplaced it, or dismissed it as "junk mail"! The water rate increase this time is very significant! A customer using 14,000 gallons per month will see an increase of \$11.31 per month or \$22.62 per bill (over five fiscal years)." And this increase does not include future increases in water supply costs.

The tables on page 3 of the Notice look very complicated. What does it really mean? We understand the drink-

ing water quality is very important for our health, and we are fortunate to have city officials who look after us.

However, we wish that the increase would happen at a slower rate, so it would be affordable for many of us. In our two-mile daily walk we pass by 59 houses. More than half of these houses already have brown front yards. If this increase is approved, I am afraid many more front yards may become brown as more residents will let their grass die because we can't afford watering it, and the "green" city of Fullerton will become a "brown" city.

So dear Fullerton residents - Please don't be a bystander! Fill out your protest slip, sign, date, and submit it. If the majority of us protest, hopefully the City Council will reconsider and find a better way to slow down the increase, so that our city will still be a "green" city!

SD Fullerton

**ED:** Please see page 11 for a more complete look at the increase and what it will mean to the average ratepayer.

## Homeless Shelter for Fullerton

I objected to the site on State College Blvd. that is near the Commonwealth School and other apartments and homes, as well as the fact that the site will be subject to major disruption due to construction on State College for a couple years in the near term.

I do not object to establishing some type of community support facility in Fullerton that can offer short term housing and also provide site space for NGO community services such as work skill development and job search training, a source for supplying used but still useful clothing, and some mental health support capability to name just a few additional elements.

I have driven by and looked at sites in Fullerton, most recently the building at 1930 Raymer Ave. (off Gilbert, on the north side of the railroad mainline tracks.) It shares a driveway with other commercial users and actually has a single entry driveway with Bethel Plastics (1900 Raymer) just across from it's loading docks. It appears to be part of an industrial complex and as a result (being a businessman) I must conclude that there are some joint-use rules that all companies/property owners must comply with. How these might impact the use of 1930 Raymer for a non-commercial use should be carefully checked. Some negotiations may be required.

I wondered about two buildings on the south side of Orangethorpe (between Acacia Blvd. and State College Blvd.) Possibly 2100

Orangethorpe or 2138 Orangethorpe could be approached to see if the owners would be interested in some type of sale or trade. These are on a major road with public transportation immediately at hand. They appear to be large enough (as one is currently used for storage of Class A motorhomes inside the building, which tells me it has a great deal of 'open space.' Has anyone been allowed to investigate such options?

The subject of finding a suitable solution for the problem our community is facing is not something that I believe should be postponed without good reason. While I do not wish for any rush to judgment, I do wish for a solution that can be initiated as we know that getting things done does take time.

I wish I could offer some different adjectives to describe what we need to create in Fullerton (and for that matter, also in other places in Orange County) than "Homeless Shelter" or "Emergency Shelter" or "Transitional Center." But, if I need to cast a vote, I'd opt for the same type of term used in Tustin; e.g. Transitional Community Center of Fullerton - to keep away from the idea that it must be faith based or supported solely by religious groups. If NGO groups, and even some 'corporate sponsors' can be contributors, this is the action I would urge be taken to make it come together.

James G. Shaw Fullerton

ED: See related page 4 and 9



OUT OF MY MIND

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# Syria: Our Answer is Bad Because We’re Not Clear on the Question

We are now the world’s finest exemplar of both moral and strategic incoherence. After sending Sec of State John Kerry out to sell the moral case for immediately attacking Syria with what was probably the most passionate speech of his life, Obama cut Kerry’s legs off by saying, in effect, “Oh it can wait awhile. Let me offload some of the consequences of acting or not acting on congress. After all, they were foolish enough to demand it.”

Meanwhile, Assad can hide valuable assets in civilian areas and Iran can believe we are not a serious nation. Israel can assume that if they are attacked, we will, with great resolution, immediately convene a focus group. Or rather, given the way congress is likely to act, we’ll convene an unfocused group.

Our genius plan, that both Kerry and Obama have shared, is to send cruise missiles to punish Assad without toppling him or changing the outcome of the civil war/proxy war.

So, our policy is to attack a nation that hasn’t attacked us, taken our people hostage or destroyed our properties. Our policy is to attack another Arab country, another Muslim country. Our policy is to launch an unprovoked act of war without the support of NATO or the UN because...because Assad is a really bad man who kills his own people.

Assad is a really bad man who kills his own people. Assad almost certainly did use chemical gas to kill his own people. We have somehow conflated proving that he used the gas with this justifying an act of war against him. Thus, the

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question before congress seems to be; If we prove to your satisfaction that he did it, will you please let us punish him?

Put aside, for a moment, that the list of bad, cruel and violent leaders who slaughter their own people is pretty long and the 100,000 he killed in the conventional manner got little response from us. The critical issue is how we calculate the upside of a limited attack against the downside?

The upside seems at best to be that he will stop using chemical weapons and that Iran will take us seriously. Both of these are unlikely in my view.

The downside, on the other hand, is unlimited. Assad could decide he has to use the chemical weapons or lose them. Hezbollah could open fire with 25,000 rockets aimed at Israel. Assad could lob shells into Jordan. Iran could send more volunteers to aid him and the

Saudis could be drawn in to save their fellow Sunnis. The usually risk-averse Saudis are the least likely players in this scenario from hell.

The unifying question that might bring coherence to our mixed messages, legally questionable aims and strategically vague plans is simple: What do we want to accomplish? Can we accomplish it with this plan? Is it legal?

*This is the latest in a series of articles by Jon Dobrer on the Syria subject. Read the others at <http://blogs.dailynews.com/friendlyfire>*

## On Force-Feeding Prisoners

In California it’s illegal to force-feed ducks and geese. However, a Federal Judge has just ruled that prisoners on hunger strikes may be force-fed. What’s bad for the goose and drake is apparently good for the jailbird.

It seems to me that we all should have a right to die—as long as we base the exercise of that right on reason or judgment and not on a transient impulse. It’s one thing to feel bad, angry or depressed and reach for a gun or pills. Deciding to jump off a bridge or set oneself on fire can be a rash and irrational act. Society has a right to intervene and impose time and treatment.

But choosing to starve to death isn’t an impulse. It takes time, will power and is a constantly renewed commitment to an outcome—either political or personal. I believe our lives and deaths should belong to us. We can make bad decisions and take foolish risks. We can show extreme bravery or bad judgment—sometimes both at once.

Founding Father and patriot Patrick Henry said, “Give me liberty or give me death.” He didn’t say, “Give me liberty or give me therapy.” Nor even “Give me liberty or give me some cooling off time.”

Whether a prisoner or a patriot, adults who have been adjudicated sane enough to stand for office or stand for trial should be considered

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competent to make their own decisions in terms of food, feeding and healthcare. Deciding to torture people in order to prolong their lives, or living deaths, is cruel and tragically not that unusual.

We spend fortunes trying to execute prisoners who want to live, and now we fight to feed prisoners who want to die? All of this seems perverse, even crazy, to me. We impose food and healthcare on criminals and deny them to the poor and hungry who want to eat and live. We march for the geese (and that’s fine) but stick tubes down the throats of criminals against their will. Only one month ago another Federal Judge held that force-feeding inmates at Guantanamo was illegal.

Whether inmates held in isolation for years without end or prisoners at Guantanamo held indefinitely without trial, they should have the right to escape hell. No one believes that those who jumped out of the windows of the towers on 9-11 should have stayed in a burning room. We shouldn’t require even the worst amongst us to live indefinitely without any realistic hope for release.

**Read more of the thoughts of Jon Dobrer at <http://blogs.dailynews.com/friendlyfire>**

**Questions:** Aren’t prisoners on hunger strikes trying to bring attention to conditions within the jail, rather than trying to actually commit suicide? Shouldn’t we be looking at those conditions rather than discussing if they have a right to suicide by hunger?

**Jon:** Many things to do to change conditions but the torture of force-feeding is not one of them.



## Crews work to Shore up Slipping Hillside

Some of the hillside on the east-side of Euclid at Roscrans slid during the rains of 2005. Resulting in dirt and debris covering the narrow trail which has remained there until work began July 17, 2013. The reason for the long delay was due to the ownership of the property. When the City requested the property owners to remedy the problem, they claimed that when the City built

the trail they caused the slide. The trail has a low retaining wall holding back the toe of the hill. The slide passed over the wall and the walls remained intact. There was a lawsuit and the City lost. In any event, work has begun to restore the hillside and after eight years we should have the trail finally open again.

Denny Bean  
Fullerton

## “Do Not Call”

Many who have tried the National Do Not Call system have found it failed to stop telemarketers from calling and instead have resorted to screening their calls or just letting calls accumulate on the answering machine. But, if you want to give the system one more try, to work here is how to do it.

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Once you register - telemarketers have up to 31 days to stop calling you. Telemarketers are

required to search the registry every 31 days and delete numbers on the Do Not Call list from their lists. Not all calls will stop such as political, survey, non-profit, or existing business calls. But you can tell those to take you off their lists and they must remove them. The system is managed by the Federal Trade Commission and enforced by the Federal Communications Commission and state law enforcement. File complaints at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or by calling 1-888-382-1222 and providing the date off the call and the number if you have it.

The FTC has brought 105 enforcement actions against telemarketers for violations with 80 resolved and over \$41 million in civil penalties and \$33 million in redress.

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• 17,674	Iraq (3/2003 thru 11/2011- no updates since this date)
	Afghanistan (10/2001 thru 10/13/2012- no updates since this date)
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CITY COUNCIL NEWS by Rachel Fobar

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AUGUST 20TH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (next meeting Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30pm)

**HUNT BRANCH LIBRARY LEASE AGREEMENT AND REDESIGN PROCESS:** City Council decided to postpone discussion of the Hunt Branch Library lease agreement and redesign process until the October 1 meeting. Staff was previously directed to negotiate a short-term lease of the Hunt Branch Library with Grace Ministries International. Council had also directed staff to construct a framework for planning to improve access to the area, which is somewhat isolated. Both Councilmember Greg Sebourn and Mayor Bruce Whitaker thought the proposed planning committee unnecessary. Some Fullerton residents were against the closure of the library, and one pointed out that the location is close to and serves several elementary schools. Council postponed the item because they were not satisfied with the conditions and because Councilmember Jennifer Fitzgerald was absent from the meeting.

**FORMATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:** City Council unanimously voted to dissolve the city manager's ad-hoc committee and established a seven-member Economic Development Commission, which will be appointed by City Council. The ad-hoc committee members will serve as the interim commissioners. The commissioners will meet at least monthly and will be city residents or employees of Fullerton businesses.

**CITY HALL EMERGENCY REPAIRS:** City Manager Joe Felz said the first floor repairs will be done within the next few weeks and the broadcast room has been restored to near-normal capacity.

**SORORITY MEETING HALL:** Council unanimously denied the appeal of the Planning Commission's approval to convert and expand the 600 E. Chapman Avenue garage into a meeting hall for Gamma Phi Beta chapter meetings. Members of the neighborhood appealed, citing parking as a major issue. The sorority members are not allowed to meet on campus and could not find any consistent alternate locations. The members would purchase parking passes from Fullerton College, and staff would review after six and 12 months to make sure the sorority

was abiding by the conditions. Mayor Pro Tem Doug Chaffee asked to make sound-proofing a requirement in the construction process, but other councilmembers thought that unnecessary because noise was not an issue. Council also lowered the notification radius from a quarter of a mile to 500 feet.

**RESOLUTION TO CLOSE LOS COYOTES DRIVE:** City Council unanimously adopted the modified resolution to close the street, which was deemed unnecessary. (This ends a long battle between neighbors of the Islands development and the Los Coyotes Country Club. Semi trucks servicing the Club had been using the street to access the back of the golf club property. The Club was also interested in keeping the access road open due to their upcoming expansion plan. Neighbors complained the trucks were too heavy for the residential street, noisy, and dangerous for children.)

**CAMPING TICKETS:** During public comments, several Fullerton residents complained that the police were "criminalizing homelessness" by issuing camping tickets to people sleeping outside. Some speakers had received a ticket themselves and said they could not afford to pay it. However, Police Chief Dan Hughes said police issued the citations in response to complaints and only if people refused to move. He said it was inaccurate to say police are issuing citations to all homeless people, and he said he would bring the council additional information from homeless liaison officers. See front-page story and page 8, 9, and 18 for more.

PRESENTATIONS:

**Pete Baron, Fullerton Lions Chess Activities Coordinator,** gave certificates to the elementary and junior high winners of the Fullerton City Chess Championship. Winners are listed at [http://www.kiromark.com/lionsclub/Chess/6-6-13\\_Chess\\_championship\\_results.pdf](http://www.kiromark.com/lionsclub/Chess/6-6-13_Chess_championship_results.pdf).

**The Fullerton Fire Department** recognized Chris Hoover, Ona Casanova, and Marco Mancotta who helped rescue a man by pulling him out of a burning vehicle after a crash and before the fire department arrived at the scene.

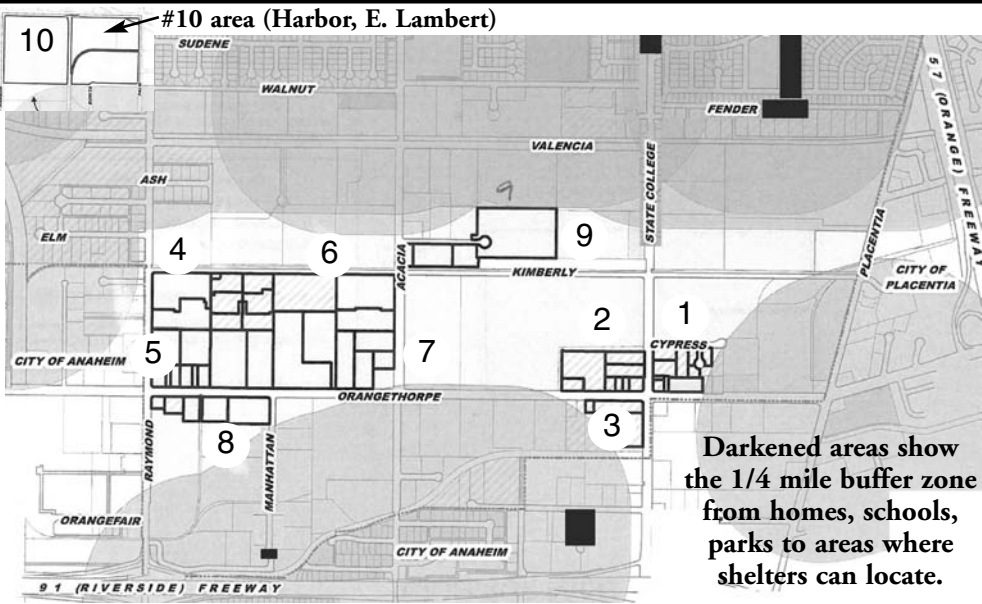
AUGUST 6TH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**University Heights:** At the August 6th meeting, City Council unanimously voted to continue discussion of the University Heights Specific Plan to the October 15 meeting so a plan agreeable to all sides could be reached. In 2008, the construction was completed on these homes built on the Elks Club property off Brea Blvd. Originally built as low-cost housing restricted for sale to California State University Fullerton professors and staff. Only 15 of the 44 homes sold, so the rest have been rented or remain vacant. Part of the problem in selling the units was that the land beneath was not sold with the homes, but leased to the CSUF Housing Authority which then paid the Elks Club. The CSUF Housing Authority, which would like to get out of the agreement, has an interested buyer, is requesting that the Specific Plan be modified to facilitate selling the homes on the open market. Residents had objections to the

changes and said it would create an unfair two-tier system for current homeowners.

