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

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

The battle between Fullerton citizens interested in seeing the property built out with homes, has been going on for over 35 years.

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

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

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

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

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

In 2010 West Coyote Hills was named in OCTA's Measure M2 environmental mitigation program as a “Group 3” property. This is the highest designation, but without a willing seller the grant application could not go forward.

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

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

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

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Possible Homeless Shelter Location Found

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

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

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

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

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Burglary Suspect Sought

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

The investigation is ongoing. Contact Fullerton Police at 714-738-6821 with information or provide a tip anonymously by calling OC Crime Stoppers at 1(855) TIP-OCCS or online at www.crimestoppers.org.
We should know better than to let American leaders push us relying only on military strength but have no plan to sustain peace.

Unnecessary Wars

In the Vietnam War, the US suffered the loss of over 58,000 young lives and over $150,000,000,000 dollars, along with over $200 billion in war costs. That is not counting economic loss, and post-war and social problems. There were over 1,000,000 Vietnamese soldiers and almost 30,000 civilians who died during that war. After the war ended, a million more people died in attempts to escape to freedom.

An estimated 300,000 former military and government personnel of the South were impoverished by the war. They later sought the help of the military to get on their feet. Not a single user of the military was without the scars of war. The victory of the Vietnamese people was against the wars that the US is involved in today. They have the right to choose their own way of life. That is the true meaning of freedom.

We need to learn from the past but not repeat it. We are now under an attack from the US and its allies. We need to be prepared for the conflict.

Passion for Justice by Synthia Tran

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Bravo Synthia on 47 Senators

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Unnecessary Wars

Whenever someone says something against the wars that the US is involved in nowadays, he is immediately labeled as a war-monger in Washington accuse that person of betraying the sacrifice of our brave men and women in the military. An example was when John Kerry (then a US Senator) was derailed from his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination after a decade-old photo surfaced showing him with对抗战争 protesters. They called him a “traitor” who betrayed our military.

We need a middle way between the war and the soldiers who fight in the war under the orders of their commandments. The reality is that after being born in as military personnel, soldiers have no choice but to follow orders, no questions asked. Whereas the war protesters protest the policy makers who send our fine young men and women to die...
**Out of My Mind**

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The attempt to make a meaningful agreement with Iran to curb its nuclear program is doomed. It’s doomed because Iran agree to a meaningful, enforceable and verifiable inspection-dependent deal. Yet, there is one scenario in which a bad deal is better than no deal. That scenario is that the Iranian program is slowed down enough, delayed enough for the Iranian people to get rid of the Mullahs. It is not at all clear that they can. They tried a few years ago, and got close to toppling them, but failed. Trying to slow down the development of Iran’s nuclear program, while lifting some sanctions in the hope that the people will rise up, and this time succeed, is not crazy. But neither is it likely. It may, however, be preferable to an actual shooting/bombing war.

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

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

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

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

Due to our many concerns, we held a meeting to discuss the proposed development. Approximately 30 of us met on March 12, 2015 for several hours to review the Melia Homes presentation. As a result, the group came to the unanimous decision to oppose any zone change. No one saw merit in allowing this property to become residential. While change is inevitable, change also needs to be in alignment with the greater good, and this project does not serve as a catalyst for enhancing the quality of our neighborhood. Sunny Hills is a distinct neighborhood with character and charm, and with homes built on half acre lots, not condominiums. By allowing Melia Homes to request a zone change on our street, we are recognizing their request to have this same property rezoned to a more suitable use.

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

The removal of ALL trees which line Bastanchury and Fullerton could result in over 15 mature trees (Sycamore or similar). These beautiful trees have become an integral part of the landscape surrounding the neighborhood and part of Fullerton’s image about being a “Tree City.”

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

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

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**Shirley Berry in Cuba**

In January the Observer was one of the first home town papers to bridge the gap from USA to Cuba. On a people to people cultural exchange with Shirley Berry, the Observer traveled to Cuba and visited the cities of Havana, Cienfuegos and Trinidad. “The people were so wonderful; they are so culturally enriched with their music, arts, and literature. They are a nation of warm and welcoming people. I had the pleasure of open and frank discussions on their government and how life is today in Cuba. It is hoped that soon we will be able to respect each others administrations and work for mutual benefits,” says Shirley Berry.