**Apartments:** City Council unanimously voted to adopt a resolution that would modify a 5-story development project with 7-story 383-space parking garage at 250 W. Santa Fe with a revised proposal consisting of 200 apartment units. Ten apartments would be for very low-income households, and there would also be associated resident activity areas and a parking structure.

**City Councilmembers' Retirement:** To eliminate future councilmembers' eligibility for membership in the retirement system, the council unanimously passed an amendment to the contract between Fullerton and the California Public Employees' Retirement System. Councilmember Greg Sebourn requested a change clarifying that these measures would apply to councilmembers elected



Above: Map shows parcels where shelters can locate in Fullerton.

Where Can Shelters Locate?

There are sixty-one parcels in Fullerton where a homeless shelter can be located according to the new SB2 ordinance which prohibits such establishments to be placed within a quarter-mile of residences, schools or parks.

The darkened areas in the maps at above and at right show the limits of the quarter-mile buffer. The clear areas are those where shelters designed for 50 or fewer people can be opened without limitations. Shelters designed for over 50 persons would have to go through the Conditional Use Permit process.

Despite ongoing problems with the homeless population, the city is not actively looking for a place to locate a shelter and instead is waiting for contractors, non-profits or the county to submit proposals. (maps provided by city)

If you have a property or know of one that would fit the county criteria listed below send to Orange County Community Services Director Karen Roper at [karen.rop@occc.ocgov.com](mailto:karen.rop@occc.ocgov.com).

County Criteria: •25,000 to 30,000 square feet •Near busline •No toxic issues •\$3 million or less in price

The list of addresses in the areas mapped include:

•Area 1: 2418, 2424, 2430 Cypress

Way; 1200, 1220, 1218 S. State College; 2401, 2407, 2419, 2421, 2425 E. Orangethorpe

•Area 2: 1201 - 1257 (odd numbers) S. State College; 2301, 2331, 2335, 2341, 2351 E. Orangethorpe

•Area 3: 1301,1321 E. Orangethorpe & N. State College

•Area 4: 800, 900, 1250 Raymond/Kimberly Ave); 1410,1450, 1470 Kimberly Ave.; 825, 826, 831, 850, 851 Enterprise Way

•Area 5: 1040, 1100, 1020, 1120, 1140, 1201 Raymond; 1217, 1221, 1225, 1227, 1229, 1233, 1201, 1211, 1401,1405, 1409, 1411, 1441 E. Orangethorpe

•Area 6: 1500, 1510, 1516, 1522, 1528, 1536, 1542, 1548, 1556, 1562,1568, 1572, 1578 1580 Kimberly Ave.; 801 S. Acacia at Kimberly Ave.

•Area 7: 811, 1101, 11,41, S. Acacia; 1645, 1641, 1601, 1501, 1503, 1511, 1521, 1551, 1561 E. Orangethorpe Ave.

•Area 8: 1202, 1220, 1232, 1244, 1246, 1248, 1250, 1300, 1302, 1306, 1310, 1312, 1334, 1330, 1328, 1326, 1324, 1322, 1320, 1316, 1400 E. Orangethorpe Ave

•Area 9: 1702,1706,1710,1711, 1712, 1726, 1818, 1901, 1911 Kimberly Ave (E Rosslynn Ave.

•Area 10: 4300 Harbor/E. Lambert; 458, 460, 468,472,486 E. Lambert/N. Palm Dr.; 4201, 4225, 4275 N. Palm Dr./Bonita Pl

Housing Element Public Hearing

The Fullerton Planning Commission/Landmarks Commission will hold a public hearing in the Council Chamber, Fullerton City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Avenue, on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., to consider an update to the Housing Element.

The city is proposing to update its Housing Element for the 2013-2021 planning period. The Planning

Commission will consider the draft Housing Element and make a recommendation to the City Council.

All documents are available Sept. 6 at the city development dept., 303 W. Commonwealth and on the city website at [www.cityoffullerton.com/about/meetings\\_live.asp](http://www.cityoffullerton.com/about/meetings_live.asp) or by contacting Joan Wolff, Planning Manager at 714-738-6837 or [JoanW@ci.fullerton.ca.us](mailto:JoanW@ci.fullerton.ca.us).


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### SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES

by Jan Youngman

FSD Board meetings are held at 6pm on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at District Headquarters, 1401 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, 92833. See [www.fsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.fsd.k12.ca.us) for agenda or call 714-447-7400

### August 20 Board Meeting

•**LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR PAM KELLER:** The board approved a leave of absence for Ms. Pam Keller, Director of the Fullerton Collaborative. She will be able to return as an employee of the Fullerton School District if she chooses to.

**Public Comments**

•**WiFi Dangers:** An Acacia parent, Mr. Imbriano, responding to the district's most recent RF (Radio Frequency Emission) report, described the reported results as "preposterous."

"I believe the public lacks understanding of these results. . . I strongly believe that you will realize I am correct." (Mr. Imbriano runs a website [www.fullertoninformer.com](http://www.fullertoninformer.com) where he airs his concerns about Wifi in the classroom. He has also addressed the board and the city council numerous times.)

•**WiFi Safe:** Acacia parent Ms. Michelle Garden referring to Mr. Imbriano's concerns about wifi emissions in the classroom, described his "scientific" statements as inaccurate. "There are a large number of parents who believe that wifi emissions are not dangerous." She said that her husband works in the field and would be glad to provide the district with a presentation on wifi emissions to alleviate anyone's concerns.

**Reports**

•**Trustee Berryman** said that school principals should not feel pressured to spend hours preparing a school report for the board. "Everyone's time is valuable. Just tell us what's been going on in your school."

•**PTA:** Ms. Vivien Moreno said that the PTAs are in midst of their annual membership drive. Forty people recently took part in the latest PTA leadership training.

•**FETA:** Ms. Turner said that 30 new teachers attended the annual New Teacher Breakfast.

**Board Action**

**AVID:** The board renewed the Nicolas Junior High School's AVID program. This nationally recognized program provides "at risk" students with academic and counseling assistance. Also, if students start the program at Nicolas and continue it through high school, they are eligible for a full or partial scholarship to Hope University, Fullerton. The amount of the scholarship is based on high school GPA. Currently, between 5 to 10 students could qualify for some type of scholarship. Nicolas Staff said that parents are very interested in the program and feel that it prepares students for being successful in high school. Approved 4-0 Sugarman absent

**Further Discussion Requests**

•**Transgender Accommodations:** Trustee Thompson requested a board discussion on meeting the requirements of AB1266 (Transgender accommodations) and its impact on the district.

•**Local Control Funding:** Trustee Berryman requested that staff provide a report on understanding "local control funding" and how it will affect the district.

COMMUNITY OPINIONS continued on page 18

### Wireless Classroom Safety Revisited

An August *Observer* article reported on the Fullerton School District (FSD) study, conducted by Executive Environmental Services Corporation (EESC), measuring wireless radiation emissions. As reported, results were: "measurements were significantly below the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) exposure limits" and "all measurements were more than 10,000 times lower than the FCC."

An examination of the FCC "exposure limits" would reveal that the FCC has not updated these guidelines since 1996; that was 17 years ago. In that time, consider how technology and our use of it has changed and proliferated. How safe can our children be with FCC guidelines that are 17 years old? Significantly, these guidelines completely ignore non-thermal biological effects and that is the issue with wireless radiation. It's like assuming the coolness of dry ice does not have the capability to burn.

As stated by De-Kun Li, MD, PhD, MPH, Senior Research Scientist, Kaiser Permanente, "Therefore, when it comes to non-thermal effects of RF, which is the most relevant effect for public concerns, FCC guidelines are irrelevant and can not be used for any claims of safety unless we are addressing heat damage [thermal]." The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Air and Radiation, states, "The FCC's exposure guidelines are considered protective of effects arising from a thermal mechanism but not from all possible mechanisms. Therefore the generalization by many that the guidelines protect human beings from harm by any or all mechanisms is not justified."

Moreover, in 2011 the International Agency for Research on Cancer – World Health Organization classified radiofrequency radiation as a Class 2B Possible Human Carcinogen. This puts wireless radiation in the same classification as lead, DDT, and tobacco smoke.

A closer look at the statement, "all measurements were more than 10,000 times lower than the FCC standards" is quite extraordinary. Here is a comparison of Acacia school with other similar, documented measurements:

SITE	READING
<b>Calais School</b>	
measurement by parent.....	6.5 [i]
measurement by school.....	6.6 [ii]
<b>KPR Canadian</b>	
Classroom.....	8.3 [iii]
YouTube iPad, video #1....	9.4 [iv]
YouTube iPad, video #2....	5.6 [v]
<b>Acacia School.....</b>	<b>.01</b>

How did Acacia School's test yield an extraordinarily low reading of .01? None of us can answer that.

Because the reported readings are highly, highly improbable, if not impossible, it follows that all claims, such as "the measurements were more than 10,000 times lower than the FCC standards" and all subsequent statements are invalid.

Fullerton School District needs an explanation from EESC on the Acacia

readings. Once this has been done, they should contract with another firm that has a verifiable, proven track record in measuring and assessing radio frequency emission levels and will be objective in their findings and conclusions. One thing is for certain and that is the parents and public need to be correctly informed.

It would be useful to understand that, per peer reviewed studies, biological effects from wireless radiation have been observed at a reading as low as 0.00034. Per the BioInitiative Report 2012, [vi] that means that the wireless classroom radiation is physically impacting our children's bodies at extremely low readings.

The issue of report integrity aside, the FCC guidelines ignore non-thermal effects. Therefore, a safe radiation exposure, one that addresses non-thermal biological effects does not even exist. And, if the FCC does not know the safe radiation exposure, how can Fullerton School District make the statement that "... our wireless classrooms ... are totally safe?"

Let's move into an honest discussion so we can ensure a technology that is truly safe for our children.

Alfredo Gutierrez Fullerton

### Young Senators Program

The deadline to return applications to participate in the Young Senators Program is October 11, 2013.

The program is designed for high school students interested in learning about California's legislative process and public services. Students accepted into the program will be required to attend monthly youth empowerment and leadership seminars throughout the school year.

For more information or to receive an application please contact Jeanne Tran at California State Senator Lou Correa's office at 714-558-4400 or email [Young.Senator@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Young.Senator@sen.ca.gov)

[i] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FO0AnNH8vI>

[ii] available from Washington Central Supervisory Superintendent's office, East Montpelier, VT: Contact Superintendent Bill Kimball. <http://www.wcsuonline.org/>

[iii] <http://www.kawarthasafetechnology.org/things-to-think-about.html>

[iv] [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snt2uaQd\\_Ps](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snt2uaQd_Ps)

[v] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tM5TXD6MyLg>

[vi] <http://www.bioinitiative.org/conclusions/>

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# Possible Extended Funding for Air Traffic Control Towers

by Jere Greene

The Fullerton Airport control tower, slated to close after the loss of \$628 million in FAA funding due to the sequestration vote, has received funding to assure it will remain open through September 30, 2013.

Ongoing funding is included in both the House and Senate fiscal year 2014 DOT/FAA appropriation bills but the immediate concern is to assure that the tower remains funded until Congress approves the bill and it is signed by the President.

Those interested in assuring that the tower stays open during the gap between Sept. 30 and whenever the final appropriations bill is passed by Congress and signed by the President may want to contact Congressman Ed Royce (although he voted for the sequestration, he later joined other congressmembers in a letter objecting to the tower closures).

The Fullerton control tower is one of 251 in the FAA Contract Tower Program. It relieves air traffic congestion at nearby John Wayne International, Long Beach International, and Los Angeles International Airports. Fullerton is also the home for numerous public service operators such as the California Highway Patrol, Anaheim Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority.

With this unique mix of aircraft using the airport and an average of 6,000 operations a month, it's easy to see why it is of utmost importance for the Air Traffic Control Tower to remain open.

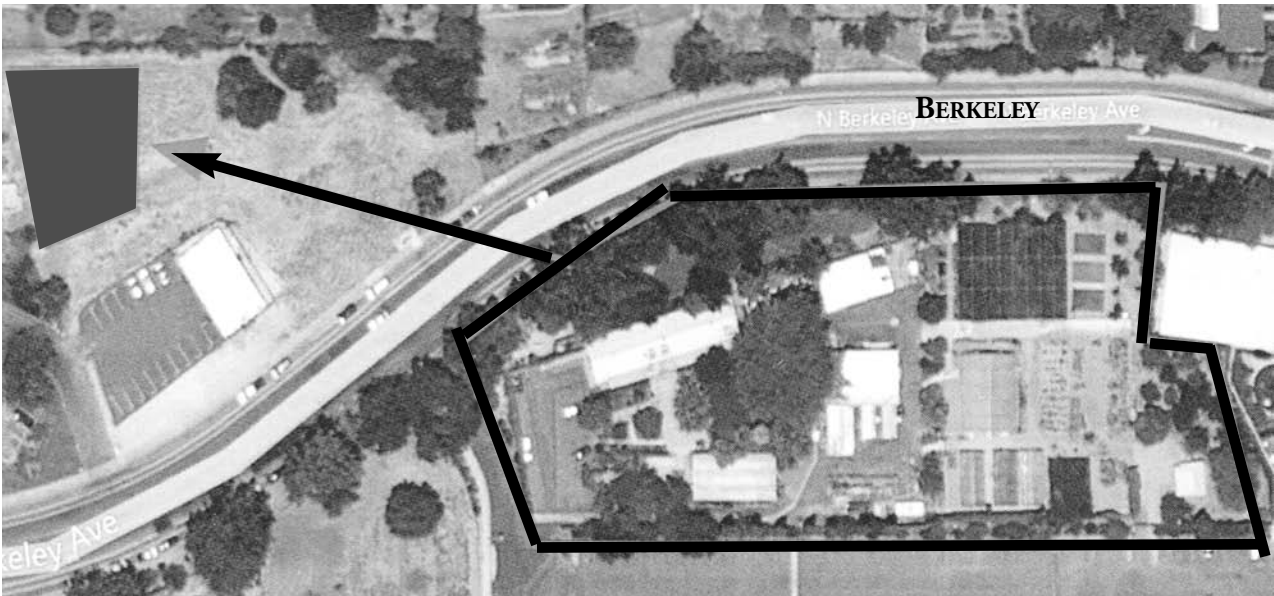
# IRS Announces Legal Same-Sex Marriages Recognized for Federal Tax Purposes

On August 29th the US Dept. of Treasury and the IRS ruled that same-sex couples, legally married in jurisdictions recognizing their marriages will be treated the same as other married couples for federal tax purposes. The ruling implements federal tax aspects of the June 26 Supreme Court decision. The ruling does not apply to registered domestic partnerships, civil unions or similar formal relationships.

IRS offers two webpages full of Q and A's for individuals of the same sex who are married under state law, and for registered domestic partners and individuals in civil unions.

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Answers-to-Frequently-Asked-Questions-for-Same-Sex-Married-Couples>

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Answers-to-Frequently-Asked-Questions-for-Registered-Domestic-Partners-and-Individuals-in-Civil-Unions>



Below: The dark box is where the current Master Plan proposes moving the Fullerton College Horticulture Dept. (contained within the lines with pointing arrow) bordering Berkeley.

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# Moving Fullerton College Horticulture Center?

Although Fullerton College VP Claudette Dain and Horticulture Dept. Coordinator Kent Gordon say there is no action being taken, both admit that there is a proposal in the College Master Plan to move the Horticulture Center across Berkeley to a much smaller area. In addition to being about an eighth the size of the current location, the proposed location is on a hillside. The 2012 Master Plan can be downloaded at

[http://www.noccdd.edu/documents/5\\_Fullerton%20College\\_2012\\_0124R.pdf](http://www.noccdd.edu/documents/5_Fullerton%20College_2012_0124R.pdf)

The following are excerpts from that document:

- “Horticulture takes a lot of space on this land-locked campus. Is this the best use of this area?” (page 5-88)
- “The Facilities Plan recommends the demolition/removal of the following buildings: 1600-1691 Horticulture Center” (page 5-100)

- “Relocate Horticulture Complex to north campus adjacent to residential neighbors...(page 5-97)
- The students who brought this issue to the paper's attention asked that people please contact the college officials and community college trustees to voice opposition to the proposal. And they asked that any messages be CC to them at horticulture@fullcoll.edu. See addresses above.

# Get Married on Saturday

The Fullerton branch of the OC Clerk's office has expanded its hours to be open one Saturday of each month. The upcoming open date is on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10am to 3pm.

On the most recent open Saturday on August 24th, 151 couples took out marriage licences and 75 were married. Another 70 copies of birth, death and marriage certificates were issued and 20 passport applications were processed.

Clerk Recorder Hugh Nguyen said the move to open on Saturdays is a response from citizens. Regular hours are 9am to 4pm Monday through Friday. The Fullerton office is located at the corner of Harbor Blvd. and W. Amerige.

Appointments for weddings can be made online at [www.ocrecorder.com](http://www.ocrecorder.com). Call 714-834-2588 for more info.



Contractors working on the street hit a gas line.

# Fifty Buildings Evacuated in Gas Leak

Story/Photo by Jere Greene

Contractors removing the old roadway prior to resurfacing Richman at Valencia punctured a hole in an 8 inch, high pressure gas main.

Division Chief Julie Kunze of the Fullerton Fire Department said that 50 buildings in the surrounding area were ordered evacuated as a precaution. She estimated between 150 to 200 people were affected.

The Red Cross opened an evacuation center in the city's new Community

Center as it was unknown how long or how extensive the problem might become.

Fire equipment from Fullerton and Brea maintained a watch until the Gas Company located a valve that fed the line and was able to shut off the flow.

By noon Battalion Chief Stokes reopened the area and after the four-hour delay, Valencia was once again opened to traffic. The Gas Company continued making repairs to the damaged pipe until gas service could be restored to the area.

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*New Airport Manager Brendan O'Reilly*

## New Airport Manager

Story/Photo by Jere Greene

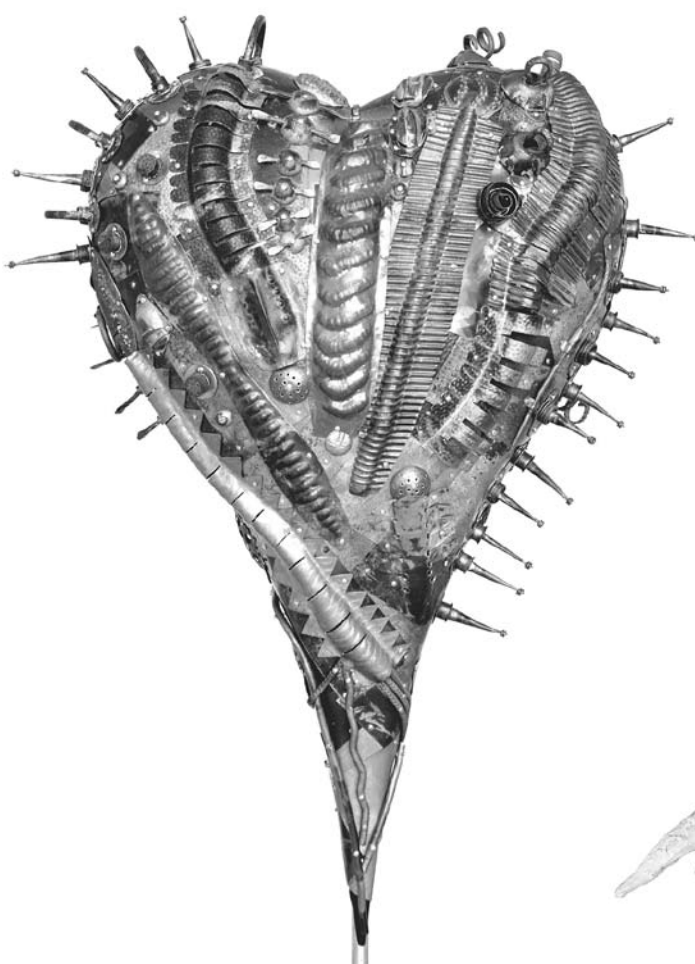
Fullerton's new Airport manager, Brendan O'Reilly, is a licensed private pilot and an airframe and power-plant mechanic. He served as the Airport Operations Manager for Hayward Executive Airport in the Bay Area, and Airport Project Manager for the County of Los Angeles Airports. He is a Certified Airport Executive and serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of California Airports. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Aviation Studies from CSU Los Angeles.

O'Reilly said that while growing up in Whittier, he got his father to bring him to Fullerton so he could watch the operations. He plans to expand and improve the visibility of the airport to the general public and additional plans are in the works for making a trip to the airport an exciting family experience. He is continuing to support the free Classic Airplane Show on the second Sunday of every month. During the show the airport is open to the public and many of the services and companies who operate there are available for inspection. It is an interesting day trip for the entire family. The airport is also host to some 100-200 children a month for free guided tours.

Manager O'Reilly indicated Fullerton has received grant money to make the tower facility ADA compliant which should also improve access for the public.

While many surrounding airports are seeking to add more lucrative commercial air carriers, Fullerton is providing cost effective services to the General Aviation community. This is a source of additional funding that will make the airport operations a continuing asset to the city.

The airport is located at 4011 W. Commonwealth Ave. in Fullerton. Call 714-738-6323 with questions.



**At Left:**  
*Metal-like heart made by 2Roses (John and Corliss Rose)*

**At Right:**  
*Mermaid heart by Carol Towler*

**Below:**  
*Winged heart by Kathryn Whitewolf*



## All Arts for All the Kids Hearts Decorate Downtown

by Caitlin Orr

The All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation is excited to introduce and unveil their Heart Project 2013!

This year's incredible artist-created hearts will be hosted by local businesses throughout downtown Fullerton and the 5-foot tall mosaic hearts will be installed along Harbor Boulevard. These hearts help unite the community and raise awareness about the Foundation's inspiring educational and artistic programs.

Everyone is invited to pick up a free Heart Map from the Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave. (at the corner of E. Wilshire) or at any heart site.

Make sure to visit each heart on the map, get it stamped on location, and exchange a completed map for an opportunity to win one of the hearts!

The hearts will be displayed in

Fullerton for the months of September and October.

Be sure to come out on Friday, September 6th to the Hibbleton Gallery in the Magoski Arts Colony (223/225 West Santa Fe Avenue) for Art Walk to see the visual artistry of All the Arts' instructors, participate in your very own art project, and learn more about the Hearts!

And save the date Friday, October 4th, to come downtown again to experience the HEART WALK showcasing all of the hearts being housed in Fullerton businesses -- it's also the perfect night to visit all the locations and complete your Heart Map!

All the hearts you see downtown will be for available for sale or auction at the 20th Annual Art Auction on Saturday, November 2nd in the Fullerton Museum Plaza. This year is incredibly special as it marks two decades of the event! The evening is shaping up to be extra spectacular. There will be more local food and

drinks, more original art for auction, more hearts for sale, and more live music -- you won't want to miss it! Not to mention that in honor of the 20-year-mark, all patrons are invited to get their faces painted at one of the kiosks at the event! Costumes are also optional (and encouraged)!

Tickets to the event are available online, as well as photos of all the hearts from this year and past years at [www.allthearts.org](http://www.allthearts.org).

Proceeds from the annual Heart Project and Auction provides art, music, dance and theatre lessons in every classroom in the Fullerton School District taught by professional artists. Every \$25 raised, funds an entire year of art (24 lessons) for a child.

You can also make a donation to the non-profit All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation by contacting Lauralyn Eschner at 714-447-7484 or online at [www.allthearts-forallthekids.org](http://www.allthearts-forallthekids.org).

### Participating Heart Artists

Below is the list of heart artists (the \* means that they are doing a large 5' heart): Jan Dell'Ario; Charlotte England; Jennifer England; Katherine England\*; Sue Ferrante\*; Rocio Garica; Lynda Gunderson; Kevin Hill; Lynn Leahy; Wendy Lloyd-Davies; Steve Metzger; Paul Nelson; KayK Robinson; John & Corliss Rose (2Roses); Beth Silverman\*; Patricia Strong; Carol Towler\*; and Kathryn White.

### Small Heart Hosts

See the small hearts at the following locations downtown Fullerton: Café Hidalgo; Carpe Diem Experience; Eden Café; Fullerton Photographics; Gilding the Lily; Les Amis; lolo a boutique; Monkey Business Café/Hart; Oh, Hello Friend; Out of Vogue; Purple Yoga; Roadkill Ranch & Boutique; Salon Lujon; SHARE & Do Good; and Studio EMP



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A homeless person set up a regular daytime resting spot at this OCTA busstop shelter where he sits near all his belongings in a grocery cart. See map onpage 4 for where a homeless shelter could be located in Fullerton. PHOTO JERE GREENE

## Homeless Ticketed for Public Camping

continued from frontpage

Julia and Dale were awakened by Homeless Liaison, Cary Tong, who discovered them sleeping in a well-lit doorway behind Citibank on Harbor and Whiting. Julia prides herself on having never been cited because she always complies with police requests and “doesn’t talk back.” She explains that when she asked if she could leave in order to avoid a ticket, Officer Tong told her that he was still going to cite her. Julia received the ticket, rolled up her sleeping bag, packed her cart, and left to find a place with enough light where she could crochet until morning.

In contrast to Julia, Dale had decided on August 14, when police began threatening to ticket people for camping downtown, that, in protest, he would not sign the citation. So when officer Tong asked him to sign, Dale refused.

Homeless Liaison Daniel Solorio was there for backup and pleaded with Dale to sign the ticket or he would have to be arrested. Determined to bringing awareness to what he asserts is an unjust law, Dale finished packing his belongings, turned his back to the officers with his hands together behind his back and said, “Arrest me.” He was taken to the city jail and transferred to the county facility where he was released the following day.

According to Dale and Julia, they were not given an opportunity to leave without first being cited nor were they offered any resources as Chief Hughes had explained to the city council.

Many residents in Fullerton understood that once the county homeless shelter was open, the police would begin ticketing homeless as there would then be an option to sleeping on the street. But currently, there are few if any options for many homeless in Fullerton. People like Julia and Dale don’t qualify for most housing resources because they don’t have substance abuse problems, mental illness or children. Housing that is appropriate has a waiting list or a lottery for entry. (See July and August *Observers* for more on shelters currently available and criteria for entry).

Both Dale and Julia are eligible to receive CalFresh assistance (food stamps), medical assistance (MSI) through the St. Jude Neighborhood Health Center at Richman Park, and General Relief, (a loan of about \$239 from the county for three months per year, in exchange for volunteer hours). But none of these enables a person to afford housing.

It is not clear who instigated the new policy to enforce the anti-camping ordinance in the downtown area. Since the evacuation of the homeless encampment on the railroad tracks behind the Hunt Branch Library, the police have used the

anti-camping law to chase subsequent camps from Bastanchury Park, the city tree farm between Bastanchury and the unused railroad tracks below Sunny Hills High School, and the dam area behind St. Jude Medical Center.

Active enforcement of the ban has been used to eradicate threats to public health, such as used syringes, empty beer and alcohol containers, and rubbish found in those areas.

The expansion of the camping ban into downtown was justified by Chief Hughes as a way to deal with complaints of urine

and defecation in parking garages, alcohol consumption in parks, and public intoxication. But whether these problems are a due to homeless sleeping in public is not clear. All of these behaviors could be cited specifically, under current law. Furthermore, attributing these problems, especially public urination, to the homeless is questionable considering the 54 plus liquor licenses downtown, the lack of public restrooms, and the number of people (*in the multi-thousands*) who come downtown to drink especially on weekends.

Feeling the police have no other choice than to cite homeless people for camping in public, Chief Hughes told the council, “If there is a better solution, we’re willing to listen.”

### SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions to reduce the number of camping citations should include:

- Better training for Homeless Liaisons in discerning the difference between someone who has caused a problem that has resulted in a complaint and someone who has not.
- Training the Homeless Liaison to know what services are actually available. If there are no openings at a shelter, do not cite the individual for camping.
- Install public restrooms downtown. These would not only serve the homeless population, but also travelers at the transportation center and the multitude of bar patrons who stream from the bars on weekend nights and stop to urinate in public on the way to their cars.

When asked by email on August 14 whether councilmembers support the enforcement of anti-camping laws in Fullerton at this time, the only respondent, Councilmember Greg Sebourn stated, “We need a workable solution before we can enforce these laws.”

At the August 20 council meeting the council requested a report from the Chief of Police on the number of tickets issued and the complaints received. The City Council may also find it useful to review the role of the Homeless Liaisons and revisit Fullerton’s 1992 anti-camping law.