**Urgent WATER Emergency**

January 2015 was the driest January since the late 1890s. Reports from the government and the media say California has one year of water left. Approximately eighty percent of California’s water is used by our farmers, ten percent by our general industries and the remaining 10 percent is used by the people. The government confirms that the central farming valley is sinking. The central valley farmers have come up with a new plan to make money, sell our water to us. Ration the people’s water? Fifty to seventy percent ration on ten percent of the water supply is literally a drop in the bucket. It will not have an impact on our water supply.

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

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

The solution is to shut down non-essential farms; take out water heaters; shut swimming pools; let green belts die; out-law the sale of our water and kill any existing or pending bills that don’t push water to the people. Pushing water to the people must be Sacramento’s only job.

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

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**Commuter Opinion**

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

Robert Hanna La Habra retired administrator of the hospital

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**Tax Money Wasted on District Voting Issue**

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

L.B. Fullerton

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**WAR COSTS in Life & Money**

California leads the nation with 886 soldiers wounded and 252 dead in wars since 2001.

**In Iraq & Afghanistan**

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March 17 Council Meeting (Next Meeting: April 7)

- A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Thom Babcock, former representative on the Metropolitan Water District Board, for his assistance in service representing Fullerton on the board. Mr. Babcock made clear the seriousness of the water problem in the state of California and pointed out that, due to a potential transit tunnel, normal, Lake Mead down over 90 feet from normal level, Diamond Valley Lake, the largest reservoir in California is at half of its capacity. Allocation to southern California is at 24% of normal. It is the responsibility of every person to help conserve.

- A Proclamation was presented to members of state and county surveyors offices in recognition of the National Land Surveyors Week. This week, occurring from March 15 to 24, according to the mayor (who is a land surveyor), it is important to acknowledge the role they undertake to produce accurate maps and boundary lines for various projects and establishments.

- The Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015 representatives thanked Fullerton for their participation as a Host Town. Fullerton will host delegations from Lebanon, Rwanda, Tunisia, and the Ukraine. Seven thousand Special Olympic athletes from 111 countries will be attending the games from late July until early August.

Public Comments

- College Town Concerns: Sean Paden spoke of his concerns about the College Town Specific Plan, in particular the possible closing of Nauwood, a major street in the area. An alternative to closure is not feasible due to a potential transit hub, according to the Specific Plan. What is the transportation hub? Council previously went as far as to approve a trolley, Mr. Paden said, yet the majority is not in favor. Therefore, this item should be taken back to the council so it can be voted on and defeated. In addition to the trolley, Mr. Paden pointed out the need for increased public transit, leading to decreased flexibility in zoning.

- Vaccinations & Water: Sonia Townsend with California Nurses for Ethical Standards attended this meeting to encourage individual voters to contact their California representatives about SB 277. She believes that this bill should be congruent with the American Medical Association’s stated Ethics/Opinions. She said the AMA believes that the medical, religious and philosophical reasons against vaccination should be respected and maintained. In addition, the huge monetary amount awarded to people because of vaccine injury and death should be an example to physicians of the need to honor informed consent. SB 277, on the other hand, expands the vaccine schedule and lacks conscience clauses in cases of risk. It should be opposed.

- Joe Imbrano also spoke of vaccines not being for everyone – they are a “witches brew” from the individual liberties. Legislative bodies have been urged to take a position for vaccines, but he urges Fullerton to stand against them. He also stated that there is no water crisis. There is still water underground and studies show that these reserves have only decreased 40%. Water, blood, air is a right. Some people in power don’t have your best interests in mind.

City Council/Successor Agency/Staff Communications

Councilmember Chaffee mentioned the following events: the March 11 groundbreaking at Woodcrest Park; commemoration of the U.S.-Korea free trade agreement, now in its third year; a month of events including International Women’s Day, which celebrates the achievements of women, and the Fullerton Rotary Club’s Concert. Councilmember Flory briefly spoke about Airport Days May 9th and the restaurant that will open there in early summer. She also included that Item 7 will be pulled.

Councilmember Whittaker pointed out that the season of West Fullerton Little League had opened and the fifth anniversary celebration of the Fullerton Parks Mill had passed. Twenty trees were to be planted in Rolling Hills Park in honor of Arbor Day. The shot borer beetle is necessitating removal of some city trees. Mayor Joe Tem Overflow informed the audience about Dr. Seuss’ birthday literacy event, the Beachwood School Foundation Gala which raised $100,000, and LoveFullerton.org event on May 9th; and the importance of the Korean Trade Agreement.