## NUMBER OF CALLS FOR SERVICE & ILLEGAL CAMPING CITATIONS ISSUED BY YEAR

Fiscal Year	Number of Calls	Number of citations issued
2006/2007	831	152
2007/2008	925	82
2008/2009	1,197	65
2009/2010	1,240	74
2010/2011	1,084	81
2011/2012	1,054	22
2012/2013	1,869	21
2013/2014	363 (in 7 weeks)	59*

\*Note: The 59 citations written this year are in response to complaints by business owners and residents of illegal camping, primarily on private property. 21 of the citations were written to persons illegally camping in the vacant fields behind St. Jude Hospital, 19 at the Senna Tree Lot on Bastanchury, 9 in the 100 block of S. Pomona, and the remainder in various locations around the city. Data from Fullerton Police Dept.

## HOW MUCH ARE FINES FOR ILLEGAL CAMPING?

The fine amount for each citation issued is determined by the court. Of 18 citations for illegal camping issued in June of 2013. Ten of the individuals receiving the citations failed to appear for their court hearing and a warrant has been issued. Many of these individuals also have warrants for other violations as well said Chief Hughes. Five other citations that listed a court disposition were sent along in an email. They are as follows:

Citation	Fine & Disposition
#939671	Pled guilty; \$5 fine, \$20 court costs, \$65 state costs
939668	Pled guilty; \$10 fine, \$40 court costs; \$65 state costs
939669	Pled guilty; \$40 court costs, \$65 state costs, \$140 state restitution (other cases)
932525	Pled guilty; all fines waived due to extraordinary circs
940962	Nolo Contendere; no fine

## Homeless Collaborative

by Rachel Forbar

During the Homeless Outreach Collaboration Meeting on August 7, representatives from various volunteer organizations discussed possibly condensing Fullerton’s various homeless outreach groups into one. Representatives from organizations including Mercy House and Coast to Coast met, and two police officers were there as well. Paulette Marshall-Chaffee said that she and Mayor Pro Tem Doug Chaffee were still looking at potential homeless shelter sites. Each representative participated in a roundtable discussion with updates on the work of their organizations.

The meetings are open to the public and take place on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting takes place from 1:30pm to 3pm on Wednesday, September 4th at the Maple Community Center, 701 S. Lemon (located in Lemon Park).

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The Diamond Aisle Apartments in Anaheim provide a safe place to live and learn for mentally ill homeless and their families. PHOTO JUAN TALLO FOR JAMBOREE

## What About a Diamond Aisle in Fullerton?

by Rachel Fobar

I'm standing in the kitchen of a woman's apartment. Her refrigerator is covered in photos of her nephews, who come to stay with her once a year, as well as photos of other family members. There is an open bag of chips on the counter, and in the corner a broom leans against a trash can. Her entire apartment is decorated with butterflies – her bedspread is covered with them. She has her bedroom all decked out with purple: the curtains, bedspread, chair and rug all possess the same deep hue. Looking around the apartment, a visitor wouldn't guess that the resident is dealing with a mental illness.

Anaheim's Diamond Apartments, which opened in 2009, are low-income housing for homeless people who have mental illnesses. There are 25 one- and two-bedroom units, with one reserved for the maintenance man.

Residents participate in supportive services through Telecare, the county's full service provider that provides wraparound services for residents. The residents meet with a case manager regularly. Case managers, available 24/7, ensure residents are taking the necessary medication and participating in any supportive classes or services they may need.

While Telecare offers the supportive services, Jamboree Housing manages the property. Like residents of all apartment complexes, residents of Diamond Apartments pay rent and face eviction if they cause trouble. "We treat Diamond Apartments like our other 7,000 units that we have in California, where our residents have to go through an application process," says Jamboree Housing President Laura Archuleta. Applicants for Diamond Apartments are already participating in Telecare services, but Jamboree's property management staff reviews applicants "to ensure that they meet the income qualifications and the criteria of the funding" before they move in, Archuleta says.

In front of the tall, brown building is a playground for the resident's children as well as a picnic area. Diamond Apartments offer activities for both kids and adults including art time, game day and cooking classes. Shannon Peterson, a supervisor for the Services for Residents with Special Needs, also offers a Diabetes Support Group, as she says people with mental illnesses are more likely to have diabetes. Residents can also go on Saturday outings for activities like hiking, watching Angels games or going to beach cookouts. They also have holiday barbecues and monthly community meetings for the residents to voice concerns and celebrate birthdays.

Diamond Apartments are not a homeless shelter – rather, Archuleta says a shelter would be the previous step. According to Archuleta, the Anaheim Housing Authority affordably leased the land to Jamboree so these apartments could be built. Five other

groups funded the rest of the development: the federal government through the section eight program, Orange County, the State of California, a private lender and an equity provider. Services are funded by Orange County, which has a contract with Telecare. Jamboree Housing and HOMES, Inc. (which is a part of Jamboree's Resident Services Group) own the property, and HOMES staff ensure services are being provided onsite.

Archuleta says Diamond Apartments are a success because not only do they show how layers of financing can work together, but also because staff ensure the residents are happy by asking questions like "Are they staying in the property? ... Are they doing any outside volunteering work in the community? Do they have an outside job?"

Housing the homeless population is not a partisan issue, Archuleta says. She recommends that people trying to solve the homeless problem in Fullerton truly educate themselves on how good shelters operate before moving forward.

"People think if you build a development [for the homeless], that you're going to bring people to that community," Archuleta says. "And that's not the case – those people are here. There are people living in Orange County and in California who are chronically homeless, living with mental illness, who are already here ... You're helping people who are here now, who maybe were born in the city or went to high school in the city."

Shannon Peterson of HOMES says the idea that most mentally ill people are dangerous is a misconception. In fact, people with mental illnesses are more likely to be victims than perpetrators of crime. Similarly, many homeless people are arrested for crimes that could be solved if they had homes – for example, public urination. Peterson also said there is not an elevated amount of police activity near Diamond Apartments, and police activity is not always related to mental illness. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, one in four United States adults experience a mental health disorder in a given year. Peterson says mental health issues have a genetic component and surface after a stressor. The medication residents receive helps them improve, although some may still have some symptoms.

"A lot of people get their only knowledge of homeless people [from] the ones that are visible on the streets," Peterson says. "They don't see the person, they see the condition. ... I've been in the field 30 years. I love this population. ... It's rewarding to see so much progress. You can see somebody who comes from having absolutely nothing, including their sanity ... then you can see them at the point where they can get their kids back, they can go to school, they can have a life."



### Mentally Ill Homeless in Fullerton:

A passerby stops to check on a man who took his pillow and laid down in front of traffic on a busy street. Below police and paramedics show up to help find a solution for this man's needs. Fullerton doesn't have a place to deal with homeless mentally ill. See article at left for how an Anaheim facility works. PHOTOS JERE GREENE



### Public Restrooms Downtown

Fullerton resident Curtis Gamble has launched a petition drive to encourage the City of Fullerton and Orange County Transportation Authority to implement and maintain clean, safe public restrooms at the Fullerton Transportation Center for the general public, tourists, OCTA bus drivers, taxi drivers and

anyone in need of a convenient location to use the restroom downtown.

If you think this is a good idea, contact Mr. Gamble by email to [curtisgamble1@gmail.com](mailto:curtisgamble1@gmail.com) or through his facebook page at [Facebook.com/curtisgamble](https://www.facebook.com/curtisgamble).

# What Police Oversight Looks Like

Continued from frontpage

But the current majority on the City Council that is now opposing meaningful police oversight (though some campaigned in favor of it last year) did not attend that public meeting where 75 others did. POPC followed up with a proposal that took five months to move from the City Manager's office to the City Council.

There are various forms of Police Oversight active in the United States. These range from police commissions staffed by lawyers to independent auditors to civilian review boards. There is a range of accountability to the community found within each of these which is dependent upon access to complaints, the ability to investigate complaints first hand, and the ability to subpoena witnesses.

Within the 25 municipalities in California that have some kind of police oversight, 15 have a citizen commission appointed by a mayor, city council, or board of supervisors. The size of the commission typically ranges from 7 to 11 members. At least six of the civilian commissions have the ability to subpoena witnesses and documents, including National City in San Diego County which is a General Law City like Fullerton. The proposal POPC presented to Council, calling for 5 to 9 civilian council appointees with the ability to subpoena witnesses, is not unlike oversight in other California cities.

The cost of oversight is variable. The amount of professional staff depends on the form of oversight and the amount of accountability. In general, a higher level of accountability necessitates a budget that provides for investigations and commission member training.

A 2001 Department of Justice report, "Citizen Review of Police: Approaches and Implementation," surveys the variability of oversight in the U.S. The report shows costs ranging from \$1.30 to \$3.00 per resident. For Fullerton, "High-end" oversight would have a bud-

et of \$400,000 per year. Comparing that to the cost of settlements and legal fees to defend officer misconduct turns this expenditure into an investment in risk prevention.

Some dismiss the risk of future costly legal settlements, saying that the Kelly Thomas beating death was an anomaly. But lower profile complaints can add up. Moreover, the goal of oversight is not just risk management, but also protecting civil rights and reducing use of force against citizens.

In 2011 Hector Villagra, Executive Director of ACLU/SC addressed Fullerton's need for ongoing civilian police oversight, "Citizens are entitled to an ongoing mechanism to oversee police practices, not just a one-time response to a high profile incident."

Recently, POPC spoke with leadership at NACOLE (National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement), an organiza-

tion that works to establish and improve oversight. Vice President, Brian Buchner, has offered to attend a City Council discussion to provide answers to Council's questions. Mr. Buchner works as a Special Investigator with the LA Board of Police Commissioners, Office of the Inspector General (OIG), where he oversees investigations into incidents, including officer-involved shootings, other uses of deadly force, and in-custody deaths. Sue Quinn, NACOLE President 2001-2003, recommended that the city send city staff and council members to the NACOLE conference in September to learn what other cities are doing.

As the City Council moves forward with whatever the City Manager has in mind for September 17, we need to insist that our Council consider more than one option and that the options be judged not only by their price tags, but by the peace of mind that meaningful police oversight can bring to Fullerton residents.

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# What Are You Reading?

A Book Review by Kathleen Faher

## Blood & Gold

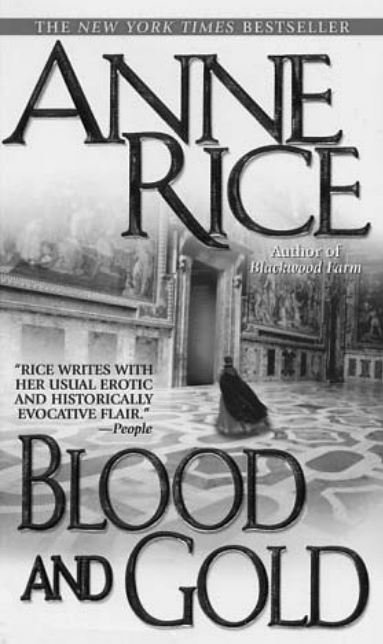
With what feels like a hundred vampire books vying for attention, it is a difficult task to separate any out from the pile. With an Anne Rice novel, however, you are guaranteed a thought-provoking and imaginative story. What makes one of these vampire books different from all the rest is that Rice considers the practical side of vampirism. She writes about how difficult immortality can be and the guilt the vampires feel about having to drink blood.

As the eighth book in the *Vampire Chronicles*, *Blood and Gold* still maintains the rich tone and feeling of the first three books. If you haven't read all of the other seven preceding this one, don't worry, you don't have to. *Blood and Gold* picks up right where the third book, *Queen of the Damned* left off. In typical Rice fashion, the majority of the book is a vampire retelling his past to a curious listener. In this installment, the vampire, Marius, gives the story of his life to, Thorne, another vampire who has become lost and disillusioned throughout the passage of time.

Marius has been cursed with the duty of guarding the two oldest vampires in existence, who rest in an eternal sleep. He must protect them from others who would exploit them for their own gain. He meets several new vampires not previously mentioned in the series and minor characters are more fully developed than before. The entire novel is filled with exquisite historical descriptions of the ancient cities that Marius visited: Rome, Constantinople, and Venice, to name a few.

Since the third book of the *Vampire Chronicles*, the other installments have been slightly disappointing, but *Blood and Gold* redeems all. Marius has never been my favorite character in the series, but through this book, he is interesting to watch and develop.

A large proportion of Marius's life has already been covered in earlier books, especially *The Vampire Lestat*, *The*



*Vampire Armand*, and *Pandora*, a novel not part of the *Vampire Chronicles*, but containing the characters. Whatever was previously written about Marius is skipped over and this book highlights what happened during the parts of his life never mentioned before.

Personally, I dislike the memoir-like presentation of the flashback. Thorne's character really wasn't needed and his only purpose in the story was to give Marius someone to talk to. The book could have been more easily narrated like those in Lestat's point of view.

*Blood and Gold* is an exciting read with more action than the other books in the series, though occasionally some parts can be slow. There are ten books in the *Vampire Chronicles* series and two individual spin-off novels. Rice has previously commented that she may continue the series at a later time. There are also two movies based on the series. The first, *Interview with a Vampire*, stars Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt, who both do an excellent job at portraying their respective characters. The second one, *The Queen of the Damned*, with Stuart Townsend and Aaliyah, loses its direction and the flair that made the second and third books, that the movie was based on, so entertaining.

## LOCAL AUTHOR

### On Writing a Book How to create your own best-seller by Judith Goffin

I decided to put this simple, but informative, book together for all of the want-to-be writers I have met. The price at \$4.95 for 58 pages and about 12,000 words is a bargain.

*On Writing a Book* became a project that took my attention for about three years with many bits and pieces, columns, white papers, and press releases and maneuvering to find everything, catalogue everything correctly and get it all onto the computer.

I would say production alone has taken about six months, give or take. When the writing was finished, it went to a copy editor, (and how I love copy editors; they find all the typos you didn't think you had!). And then to a graphic designer to make sure it was formatted correctly.

Now the work begins. One must make sure the book is formatted, marketed and set up properly to be sold as an ebook. All of these details take another two months, so when you read the publishing date on



any book it is usually off by several months.

I have written, produced and promoted various books. These books have been self-published and placed on websites, Amazon, Kindle, Pubit! and Smashword. They have been printed with photography and also produced to meet the standards of ebooks.

My firm, Goffin Public Relations has also been hired since the '90s to successfully market other authors. We get paid agency rates for this work, so read *On Writing a Book* and save big bucks!

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The next step is to figure out what to do with the radioactive waste stored at the site.

For a full history go to [www.sanonfresafety.org](http://www.sanonfresafety.org).

•**RADIOACTIVE WATER LEAKING FROM FUKUSHIMA DAIICHI NUCLEAR PLANT**

Several tanks and pipes at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi plant are suspected of leaking toxic water, the chairman of the Japanese nuclear watchdog, Shunichi Tanaka, said Monday.

His comments come after the much-criticized plant operator, Tokyo Electric Power Company, said over the weekend that it had detected a sharp spike in radiation levels in some of the pipes and huge containers that hold the vast quantities of contaminated water accumulating at the site.

Since the massive earthquake and tsunami that hit northeastern Japan in March 2011 set off meltdowns at three of the reactors at the nuclear plant, TEPCO has been storing the enormous volumes of water contaminated at the site in a steadily growing collection of containers.

TEPCO said over the weekend that only a small amount of the highly contaminated water escaped from a tank this time around. But the disclosure comes just weeks after it admitted that about 300 tons of radioactive water leaked from another tank.

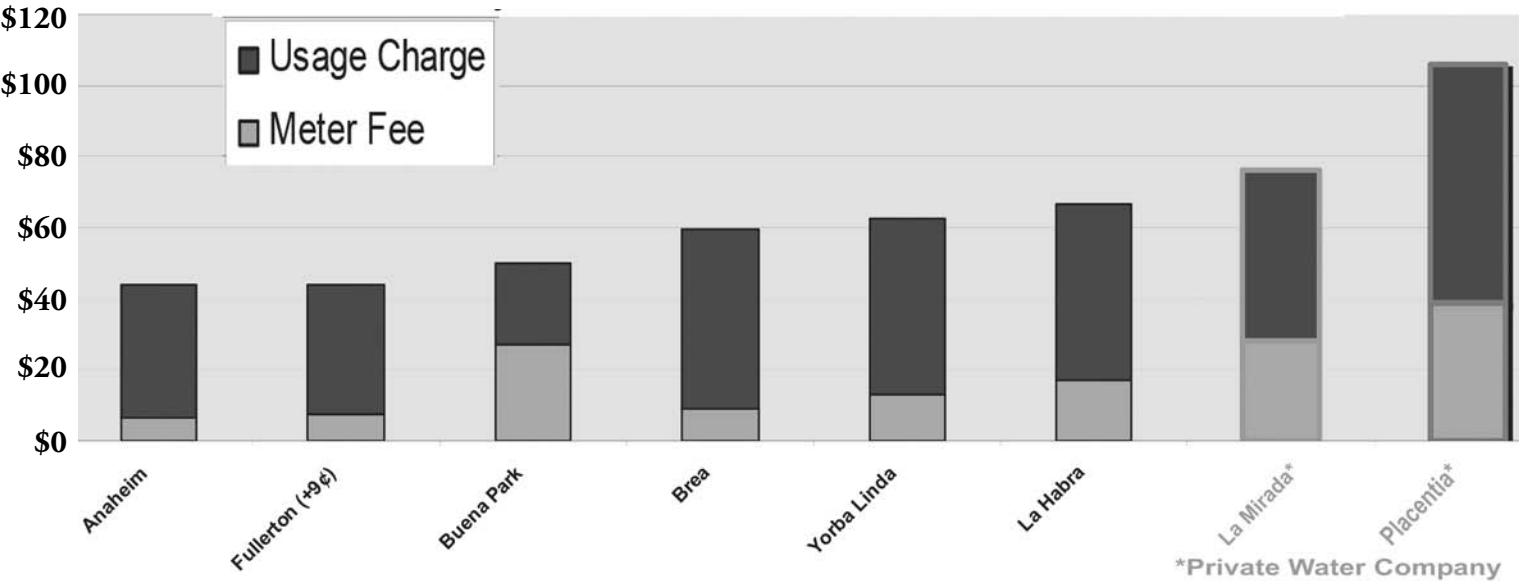
In July, TEPCO admitted that radioactive groundwater was leaking into the Pacific Ocean from the site, bypassing an underground barrier built to seal in the water.

Decommissioning of the reactors, is likely to take 30 to 40 years.

*This is an excerpt printed Mon., Sept. 2, 2014 on Tokyo (CNN)- read the whole story at: <http://www.cnn.com/2013/09/02/world/asia/japan-fukushima-radioactive-water/>*

Compare Fullerton Water Rates & 7 Neighboring Cities

(This chart uses a residential monthly bill with 1-inch meter and 14,000 gallons of consumption. Fullerton water bills are sent out every two months. So double the amount to coincide with your water bill.)



Understanding Water Rate Increases

The various water rate increases are a complicated topic that have many people confused. A public hearing on the Infrastructure rate increase noticed by mailings to each ratepayer is set for 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 17 at City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth.

Below is information provided in the notice.

Each Fullerton water bill covers two months of service. The Fullerton Water Dept. does not make a profit. Rates are structured to cover the entire costs of providing water service. Water service fees have two components:

- 1) **Customer Charge:** This charge is a fixed monthly charge and is based on the meter size. The customer charge includes meter reading, meter replacement, utility billing, water system maintenance and capital improvement projects.
- 2) **Commodity Charge:** amount of water served in thousands of gallons.

RATE STUDY

The city hired Municipal & Financial Services Group to complete a study on the level of revenue required to maintain and replace our aging water infrastruc-

ture. A copy of the study is available at [www.cityoffullerton.com](http://www.cityoffullerton.com).

The study determined that the city will need to bring in an additional 3.5% in revenues annually over each of the next five years in order to fund water main and other necessary infrastructure improvements.

BROKEN MAINS

The city has over 420 miles of water mainlines. Many of them are exceeding their 70-year life. Current water customer charges provide enough funding to replace about one mile of mainline water pipes per year. To prevent water main breaks which are costly to repair and interrupt water service to residents the city is planning to increase the annual replacement to six miles per year.

FULLERTON COMPARED TO SEVEN NEARBY CITIES

Fullerton currently has the second lowest water rates in a comparison with seven other cities. After the increase goes through the city's ranking may change. But, rates are going up in those other cities too - so it remains to be seen where our place in the comparison will end up.

PASS-THROUGH WATER RATES

Fullerton purchases water from the Orange County Water District and the Metropolitan Water District. Both of those agencies set water prices which are passed on to Fullerton customers in the Commodity portion of the water bill. Rate hikes are expected from both of those agencies over the next five years and that will affect the Commodity portion of the water bill for Fullerton customers.

CONSERVATION SAVINGS

Another component of the Commodity portion of the water bill goes to repair and replace infrastructure and is added on the water use side of the bill so that those conserving water can get a break based on the amount of water they actually use. If the same amount was placed in the fixed Customer Charge portion then people who are conserving water would pay as much as people who do not conserve.

ERROR

The public hearing notice that was sent to ratepayers contained a typo which added the "Sample Calculation Based on Proposed Increases" on page two incorrectly. The example gave \$84.88 as the current bi-monthly total for customer and commodity charge added together. The correct number is \$94.88. The rest of the figures are correct.

*Thanks to Water Manager Dave Schickling for information contained in the charts.*

What the Increase Looks Like to the Average Family

The chart below shows what the increase, which will take place over the next five years, will look like to an average family using 28,000 gallons of water every two months (the billing cycle) through a 1-inch meter. Increased cost of water from OCWD and MWD are expected but not listed as it is unknown what the new rate will be. After the first increase on Oct. 1, 2013 - subsequent increases will begin with the start of each fiscal year

YEAR	CUSTOMER CHARGE	COMMODITY CHARGE	BI-MONTHLY BILL TOTAL	BI-MONTHLY BILL DIFFERENCE	PER YEAR TOTAL	PER YEAR DIFFERENCE
CURRENT	\$15.54	\$79.34	\$94.88	\$0	\$569.28	\$0
OCT. 1, 2013	\$16.28	\$79.96	\$96.24	\$1.36	\$577.44	\$8.16
JULY 1, 2014	\$21.08	\$80.42	\$101.50	\$5.26	\$609.00	\$31.56
JULY 1, 2015	\$25.88	\$80.66	\$106.54	\$5.04	\$639.24	\$30.24
JULY 1, 2016	\$30.68	\$81.13	\$111.81	\$5.27	\$670.86	\$31.62
JULY 1, 2017	\$35.48	\$82.02	\$117.50	\$5.69	\$705.00	\$34.14



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**JEAN-MICHEL BASQUIAT: AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT - thru Sept. 29**

This photo exhibit looks at the friendship between artists Nicholas Taylor and Basquiat, a camaraderie born under the lights of New York's famed Mudd Club in 1979. These photos are the portrait of a man, an artist, and most importantly, a friend. The exhibit is organized and traveled by the Castellani Art Museum at Niagara University, and curated by Michael J. Beam. The Fullerton Museum Center is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4pm and Thursday from noon to 8pm. Be sure to also view the street art exhibit in the hall gallery.



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# ARTSPEAK

by Aimee Allan

## Valerie Lewis

"There's something nice about being exposed, but hiding, in something that you have to tell but can't," says Valerie Lewis. There is something hidden in her work she has no other way to express. "But I find that I'm not writing in my paintings as much," Lewis says of her series aptly named the "Diaries."

"I don't feel the need to purge anything now. And that's a good sign for the future."

Valerie has two college degrees and has taught art to children, teens and adults for eleven years. The best antidepressant ever. Following her heart she went back to school to earn her second degree in fine art. She wanted to teach, mostly for the summers when she would be free to meander the dog days as she did as a child and do things in her own order. "That just seemed like bliss to me," says the co-curator to Bax Baxter's *Marriage Equality* exhibition in May of this year.

She doesn't mind if her book about one of her inspirations, Jenny Saville, costs more than anything else she owns. And though it's covered in paint, she keeps it covered in bubble wrap. "Saville was a really powerful influence for me at that period of time," she says, speaking of her body image and of Jenny. "She's a totally content being, regular, naked and exposing her raw self." Lewis is an equally uncovered young woman who prefers to disappear behind her own highly emotive paintings, much like Jenny Saville herself.

When I asked her what she wanted the readers of the *Observer* to know about her, she quietly admits what she has wanted revealed all along, "nothing." It's not that there's an ounce of haughtiness in her. It's quite the opposite. She is uncommonly humble.

On her ankle, tattooed in blue and black ink are words from a song titled, "There There" by Radiohead. "Just because you feel it doesn't mean it's there." As an only child she found that "connecting with others was difficult and awkward."

She says, revealing to me and to the reader, that one of her favorite things is being anonymous out at Art Walk. But what she really loves is seeing someone take a picture with their phone of her artwork so they can have it and then later to see it posted on Facebook as something extraordinary they saw that night. They take a picture because they're not able buy it. And of course, she can't either.

Lewis started her "Diaries" series in 2006 and one of the paintings stood apart (for me) from the others. A self portrait (see photo above) that she loved but slowly had to keep painting over as people began to read what she'd written.

"It was very cathartic, childish and honest. I was in a strange place. Getting divorced and announcing it to



Artist Self portrait above and portrait of Kelly Thomas as a young man below by Valerie Lewis pictured at left.



**Lewis has finally figured out ways to build a life that accepts her, just as she is. And doing it in her own way is essential.**



my family at my BFA show. There was no drive to paint the cold, precise work I had been doing at Cal State Fullerton. I wanted to explode and make messes. So I made a rule...whatever idea pops into your head, put it on the canvas."

Which was the complete opposite from her series called *Odd Sections*. Where every cut and color was analyzed, adjusted and decided before she started. "I realized that I was using portraits to really get into feelings I had about the subject that I wasn't even aware of. By letting go and trusting free association I was exploring myself and the subjects I was painting. Every painting in the series was of someone I had a connection to...especially a connection I couldn't completely understand. The paintings are diaries, like illustrated pages, and very private and I will never really own up to everything they mean."

As an adult Lewis has finally figured out ways to build a life that accepts her, just as she is. And doing it in her own way is essential. "As long as the result is the same in the end, well," she says as she curls up on the garage style set of sofas situated in the heartbeat of the (Magoski Arts) Colony, "I'm ok."

The Fullerton Museum Center Presents:  
**OPEN MIC NIGHT** during the **Art Walk**

**Friday, September 6, 2013**  
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## REVIEWED by Mark Rosier



### Love, Marriage, & Hilarity in Stages' production of *Bedroom Farce*

Several conclusions can be reached after a viewing of Alan Ayckbourn's uproarious contemporary classic *Bedroom Farce*, the latest theater fare at STAGES Theater in Fullerton. Among them, playwright Alan Ayckbourn is clearly a laughter strumpet. His work is suffused with scintillating quip after quip. Director Amanda DeMaio derives from her cast just the ample amount of over the top hijinks, physical based raillery, and even a touch of sentimentality.

*Bedroom Farce* tells the interlaced stories of four married couples in varied phases of matrimony within a three bedroom setting.

Ernest (Dan Merket) and Delila (Beth Titus) are celebrating their wedding anniversary. Their delightful banter is a simple expression of the bond that has kept them tight-knit for many years.

Their son Trevor (Phil Nieto) is an oblivious human hurricane of an oaf who seems to wreak a barrage of humorous havoc upon any and all people and things he comes into contact with. Trevor's wife Susanah (Sevi Zitny) is a positive affirmation-spouting young woman lacking security within her place in the world and the marriage which she finds unfulfilling.

Jan (Leslie Rivera) and Nick (Michael Keeney) have settled into a comfortable marriage though the spark may have diminished. Nick is nursing a painful and debilitating back injury that adds strife to their interactions.

Malcom (Mike Martin) and Kate (Jamie Sowers) are an easily excitable couple throwing a house-warming shindig. Their unfounded fear of losing one another sets the table for comic gold.

The plot reaches a resultant fever pitch when Trevor and Jan who are former romantic flames get entangled in a lip-lock at the house warming festivities setting into motion a chaotic and literal laugh-out-loud series of events that will inevitably strengthen or collapse each relationship.

The most crucial element dictating the success of a show that centers entirely on relationships is the chemistry among each duo. Amanda DeMaio's cast displays a natural chemistry that makes it incredibly easy to buy into the reality of this staged universe. Jon Gaw's set design is effective and adds just enough eye candy to the proceedings. The performances throughout are strong and vivid. If stealing scenes

**Above:**  
Mike Martin (in glasses), Sevi Zitny, Jaime Sowers and Phil Nieto in *Bedroom Farce*.

**Below:**  
Michael Keeney and Leslie Rivera in *Bedroom Farce*.



were a crime Jamie Sowers and Mike Martin would be up for parole in the year 2096. Michael Keeney's physicality and gift for wonderfully timed comedic responses as the injured Nick are a gift for each audience member. Phil Nieto as Trevor provides delicious chaos.

STAGES production of *Bedroom Farce* is a strongly told tale of the oft struggles of the institution of marriage. Even those who have never entered into such a union will find it a worthy venture in which to invest their time and the price of admission due to the relatable complex relationship struggles contained. Kudos to all involved in this immensely entertaining production.

**STAGES THEATER**  
400 E. Commonwealth, Fullerton  
Tickets: 714-525-4484 [www.stage-theater.com](http://www.stage-theater.com)

•**BEDROOM FARCE** performs through September 22, Fri. & Sat. at 8pm, Sun. at 2pm.