Mayor Seburn proudly told those assembled that tickets for The State of the City had been sold out. The Fullerton Chamber of Commerce sponsored luncheon event to be held at the Fullerton Community Center’s grand hall which accommodates 350. Since the vast majority of the citizens living in the city would not be able to attend due to the size limit of the venue (and cost of the event), he said he would present an abbreviated version to the city council so it can be added, leading to decreased flexibility in zoning.

The majority of the public speakers urged the council to support the recommendation, stating that it is a unique neighborhood, well worth protecting. Only four property owners were opposed. Cliff Adachto, (who subdivided the former Chaffee property) spoke of his own experience with a wetlands project, concerned about the local problem, specifically, that the property is in a neighborhood where the owners are not unanimous about a project. He was concerned about the property owners’ rights to appeal. Acting Planning Manager Wolff said that there was flexibility and plans would be looked at on an individual basis as to materials and housing style etc. and decisions could be appealed if necessary.

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

Anadarko Pipeline/Element Progress: Council voted 5-0 to receive and file the 2012, 2013 and 2014 reports. City Manager Felz informed the council that the fee waivers will be brought up as part of the budget discussion in June. In the meantime, staff would like direction. Fee amnesty, Councilmember Whittaker said, would provide incentives and lower barriers for non-current or past projects that owners would like to do within a three-month period. He also recommended dropping penalties. Benefits include increased property valuation, jobs and increased buying of building-related products.

Councilmember Flory said she wanted to see what the effect on the budget would be. Staff was directed to provide more information, explore expeditious ways of processing the fee waivers and also obtain a one month window amnesty to catch up on tardy business registration.

Citywide Speed Surveys: Mark Miller, City Traffic Engineer, presented this item. Councilmember Whittaker asked that attention be given to normalizing speeds at Fullerton’s boundaries with neighboring cities. Motion passed 5-0.

Draft 2015 Legislative Platform: City Manager Felz asked the council to approve the draft brought back after last month’s meeting. Many bills on the state level will be coming forward. The only item discussed was the High Speed Rail. Councilmember Chaffee said it was a boondoggle and asked the city oppose it. Mr. Felz said that HSR is happening. The draft will defer references to the HSR. This item passed 5-0.

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

“Hopelessness is achievable. Housing is the solution,” said APTF leader Bob Cerince. “Orange County is the largest metropolitan area without a homeless emergency center.” He said that though there are lots of service provider groups who do good work in helping the homeless by providing food and clothing, they have been unsuccessful in ending homelessness.

“We must focus on a multi-service emergency center and rapid rehousing and give people incentives to come up with solutions rather than try to stop solutions. Giving elected officials the time to step back and a solution would give them the bargaining rights for fixing the problem.” A panel of people working to find a solution spoke at the meeting.

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

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

Brad Fieldhouse of the non-profit City Net which has contracted with the city to help coordinate service groups working on homeless issues says they need to “create a virtual emergency service center before we have a building.” He said that statistics show it takes about $1,500 to take care of a person on the street. “That money could be used better. A shelter is not a permanent home but it is a stepping stone.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

Possible Homeless Shelter Location Found

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

Part of the report drawn up by OC Community Services included the alternative of smaller scale shelters. Friendship Shelter contracts with Laguna Beach to operate the Alternative Sleeping Location which offers a home, three meals daily and a wide range of support services for 32 men and women. The total cost to the city is $36,000. In 2014, 367 individuals were served at an average annual per person cost of $989. But, to make the Laguna model work countywide, each community would have to commit to funding the development and operation of a small community Shelter/Multi-Service Center. This was discussed at the January 16th Commission to End Homelessness group where the consensus was that the majority of communities might not step up due to development and operating costs, and community and political challenges.

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

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

THE DAY OF MUSIC, promotional bun-

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

SEE YOU AT THE MARKET: Yes, it’s that
time of year, the Thursday Fullerton
Market will open for the season on April
2, it’s free, it’s from 6pm- 8:30pm and I
know you know all about it so see you
there.