•**TITANIC & THE ACTOR'S NIGHTMARE** by Christopher Durang, directed by Wade Williamson, performs through September 21. Leonardo DiCaprio does NOT make an appearance in this TITANIC, a dirty-minded little comedy about family values - but Richard and Victoria do (accompanied by their son Teddy, a 20 year old, who dresses like he's 12). A terrible argument ensues, including threats of divorce, extra-marital affairs and then things get strange - bondage happens, clothes go missing, people run about in their underwear and hide small animals in intimate body parts.

### CAMELOT THEATER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Sunny Hills High, 1801 Warburton Way (off Bastanchury), Fullerton  
Tickets: 714-626-4283 or at the door. \$9 (\$7 w/ASB)

### TRADITIONS: "Running Loose" A Student Written Showcase September 5th & 6th @7pm

Sunny Hills High Theatre 3 students met throughout the summer to write their own scenes and monologues; they peer edited each other's pieces, and went through a drafting and developing process. By the end of the summer, the top 25 pieces (this year it was out of 37 submitted pieces) were selected and the show was cast. On the second day of school, rehearsal began and 3 weeks later the work is performed.



**Above:** "Interwebs Hunter" with Rey Cmiel-Lopez and Nathaniel Hoad as Youtubes 1 & 2

**At Left:** "Broken Record" with Camille Chartier and Ashely Hogan, two spirits in Purgatory.



ception and treatment of the homeless). There is definitely a dark side as well, including a number of scenes that deal with demons, purgatory, and Lucifer. The showcase will also include the school's VORPMI Improv team, where current team members will challenge the alumni to a couple rounds of improv games.

The scenes and monologues span a variety of topics ranging from comedic pieces such as "Interwebs Hunter" (where actors play the personified social media sites such as Vine, Tumblr, and Youtubes 1 & 2), to serious pieces such as "On the Street" (which addresses the public per-

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

•**CANNIBAL! THE MUSICAL**  
Written by Trey Parker, directed by Curtis Jerome plays through Sept. 14, Fri. & Sat. at 8pm; Sun. at 6pm. Before Trey Parker did *South Park*, *Team America* and the Tony Award winning Musical, *Book of Mormon*, he took his first bite of musical comedy with this show so unknown it has taken 20 years to make its official premiere here in Southern California. Offensive, raunchy, silly and hilarious funny, its the true story of the only person convicted of cannibalism in America - Alfred Packer. While searching for gold and love in the Colorado Territory, Alfred and his companions lose their way and resort to unthinkable horrors, including toe-tapping songs!

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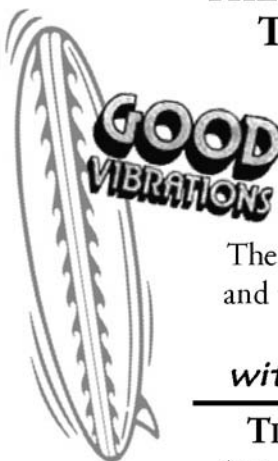
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# Nouveau Chamber Ballet & Nova Solisti Orchestra at the Muck

The Nouveau Chamber Ballet directed by Lois Ellyn and the Camerata Nova Solisti Chamber Orchestra directed by Dean Anderson pair up in a performance of *The Firebird* on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7:30pm featuring the classical music and ballet traditions of the great Russian orchestras. Muckenthaler Cultural Center, 1201W. Malvern, Fullerton. Tickets: \$20 (\$10/member; \$16/student). 714-738-6595 or [www.themuck.org](http://www.themuck.org).

**At Right:** *Sammy Aiello (The Firebird) and Joseph Gutierrez (Prince Ivan) rehearsing for The Firebird, performed by the Nouveau Chamber Ballet.*

PHOTO BY PATRICK HOUGH



Three quarters of the Joe Lawton Jazz Quartet Jotty Johnson (Stand-up Bass), Michael Le Van (Piano), and Dr. Joe Lawton (Tenor Sax), (Bob Forte, drums, is not pictured).

## The Joe Lawton Jazz Quartet...and Dancing!

by Wilford Cruz

The Joe Lawton Jazz Quartet will be providing music for dining and dancing on Friday, September 6th from 6:30-10:30 at the Fullerton Elks Lodge.

The Quartet is made up of:

•**Mike Le Van on piano**, one of the finest jazz piano players in Orange County-A graduate of Cal State Fullerton music department and a frequent player in some of the best clubs and restaurants in Orange County.

•**Jotty Johnson on bass**, a bassist in great demand in Orange and LA County.

•**Bob Forte is the drummer**, again one of the finest classically trained percussionist in southern California.

•**Joe Lawton on the sax** is a retired Fullerton physician.

The group has played together regularly at Steamers, one of the most outstanding jazz venues in Orange County, for the last 3 years.

The musical menu will be soft dinner music and after dinner, dance music from the great American songbook including swing, Latin, waltz and more.

Dinner features a wide variety of choices from \$8 to \$19 including burgers, scampi, MahiMahi, grilled chicken and filet mignon. Dancing and music is free.

All takes place at the Elks Club, 1400 Elks View Lane, Fullerton. For more information call (714) 870-1993.

# Matthew Macias' Streetwear

NEW CLOTHING BRAND  
IN ORANGE COUNTY

by Kathleen Faher

Matthew Macias is currently a student at Cal State Fullerton, majoring in Communications and Business & Marketing. But what sets him apart from the other students is that he is pioneering a new brand called Kingdom Clothing. The company's angle is streetwear, a new and popular LA-based type of clothing. It is a mixture of hip-hop, skater, and snowboarder styles. Other brands like Kingdom are The Hundreds, Stussy, and Supreme.

"We have a big history in the streetwear background. We know what teenagers and young adults want," said Macias. "Streetwear is more of a culture than a style. The people who make it are pushing through along with having strong roots for culture."

Macias said that what set his brand apart from others was that everyone with his company was very young for what they were doing. Therefore, they know the demographic and styles they were focusing on. "We are targeting more high-end streetwear fashion for an affordable price," Macias stated.

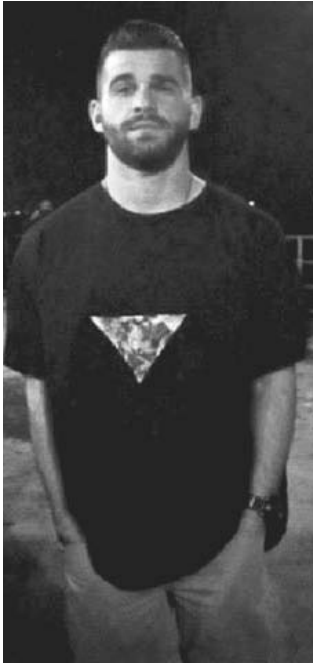
Another reason was simply the designs themselves. "Everything in Kingdom relates back to the animal kingdom. I like to put animal features in my clothing. That's our niche; that's what we're known for."

Recently, Kingdom hosted a celebration, "Kingdom Part II Event" at Mirror Image Studios in Anaheim. (Part I was an event in the early stages of the company). The celebration was "for the promotion of [the brand]...and for the fans to have a good time and to cap off the summer. A lot of the Orange County area came out and they were very supportive," Macias said.

Hip-hop artists entertained the guests including



Rappers Walt Grizzly (above) and Yvng Sunny (at left) were two of those entertaining the crowd at the Kingdom Part II event.



Above: Kindom Clothing founder Matthew Macias. Below: Kingdom booth.

Yvng Sunny, from Fullerton, First Dirt, who had just performed at a music festival called Paid Dues 2013, and Walt Grizzly. There were about 250 people in attendance and 6 different vendor booths. The event reached a conclusion at 2:00 in the morning.

Macias has set aims to help Kingdom move forward in the fashion industry. "[The] next goal is to perfect online marketing and to start getting into stores," he said. If you are interested in the style of streetwear, you can purchase Kingdom Clothing online at [www.KeepItKingdom.bigcartel.com](http://www.KeepItKingdom.bigcartel.com).



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# HITS & MISSES

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by Joyce Mason



## BLUE JASMINE: *Two Hits*

Tennessee Williams would probably be pleased with Woody Allen's adroit update of his "A Streetcar Named Desire." With small touches of Allen humor, "Blue Jasmine" features a contemporary version of the kind of tremulous heroine Williams depicted in his 1940s drama. Set in 21st century New York and San Francisco, "Blue Jasmine" plays against a Bernie Madoff world in which billions can be made from manipulating other people's money and all can be lost through greed and venality.

Australia's gifted actress Cate Blanchett portrayed Blanche Dubois in Sydney and in the touring production of "Streetcar," and she credits those performances for the insights that make her Jasmine so compelling. Like Blanche, Jasmine lives in a world of lost privilege, lost both from outside forces and from her own complicity. Through the magic of her brilliant performance, Blanchett conveys a Jasmine who has invented her own persona even from the day she discarded her given name Jeanette for the more exotic Jasmine. After enormous loss and tragedy, she can still rhapsodize about the song "Blue Moon" because it was playing when she met her former husband, Hal (Alec Baldwin).

Jasmine's plane lands in San Francisco and a taxi delivers her and her three pieces of Louis Vuitton luggage to a sketchy neighborhood on South Van Ness. Having lost the mansions, jewels and limousines from her life as a New York socialite married to a wealthy financier, Jasmine must now move in with her sister, Ginger (Sally Hawkins), a divorced grocery store clerk struggling to raise two young sons. The sisters were adopted from different birth mothers, look nothing alike, and have few interests in common. But Sally welcomes Jasmine into her home even as she questions Jasmine as to why she has flown first class after losing all of her money when Hal's business collapsed and he was sent to prison.

Reality for Jasmine is not that simple. Swallowing Xanax pills washed down with vodka, Jasmine tells her sister that she plans to become an interior decorator, but first she must take computer lessons so that she can earn an on-line license. Jasmine's boyfriend, Chili (Bobby Cannavale), a mechanic with a short temper but a realistic grip on life, tells Jasmine that she's going to have to work while she gets this degree. Some of the few comic moments in the film occur as Jasmine takes a job as a receptionist in a dentist's office, where she finds making appointments for patients tedious and beneath her dignity.

Sudden flashbacks interspersed throughout the film fill us in on her former life. Jasmine has been the trophy wife for Hal, entertaining in their Park Avenue apartment and their vacation home in the Hamptons and spearheading high-profile charity events. She has also been a mother to Hal's son from a former marriage, a young man excelling as a student at Harvard. Hal's financial success has brought him an invitation to speak in Harvard's School of Business. But one day the F.B.I. shows up and Hal's house of cards collapses. He loses everything and Jasmine is quick to tell Ginger, who has lost the lottery winnings she entrusted to Hal, that she has suffered more, having lost her diamonds, furs, cars and houses.

Surrounding Blanchette in this tour de force role is a stellar supporting cast. In the small role as Augie, Ginger's husband, Andrew Dice Clay is outstanding, as is Peter Sarsgaard as Dwight, a wealthy widower who briefly falls in love with Jasmine. But it is Blanchette who carries the movie. She is in every scene exposing the many flaws in Jasmine's character yet projecting a charisma that is mesmerizing.

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

### WED, SEPT. 4

•**8am-1pm: Certified Farmers Market at Independence Park** Fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers, plants, nuts, honey, oil, eggs, tamales, baked goods. Next to the DMV at 801 W. Valencia between Euclid and Highland, Fullerton. 714-871-5304

•**10am: Environmental Oversight Committee Meeting** for the Measure M2 Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program meets at the Orange County Transportation Authority, 600 South Main Street, Orange. Call Marissa Espino at 714-560-5607 with questions.

•**6pm: Independent Film Series** "Friends with Kids" at the Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. Free

### THURS., SEPT. 5

•**4pm-8:30pm: Downtown Outdoor Market** next to the Fullerton Museum Center on E. Wilshire at Pomona. Fresh fruit, vegetables, various food and craft vendors, beer & wine garden, kids activities, live music by Chris Anderson Group. Free

### FRI., SEPT. 6

•**6pm-11pm: Downtown Fullerton Art Walk** numerous galleries and other venues showing art, music, serving treats - all within easy walking distance of each other. Free. Go to [www.fullertonartwalk.com](http://www.fullertonartwalk.com) to see what's coming up at each venue.

•**6pm-10pm: Open Mic Night at the Museum** Have an act? Need an audience? Come to the Fullerton Museum Center, 301 N. Pomona Ave. (at E. Wilshire, downtown) during the Art Walk and enjoy an evening of local talent including music, poetry and whatever else comes our way! Sign ups at 5:30pm. Free with Museum admission. 714-738-6545

### SAT., SEPT. 7

•**12:30-2:30pm: Royalty of Jazz: The Count & the Duke** program features live jazz performance by Mike Le Van, Joe Lawton and the Docs and jazz history discussion. Steamers, 138 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton. <http://olli.fullerton.edu>. Free. Call 714-871-8800 to reserve a table.

### SUN, SEPT. 8

•**9am-1pm: Airport Open House** at the Fullerton Airport. Free admission to come look at classic planes. Airplane and helicopter rides for a fee. Call Chuck Davis for more info at 562-587-4050.

•**1pm-3pm: Interfaith Religious Fair** at St. Juliana Catholic Church, 1316 N. Acacia presented by Fullerton Interfaith Ministerial Assoc. All faiths invited to come together to hear ministers, rabbis, priests and imams speak. Refreshments. Free

### WED, SEPT. 11

•**8am-1pm: Certified Farmers Market at Independence Park** Fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers, plants, nuts, honey, oil, eggs, tamales, baked

goods. Next to the DMV at 801 W. Valencia between Euclid and Highland, Fullerton. 714-871-5304

•**6pm-8:30: Wed. & Thurs. Evening Haunted Walking Tours** See downtown Fullerton's haunted locations in this 1.5 mile tour through Nov. 7. \$15-\$18. Pre-registration required. Call 714-738-6545

### THURS., SEPT. 12

•**4pm-8:30pm: Downtown Outdoor Market** next to the Fullerton Museum Center on E. Wilshire at Pomona. Fresh fruit, vegetables, various food and craft vendors, beer & wine garden, kids activities, live reggae, soul, & rock music by Upstream. Free admission & parking

•**6pm: SCORE Workshop: Social Media Marketing Made Simple** Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton.

•**7pm: Desalination: The Poseidon Adventure** presented by Ray Hiemstra, assoc. director of OC Coastkeepers on the efforts of Poseidon Water, a Connecticut based corporation, to build an environmentally destructive desalination plant in Huntington Beach. Come and learn what you can do right now to stop this destructive project and the proposed 7% increase in O.C. water rates to pay for it. Join us for dinner or a snack at 7pm followed by the program at 7:30 at Coco's Restaurant, 1250 East Imperial Highway, Brea (near SE corner of State College Blvd.) Sierra Club event. (562)941-8485

### FRI., SEPT. 13

•**All Day: Friends of the Fullerton Public Library Book Sale** in the Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton.