Anniversaries

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

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

New in Town

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

DOWNTOWN ON THE AIR

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

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

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

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

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

Top Right: Fox TV Crew
Center Right: Joe Rosati with the Batm obile
At Right: Mayor Schwein and Mayor Protem
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ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE’S VINTAGE FULLERTON PHOTO

Egg on Our Face: Hmm, last issue’s photo (above) only yielded more questions. Was that Fullerton, or Long Beach? Why was the road that should have been in the background missing? Apparently the definitive info we thought we had was not for sure so take another look, somebody out there must know! Yes, I should know the answer, but this one was different, we were looking for answers since we did not have them ourselves, better not do that again.
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Fullerton College Debate Team Wins Top Honors in Nationwide Tournament

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

Rachel Romo and Joseph Phillips defeated a team from Capital University of Columbus, Ohio, to win Novice Policy. Phillips won top speaker, while Romo was 3rd best speaker. In Open Policy debate, Zach Turner and Kimy Phumchum were 3rd overall; Michael Wu and Sarah Benediet, were fourth.

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

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

Top CSUF Research Contest Projects

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

• First place—$300, Brenna Biggs, senior chemistry major, "An Alternative Energy Device to Convert Carbon Dioxide to Power." Mentor: John L. Haan, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry.
• Second place—$200, Tara Johnson, senior art-entertainment art/animation major, "A Re-Imagining of Little Red Riding Hood, Set in Imperial China." Mentor: Cliff G. Gramp, professor of art.
• Third place—$100, April Nakagawa, environmental studies graduate student, "Infanticide and Spontaneous Abortion as Reproductive Strategies Among a Wild Population of Gelada Monkeys at Guassa, Ethiopia." Mentor: Nga Nguyen, associate professor of anthropology.

Other undergraduates selected for the CSU contest are:

• Kyle Hess, biological science, "Decoding the Human Cellular Stress Response One Mutation at a Time." Mentor: Nikolai Nikolaidis, associate professor of biological science.
• Carina Sandoval, biological science, "Investigating the Activation of the Solanum Lycopersicum Tom 2-2 Immune Receptor in Response to its Pathogen the Tomato Mosaic Virus." Mentor: Melanie A. Sacco, assistant professor of biological science.

• تم ثارلز، جيفر، الـ، تيروف، "Folding Topographies: Altering Perceptions of the LA River." Mentor: Bryan W. Cantley, professor of art.
• Joshua Silva, biological science, "Disruption of the TRPML1-TMEM163 Interaction Results in Abnormal T Mem163 Protein Trafficking and Intracellular Zinc Metabolism." Mentor: Math C. Cugiume, associate professor of biological science.

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

Other graduate-level finalists competing are:

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

COMPARING AMERICAN & KOREAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS

by Joon Bae

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

School-life is both similar and different in the two countries. Elementary schools in both countries have only one teacher for all subjects such as language arts, math, science, etc. Subjects are taught by different teachers at the middle and high school levels in six to seven periods a day in both systems. However, in Korea, students are treated more strictly by teachers than the students in the U.S. because Asian ideals are based on the values of Confucius which require more respect and obedience. Moreover, in the Korean system there are only two chances to bring up grades: the mid-term and the finals. If one fails those two major tests, there are no chances to improve his or her grades. The second serious consequences are that one might be reclassified in the next semesters, chapter tests, or quizzes, to help bring up one’s GPA. U.S. schools have significantly more tests and quizzes, requiring more time in class, and assigning a bunch of homework, unlike the Korean system.

The extracurricular part of the education system of the two countries also contrast each other. U.S. extracurricular activities are focused on outside-school sports teams, volunteering, and a student’s individual areas of interest. In Korea, most of the extra activities are related to studying to achieve better grades or for college preparation. Students go to academies and tutors right after the end of school and come back home around 10pm. So, typical Korean students have no access to outdoor activities except through physical education class in school. This leads to more time sitting, getting various obesity-related diseases, and also decreases a student’s physical abilities and stamina.

Education requires lots of money. In both countries education from elementary through high school is provided by the federal or central government. Also, free-reduced lunch is provided to those in need of help, so students can eat and study harder. While there is no need to pay for basic education until after high school graduation, money is spent in different areas. In general, a Korean family can pay up to 1/3 of the total family income on tutoring.