### SAT., SEPT. 14

•**All Day: Friends of the Fullerton Public Library Book Sale** in the Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton.

•**10am-11:30am: Arboretum Children's Storytime** "Pizza Garden" for ages 4-7 accompanied by an adult, will be held in the Children's Garden. Games, crafts, projects to learn about plants, animals and nature. \$8/members; \$10/non-members; child's guardian no charge. Go to [www.fullertonarboretum.org](http://www.fullertonarboretum.org) to register or call (657)278-3407.

•**6:30-9:30pm: NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab's Mars & Stars** showcases deep space missions. Dr. Marc Rayman, Chief Engineer and director of Dawn Mission will deliver a presentation. Also telescope stargazing. Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve, 2301 University Dr., Newport Beach. Call 949-923-2290 or go to <http://ocparks.com/uppernewportbay>. Free but RSVP required.

### SUN., SEPT. 15

•**All Day: Friends of the Fullerton**

**Public Library Book Sale** in the Osborne Auditorium, Fullerton Public Library, 353 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton.

•**2:30pm: Fullerton Public Library Distinguished Speaker Series Caitlin Rother** journalist and true-crime author. *New York Times*-bestselling author Caitlin Rother has written or co-authored eight books, both fiction and non-fiction. A Pulitzer-nominated investigative journalist, Rother worked nearly 20 years for daily newspapers, and has made scores of TV and radio appearances as a crime expert reporting on a wide range of topics -- from addiction, suicide, mental illness and murder to politics and corruption at City Hall and in Congress. Free

### TUES., SEPT. 17

•**2:15-3:45pm: CSUF & OLLI Musical Talent Showcase** CSUF Ruby Gerontology Center's Mackey Auditorium, 800 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton. Free. 657-278-2446. <http://olli.fullerton.edu>.

•**6:30pm: Fullerton City Council Meeting** City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth Ave. See page 17 for Agenda forecast or go to [cityoffullerton.com](http://cityoffullerton.com)

### WED, SEPT. 18

•**8am-1pm: Certified Farmers Market at Independence Park** Fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers, plants, nuts, honey, oil, eggs, tamales, baked goods. Next to the DMV at 801 W. Valencia between Euclid and Highland, Fullerton. 714-871-5304

•**6pm-8:30: Wed. & Thurs. Evening Haunted Walking Tours** See downtown Fullerton's haunted locations in this 1.5 mile tour through Nov. 7. \$15-\$18. Pre-registration required. Call 714-738-6545

### THURS., SEPT. 19

•**4pm-8:30pm: Downtown Outdoor Market** next to the Fullerton Museum Center on E. Wilshire at Pomona. Fresh fruit, vegetables, various food and craft vendors, beer & wine garden, kids activities, live music by Soundbytes. Free

•**6:30pm: Family Movie & Game Night** at Fullerton Public Library Osborne Auditorium, 353 W. Commonwealth. "The Iron Giant" screens and board games. Free.

### SAT., SEPT. 21

•**9am-noon: Coastal CleanUp Day** For a list of locations in Orange County, please visit <http://ocparks.com/about/volunteer/cleanup>. For more information on the Cleanup and the Let's Make Trash Extinct campaign, visit [www.coastalcleanupday.org](http://www.coastalcleanupday.org).

•**11:30am: League of Women Voters Luncheon & Auction** at the Courtyard by Marriott, 5865 Katella Ave., Cypress. Speaker is Dr. Henry Pontell, professor of criminality at UCI speaking on the current economic crisis and why those who caused it are not in jail. \$25 (RSVP by Sept. 18 by calling 714-254-7440 or visit [lunchwithleague@lwvnc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwvnc.org)).

•**5pm: Concert Under the Stars** at the Titan Gymnasium north lawn. casual dining, a fireworks spectacular, and musical entertainment by CSUF's The Preeminents, faculty members Eve Himmelheber and Mitch Hanlon, as well as visiting alumni. Free seating on the lawn for those bringing their own picnic or purchasing food from food trucks at the event. Choose a catered dinner with seats starting at \$25. Reserve online. Free parking in Lot A. CSUF, 800 N. State College,

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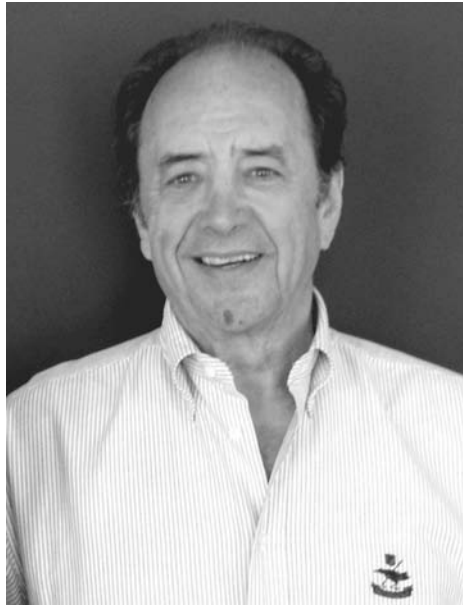
## Keith Golay

We want to acknowledge the contributions and honor the memory of Keith Golay, Ph.D., MFT, LEP. After being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer three years ago, Dr. Golay passed away peacefully at home on June 8th, surrounded by his wife and his daughters and their families.

Dr. Golay made significant contributions to the fields of counseling and psychology in his 45 year career as a practitioner, trainer, and writer. He was a resident of Fullerton since 1984 and maintained his private practice in Fullerton.

Dr. Golay worked extensively with the education and medical community. From 1975 to 1986, he was an Associate Professor in the Graduate Department of Counseling at CSUF. In 1986 he began practicing full-time as a psychotherapist, and 1988 became a provider for the St. Jude Heritage Medical Group. As a psychotherapist, he worked directly with thousands of adults, adolescents, and children. He also assisted hundreds of families, couples, seniors and nursing home residents.

Dr. Golay was the Behavioral Health Advisor for St. Jude Heritage Medical Group Inc. North from 2001-2009. During this time he developed and wrote the *Guideline for the Assessment and Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and Other*

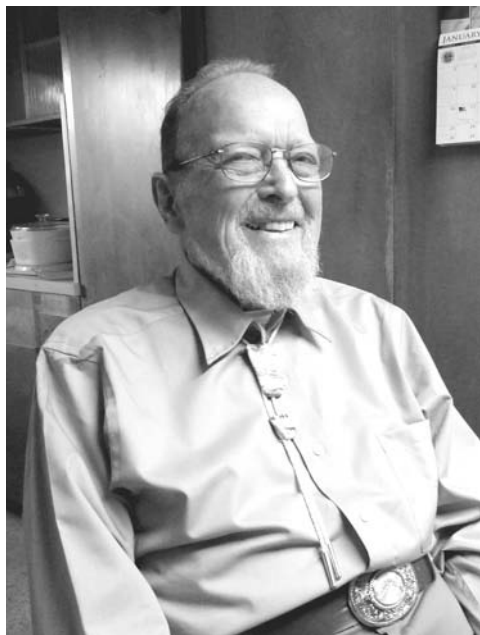


*Dementias* (2004). He was a member of the St. Jude Medical Center Cardiac Rehab Team as a consultant and trainer, from 2007-2009, and designed and implemented a psychosocial wellness program for cardiac patients. In his career, Dr. Golay trained over 50,000 educators on the methods presented in his book, *Learning Patterns and Temperament Styles*. He had recently completed the first draft of his book, *Getting Healthy and Staying Healthy: Tools for a Healthy Life* and had four other books in progress.

Dr. Golay's professional mission was to help others do good things and to teach the use of essential tools to better manage, solve or cope with problems.

## Robert J. Green

Robert J. Green, 93 of Fullerton passed away July 26, 2013. Those who knew Robert, "Bob", will remember him for his radiant smile, kindred spirit and his endless generosity. He had a deep love of nature and it's beauty. He loved to give to the community. His efforts include the planting of thousands of trees in and around Fullerton, rebuilding Tucker Wildlife sanctuary's amphitheater and the rebuilding of the iconic Izaak Walton League cabin in Hillcrest Park. He is survived by his son James L. Green, 7 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild and hundreds of life-long friends. A memorial service is scheduled for September 14th at 2:00 pm at the Fullerton Senior Center, 340 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton.



## Jean 'o de Krafft

Jean ((MacEwen) de Krafft (Jean'o) who was born in St. Andrews, Scotland on April 26th 1910 and died December 18th, 2012 at her home in Fullerton was laid to rest on August 17th 2013 in her home town of St. Andrews.

A lovely service was performed by the Rev. Gordon Ogilvie at St. Andrews Episcopal Church which was attended by 26 family members and friends from the UK, Spain, USA, the Netherlands and France including Becky Knaup and Marylea Todd from Fullerton who also joined Steve and Trish, which was wonderful.

Burial followed in the family plot in the Eastern Cemetery of St. Andrews Cathedral. St. Andrews could not have been more beautiful that day and the super lunch that followed was at The Seafood Restaurant overlooking the bay which Jean's family home also looked over so it could not have been more appropriate. A perfect day for an amazing lady.

Jean'o is survived by her daughter Trish (Patricia) and her husband Steve Lewis; her sister Sheila MacEwen of London, England; nephews, Peter MacEwen and his wife Siri of Sotogrande, Spain and

their family; Alastair and his wife Hilary of Buckland St. Mary, UK and their family; James MacEwen of London and his son; and Bob (Robert) Miller of Walnut Creek, California and his family.

Jean'o came to the US in 1950 and lived in New York, at Pine Valley Golf Club, NJ, and in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia before moving to Fullerton in 1995 to join her daughter and son-in-law. She had become tired of the snowy winters back East! She loved trying to make an English garden thrive here in Fullerton.

Jean'o was always a very positive person and regardless of circumstances her enduring motto was always "Press On". She is missed very much by family and friends all over.

In January a marvellous dinner and celebration of her life was held at Mulberry Street, which was always a favourite of Jean'os. Lots of thanks to Mulberry Street for all their help and the super dinner which everyone enjoyed so much.

Very many thanks also to Mark F. at McAulay & Wallace who handled arrangements on this side of the Atlantic and to Audrey J at Macgregors in St. Andrews.

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## Beckman Facility Demolition & Remediation Public Review Period Ends Sept. 12

An initial study has been completed of the 45-acre 7-building former Beckman Coulter property at 4300 N. Harbor, southeast of the intersection of Harbor and Lambert which is headed for demolition and remediation.

The proposed clean-up project involves the demolition of the existing buildings (except for the Administration building), and remediation activities to remove and treat VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) and PCB-contaminated soils and VOC-contaminated groundwater.

The study and other documents are available for public review at the development department on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 303 W. Commonwealth, and at the Fullerton Main Library, 353 W. Commonwealth, and online at [http://www.cityoffullerton.com/depts/dev\\_ser/v/development\\_activity/default.asp](http://www.cityoffullerton.com/depts/dev_ser/v/development_activity/default.asp).

The public has until September 12 to review the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and make comments if they wish. After the public review period ends, if it is confirmed that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be adopted. Written comments may be sent by fax to 714-738-3110 or by email to [heathera@ci.fullerton.ca.us](mailto:heathera@ci.fullerton.ca.us), or by regular mail to Heather Allen, Planning Project Manager, Fullerton City Hall Development Dept., 303 W. Commonwealth Ave., Fullerton CA 93832.

The city has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The project site was home to Beckman Coulter, Inc from 1951 through August 2010 when the company moved operations to Brea. Beckman produces various scientific instruments and products. In 2008 when the company began its move to Brea, environmental investigations began.

### Soil & Water Contamination

VOCs were discovered in the eastern portion of the property and 42 other areas of concern

were identified. The California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control got involved. Over 1,100 soil gas locations were sampled from 4 to 15 feet, soil samples collected at over 100 locations and 60 groundwater monitor wells were drilled.

Based on the investigations areas of VOC and PCB (polychlorinated biphenols) contamination were identified. The most widespread of the contaminants are industrial solvents PCE, TCE, and TCA. In addition, PCBs, 1,1-DCE, 1,2-DCA, vinyl chloride and carbon tetrachloride have been detected in soil and groundwater. A corrective measures study is being prepared which will lead to a final corrective action plan.

Remedial alternatives for soil include excavation of the contamination followed by disposal off-site or treatment on site. The company favors treatment on-site for the estimated 95,760 cubic yards of contaminated soil because the off-site disposal is more costly and would require 4,800 round truck trips which would have to travel 204 miles to the Chemical Waste Kettleman Hills Landfill.

A series of monitoring wells were installed on the property in 2004, 2009 and 2011 due to previous spills. Four new wells were installed off-site in 2013 and 16 more are planned in order to find the full extent of the several plumes of contaminants from the property into the aquifer. On-site groundwater bioremediation or carbon filtering and monitoring is expected to be initiated in Jan. 2014 and continue for 5 to 10 years. La Habra has a municipal supply water well located one mile from the site.

### Historic Building Retained

Building 1 on the property is being retained because it is identified as a potential significant historical property in the Fullerton Plan, as it is an excellent example of a building designed in the international style of Mid-Century Modern-era architecture. Demolition waste of the other buildings will require 20 one-way truck trips per work day for three months.

## Interfaith Religious Fair Sunday, Sept. 8, 1pm to 3pm

by Jonathan Dobrer

A Minister, a Priest, a Rabbi, an Imam, a Shaman & a Practitioner will walk into a room... No there's no joke, no punch-line here. In fact, I've undersold the event.

Several ministers, rabbis, priests and imams will be together offering insights and information about our faith traditions. This is going to happen on Sunday, September 8 right here in Fullerton.

The Fullerton Interfaith Ministerial Association is presenting an Interfaith Religious Fair. Our purpose is not preaching, proselytizing or converting anyone. What we want to do is share with all of you what we have shared with each other as, over the years, we have planned events, worked with each other and formed deep and lasting friendships -along with gaining both knowledge and respect for the different ways we

take in spiritual nourishment and return it as energy to the larger community.

All are invited to the auditorium at St. Juliana Catholic Church, 1316 N. Acacia Ave. From 1pm to 3 pm we'll meet, mix and mingle. Both clergy and laity will be available to answer questions about our beliefs, rituals and histories. All this will be kicked off by Dr. Paul J. Levesque, PhD, Professor and Chair of the Department of Comparative Religion at Cal State Fullerton.

Truly, while this may sometimes seem the worst of times, it is also one of the best of times. At what other time would a minister, a priest, a rabbi, a practitioner, a shaman walk joyfully into the same room as sisters and brothers. Come celebrate this time, our time together. Free admission and refreshments!