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

Author Joon Bae has experienced the education system of both South Korea and the U.S. Although he had finished 7th grade in Korea and had been studying English, he entered the US school system as a sixth grader in second semester to make sure his English was up to par. He is currently in 10th grade 11th classes, gets good grades and has a passion for writing. He wants to be a politician or a doctor in the future.
March 10 FUUHSD Board Meeting (Next Meeting April 14)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES by Jan Youngman
Fullerton School District Board meets at 6pm on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at district headquarters, 1401 W. Valencia Dr., Fullerton, 92833.
For agenda go to: www.fsd.k12.ca.us or call 714-447-7400.

Next FSD Board Meeting is April 14
Studies abound linking the increase in extreme weather-related catastrophes in recent decades, like droughts, floods, hurricanes and blizzards, to global climate change.

Some climate experts stress the urgency of addressing the problem now, providing science with the political, social and environmental upheavals worldwide if action is delayed. Since the dawn of the industrial revolution, the Earth's atmosphere has shot up from 275 ppm to over 400 ppm, already well above the 350 ppm limit some scientists believe that climate change is happening and likely caused by the burning of carbon-based fossil fuels.

Taxes have been less rosy (like the Budget Office) is because they lack the key feature of 100% dividend to the American people.

This plan, which has performed modeling in 47 different states for high profile clients in both public and private sectors without ideological bias. The full CCL-commissioned paper on the case study can be accessed on CCL's website.

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

Mark Tabbert, co-founder of CCL, reviewed the proposed plan, believes that, in reality, the border tariff will never be imposed, as the threat alone will bring other nations into line.

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

The first U.S. CCL chapter was established in 2007 by just three citizens. The organization has grown to 249 local chapters across all 50 states, organized by congressional district, and boasts 1,086 lobby meetings in 2014 alone. Their first-Saturday-of-the-month meetings are efficient, educational process for obtaining exempt status. Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director for the Water Resources Control Board, said he was surprised that the agency believes these waste fluids have contaminated non-exempt aquifers.

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

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

Oil and gas wastewater, called "produced water," is the byproduct of both traditional drilling and oil-well stimulation activities, like fracking. In a typical high-volume well, it has been shown to contain chemicals hazardous to human health. By law, it can only be injected into aquifers containing water that is unsuitable for human consumption. All injection wells are deemed "exempt," and there is an established process for obtaining exempt status. Mark Nechodom, Director of the Department of Conservation, which oversees DOGR, blamed DOGR's lax oversight on "the outdated data management system, a real lack of qualified personnel. He said he intended to work "aggressively" to automate the data system and hire more hydrogeologists to ensure regulation between oil activities and aquifers.

Moreover, the city of Brea hosts the North Orange County CCL chapter. The organization has grown to 249 local chapters across all 50 states, organized by congressional district, and boasts 1,086 lobby meetings in 2014 alone. Their first-Saturday-of-the-month meetings are efficient, educational process for obtaining exempt status. Jonathan Bishop, Chief Deputy Director for the Water Resources Control Board, said he was surprised that the agency believes these waste fluids have contaminated non-exempt aquifers. The department has not yet been found in adjacent active drinking water wells. The Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) will convene on Wednesday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the 9th Floor Hearing Room of the Transportation Authority (OCTA), 600 South Main Street in Orange. The EOC will receive a status update on OCTA's measures for the safe disposal of oil and gas wastewater. The presentation will focus on the New Irvine Ranch Conservancy's three projects.

For more information, please contact Marissa Espino at 714-560-5607.
Craigue Park Conceptual Plan

By Jane Rands & Denny Bean

On March 18 at the Fullerton Community Center, OC Parks, the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), Starema Design, and SHARE Mountain Bike Club, hosted a follow-up Design Visioning Workshop to present the Conceptual Plan for a Bike Park at Craig Park based on input first, with 50 people, including residents of Fullerton, local mountain bike riders, two 2013, the park planning effort has won a Parks. The proposed 10 acre bike facility on Army Corpor of Engineers land behind the selected for its accessibility and proximity to a large number of Orange County residents.

A bike park would encourage exercise, help residents who frequent the park also parks. Residents who frequent the park also noted that the area often becomes soggy after rains. The park ranch said that County Parks have a policy of closing for a few days following a rain to prevent damage to wet soil. Soils sampling and proposed remediation will also be included in the final plan to reduce erosion due to weather and wear over time. There were also suggestions for communicating rider etiquette to prevent conflicts with pedestrians and cyclists within other sections of the park.