## AUGUST 6TH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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or appointed on or after the amendment's effective date. After one Fullerton resident and some councilmembers called the amendment confusing, Councilmember Jennifer Fitzgerald explained that passing this amendment meant that future councilmembers could not automatically get a pension through CalPERS. Instead, they will get a pension through a defined contribution plan if they choose to participate.

•**FULLERTON HEARTS:** The council unanimously approved the "All the Hearts" project, which is put on by Fullerton School District's All the Arts for All the Kids Foundation. The project raises funds for arts programs for the Fullerton School District. See page 7 for more.

•**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS:** City Council unanimously authorized the Parks and Recreation director to sign agreements between Fullerton and both CSUF and the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District. The

agreements will provide funding for Parks and Recreation staff to support after school program activities.

•**GOOD HANDS FOR ONE:** Katie Oh and ten high school volunteers from Good Hands for One, a non-profit tutoring program for younger students, thanked the city for the opportunity to start their program in April. They specifically thanked Councilman Sebourn and Mayor Pro Tem Chaffee for their interest and support. The students tutor every Saturday from 10:30 to noon in the Fullerton Public Library Room A. Visit their website for more information on the program. [www.goodhandsfor1.wix.com/goodhands](http://www.goodhandsfor1.wix.com/goodhands).

•**Closed Session:** City Council voted 4 to 0 (Sebourn recused himself) to proceed with receivership of the 706 Carhart property.

Council agreed on a \$45,000 settlement to Vickie Scott OCSC 30-2011 00495959.

### AGENDA FORECAST

September 3, 2013 – Cancelled

### SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

•Public Hearing on Water Infrastructure •Police Oversight •Affordable Housing Agreement Richman Group: 345 East Commonwealth •Rugby Champs-Div. 2 •ROPS •T&CC Recommendations •State College Grade Separation Contract •2nd Reading Ordinance 3192 & Econ Development Commission •Bastanchury Sewer Replacement Contract •Parks & Rec Fee Resolution (Continued) •Ordinance Amendments •Plans for a 323 unit apartment unit development on Raymond.

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### A Meeting with the Mayor and City Attorney on Anti-Camping Citations Handed Out to Homeless

The Fullerton City Council votes down a homeless shelter then FPD issue misdemeanor no camping citations to the homeless.

Until the city of Fullerton has a homeless shelter or can otherwise provide shelter to those they cite for being homeless, we cannot in good conscience enforce a 1992 municipal code which targets the condition of homelessness. Being homeless somewhere else is not the answer. Specifically to the mental ill who live in our streets, if homelessness is a crime, the guilt lies not with the homeless, it lies with us.

All public spaces should be safe for families and their children. The police should treat the homeless like every other segment of our population: ticket, seek services for, and if warranted arrest, any person that is breaking the law or disturbing the peace. If they are drunk in public, address the act of public drunkenness. If they are assaulting a passersby, selling drugs, doing any of the things that some are being accused of, address the acts that they are committing, not the condition of homelessness they find themselves in.

Go to downtown Fullerton on a Friday night and see who is actually getting in fights and urinating in the streets. It's not the homeless, it's the bar crowd, but college students are not being picked up at random and cited for their student status. Our policy should not be to cite homeless people in the vicinity where someone has called in a general complaint about "the homeless." That is exactly what happened to two decent people who are friends and that is why some of us spoke at city council last week. They were cited not for what they did, but for their inability to afford an apartment or motel room.

One of the ways which we can resolve this issue is to have the council exercise its right to remove the city ordinance from the books with a majority vote. To that end I had breakfast Monday morning with one member of the city council who agreed that the enforcement of the no camping ordinance, in a city that thus far has not provided any viable alternative for those sleeping outdoors, is counterproductive and not a real solution. This council person will do more homework on the subject and said that they will help in ending this practice by reaching out to others on the council.

Later that day I met with Mayor Bruce Whitaker and the City Attorney Dick Jones for over an hour. I thank Mayor Whittaker for getting me this meeting with the attorney and for the time they both carved out of their busy afternoon to meet with me. Here is a link to the code: <http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/?f=templates&fn=default.htm>.

What I was told:

- The City Attorney or his staff review all the municipal cases the FPD sends to them and decide if they would like to prosecute or not.
- The FPD may cite individuals and then decide not to take it further themselves.
- Chief Dan Hughes has the power to do the same with the recent citations. If my claims are true the city attorney agreed that Dale and Julia (the subjects of our city council comments) clearly are not good examples of "the homeless problem."
- While it is true that the citation is defined as a misdemeanor, and that fines can potentially be over \$2,000, Attorney Jones does not believe the judge, especially the homeless judge in Santa Ana, would impose the maximum fine. Jones had pre-selected 5 examples in the last year where fines were \$40 and below or were paid through community service. He could not tell me if there were other examples where the fines were higher. I requested that he get back to me on that.
- Jones said that in his role as city attorney he could advise the Chief of Police that it is in the city's best interest, in terms of legal exposure and liability, to not enforce the no camping ordinance. He, however, has no plans to do so, and I failed to convince him that increased contacts with the homeless to enforce this code could result in more lawsuits and more settlements.
- The city attorney believes that these citation are business as usual and that they have been issued all along. (see page 8)

He believes that these citations are a last resort and issued only when citizens call to complain about the homeless, and that only those who refuse to comply with "self help" (anything from "moving along" to agreeing to be admitted to a hospital) are issued tickets.

- Neither Whitaker or Jones have any recollection of Chief Hughes making a statement in regard to not enforcing this

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### WOMAN'S CLUB \$5,450 DONATION TO KIDS MATTER

by Debbie Stout

The Woman's Club of Fullerton is very pleased to announce the donation of \$5,450 to Kids Matter, an Auxiliary of Crittenton Services for Children & Families, after a year-long fundraising effort.

"The members of the Woman's of Fullerton voted to support Crittenton during the last year," said President Norma Ames, "The funds are undesignated, so Crittenton will be able to use the money wherever they need it most." Club members raised the money through their Quartermania and Bunco Boogie events.

The Woman's Club of Fullerton was founded in 1902. Their goals have always emphasized nurturing and supporting women and their causes. The Club has created a multitude of ways today's women can get involved and create lasting friendships, while being an integral part of moving the community forward. The Club offers women of all ages opportunities to exchange ideas and form life-long friendships. The Club promotes learning and opportunities to challenge our thinking. Members work for the welfare of children and senior citizens, creating networking opportunities and a place to fellowship with other women in the Fullerton and North Orange County area.

For info about The Woman's Club of Fullerton please visit: [www.women-scluboffullerton.org](http://www.women-scluboffullerton.org)

code until a homeless shelter is in place in Fullerton. Jones stated that even if the chief made such a claim he is under no legal obligation to keep it.

Eventually the hypocrisy of ticketing the homeless for being homeless in a city that offers no recourse other than to be homeless somewhere else, and the blanket punishment of a segment of our population without regard of any individual's actions will resonate with both conservative and liberal residents.

This practice goes against all the basic principles that we as Americans have come to believe in and this will trump any inconvenience the homeless may cause. The ideals of personal responsibility and a collective presumption of innocence, ideals that I believe the mayor, the city attorney and the chief of police believe in as well, are assaulted by the enforcement of the no camping code in Fullerton.

With the trial of two of the up to six on duty police officers in the murder of a local unarmed homeless man named Kelly Thomas scheduled for October 18th, and a third not far behind, Fullerton was on a path of healing and we were making great progress in becoming a more loving, accepting and creative community, but if after all that has been accomplished in the last two years, we now react by making the condition of homelessness illegal, and good people living on the margins are criminalized, we have made things worse not better and this realization should call us to action.

Stephen Baxter Fullerton

**ED:** This is an excerpt of a much longer article. Read the entire article by going to <http://www.orangejuiceblog.com/2013/08/baxter-fullertons-homeless-have-not-mastered-the-art-of-vaporizing/>

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Elks Club officers, and members celebrate with Special Child of the Month David Chester, his mom Marcia, and his trained Seeing Eye Dog.

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## Elks Special Child of the Month David Chester

David and his mother were treated to a great dinner and immediately after, Elks President Walt Edmonds, Mike Mathers, Mary Sshmidtgal, Jack Ehlers and others gave David gifts including the Special Child of the Month pin and framed certificate, an Alley Cat CD and a gift card with money to help him defray a trip to be with his father Steve. flowers were presented to David's mother Marcia by Elk Trustee, Bob Turner

David is 18 years old. He was born nine weeks premature and weighed less than 2 pounds. He has mild cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and moderate developmental delays. He is blind in his left eye

and has limited vision in this right eye. He uses a cane and a guide dog to lead him around.

David loves to ride on anything: cars, trains, roller coasters and horses. He loves to bowl; swim, and he played basketball with the Miracle League of North Orange County for the last 2 seasons. He can now pedal a bicycle and enjoys riding double with his parents.

David loves to learn and is a high school graduate. He also enjoys music and listening to books on tape.

For further information on the Elks Charities and special events, please call (714) 870-1993.

## Mike Hyland Honored as Legionnaire of the Year & Jesse Cozean Recognized for his first Book



Above: Legionnaire of the Year Awardee Mike Hyland with Commander Marilyn Harris.

Below: Jesse Cozean, author of "My Grandfather's War", holds the menu of meals his grandfather Robert recorded while a POW in Germany and hoped to enjoy upon his release. PHOTOS BY MIKE BOX

by Ed Paul

At the August meeting of the Fullerton American Legion Post 142, Commander Marilyn Harris presented the "Legionnaire of the Year" award to 2nd Vice Commander Mike Hyland for his many years as Service Officer and coordinating community donations to Cabrillo Villas, a veteran's program in San Pedro that provides housing, counseling and other needs for veterans and their families needing a second chance. He also coordinates American Legion support with Cub Scout Pack 1218. Mike was surprised in receiving his award, saying "I just enjoy being able to help."

Also at the August meeting, Jesse Cozean concluded a book tour that began at a Fullerton Rotary meeting two years ago for his first book, "My Grandfather's War." He wrote the book based on numerous conversations after becoming his grandfather's caretaker after a second open heart surgery. While recovering, Robert shared his stories of his time as a prisoner, for the first time re-living the fear and frustration of his captivity. Along the way, grandson and grandfather connected and their relationship changed from a boy and his Papa to two men, seeing each other for the first time. The book is receiving rave reviews from media and readers who write that the book is a "cross between *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *Flags of Our Fathers*" this story is about life, love, and family, and appeals to readers of all generations.



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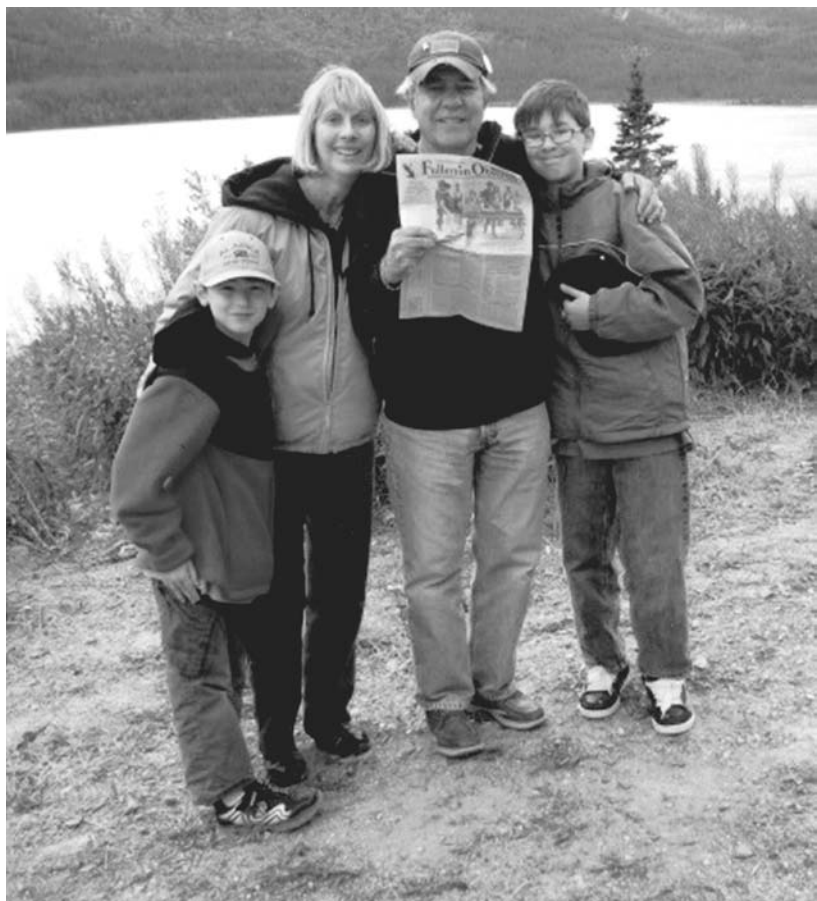
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### The Caballeros Visit Alaska

The Caballero's, Fullerton residents for 33 years took their 2 grandsons Gabe & Nate to Alaska for a 2 week cruise. Above

they are pictured at a stop along the drive to the Yukon in Canada from the port of Skagway, Alaska.



### Father & Son 25-Mile Backpack at Pear Lake

Sean Muleady and his dad, Bob Muleady, are pictured above at Pear Lake in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

"It was a final 5-day, 25 mile backpack trek before Sean heads off to Princeton to

start his college career studying Physics, after a successful run at Troy High School.

Even in the middle of the Sierras, Fullerton was never far from our mind."



### Marilynn & Gary Bates Visit France

"This was a very interesting stop on our trip to the Loire Valley in France.

It was the Domaine du Clos Roussely winery in Angé whose family and others make up a good part of the town and it's history.

During WWII it was where the

owners hid soldiers from the Nazis, were in contact with Great Britain and printed *Le Courrier de L'Air* (shown in photo above with the *Fullerton Observer*) to help keep the underground informed."

-Marilynn Bates



Jean Berggren, Gloria Karam, (Assistance League members), Donna Clapp (community volunteer), Martina Bobbett (ALPHA Auxiliary) and Gloria Kremer (Assistance League Member) organizing the Operation School Bell distribution room where kids are fully provided school necessities plus new clothing and shoes and backpacks.

### Operation School Bell Begins!

Wednesday, August 28, the Assistance League of Fullerton began its current year of Operation School Bell. The program, which runs from August through March, provides free new clothing, (including uniforms where required), new shoes, backpacks, hygiene kits, and books for recreational reading to underprivileged children referred by their schools.

Currently serving 17 schools in North Orange County, the program expects to

serve 1200 children this year.

The program is organized by volunteers and is financed by the Assistance League's Bargain Box Thrift Store at 233 W. Amerige, Ave. in downtown Fullerton; the annual Assistance League Taste of the Town Fundraiser; Alpha Auxiliary; and grants.

Learn more about Operation School Bell and the Assistance League at <http://fullerton.assistanceleague.org>.

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