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

To view the plan and presentation and to give your input, please visit http://ocparks.com/about/projects/craig_park_bike_facility. Public comments may be sent to CraigParkBikeFacility@ocparks.com.
Day of Music Seeking Musicians & Venues to Participate in Citywide Music Celebration

by Carol van Ahlers

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

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

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

The Day of Music Fullerton joins cities in more than 110 countries around the world on June 21 to celebrate music of all genres and styles performed by anyone who wants to take part, enjoyed by everyone who wants to attend. Local performers will range from amateurs and professionals, unknowns and rising stars.

Musicians of all ages, creeds, and musical persuasions — from hip hop to orchestral, blue grass to punk rock, reggae to indie rock — are all encouraged to participate.

Countless free concerts will take place in art galleries, restaurants, bars, retail stores, places of worship, parks, parking lots and streets throughout Fullerton.

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A “TRIBUTE TO CHER ATKINS”

7PM MONDAY APRIL 27TH

Live music by the guitar duet of Freddie House and Reynald Chaput, members of the Association of Fingerstyle Guitarists, will include a wide range of Nashville music made famous by the Grammy Award winning and Country Music Association Instrumentalist of the Year honoree Cher Atkins. Both musicians have spent half their lives perfecting the guitar magic that Cher Atkins created. Their presentation will cover the life and times of Cher Atkins and the guitar tricks of the trade. Free
Heroes & Villains


Professor Lagerberg’s one hour presentation was an amazing, informative and thought provoking lecture, and in good professor form, he started out with a handout on an 11” x 17” sheet of paper printed on both sides in 10 point print. The charts contained a wealth of information with a timeline from 1890 to present listing creators of comics in newspapers to comic books - paralleled with world events such as wars, depressions, and assassinations. Perhaps there is a need for superheroes for a culture in distress.

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

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

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

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

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

This exhibition has been organized by the Andy Warhol Museum, one of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh.
DEAD MAN’S CELL PHONE at Stages

An incessantly ringing cell phone is enough to annoy even the most understanding person, but in a darkened theater where the slightest sound from a phone annoys even the most understanding person, but in a both utterly bizarre and profoundly thought-provoking manner, the everyday palm-sized device catapults Sarah Ruhl’s oddball comedy to its vivid conclusion. The dead guy isn’t sleeping, responding to her, nor answering the phone. That’s right; he has downed his last meal — and it wasn’t the lobster bisque he was craving just moments before. As Jean tries to maintain her integrity, is always looking to do the best for others, and as Gordon’s cell phone rings, Bush kills it as the dead guy, and his brilliantly delivered acerbic monologue from the “other side” describing events leading up to his death, both emotive and comically amusing, is hands-down, the highlight of the show. The ensemble is great, and as Jean, Hellmuth is the very glue that holds the story together. Hellmuth has a very strong presence on stage. Not only takes the audience on an absurd journey, she also is fun to watch, and in a well-choreographed and very funny unexpected combat scene she shares on stage.

An absolute “must-mention” is the production team’s technology-driven quality projection as it quietly transforms the scenic backdrop from glorious full-length stained glass church windows to peach-colored flocked wallpaper to walls of brightly colored cardboard cutouts of paper and beyond producing a rich, larger-than-life magical setting from scene to scene. Most of us know the entrenchment of the latest iPhone or similar contraption, but the irony is that this ever-evolving invention keeps us all closely connected as we become increasingly out of touch. Dead Man’s Cell Phone is a fun ride and leaves plenty of room for contemplation and a face-to-face discussion long after the show ends and the departed truly depart. Director/Sound Design/Costume Design: Brian Johnson; Set Design: Jon Gaw; Light Design: Kalen Cobb.

Staging: 400 E. Commonwealth, Fullerton
Tickets: 714-525-4484 www.stageecosoc.org

MAVERICK THEATER
110 E. Walnut Ave., Fullerton
714-526-7070 www.mavericktheater.com

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

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

CSUF CLAYES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
800 N. State College Blvd
Tickets: 657-278-3371 fullerton.edu/art/index.html

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

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

CHANCE THEATER
Bette Aitken Theater Arts Center
5522 E. La Palma Ave, Anaheim Hills
Tickets: 714-777-3033 www.chancetheater.com

• AFTER THE REVOLUTION by Amy Herzog, directed by Oudi Nguyen. SoCal Premiere opens April 10 - thru May 10. Young brilliant social worker, Emma, adopted by the Voltaires tradition by devoting her life to the memory of her famous blacklisted grandfather. When history reveals a shocking truth about the man himself, the family is forced to confront questions of honesty and legacy.

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

EARLY APRIL 2015
MCFARLAND, USA: Two Hits

Yes, McFarland is predictable and yes it verges occasionally toward sentimentality, but this movie about a small town in California’s Central Valley rises above these problems with a strong lead performance by Kevin Costner and an authenticity that anchors this story about a school of working-class kids. Costner never seems to be straining and he enhances the drama to know that the story, set in 1987, is true and probably reflects the real life experiences of many who still live and work in the agricultural fields of the San Joaquin Valley.

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

The football team is doing poorly and the head coach is white and middle-aged. Costner carries enough gravitas for us to see his character’s flaws, and still root for him to succeed. Also, cast, all of whom are less famous than he, yet he allows them to hold the screen as vividly as he does.

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Louis Caldarelli

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

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

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

Louis is survived by his loving wife of nearly 70 years, Irene (Lazar) Caldarelli; daughter Eileen Caldarelli of Irvine; and daughter Annette C. Abbott of Darien, CT and NYC. He is also survived by two younger sisters, Lorraine Bertram of Raton, NM and Jeanne Ferrell of Austin, TX, and by grandchildren Marika Abbott of Brooklyn NY, and Karlin and Ellany Abbott of Darien, CT.

Donations in Louis’ memory may be made to fendermusicfoundation.org in support of music education in the schools.

Ralph Kuttner 1927-2015

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

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

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Rabbi Haim Asa Memorial Lecture

The first Rabbi Haim Asa Memorial Lecture will take place on Sunday, April 26 at 7pm at Temple Beth Tikvah, located at 1600 N. Acacia Ave. in Fullerton. Rabbi Asa, who died last May, served Temple Beth Tikvah from 1966-1996, served as Rabbi Emeritus for the temple until his death, and was one of the founding leaders of the greater Orange County Jewish community.

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

The Asa family and Temple Beth Tikvah are sponsoring this lecture in Rabbi Asa's memory as a way to kick off the temple's 50th year anniversary celebrations (go to the temple's website for more information: www.tbtoc.org) and to spearhead a unique relationship between Temple Beth Tikvah and the Zemer HaZayin congregation in Efrat, Israel which will have a synagogue building constructed and dedicated in memory of Rabbi Asa. For more information about the synagogue building project and to make a donation, please go to: www.buildzezayit.org

Assistance League Provides School Clothing & Supplies

by Jere Greene

Operation School Bell is a program operated by the Assistance League of Fullerton. They provide elementary school children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade with clothing (uniforms where required), shoes, hygiene kits, backpacks and books. The backpacks, hygiene kits, and books are contributed by their professional women's auxiliary. The children are selected by school nurses and teachers from 22 schools in the Fullerton, Buena Park, Placentia, Brea Olinda, Yorba Linda, and La Habra School Districts. For the 2014-2015 school year the Fullerton Chapter has served 1,180 children as of January 28, 2015.

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Renick Subaru Donates $7,500 to Meals on Wheels

by Jere Greene

Recently Renick Cadillac Suburu located at 1100 S. Euclid in Fullerton made a $7,500 donation to Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels is a non-profit with over 300 volunteers who provide and deliver meals to individuals who are physically unable to shop for, and prepare their own meals. These include 91 elderly, disabled or convalescing clients on seven routes. Two meals are provided five days a week. The meals are prepared at St. Jude Medical Center, Morningside Senior Assisted Living Center and at the Feedback Foundation. The cost for a regular diet is $3.60 per day. Special diets are also available and cost $3.90 per day. Since 1994 Meals on Wheels has provided 1,175,102 meals.

Meals on Wheels depends on the donations of businesses, individuals and charity organizations. National Charity League and Assistance League of Fullerton are major contributors and supporters. Subsidies are funded by Meals on Wheels, the Feedback program and the City of Fullerton, through the Community Development federal grant program. The non-profit group operates out of an office donated by the Assistance League of Fullerton in their building on W. Amerige. Call them at 714-871-2200 for more information, to make a tax-deductible donation, and for volunteer opportunities.
Cathy Gach Honored at Rotary

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

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

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

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

The Great Compost Giveaway by Betz Kuttner

Fullerton gardeners (and non gardeners) lined up at Independence Park on W. Valencia Drive as early as 6am on Saturday, March 14, to receive their share of free compost from MG Disposal headed by Mark McGee and assisted by Mr. Mario Hernandez. Workers in yellow and green jerseys shoveled 23 tons of composting materials into various sized containers brought by the residents. Another MG Disposal employee Nita Robles assisted in the distribution of leaflets to recipients on how to properly use the compost.

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

Workers load a truck with compost. PHOTO BY BETZ KUTTNER

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

Congratulations Eagle Scout Adam Parker

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

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

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CHANGE & BALANCE
by Michelle Gottlieb

Embracing Change

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

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

I want to reassure you that we are capable of incredible change and growth. For instance, we adapt on how to parent our children. We do not parent our 16-year-old the same way that we parented our 2-year-old.

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

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

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GREEN SCENE
AT THE ARBORETUM

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

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

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

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

it cards. A presale for members only takes place on April 12 from 9am to 10am. You can become a member at the gate.
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A new session of free Community Emergency Response Team classes will be held from 8am-5pm on Saturdays, April 11, 18, & 25 at the City of Fullerton Maintenance yard, 1580 W. Commonwealth. Class size is limited so registration is required. Contact the Fire Department CERT office at 714-773-1316 or email CRV@fullertonfire.org

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

ROOT CAUSE AND EFFECT
In the event that tooth decay penetrates the tooth’s crown and pierces the root chamber, the root becomes infected with all the attendant pain. At this point, the patient has the choice of having the tooth extracted or undergoing “root canal treatment.” Extraction is a quick fix that poses two drawbacks. The first is that the gap left behind must be filled. The second is that, when teeth are extracted, the supporting bone under the gum shrinks. Thus, as a general rule, it is best to keep the roots of natural teeth as long as possible. A tooth with an infected root can usually be saved with root canal treatment, after which an artificial crown can be set in place. Root canal treatment with a crown restoration is a cost-effective way of treating an infected tooth because it is usually less expensive than extraction and placement of an implant. Modern root canal therapy can usually be performed with little or no discomfort. Our experienced dental and support staff takes pride in providing the most comprehensive care possible for all members of your family in a relaxed, comfortable setting. When you come to visit us you can expect the highest level of restorative dentistry available. Call us for an appointment at 714-992-0092.

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Visioning Meeting

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

Street Repairs

Put on Hold

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

Berkeley Street has been completely resurfaced and has reopened, but if you have been near the side streets just south of where Berkeley meets Harbor, you may have noticed a variety of upgrades/repairs and road work taking place there as well. However, since 473 complaints have been received complaining about the repair work, all future road repairs have been put on hold, so as not to inconvenience anyone. The City of Fullerton has since received only 471 complaints about the work stoppage so as of now, the complaints for repairs that led to the work being started have been exceeded by complaints against and not overturned by complaints about the complaints that created the work stoppage that was being complained about. - Rich Meeto

HUGE CASINO BRINGING JOBS TO FULLERTON

by Rich Meeto

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

The Gabrielenos village was located on prime land originally designated as a potential mission site so a Spanish Land Grant giving title to a plot of land to the northwest was approved for the tribe. It is not known how or why the deed and other official paperwork were buried there but the evidence has been proven to be authentic and the legality "Close enough."

Since no descendants of the tribe could be found, a Norwegian investment company was able to step in and purchase the land and the rights to develop the 15.67 acres. We can only guess on the purchase price but we do know that the original offer of $14 and some beads was deemed not acceptable, despite evidence that such deals have taken place in the past.

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

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

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

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Chevron Agrees to Sell Coyote Hills

Negotiations between the city and the multi-billion dollar oil company, ongoing behind closed doors since voters rejected its development project, have resulted in a plan to allow the public to raise the money to save the 910-acre property as an open space park. Appraised at $8.1 million per acre, the public will be given six months to raise the funds. "We applaud the city’s fair decision on this," said Mr. Chevron, who having recently become a person, said he would become one of the first residents of the new development.